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Research Interests

Protest, Political Participation, Political Representation, Electoral Systems, Computational Social Sciences

Current Positions

WZB Berlin Social Science Center Center for Civil Society Research <i>Research Fellow</i> • Project: Political Protest and Radicalization, WZB Protest Monitoring & MOTRA	Berlin 2023 - present
University of Cologne Cologne Center for Comparative Politics <i>Doctoral Researcher</i>	Cologne 2019 - present

Previous Positions

German Federal Parliament - Bundestag ECOFIN Committee <i>Policy Intern</i> • Preparation of Policy Positions on European Stability Mechanism	Berlin 2019
GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences Computational Social Science Department <i>Research Intern to Dr. Sebastian Stier</i> • Analyzed Geographic Representation on Social Media for Master's Thesis	Cologne 2019
Federal Institute for Population Research Migration and Mobility Research Group <i>Research Assistant to PD Dr. Heiko Rüger</i> • Development of an Online Survey for the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Wiesbaden 2018 – 2019
Goethe University Frankfurt Chair for Comparative Politics <i>Research Assistant to Prof. Dr. Thomas Zittel</i> • Developed a Dataset for the DFG Research Project <i>Individualized Representation and its Sources</i>	Frankfurt 2017 – 2018
Goethe University Frankfurt Graduate Center Social Sciences <i>Administrative Assistant to Prof. Sigrid Roßteutscher, PhD</i> • Administration of PhD Applications • Counseling Concerning Research Funding Opportunities	Frankfurt 2016 – 2017
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies <i>Research Intern Research Assistant to Prof. Dr. Mark Lutter</i> • Collected Publication Records of Social Scientists at German Universities	Cologne 2016
University of Cologne Institute for Sociology and Social Psychology <i>Teaching Assistant to Prof. Dr. Marita Jacob</i> • Taught <i>Introduction to Statistics for Social Scientists</i> to First Year Students	Cologne 2014 – 2015

Visiting Positions

Pompeu Fabra University Institutions and Political Actors Research Group <i>Visiting Researcher with Dr. Toni Rodon funded by Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute</i> • Conducting Interviews with Spanish Social Movement Activists and Policy-Makers	Barcelona Oct - Nov 2022
WZB - Berlin Social Science Center Center for Civil Society Research <i>Visiting Researcher with Prof. Dr. Swen Hutter funded by Cologne Graduate School</i> • Theoretical Conceptualization of Why Politicians Refer to Protests and Other Collective Actions	Berlin Jun - Jul 2022
University of Amsterdam Challenges to Democratic Representation Programme Group <i>Visiting Researcher with Dr. Gijs Schumacher funded by German Academic Exchange Service</i> • Development of a Measurement of Emotional Appeals to Collective Actions in Multi-lingual Texts	Amsterdam Sep - Dec 2021

Academic Education

University of Cologne
Ph.D. Political Science

Cologne
2019 – 2023

Dissertation Title: Political Representation and Protest Politics in European Democracies
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Sven-Oliver Proksch & Prof. Dr. Ingo Rohlfing

Goethe University Frankfurt
M.A. Political Science

Frankfurt | Paris
2016 – 2019

Semester Abroad: EHESS - School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences Paris

University of Cologne
B.Sc. Social Sciences

Cologne | Grenoble
2013 – 2016

Major: Political Science and Sociology | Minor: Economics

Semester Abroad: Grenoble Alpes University | Sciences Po Grenoble

Publications

Articles (Peer-Review)

[3] Schürmann, Lennart (2023). *The impact of local protests on political elite communication: evidence from Fridays for Future in Germany*. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*.

[2] Schürmann, Lennart (2023). *Do competitive districts get more political attention? Strategic use of geographic representation during campaign and non-campaign periods*. *Electoral Studies*.

[1] Schürmann, Lennart & Sebastian Stier (2023). *Who represents the constituency? Online political communication by members of parliament in the German mixed-member electoral system*. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 28(1): 219–234.

In Review Process

Castanho Silva, Bruno, Lennart Schürmann & Sven-Oliver Proksch (Conditionally Accepted). *Modulation of Democracy: Partisan Communication during and after Election Campaigns*. *British Journal of Political Science*.

Policy Papers

Schürmann, Lennart, Caroline Melches, & Stefan Herweg (2019). *Minimalkompromisse machen die Eurozone nicht krisenfest*. *Makronom – Online-Magazin für Wirtschaftspolitik*.

