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## Research Interests

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

## Current Position

**WZB Berlin Social Science Center | Center for Civil Society Research**

*Post-Doctoral Research Fellow*

**Berlin**

2023 - present

- Project: Political Protest and Radicalization, WZB ProtestMonitoring & MOTRA
- Principal Investigator: *Prof. Dr. Swen Hutter*

## Previous Positions

**University of Cologne | Cologne Center for Comparative Politics**

*Doctoral Researcher*

**Cologne**

2019 – 2022

- Principal Investigator: *Prof. Dr. Sven-Oliver Proksch*

**German Federal Parliament - Bundestag | ECOFIN Committee**

*Policy Intern*

**Berlin**

2019 – 2019

- Preparation of Policy Positions on European Stability Mechanism

**GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences | Computational Social Science Group**

*Research Intern to Dr. Sebastian Stier*

**Cologne**

2019 – 2019

- Analyzed Geographic Representation on Social Media for Master's Thesis

**Federal Institute for Population Research | Migration and Mobility Research Group**

*Research Assistant to PD Dr. Heiko Rüger*

**Wiesbaden**

2018 – 2019

- Development of an Online Survey for the *German Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

**Goethe University Frankfurt | Chair for Comparative Politics**

*Research Assistant to Prof. Dr. Thomas Zittel*

**Frankfurt**

2017 – 2018

- Developed a Dataset for the DFG Research Project *Individualized Representation and its Sources*

**Goethe University Frankfurt | Graduate Center Social Sciences**

*Administrative Assistant to Prof. Sigrid Roßteutscher, PhD*

**Frankfurt**

2016 – 2017

- Administration of PhD Applications and Counseling Concerning Research Funding Opportunities

**Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies**

*Research Intern | Research Assistant to Prof. Dr. Mark Lutter*

**Cologne**

2016

- Collected Publication Records of Social Scientists at German Universities

**University of Cologne | Institute for Sociology and Social Psychology**

*Teaching Assistant to Prof. Dr. Marita Jacob*

**Cologne**

2014 – 2015

- Taught *Introduction to Statistics for Social Scientists* to First Year Students

## 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
- Date of Defense: June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**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

## Visiting Positions

<b>Pompeu Fabra University   Institutions and Political Actors Research Group</b> <i>Visiting Researcher with Dr. Toni Rodon   funded by Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute</i> · Conducting Interviews with Spanish Social Movement Activists and Policy-Makers	<b>Barcelona</b> Oct - Nov 2022
<b>WZB - Berlin Social Science Center   Center for Civil Society Research</b> <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	<b>Berlin</b> Jun - Jul 2022
<b>University of Amsterdam   Challenges to Democratic Representation Programme Group</b> <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	<b>Amsterdam</b> Sep - Dec 2021

## Publications

### Articles (Peer-Review)

- [4] Castanho Silva, Bruno, **Lennart Schürmann** & Sven-Oliver Proksch (2023). [Modulation of Democracy: Partisan Communication during and after Election Campaigns](#). *British Journal of Political Science*.
- [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*, 48(1): 219–234.

### Blog Entries

- Schmidt, Leonhard, Carina Siebler, **Lennart Schürmann** & Daniel Saldivia Gonzatti (2023). [Fünf Jahre Fridays for Future - Erfolge, Herausforderungen und Chancen zur Erneuerung](#) *Blog: DVPW - Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft*.
- Siebler, Carina, Leonhard Schmidt, **Lennart Schürmann** & Daniel Saldivia Gonzatti (2023). [Five years of 'Fridays for Future': but what future is there now for the movement?](#) *The Loop. A Political Science Blog from ECPR*. re-published as [Five years of 'Fridays for Future': what future now?](#) on *Social Europe*.
- **Schürmann, Lennart**, Caroline Melches, & Stefan Herweg (2019). [Minimalkompromisse machen die Eurozone nicht krisenfest](#). *Makronom – Online-Magazin für Wirtschaftspolitik*.

## Media & Public Outreach

Interviews and expert opinions for [Tagesschau \(ARD\)](#) & [Quarks \(WDR\)](#).

## Conferences, Workshops & Invited Talks

<b>Authors workshop: Book project on Extremism in Germany</b> , University of Hamburg	2023
<b>European Political Science Association Conference</b>	2021, 2022, 2023
<b>Center for Civil Society Research Colloquium</b> , WZB - Berlin Social Science Center	2022, 2023
<b>Institutions and Political Actors Research Seminar</b> , Pompeu Fabra University Barcelona	2022
<b>Cologne Political Science Workshop</b> , Cologne	2022
<b>CompText Conference</b> , University College Dublin	2022
<b>Hot Politics Lab Meeting</b> , University of Amsterdam	2021
<b>European Consortium for Political Research General Conference</b>	2021
<b>Cologne Center for Comparative Politics Research Seminar</b> , University of Cologne	2020, 2021
<b>Colloquium on Empirical Democracy Research</b> , Goethe University Frankfurt	2018
<b>IAPSS World Congress</b> , Paris	2018

## Grants & Scholarships

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

## Teaching Experience

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<b>How Can Protest Change Politics? Social Movements and Political Representation</b> <i>Instructor   Overall assessment: 4.8 (max = 5)</i> · Short-listed (Top 3) for <i>University Teaching Award 2022</i> of the University of Cologne	University of Cologne Summer 2022
<b>PhD Workshop: Creating a Webpage with R</b> <i>Organizer together with J. Bekmuratovna</i>	University of Cologne Summer 2022
<b>PhD Workshop: Authoring a PhD</b> <i>Organizer together with Ebru Ece Özbey</i>	University of Cologne Summer 2021
<b>Strategic Models of Democratic Politics</b> <i>Teaching Assistant to Jun.-Prof. Chitrlekha Basu, PhD</i>	University of Cologne Winter 20/21
<b>Introduction to Quantitative Methods</b> <i>Teaching Assistant to Dr. Bruno Castanho Silva</i>	University of Cologne Winter 19/20   Winter 20/21
<b>Applied Statistical Analysis: Political Representation by Parliamentary Elites</b> <i>Teaching Assistant to Dr. Dominic Nyhuis</i>	Goethe University Frankfurt Summer 2017
<b>Introduction to Statistics for Social Scientists</b> <i>Teaching Assistant to Prof. Dr. Marita Jacob</i>	University of Cologne Summer 2014   Winter 14/15   Summer 2015

## Thesis Supervision

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**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)*

## Reviewer

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*Legislative Studies Quarterly, Journal of Information Technology & Politics*

## Professional Responsibilities & Memberships

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**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

## Academic Skills & Methods Training

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**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

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

**Data Analysis:** R · Python · Stata · SPSS

**Office & Typesetting:**  $\text{\LaTeX}$ +Overleaf · Microsoft Office · Apple iWork

**Version Control:** GitHub