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## Research Interests

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Machine Learning/Deep learning, Predictive Modelling, Text Analysis, Empirical Legal Studies, Judicial Behavior

## Education

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09/2015 – present	<b>Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim</b> PhD Candidate, Department of Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (Committee: Prof. Thomas Gschwend, Prof. Christoph Hnnige)
10/2013 – 08/2015	<b>University of Konstanz, Institut d'tudes Politiques de Grenoble</b> Double Degree Master of Arts in Public Administration and European Governance (with distinction, Mention Trs Bien)
09/2012 – 01/2013	<b>Semester Abroad</b> Institut d'tudes Politiques de Lille
09/2010 – 08/2013	<b>University of Mannheim</b> Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Public Law

## Academic Teaching Experience

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Spring 2018	Data Analysis, Undergraduate (in English)
Fall 2017	Multivariate Analyses, Graduate (in English)
Spring 2017	Data Analysis, Undergraduate (in English)
Spring 2016	Data Analysis, Undergraduate (in English)

## Professional (Teaching) Experience

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April 2018	<i>Statistical Consulting in Big Data Questions</i> , Sinus Institut, Heidelberg
Februar 2018	<i>Workshop introduction to R (one day)</i> , Geschfststelle fr Qualittssicherung Hessen, Frankfurt am Main
November 2017	<i>Workshop supervised and unsupervised machine learning (three days)</i> , Bundesbank, Frankfurt am Main

## Additional Classes Taken

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Fall 2018	Data Visualization (Prof. Richard Traummüller)
Spring 2017	Introduction to Machine Learning (Dr. Christoph Kern)
Spring 2017	Bayesian Analysis II (Prof. David Kaplan)
Spring 2017	Bayesian Analysis I (Prof. Richard Traummüller)
Fall 2016	Web scraping & Automated Data Collection (Dr. Simon Munzert)
Fall 2016	Big Data in the Social Sciences (Prof. Frauke Kreuter)
Fall 2016	Game Theory (Prof. Thomas Bruninger)
Spring 2016	Programming in R (Dr. Daniel Heck)
Spring 2016	Computer Based Content Analysis (Dr. Sanja Stajner)
Spring 2017	Advanced Quantitative Methods (Prof. Thomas Gschwend)
Fall 2015	Multivariate Analyses (Prof. Thomas Gschwend)

## Publications (Peer-reviewed)

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Lukas Stoetzer, Thomas Gschwend, Marcel Neunhoffer, Simon Munzert, Sebastian Sternberg 2018. A Dynamic Forecasting Model for the 2017 German Federal Election. *Political Analysis*, Forthcoming

Thomas Gschwend, Benjamin Engst, Caroline Wittig, Nils Schaks, Sebastian Sternberg, 2017. Zum Einfluss der Parteienhe auf das Abstimmungsverhalten der Bundesverfassungsrichter - Eine quantitative Untersuchung. *Juristen Zeitung*, 72(17): 816-826

Lukas Stoetzer, Simon Munzert, Thomas Gschwend, Marcel Neunhoffer, Sebastian Sternberg, 2017. Zweitstimme.org. Ein strukturell-dynamisches Vorhersagemodell für Bundestagswahlen. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 58 (3): 418-442

Sebastian Sternberg, Thomas Gschwend, Caroline Wittig, and Benjamin G. Engst. 2015. Zum Einfluss der öffentlichen Meinung auf Entscheidungen des Bundesverfassungsgerichts. Eine Analyse von abstrakten Normenkontrollen sowie Bund-Länder-Streitigkeiten 1974-2010 *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 56(4): 570-598

## Work in Progress

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Marcel Neunhoffer, Sebastian Sternberg, 2018. How Cross-Validation Can Go Wrong and What to Do About it. *Invited for Review and Resubmission Political Analysis*

Benjamin G. Engst, Thomas Gschwend, Sebastian Sternberg, 2018. Who sits on the Bench? Evaluation of Judicial Nominees for Constitutional Courts. *Under Review*

Sebastian Sternberg. 2018. Why do courts craft vague decisions? Evidence from a comparative study of court rulings in Germany and France.

Sebastian Sternberg. 2018. Automatic Detection of Vagueness in Court Rulings.

Sebastian Sternberg, 2017. How to Forecast Constitutional Court Decisions? Legal Context and Political Context in a Machine Learning Framework.

## Conference Presentations

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05/2018	<b>7th European Political Science Association General Conference, Vienna</b> "Why do Courts Craft Vague Opinions? Evidence from Court Rulings in Germany and France."
05/2018	<b>2nd Conference on Empirical Legal Studies in Europe, Leuven</b> "Why do Courts Craft Vague Opinions? Evidence from Court Rulings in Germany and France."
06/2017	<b>7th European Political Science Association General Conference, Milan</b> "How Judicial Integrity Generates Public Support for Judicial Nominees"
09/2016	<b>European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Prague</b> "Ideology, Law and Professional Background. Explaining Dissenting Opinions in the German Federal Constitutional Court."
06/2016	<b>6th European Political Science Association General Conference, Brussels</b> "Are Judges Political Animals After All? Quasi-experimental Evidence from the German Federal Constitutional Court."
06/2016	<b>First Conference on Empirical Legal Studies in Europe, Amsterdam</b> "Are Judges Political Animals After All? Quasi-experimental Evidence from the German Federal Constitutional Court."

## Skills

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### Programming

- R, 4 years of professional experience, taught in multiple classes
- Python, 1 year of applied experience

## Statistical Software

- Stata, 7 years of professional experience, taught in multiple classes
- SPSS, 1 year of professional experience

## Others

- SQL, 1 year of professional experience in building databases for projects
- Latex, 4 years of professional experience

## Languages

- Languages: German (native), English (fluent), French (advanced)

## References

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- Prof. Christoph Hennige, University of Hannover, c.hoennige@ipw.uni-hannover.de, +49 (0) 511-762-3881
- Prof. Sabine Saurugger, Institut d'études Politiques de Grenoble, sabine.saurugger@sciencespo-grenoble.fr, +33 (0) 476-826-076

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