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academic positions

Humboldt University of Berlin

Postdoctoral research and teaching fellow, Department of Social Sciences, Chair of Comparative Political Behavior, 2017–Present.

University of Mannheim

Postdoctoral research fellow, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), 2016–2017.

Duke University

Visiting research fellow, Department of Political Science, 2014.

University of Konstanz

Research and teaching assistant, Chair for Survey Research (Peter Selb), 2011–2016. Parental leave October–December 2015.

Stipendiary, Center for Quantitative Methods and Survey Research, 2009–2011. Project "Integrating Disparate Data into a Geographic Information System of the German Electoral Districts" (together with Peter Selb and Susumu Shikano).

Student Assistant, 2006–2009. Work at the chairs of Wolfgang Seibel, Rainer Schnell, Thomas Bräuninger, Susumu Shikano, and Christoph Knill.

education

University of Konstanz

Ph.D., Political Science, Graduate School of Decision Sciences, University of Konstanz, 2015.
Grade: summa cum laude. Thesis: *Contributions to the Measurement of Public Opinion in Subpopulations.* Committee: Peter Selb, Susumu Shikano, Michael D. Ward.

M.A., Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz, 2011.
Grade: 1.0; ranked 1st among 35 students. Thesis: *Political Representation Of Constituents' Attitudes Towards Nuclear Power Phaseout. A Bayesian Hierarchical Approach Exploiting Sparse Survey Data And Geographic Information.* Supervisors: Peter Selb, Susumu Shikano.

B.A., Political and Administrative Science, University of Konstanz, 2009. Grade: 1.5; ranked 5th among 61 students. Thesis: *Vote Overreporting. Ein einfaches Erklärungsmodell auf Basis der Wahlbeteiligung.* Supervisor: Peter Selb.

awards
& grants

2017. Daimler Benz Foundation, Postgraduates and Junior Professors Fellowship Program. "Citizen and Elite Activity on the Wikipedia Market Place of Political Information." Total amount: EUR 40,000.

2016. VolkswagenStiftung. "Paying Attention to Attention: Media Exposure and Opinion Formation in an Age of Information Overload." Co-applicants: Dr. Pablo Barberá, Dr. Andrew Guess, Dr. JungHwan Yang. 2017–2019. Total amount: EUR 736,600.

2014. DFG / Excellence Initiative Research Fellowship at the Department of Political Science, Duke University (granted for five months).

2014. ALLBUS Award for the best paper published using data from the German General Social Survey, awarded by GESIS–Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (together with Paul Bauer) for *"Political Depolarization in German Public Opinion, 1980-2010"*.

2014. Best Paper Award of the German Society for Electoral Studies (DGfW), together with Peter Selb, for *"Estimating Constituency Preferences from Sparse Survey Data Using Auxiliary Geographic Information"*.

2011. VEUK Award (Verein der Ehemaligen der Universität Konstanz) for best M.A. thesis.

2009–2011. Stipendiary at the Center for Quantitative Methods and Survey Research.

publications

Monographs

Simon Munzert. 2015. *Contributions to the Measurement of Public Opinion in Subpopulations.* Konstanz: Universität Konstanz. PhD Thesis.

Simon Munzert, Christian Rubba, Peter Meißner, and Dominic Nyhuis. 2014. *Automated Data Collection with R. A Practical Guide to Web Scraping and Text Mining.* Chichester: John Wiley & Sons.
Accompanying website: http://r-datacollection.com/
Review in *JStatSoft*: https://www.jstatsoft.org/article/view/v068b03

Journal articles (peer-reviewed)

Sascha Göbel and **Simon Munzert**. "Political Advertising on the Wikipedia Market Place of Information." Forthcoming at *Social Science Computer Review.*

Simon Munzert. 2017. "Forecasting elections at the constituency level: A correction–combination procedure." *International Journal of Forecasting* 33(2): 467–481.

Simon Munzert and Peter Selb. 2017. "Measuring Political Knowledge in Web-Based Surveys: An Experimental Validation of Visual versus Verbal Instruments." *Social Science Computer Review* 25(2): 167–183.

Peter Selb and **Simon Munzert**. 2016. "Forecasting the 2013 Bundestag Election Using Many Polls and Historical Election Results." *German Politics* 25(1): 73–83.

Michael Herrmann, **Simon Munzert**, and Peter Selb. 2016. "Determining the Effect of Strategic Voting on Election Results." *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society (Series A)* 179(2): 583–605.

Julian Bernauer and **Simon Munzert**. 2014. "Loyal to the Game? Strategic Policy Representation in Mixed Electoral Systems." *Representation* 50(1): 83–97.

Simon Munzert and Paul Bauer. 2013. "Political Depolarization in German Public Opinion, 1980–2010." *Political Science Research and Methods* 1(1): 67–89. *Winner of the ALLBUS Award 2015 for the best paper published using data from the German General Social Survey, awarded by GESIS–-Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences.*

Peter Selb, Michael Herrmann, **Simon Munzert**, Thomas Schübel, and Susumu Shikano. 2013 "Forecasting Runoff Elections Using Candidate Evaluations From First Round Exit Polls." *International Journal of Forecasting* 29: 541–547.

Peter Selb and **Simon Munzert**. 2013. "Voter Overrepresentation, Vote Misreporting and Turnout Bias in Postelection Surveys." *Electoral Studies* 32(1): 186–196.

Peter Selb and **Simon Munzert**. 2011 "Estimating Constituency Preferences from Sparse Survey Data Using Auxiliary Geographic Information." *Political Analysis* 19(4): 455–470. *Winner of the Best Paper Award 2015 of the German Society for Electoral Studies (DGfW).*

Other articles

Simon Munzert. 2014. "Big Data in der Forschung! Big Data in der Lehre? Ein Vorschlag zur Erweiterung der bestehenden Methodenausbildung." *Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft* 24(1-2): 207–222.

