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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   Berlin
Research Fellow   *2023 - present*
· Project: Political Protest and Radicalization, WZB Protest Monitoring & MOTRA

University of Cologne | Cologne Center for Comparative Politics   Cologne
PhD Candidate   *2019 - present*

Previous Positions

German Federal Parliament - Bundestag | ECOFIN Committee   Berlin
Policy Intern   *2019*
· Preparation of Policy Positions on European Stability Mechanism

GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences | Computational Social Science Department   Cologne
Research Intern to Dr. Sebastian Stier   *2019*
· Analyzed Geographic Representation on Social Media for Master's Thesis

Federal Institute for Population Research | Migration and Mobility Research Group   Wiesbaden
Research Assistant to PD Dr. Heiko Rüger   *2018 – 2019*
· Development of an Online Survey for the *German Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

Goethe University Frankfurt | Chair for Comparative Politics   Frankfurt
Research Assistant to Prof. Dr. Thomas Zittel   *2017 – 2018*
· Developed a Dataset for the DFG Research Project *Individualized Representation and its Sources*

Goethe University Frankfurt | GraduateCenter Social Sciences   Frankfurt
Administrative Assistant to Prof. Sigrid Roßteutscher, PhD   *2016 – 2017*
· Administration of PhD Applications
· Counseling Concerning Research Funding Opportunities

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies   Cologne
Research Intern | Research Assistant to Prof. Dr. Mark Lutter   *2016*
· Collected Publication Records of Social Scientists at German Universities

University of Cologne | Institute for Sociology and Social Psychology   Cologne
Teaching Assistant to Prof. Dr. Marita Jacob   *2014 – 2015*
· Taught *Introduction to Statistics for Social Scientists* to First Year Students

Visiting Positions

Pompeu Fabra University | Institutions and Political Actors Research Group   Barcelona
Visiting Researcher with Dr. Toni Rodon | funded by Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute   *Oct - Nov 2022*
· Conducting Interviews with Spanish Social Movement Activists and Policy-Makers

WZB - Berlin Social Science Center | Center for Civil Society Research   Berlin
Visiting Researcher with Prof. Dr. Swen Hutter | funded by Cologne Graduate School   *Jun - Jul 2022*
· Theoretical Conceptualization of Why Politicians Refer to Protests and Other Collective Actions

University of Amsterdam | Challenges to Democratic Representation Programme Group   Amsterdam
Visiting Researcher with Dr. Gijs Schumacher | funded by German Academic Exchange Service   *Sep - Dec 2021*
· Development of a Measurement of Emotional Appeals to Collective Actions in Multi-lingual Texts

Academic Education

University of Cologne	Cologne
Ph.D. Political Science	*2019 – present*

Dissertation Title: The Political Representation of Protest in European Democracies
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Sven-Oliver Proksch

Goethe University Frankfurt	Frankfurt	Paris
M.A. Political Science	*2016 – 2019*

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

University of Cologne	Cologne	Grenoble
B.Sc. Social Sciences	*2013 – 2016*

Major: Political Science and Sociology | Minor: Economics
Semester Abroad: Grenoble Alpes University | Sciences Po Grenoble

Publications

Articles (Peer-Review)

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

Schürmann, Lennart & Sebastian Stier (2022). Who represents the constituency? Online political communication by members of parliament in the German mixed-member electoral system. *Legislative Studies Quarterly.*

Policy Papers

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

Work in progress

Revise and Resubmit

Schürmann, Lennart. XXXXX. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties.*

Castanho Silva, Bruno, **Lennart Schürmann** & Sven-Oliver Proksch. XXXXX. *British Journal of Political Science.*

Working Papers

Schürmann, Lennart. Does Repression Provoke Protest Participation in Liberal Democracies? Evidence from the Spanish *Law on Citizen Security*.

Schürmann, Lennart, Jan Schwalbach, & Noam Himmelrath. It's all about location! How MPs in the German multilevel system have responded to the Querdenker protests

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*
European Political Science Association Conference, Online	*2021*
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics Research Seminar, University of Cologne	*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*

Teaching Experience

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

Grants and Scholarships

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

Reviewer

Legislative Studies Quarterly

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 Ananlysis (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 · Micrososft Office · Apple iWork

Version Control: GitHub