Nikolina Klatt

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EDUCATION

2024 – 2027	**Ph.D. in Political Science**, Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies (BGTS) of SCRIPTS, the Cluster of Excellence at Freie Universität Berlin
2021 – 2024	**Master of Public Policy**, 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 Overall grade 1.3 Data Science Thesis Award 2024
2022	**B.A. Political Science**, FernUniversität in Hagen, Germany Thesis: "Scientific evidence in policy narratives" grade 1.0 Overall grade 1.3 Commencement Speaker
2011	**Mag. phil. Art History**, University of Vienna, Austria
2007 – 2008	Visiting Student, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

10.2024 – present	**Doctoral Researcher**, SCRIPTS FU Berlin
02.2024 – 12.2024	**Research Fellow**, WZB Berlin, "Transformations of Democracy" unit Speaker of the Doctoral Researchers at WZB

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCES

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** awarded by the Data Science Lab at the Hertie School

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

2024	**APSA Travel Grant**
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

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

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*
- *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

2025	**MPSA** Annual Meeting 2025, Presenter
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

INVITED SPEAKER

| 05.2025 | Keynote speech at the dbb Frauenpolitische Fachtagung (women's policy conference) 2025 |

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** at Hertie School
	Presentation on "janitor" package: Video and Materials
09.2022	**Introduction to Recommender Systems**: Theory & Applications by Pierre Daix-Moreux, Hertie School
05.2022	**Data Management for Social Scientists**: From Files to Databases by Nils Weidmann (University of Konstanz) at WZB Berlin
08.2021	**The Science of Stories: Theory and Practice of the Narrative Policy Framework** by Elizabeth A. Shanahan (Montana State University)

SKILLS

Technical Skills	**R** & **Python**
	– 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)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

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
Review for the Discussion Paper Series of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies

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