

# Philipp Meyer

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## Research Interests

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<b>Judicial Politics</b>	Judicial behavior, Judicial public relations, Court-media relations
<b>Comparative Politics</b>	Political communication, Policy agendas, Political institutions, Political parties
<b>Methods</b>	Quantitative text analysis, Machine learning

## Formal Education

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since 2015	<b>PhD Candidate</b> Political Science, Leibniz University Hannover PhD Thesis: “Communicating judicial decisions: Court press releases and their effect on the news” (submitted, 10 June 2020) Committee: Prof. Dr. Christoph Hönnige & Prof. Dr. Sylvain Brouard
2011-2014	<b>Master of Arts</b> Political Science, University of Bamberg MA Thesis: “The influence of functional aspects of party organizations on the strategic choice of oppositional actors in the parliamentary arena.” Committee: Prof. Dr. Thomas Saalfeld & Prof. Dr. Thomas Rixen
2007-2011	<b>Bachelor of Arts</b> Political Science and History, University of Greifswald BA Thesis: “From citizen democracy to consumer democracy? An attempt to empirically capture the phenomenon of post-democracy according to Colin Crouch.” Committee: Prof. Dr. Susanne Pickel & Dr. Stefan Ewert

## Work Experience

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since 2015	<b>Teaching &amp; Research Fellow</b> at the Chair for Comparative Government and German Politics (Prof. Dr. Christoph Hönnige), Leibniz University Hannover
2015-2016	<b>Research Fellow</b> at the DFG funded research project “The German Federal Constitutional Court as a Veto Player” (CCDB) Principal investigator: Prof. Dr. Christoph Hönnige & Prof. Dr. Thomas Gschwend
Apr 2011 - Jun 2014	<b>Research Associate</b> at the Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories, Bamberg
Apr 2013 - Aug 2013	<b>Research Trainee</b> at the Heinrich-Böll Foundation, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

## Publications

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### Journal articles

- 2019 “Judicial Public Relations: Determinants of Press Release Publication by Constitutional Courts.” *Politics*, OnlineFirst. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0263395719885753> [Peer reviewed, 2019 Impact Factor 1.375]
- 2020 “Explaining media coverage of Constitutional Court decisions in Germany: The role of case characteristics.” *Political Communication*, OnlineFirst. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2020.1784329> [Peer reviewed, 2019 Impact Factor 5.912]
- “Dominating the Debate: Visibility Bias and Mentions of British MPs in Newspaper Reporting on Brexit.” (together with Christoph Hönnige, Dominic Nyhuis, Philipp Köker & Susumu Shikano). *Political Research Exchange* 2:1, 1-27. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/2474736X.2020.1788955> [Peer reviewed]

### Book Chapters

- 2019 “Rolle und Einfluss des Bundesverfassungsgerichts in der Amtszeit der Regierung Merkel III” In Zohlhöfer, Reimut/ Saalfeld, Thomas (ed.) *Zwischen Stillstand, Politikwandel und Krisenmanagement. Eine Bilanz der Regierung Merkel 2013-2017*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS, S. 317-341. (together with Christoph Hönnige)
- 2017 “Der Niedersächsische Staatsgerichtshof” In Reutter, Werner (ed.) *Landesverfassungsgerichte. Entwicklung – Aufbau – Funktionen*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS, S.219-241. (together with Christoph Hönnige)

### Outreach

- 2013 “Improving livelihood and natural resource sustainability by a combination of two systems” Research Paper for the Heinrich Böll Foundation Cambodia, Resource Governance Section, Phnom Penh. ([link here](#))

### Paper under review

“Promoted Media Coverage: When Newspapers use Court Press Releases for News Content.” Revise and Resubmit at *Journalism Studies* (submitted, 30 April 2020).

“Understanding intra-institutional agenda-setting effects: An assessment of the two policy agendas at the German Federal Constitutional Court.” Under review at *Journal of Public Policy* (submitted, 28 April 2020).

## Working Paper

“International Judicial Relations: A Network Analysis of Court Visits.”

