

# Philipp Meyer

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## Research Interests

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

## Formal Education

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- since 2015 **PhD Candidate** 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
- 2014 **Master of Arts** 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
- 2011 **Bachelor of Arts** 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 **Teaching & Research Fellow** at the Chair for Comparative Government and German Politics (Prof. Dr. Christoph Hönnige), Leibniz University Hannover
- 2015-2016 **Research Fellow** 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
- 2011-2014 **Research Associate** at the Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories, Bamberg
- 2013 **Research Trainee** at the Heinrich-Böll Foundation, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

## Publications

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### Journal Articles

- 2020 Meyer, Philipp. 2020. Judicial Public Relations: Determinants of Press Release Publication by Constitutional Courts. *Politics*, 40(4), 477-493. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0263395719885753>. [Peer reviewed, 2019 Five Year Impact Factor 1.709]
- Meyer, Philipp. OnlineFirst. Explaining media coverage of Constitutional Court decisions in Germany: The role of case characteristics. *Political Communication*: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2020.1784329>. [Peer reviewed, 2019 Five Year Impact Factor 5.068]
- Meyer, Philipp. Accepted. Promoted media coverage of court decisions: Media gatekeeping of court press releases and the role of news values. *Journalism Studies*. [Peer reviewed, 2019 Five Year Impact Factor 2.684]
- Hönnige, Christoph, Dominic Nyhuis, Philipp Meyer, Philipp Köker, and Susumu Shikano. 2020. Dominating the Debate: Visibility Bias and Mentions of British MPs in Newspaper Reporting on Brexit. *Political Research Exchange* 2:1. <https://doi.org/10.1080/2474736X.2020.1788955>. [Peer reviewed]

### Book Chapters

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

### Outreach

- 2020 Hönnige, Christoph, Dominic Nyhuis, Philipp Meyer, Philipp Köker, and Susumu Shikano. How balanced was the debate over Brexit?. *The UK in a Changing Europe*. ([Access the blog post here](#))
- 2019 Meyer, Philipp. Communicating Judicial Decisions – Evidence on the Determinants of Press Release Publication from the German case. *Politics Blog*. ([Access the blog post here](#))
- 2013 Meyer, Philipp. 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. ([Access the study here](#))

### Under Review

Meyer, Philipp. Transparency and strategic promotion: How court press releases facilitate judicial agenda-setting in Germany. Manuscript submitted after revise and resubmit in *Journal of Public Policy*.

## Paper Projects

Meyer, Philipp. Discussing case law and promoting the rule of law: reports on bi-lateral court meetings as a novel data source to assess transjudicial communication.

Hönnige, Christoph, Philipp Meyer, Christine Allison Rothmayr and Sylvain Brouard. Institutional Friction in High Court Policy Agendas: Comparing France, Canada and Germany.

Hönnige, Christoph, Dominic Nyhuis, Susumu Shikano, Philipp Köker and Philipp Meyer. Leave means leave: The link between MPs Brexit position and newspaper mentions.

Meyer, Philipp and Christoph Hönnige. The missing link between the legislative and the judicial agenda: Does the German parliament shape the policy agenda of the German Federal Constitutional Court?

## Teaching Experience

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### University Teaching

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| Winter 2020 | Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft – Seminar mit Tutorium (Leibniz University Hannover, <a href="#">undergraduate</a> )  |
| Winter 2019 | Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft – Seminar mit Tutorium (Leibniz University Hannover, <a href="#">undergraduate</a> )  |
| Summer 2019 | Praxis der Verfassungsgebung: Ein Planspiel (Leibniz University Hannover, <a href="#">graduate &amp; undergraduate</a> )  |
| Winter 2018 | Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft – Seminar mit Tutorium A (Leibniz University Hannover, <a href="#">undergraduate</a> )<br><br>Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft – Seminar mit Tutorium B (Leibniz University Hannover, <a href="#">undergraduate</a> )  |
| Summer 2018 | Populismus in Vergleichender Perspektive – Klassifizierung von Parteien, Verbänden und Bewegungen (Leibniz University Hannover, <a href="#">undergraduate</a> )   |
| Winter 2017 | Moderne Demokratien im Vergleich – Lektürekurs (Leibniz University Hannover, <a href="#">undergraduate</a> )<br><br>Introduction to Text Analysis and Digital Research (together with Justin Chun-ting Ho, Leibniz University Hannover, <a href="#">undergraduate</a> )<br><br>Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft – Seminar mit Tutorium (Leibniz University Hannover, <a href="#">undergraduate</a> ) |
| Summer 2017 | The Politics of Attention (Leibniz University Hannover, <a href="#">graduate</a> )<br><br>Institutionen der Weimarer Republik – Lehrforschungsseminar (Leibniz University Hannover, <a href="#">undergraduate</a> )   |
| Winter 2016 | Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft – Seminar mit Tutorium (Leibniz Universität Hannover, <a href="#">undergraduate</a> )<br><br>Moderne Demokratien im Vergleich – Lektürekurs (Leibniz University Hannover, <a href="#">undergraduate</a> )   |
| Summer 2016 | Moderne Politische Opposition in westlichen Regierungssystemen (Leibniz University Hannover, <a href="#">undergraduate</a> )  |

- 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](#))

## Assistance

- Winter 2019    Automated Web Data Collection with R ([Teaching Assistant](#) for Prof. Dr. Dominic Nyhuis, ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, Bamberg, Germany)

## Lectureships

- Summer 2018    Politische Bildung Block H & I ([Lecturer](#), 3-day Advanced training course for officers of the Federal Police Headquarters Hannover, Germany)
- Spring 2018    Politische Bildung Block H & I ([Lecturer](#), 3-day Advanced training course for officers 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)

## Academic Services

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**Journal Reviewer** *Sociology Compass*

**Memberships** ECPR Standing Group on *Law and Courts*  
ECPR Standing Group on *Political Communication*

**Service to the University** Member of the departmental examination board, Department of Political Science, Leibniz University Hannover (2018-2020)

Supervision of BA and MA theses (since 2015)

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 [Best lecturer in the category “Seminar”](#) (Teaching price awarded by the students at the Department of Political Science, Leibniz University Hannover)
- Nominated for the [ECPR Rising Star Award](#) by the Department of Political Science, Leibniz University Hannover

## Academic Training

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- 2018 [coursera](#): “Using Databases with Python”,  
University of Michigan
- [coursera](#): “Using Python to Access Web Data”,  
University of Michigan
- [coursera](#): “Python Data Structures”,  
University of Michigan
- [coursera](#): “Programming for Everybody (Getting Started with Python)”,  
University of Michigan
- 2017 [Workshop](#): “Text Learning Workshop”,  
Prof. Dr. Kenneth Benoit, London School of Economics – Methodology, London, Great Britain
- [Winter school](#): “Automated Web Data Collection with R”,  
Dr. Dominic Nyhuis, ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, Bamberg, Germany
- [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
- 2015 [Summer school](#): “Statistical Programming with R”,  
Dr. Gerko Vink, Utrecht Summer School, Utrecht, Netherlands

## Technical Skills

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- [Expert](#): R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, MS-Office
- [Intermediate](#): Python, SPSS
- [Novice](#): Stata, MySQL

## Languages

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Fluent: English  
Native: German