Conferences & Talks

Institutions and Political Actors Research Seminar, Pompeu Fabra University Barcelona	2022
Cologne Political Science Workshop, Cologne	2022
European Political Science Association Conference, Prague	2022
Center for Civil Society Research Colloquium, WZB - Berlin Social Science Center	2022
CompText Conference, University College Dublin	2022
Hot Politics Lab Meeting, University of Amsterdam	2021
European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Online	2021
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics Research Seminar, University of Cologne	2021
European Political Science Association Conference, Online	2021
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics Research Seminar, University of Cologne	2020
Colloquium on Empirical Democracy Research, Goethe University Frankfurt	2018
IAPSS World Congress, Paris	2018

Reviewer

Legislative Studies Quarterly

Grants and Scholarships

Selten Grant for Field Work and Research Stay in Barcelona <i>Reinhard Selten Institute/ECONtribute Cluster of Excellence</i>	2022
DAAD Research Grant for Doctoral Candidates <i>German Academic Exchange Service</i>	2021
Grants for GESIS Spring Seminar & GESIS Workshop <i>University of Cologne & GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences</i>	2021 (2x)
Full PhD Scholarship <i>Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Sciences</i>	2019 - 2023
Residential Fellow <i>Fondation de l'Allemagne – Maison Heinrich Heine (Paris)</i>	2018
Grant for ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques 2018 <i>European Consortium for Political Research</i>	2018
International Mobility Scholarships for Academic Projects Abroad <i>Schmittmann-Wahlen-Foundation</i>	2015 2018 2021
Erasmus Grants for Exchange Semesters <i>Erasmus+ Programme</i>	2015 2018

Teaching Experience

How Can Protest Change Politics? Social Movements and Political Representation <i>Instructor Overall assessment: 4.8 (max = 5)</i>	University of Cologne Summer 2022
PhD Workshop: Creating a Webpage with R <i>Organizer together with J. Bekmuratovna</i>	University of Cologne Summer 2022
PhD Workshop: Authoring a PhD <i>Organizer together with Ebru Ece Özbey</i>	University of Cologne Summer 2021
Strategic Models of Democratic Politics <i>Teaching Assistant to Jun.-Prof. Chitrlekha Basu, PhD</i>	University of Cologne Winter 20/21
Introduction to Quantitative Methods <i>Teaching Assistant to Dr. Bruno Castanho Silva</i>	University of Cologne Winter 19/20 Winter 20/21
Applied Statistical Analysis: Political Representation by Parliamentary Elites <i>Teaching Assistant to Dr. Dominic Nyhuis</i>	Goethe University Frankfurt Summer 2017
Introduction to Statistics for Social Scientists <i>Teaching Assistant to Prof. Dr. Marita Jacob</i>	University of Cologne Summer 2014 Winter 14/15 Summer 2015

Supervision

Aurelia von Haugwitz (2022) Why people from the German countryside do not protest: urban-rural divergences of 'unconventional' political participation. *BA-Thesis (University of Cologne)*

Professional Responsibilities and Memberships

University of Cologne | Cologne Graduate School

PhD Representative on the CGS Board

2021 – 2022

European Political Science Association

Member

2021 – present

Institute for the Study of Protest and Social Movements (ipb)

Member

2020 – present

Advanced Methods Training

Seminars on Research Management | University of Cologne

2022

- Achieving Your Own Scientific Independence - How to Raise Third-Party Funding

Seminars on Science Communication | German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

2022

- Fundamentals of Science Communication
- Social Media Communication

Center for Higher Education | University of Cologne

2021

- Planning Teaching Events

Spring Seminar & Workshops | GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences

2021

- Introduction to the Logic of Bayesian Statistics for the Social Sciences
- Causal Machine Learning

DS3: CIVICA Data Science Summer School | Hertie School

2021

- Introduction to Python Programming
- Image as Data: Quantitative Image Analysis with R and Python
- Introduction to Machine Learning
- Introduction to Deep Learning
- GeoData and Spatial Analysis with R

Albertus Magnus Center for Early Career Researchers | University of Cologne

2020 – 2021

- Academic Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences
- Scientific Presentation - Getting it Right!

PhD coursework | University of Cologne

2019 – 2020

- Political Choice and Strategy
- Analyzing EU Politics with Big Data
- Causal Inference and Public Policy in Europe

ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques | Central European University

2018

- Automated Collection of Web and Social Data

MA coursework | Goethe University Frankfurt

2016 - 2018

- Research Designs in International Relations
- Advanced Statistical Data Analysis with R
- Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) and Fuzzy Sets

Additional Skills

Languages: German (native) · English (C1) · French (C1) · Dutch (A1) · Spanish (A1)

Data Analysis: R · Python · Stata · SPSS

Office & Typesetting: \LaTeX +Overleaf · Microsoft Office · Apple iWork

Version Control: GitHub