“De Jure Judicial Independence Measures and the Problem of Validity: A Case Study on Poland.” (together with Philipp Köker & Christoph Hönige)

“Constitutions without Protection? Judicial Strength in a State of Emergency.” (together with Benjamin G. Engst)

## Teaching Experience

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### University Teaching

Winter 2019	Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft – Seminar mit Tutorium (Leibniz University Hannover, undergraduate)
Summer 2019	Praxis der Verfassungsgebung: Ein Planspiel (Leibniz University Hannover, undergraduate)
Winter 2018	Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft – Seminar mit Tutorium A (Leibniz University Hannover, undergraduate) Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft – Seminar mit Tutorium B (Leibniz University Hannover, undergraduate)
Summer 2018	Populismus in Vergleichender Perspektive – Klassifizierung von Parteien, Verbänden und Bewegungen (Leibniz University Hannover, undergraduate)
Winter 2017	Moderne Demokratien im Vergleich – Lektürekurs (Leibniz University Hannover, undergraduate) Introduction to Text Analysis and Digital Research (together with Justin Chun-ting Ho, Leibniz University Hannover, undergraduate) Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft – Seminar mit Tutorium (Leibniz University Hannover, undergraduate)
Summer 2017	The Politics of Attention (Leibniz University Hannover, graduate) Institutionen der Weimarer Republik – Lehrforschungsseminar (Leibniz University Hannover, undergraduate)
Winter 2016	Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft – Seminar mit Tutorium (Leibniz Universität Hannover, B.A.) Moderne Demokratien im Vergleich – Lektürekurs (Leibniz University Hannover, undergraduate)
Summer 2016	Moderne Politische Opposition in westlichen Regierungssystemen (Leibniz University Hannover, undergraduate)
Winter 2015	Moderne Demokratien im Vergleich – Lektürekurs (Leibniz University Hannover, undergraduate) Moderne Demokratien im Vergleich – Forschungswerkstatt mit R (Leibniz University Hannover, undergraduate)
Summer 2015	Parteien und Parteiensystem Deutschlands in vergleichender Perspektive (Leibniz University Hannover, undergraduate)

## Winter & Summer Schools

Winter 2019    Automated Web Data Collection with R (Teaching Assistant, ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, Bamberg, Germany)

## Lectureships

Spring & Summer 2018    Politische Bildung Block H & I (Training programme of the federal police headquarters Hannover, Germany)

## Conferences

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### Conference Presentations

2020    Institutional Friction in High Court Policy Agendas: Comparing France, Canada and Germany, Paper presented at General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (**ECPR**), Section: Law and Courts, Panel: Legal Mobilization: Patterns and Consequences , Virtual Conference, August 2020 (with Christoph Hönnige (Universität Hannover), Sylvain Brouard (Institut d'Etudes Politiques de), Christine Rothmayr Allison (Université de Montréal)).

2019    Gaining control of the agenda: how judicial public relations enable courts to focus issue attention, Paper presented at 2nd Annual **POLTEXT** Conference, Panel: CM2 - Communications and Media, Waseda University, Tokyo, September 14-15, 2019 (with Christoph Hönnige, Universität Hannover).

Leave means leave: The link between MPs Brexit position and newspaper mentions, Paper presented at **ECPR** Standing Group Conference 2019 (Advances in the Empirical and Theoretical Study of Parliaments), 26-28 September 2019, University of Konstanz (with Christoph Hönnige (Universität Hannover), Dominic Nyhuis (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Philipp Köker (Universität Hannover) and Susumu Shikano (Universität Konstanz)).

2018    Transparency or Newsworthiness? The Probability of Constitutional Court Press Release Occurrence, Paper presented at 11th Annual **CAP** Conference, Panel: Agendas and Agenda Setting beyond mainstream media (E1), University of Amsterdam (UvA), July 5, 2018.

Dissemination of legal information: Structure and Topics of Online Available Court Decisions, Paper presented at 11th Annual **CAP** Conference, Panel: Political Parties & Courts (A3), University of Amsterdam (UvA), July 4, 2018.

Transparency or Newsworthiness? The Probability of Constitutional Court Press Release Occurrence, Paper presented at 8th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (**EPSA**), Panel: Judicial Politics II, Vienna, June 21, 2018.

Dissemination of legal information: Structure and Topics of Online Available Court Decisions, Paper presented at 1st Annual **POLTEXT** Conference, Panel: Legal 1, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, May 10, 2018.

2017 Building Policy Images in the News: The Ability of Constitutional Courts to Shape the Media Agenda, Paper presented at 10th Annual **CAP** Conference, Panel: Bureaucratic and Judicial Agendas (A2), University of Edinburgh, June 15, 2017.

