

# Nikolina Klatt

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## EDUCATION

Starting Sep 2024	<b>Ph.D. in Political Science</b> , Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies (BGTS) of SCRIPTS, the Cluster of Excellence at Freie Universität Berlin
2021 – 2024	<b>Master of Public Policy</b> , Hertie School, Germany Thesis: "The Effect of Judicial Decisions on Policy Narratives. Analyzing the Impact of Roe v. Wade's Overturning on Digital Discourse Using Machine Learning" grade 1.0 Supervisor: William Lowe, Ph.D.
2022	<b>B.A. Political Science</b> , FernUniversität in Hagen, Germany Thesis: "Scientific evidence in policy narratives" grade 1.0 Overall grade 1.3 Commencement Speaker
2011	<b>Mag. phil. Art History</b> , University of Vienna, Austria
2007 – 2008	Visiting Student, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Democratization and Autocratization
- Reproductive Rights
- Policy Process Research
- Computational Social Science and Text as Data

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

02.2024 – present	<b>Research Fellow</b> , WZB Berlin, "Transformations of Democracy" unit Speaker of the Doctoral Researchers at WZB
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## PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCES

02.2024 – 05.2024	<b>Research Fellow</b> , Bundestag for Anna Lührmann, Minister of State for Europe and Climate
10.2021 – 12.2023	<b>Student Research Assistant</b> , WZB Berlin
03.2020 – 07.2020	<b>Research Assistant</b> , CoronaNet Research Project
2017 – 2018	<b>Program Development Assistant</b> , Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, NYC
2015 – 2017	<b>Gallery Assistant</b> , Galerie Valentien, Stuttgart, Germany
2012 – 2014	<b>Trainee and Book Editor</b> , frechverlag GmbH, Stuttgart, Germany

## SCHOLARSHIPS

2021 – 2023	<b>Hans N. Weiler Fellowship</b> , Hertie School of Governance
2019 – 2021	<b>Deutschlandstipendium Scholarship</b> , FernUniversität Hagen
2010	<b>Research Scholarship</b> , Royal Academy of Arts and the Paul Mellon Center for British Art, London, UK

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Klatt, Nikolina** and Blum, Sonja. 2024 "How does the use of evidence in policy narratives change during crises? A comparative study of New York City's pandemic school shutdowns." In: *Review of Policy Research* (Early View), [10.1111/ropr.12589](https://doi.org/10.1111/ropr.12589)
- Klatt, Nikolina** and Böhret, Ines. 2021. "Women's Rights in Childbirth during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A comparison of WHO guidelines to policies, recommendations, and practices in the US and Germany." In: *Cross-cultural Human Rights Review* (3):1–41, [10.52854/cchrr-51](https://doi.org/10.52854/cchrr-51)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Klatt, Nikolina**. 2024. "[Zwischen Fortschritt und Rückschritt. Der komplexe Kampf um Frauenrechte weltweit](#)" In: *WZB-Mitteilungen* H. 1(183): 33–36.
- Vanessa Boese-Schlosser, Fabio Ellger, **Nikolina Klatt**, Janice Ngiam und Daniel Ziblatt. 2024. "[Als Begriff umstritten, als Modell umkämpft. Was Menschen in Deutschland unter „Demokratie“ verstehen](#)" In: *WZB-Mitteilungen* H. 1(183):20–24.
- Klatt, Nikolina** and Boese-Schlosser, Vanessa. 2023. "[Zwischen Fakten und Fiktion. Wie industrielle Desinformation die Demokratie bedroht](#)" In: *WZB-Mitteilungen*, H. 2(180):32–35.
- Klatt, Nikolina** and Boese-Schlosser, Vanessa. 2023. "[Authoritarianism and Disinformation: The Dangerous Link.](#)" In *The Loop. ECPR's Political Science Blog*
- Klatt, Nikolina**; Hellmeier, Sebastian and Ziblatt, Daniel. 2022. "[Politische Gewalt und Demokratie.](#)" In: *WZB-Mitteilungen*, H. 4(178):62.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *The Effect of Judicial Decisions on Policy Narratives. Analyzing the Impact of Roe v. Wade's Overturning on Digital Discourse Using Machine Learning*
- *Abortion Law and Democratic Backsliding*
- *What Is Democracy (to You)?* with Boese-Schlosser, Vanessa; Janice Ngiam and Daniel Ziblatt.
- *Exploring Abortion Discourses: Computational Methodologies and Approaches.* With Dayei Oh and Nicola Righetti.

## CONFERENCES

- 2024      **ECPG, Section Chair** "Reproductive Justice: Policy, Politics, and Intersectionality"
- Organization of 9 panels
  - Panel Chair, Co-Chair and Presenter
- Conference on Policy Process Research (**COPPR**), Presenter
- ECPR** General Conference, Panel Chair, Discussant, and Presenter
- APSA** Annual Meeting 2024, Presenter
- 2023      **ECPR** General Conference, Presenter
- APSA** Annual Meeting 2023, Presenter
- 6th International Conference on Public Policy (**ICPP6**), Presenter
- ECPR** Joint Sessions Workshop, Presenter and Discussant
- 2022      **ECPR** General Conference, Presenter
- European Conference on Politics and Gender (**ECPG**), Presenter
- International Workshop for Public Policy (**IWPP**), Presenter
- Düsseldorfer Forum für Politische Kommunikation, Presenter
- 2021      **DVPW**-Conference, Presenter
- COVID-19 PHSMs** Research Outcome Conference, Round Table Participant

## WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

07.2023	<b>Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS)</b> at WZB. Focus on text as data, website scraping, machine learning, and ethics
04.2023	<b>Developing Bots &amp; Scrapers with Python</b> by Pierre Daix-Moreux, Hertie School
03.2023	<b>Introduction to Python</b> by Joshua Ayodele Aje, Hertie School
11.2022	<b>Tools for Data Science Workshop</b> at Hertie School Presentation on “janitor” package: <a href="#">Video</a> and <a href="#">Materials</a>
09.2022	<b>Introduction to Recommender Systems: Theory &amp; Applications</b> by Pierre Daix-Moreux, Hertie School
05.2022	<b>Data Management for Social Scientists: From Files to Databases</b> by Nils Weidmann (University of Konstanz) at WZB Berlin
08.2021	<b>The Science of Stories: Theory and Practice of the Narrative Policy Framework</b> by Elizabeth A. Shanahan (Montana State University)

## SKILLS

Programming:	<b>R</b> (advanced) <b>Git &amp; GitHub</b> (intermediate) <b>Python</b> (beginning)
Languages	<b>German</b> (native) <b>English</b> (bilingual proficiency, TOEFL 115/120) <b>French, Spanish, Croatian, Macedonian, ASL</b> (elementary)
Software	MS Office (advanced) Zotero Overleaf Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, and Illustrator

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

03.2024 – present	Speaker of the Doctoral Researchers at WZB
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**June 18, 2024**