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CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS

10.2024 – present **Doctoral Researcher**, SCRIPTS, Cluster of Excellence at Freie Universität Berlin
01.2025 – present **Visiting Research Fellow**, WZB Berlin, *Transformations of Democracy*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

EDUCATION

2024 – 2027 **Ph.D. in Political Science** at the Otto-Suhr-Institute Freie Universität Berlin
Dissertation: *Reproductive Rights and Political Regime Transformations*
Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies (BGTS) of
SCRIPTS, Cluster of Excellence
2021 – 2024 **Master of Public Policy**, Hertie School, Berlin
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)
2022 **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science**, FernUniversität in Hagen, Germany
Thesis: *“Scientific evidence in policy narratives”* (grade 1.0)
Commencement Speaker
2011 **Master of Arts in Art History**, University of Vienna, Austria
2007 – 2008 Visiting Student, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

02.2024 – 12.2024 **Research Fellow**, WZB Berlin, “Transformations of Democracy” unit
Speaker of the Doctoral Researchers at WZB
02.2024 – 05.2024 **Research Fellow**, Bundestag for Anna Lührmann, Minister of State for
Europe and Climate
10.2021 – 12.2023 **Student Research Assistant**, WZB Berlin
03.2020 – 07.2020 **Research Assistant**, CoronaNet Research Project
2017 – 2018 **Program Development Assistant**, Friendship Ambassadors Foundation,
NYC
2015 – 2017 **Gallery Assistant**, Galerie Valentien, Stuttgart, Germany
2012 – 2014 **Trainee and Book Editor**, frechverlag GmbH, Stuttgart, Germany

AWARDS

2024 **Data Science Thesis Award 2024**
by the Data Science Lab at the Hertie School
2024 **Best Poster Award at the #4GenderStudies Poster Exhibition**
by the Margherita-von-Brentano Center for Gender Studies

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

2024 **Travel Grant**, American Political Science Association (APSA)
2021 – 2023 **Hans N. Weiler Fellowship**, Hertie School of Governance
2019 – 2021 **Deutschlandstipendium Scholarship**, FernUniversität Hagen
2010 **Research Scholarship**, 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. "[Judicial Rulings and Political Narratives. Analyzing the Impact of Roe v. Wade's Overturning on Digital Discourse Using Machine Learning](#)". *WZB Discussion Paper SP V 2024-502*. Berlin: WZB.
- 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.
- Klatt, Nikolina**. 2022. "Die Schließungen des öffentlichen Schulsystems in New York City während der Covid-19-Pandemie – Eine Fallstudie zu politischen Erzählungen." In: *Facetten Politischer Kommunikation – Beiträge zum 18. Düsseldorfer Forum Politische Kommunikation*, edited by Lara Boden, Robin Schröer, Natalie Ryba, and Leon Becher, Shaker Verlag GmbH. <https://doi.org/10.2370/9783844087567>

WORK IN PROGRESS

- *Abortion Law and Democratic Backsliding*
- *Reproductive Regimes and Political Demography in the United States* with Myra Marx Ferree
- *What is Democracy to You?* with Vanessa Boese-Schlosser, Janice Ngiam and Daniel Ziblatt
- "Democratization, de-democratization, and human rights," chapter for the *Handbook of Democratization and De-Democratization* edited by Matthijs Bogaards
- "Authoritarianism and disinformation," entry for the *Encyclopedia of Authoritarianism* edited by Thomas Ambrosio and Stephen Hall

CONFERENCES and WORKSHOPS

- 2024 **ECPG, Section Chair** "Reproductive Justice: Policy, Politics, and Intersectionality"
- Organization of 9 panels
 - Roles: Panel Chair, Co-Chair, Discussant and Presenter
- APSA Annual Meeting 2024**, Presenter
- Conference on Policy Process Research (**COPPR**), Presenter
- Research Day on Intersectional Gender Politics, **Freie Universität Berlin**
- #4GenderStudies Science Day, Poster, **Freie Universität Berlin**
- 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	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS) at WZB. Focus on text as data, website scraping, machine learning, and ethics
04.2023	Developing Bots & Scrapers with Python by Pierre Daix-Moreux, Hertie School
03.2023	Introduction to Python by Joshua Ayodele Aje, Hertie School
11.2022	Tools for Data Science Workshop Presentation of “janitor” package: Video and Materials
09.2022	Introduction to Recommender Systems by Pierre Daix-Moreux, Hertie School
05.2022	Data Management for Social Scientists by Nils Weidmann at WZB Berlin
08.2021	The Science of Stories: Theory and Practice of the Narrative Policy Framework by Elizabeth A. Shanahan

ACADEMIC SERVICE

10.2024 – present	Speaker of the Doctoral Researchers at SCRIPTS
03.2024 – present	Speaker of the Doctoral Researchers at WZB
2024	Selection Committee Member for Seed Money call at the WZB
2024	Selection Committee Member for the WZB Merit Fellowship
Organizer	ECPG 2024, Section Chair “Reproductive Justice: Policy, Politics, and Intersectionality” <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Organization of 9 panels▪ Roles: Panel Chair, Co-Chair, Discussant and Presenter
Reviewer	Discussion Paper Series of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies Interdisciplinary Political Studies (IdPS)

SKILLS

Technical Skills	R & Python <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Experimental Analysis and Causal Inference– Web Scraping and Automated Data Collection– Quantitative Text Analysis and Natural Language Processing– Machine Learning LaTeX, HTML, Markdown
Languages	German (native) English (bilingual proficiency, TOEFL 115/120) French, Spanish, Croatian, Macedonian, ASL (elementary)

REFERENCES

Daniel Ziblatt	Director, Center for European Studies Eaton Professor of the Science of Government at Harvard University Director Transformations of Democracy Unit, WZB Berlin
Gülay Çağlar	Professor of Political Science Program Director MA Gender, Intersectionality & Politics Freie Universität Berlin
Kathrin Zippel	Einstein Strategic Professor in the Department of Sociology Freie Universität Berlin

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