Building Policy Images in the News: The Ability of Constitutional Courts to Shape the Media Agenda, Paper presented at General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (**ECPR**), Section: Law and Courts, Panel: Media Representation and Salience of Courts (P222), University of Oslo, September 7, 2017.

2016 Constitutions Without Any Protection: the limits of judicial structures during the state of emergency, Paper presented at General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (**ECPR**), Section: Law and Courts, Panel: Data and Methods in Court Research (P079), University of Prague, September 8, 2016 (with Benjamin G. Engst, Universität Hannover).

Constitutional Review in Europe: Institutional Developments from 1995 to 2015 in the EU-28, Paper presented at General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (**ECPR**), Section: Law and Courts, Panel: Domestic Courts: Decision-making and Policy Implementation (P102), University of Prague, September 9, 2016 (with Christoph Hönnige, Universität Hannover).

Verfassungen ohne Schutz? Gerichtliche Stärke im Ausnahmezustand, Paper presented at the 6th Conference of the **DVPW** theme group Politik und Recht, Humboldt University Berlin, September 23, 2016 (with Benjamin G. Engst, Universität Hannover).

## Panel Organizations

2020 General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (**ECPR**), Virtual Event, Section S41: Law and Courts, Panel: P383: "Text Analysis in Judicial Politics" (together with Lisa Lechner, Universität Innsbruck)

General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (**ECPR**), Virtual Event, Section S41: Law and Courts, Panel: P057: "Communicating the Judiciary" (together with José M. Reis, Universität Hamburg)

## Service to the discipline and to the university

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Journal Reviewer Sociology Compass

University service Member of the departmental examination board, Department of Political Science, Leibniz University Hannover (since 2018)  
Member of the interdisciplinary working group on misanthropic ideologies (Arbeitskreis zum Umgang mit menschenfeindlichen Ideologien), Leibniz University Hannover (2015-2017)

## Grants

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- 2019 [POLTEXT Tokyo](#) Conference travel grant (1.690 € / 200.290 ¥)
- 2015-2017 [Several grants to organize a seminar series](#): Participation in the acquisition of university grants for the organization of semi-annual events of the working group on misanthropic ideologies (Arbeitskreis zum Umgang mit menschenfeindlichen Ideologien) (total: 10.675 €)
- 2013 [DAAD PROMOS](#) travel grant for the research traineeship at the Heinrich-Böll Foundation, Phnom Penh, Cambodia (1.400 €)

## Prizes & Awards

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- 2020 [Teaching prize, category “Seminar”](#) Student award for the best lecturer in the category “Seminar” at the Department of Political Science of the Leibniz University Hannover

## Technical Skills

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[Expert](#): R,  $\LaTeX$ , MS-Office  
[Intermediate](#): Python, SPSS  
[Novice](#): Stata, MySQL

## Training

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- [Jul 2018](#) coursera: “Using Databases with Python”,  
University of Michigan  
Overall Grade: 95.1%
- [Mar 2018](#) coursera: “Using Python to Access Web Data”,  
University of Michigan  
Overall Grade: 97.9%
- [Feb 2018](#) coursera: “Python Data Structures”,  
University of Michigan  
Overall Grade: 96%
- [Jan 2018](#) coursera: “Programming for Everybody (Getting Started with Python)”,  
University of Michigan  
Overall Grade: 96.6%
- [Apr 2017](#) Workshop: “Text Learning Workshop”,  
Prof. Dr. Kenneth Benoit, London School of Economics – Methodology,  
London, Great Britain
- [Mar 2017](#) Winter school: “Automated Web Data Collection with R”,  
Dr. Dominic Nyhuis, ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques,  
Bamberg, Germany
- [Jul 2017](#) Summer school: “Quantitative Text Analysis”,  
Prof. Dr. Inaki Sagarzazu, IPSA-NUS Summer School for Social Science  
Research Methods, Singapore

- 2016-2017 Advanced vocational training: “Pro Lehre (certificate in learning and teaching in higher education)”,  
Hochschuldidaktisches Zertifikatsprogramm der LUH, Hannover, Germany
- Aug 2015 Summer school: “Statistical Programming with R”,  
Dr. Gerko Vink, Utrecht Summer School, Utrecht, Netherlands

## Languages

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Fluent: English  
Native: German