Book chapters

Simon Munzert. Forthcoming. "Auf dem Weg zu einer fundierten Softwareausbildung in der Politikwissenschaft," in *Big Data: Große Möglichkeiten oder große Probleme?*, edited by Joachim Behnke, Andreas Blätte, Kai-Uwe Schnapp, and Claudius Wagemann. Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, Baden-Baden.

Susumu Shikano, **Simon Munzert**, Thomas Schübel, Michael Herrmann, and Peter Selb. 2014. "Eine empirische Schätzmethode der Valenz-Issues auf der Basis der Kandidatenbeurteilung am Beispiel der Konstanzer Oberbürger-meisterwahl

2012," in *Jahrbuch für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie 8*, edited by André Bächtiger, Eric Linhart, and Bernhard Kittel. Wiesbaden: Springer, 113–131.

Book reviews

Simon Munzert. 2014. Review of *XML and Web Technologies for Data Sciences with R* by Deborah Nolan and Duncan Temple Lang. *Journal of Statistical Software* 81: Book Review 1.

Working papers

Peter Selb and **Simon Munzert**. "Examining a Most Likely Case for Strong Campaign Effects: Hitler's Speeches and the Rise of the Nazi Party, 1927–1933." (Submitted)

Simon Munzert. "Using Wikipedia Article Traffic Volume to Measure Public Issue Attention."

Simon Munzert. "Measuring the Significance of Political Elites."

Simon Munzert and Andreas E. Murr. "Forecasting Turnout at UK Elections."

Paul C. Bauer, Pablo Barberá, and **Simon Munzert**. "The Quality of Citations: Towards Quantifying Qualitative Impact in Social Science Research."

<p style="color:red">invited talks
& workshops</p>

"Networks of Knowledge and the Study of Political Behavior." Keynote speech, Graduate School of Decision Sciences, Konstanz, 2016.

"Examining a Most Likely Case for Strong Campaign Effects: Hitler's Speeches and the Rise of the Nazi Party, 1927–1933." Research colloquium, Mannheim, 2016.

"A Primer on Web Scraping with R." One-day workshop, Joint Statistical Meetings, Chicago, IL, 2016.

"Empirical Economic and Social Research Workshop." ZEW/MZES Mannheim, 2016.

"International Research in Computational Social Sciences." GESIS Cologne, 2016.

"Messung öffentlicher Aufmerksamkeit mit Wikipedia-Zugriffsstatistiken." Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen, 2015.

"Measuring Political Knowledge in Web-Based Surveys." GESIS Mannheim, 2015.

"Introduction to Web Scraping with R." Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, 2015.

"A Primer on Web Scraping with R." Two-day workshop, University of Bamberg, 2015.

"Web Scraping with R." Workshop, Duke University, 2014.

"Automatisierte Datenerhebung im World Wide Web mit R." Three-day workshop, University of Bern, 2014.

"Introduction to Web Scraping with R." Workshop on Automating Online Data Collection in R, University of Zurich, 2013.

"Sind Wähler wirklich wetterfühlig? Die Wahlbeteiligung bei den Bundestagswahlen unter der meteorologischen Lupe." Lange Nacht der Wissenschaft, Konstanz, 2012.

"Introduction to R and Web Scraping." Workshop on Automating Data Collection in R, Mannheim, 2012.

"Estimating Constituency Preferences from Sparse Survey Data Using Auxiliary Geographic Information." Journée d'etudes: Assessing the Impact of Geography on the Vote, SciencePo Paris, 2012.

conferences with presentations

Annual Conference of the DVPW Working Group on Elections: 2015

Annual Conference of the DVPW Working Group on Political Methodology: 2014, 2016 (co-organizer)

Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2014

Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA): 2011, 2013 (panel chair), 2015

General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA): 2012, 2013, 2014 (panel chair, discussant), 2016 (discussant)

Annual Convention of the Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW): 2013 (discussant)

Webdatanet Conference: 2015 (roundtable organizer)

The Empiricist's Challenge Conference: 2015

service to the profession

Referee for *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, *Knowledge and Information Systems*, *Party Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Public Choice*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Social Science Computer Review*, *Survey Research Methods*, *Swiss Political Science Review*.

Manuscript review for *John Wiley & Sons*.

Member of *Midwest Political Science Association*, *European Survey Research Association*, *European Political Science Association*, *Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft*.

survey project management

Political Science and Public Administration Alumni Panel Survey, University of Konstanz, 2014/15. Design, programming and monitoring.

University of Konstanz Canteen survey, 2014. Design, programming and monitoring.

Journalist Expert Survey on the German Federal Election, 2013. Design, programming and monitoring.

Survey on Studies and Politics, University of Konstanz, 2012. Design, programming and monitoring.

Exit poll at Konstanz mayoral election, 2012. Design and field work, data processing.

media attention   Spektrum.de, 21 November 2016, "Wikipedia – Liebling der Wissenschaft" by Stefan Mey.

Slate.fr, 19 August 2016, "Hitler, cet orateur surestimé" by Jean-Marie Pottier.

Statistics Views, 15 December 2014, "Automated Data Collection with R: A Practical Guide to Web Scraping and Text Mining. An interview with co-author Simon Munzert."

Südkurier, 27 August 2013, "Erste deutschlandweite Umfragen auf Wahlkreisebene."

The Monkey Cage, 22 August 2013, "(Not Much) Political Polarization in Europe" by Larry Bartels.

The Monkey Cage, 25 July 2013, "Political Depolarization in Germany" by Andrew Gelman.

Südkurier, 8 July 2012, "Was die Forscher zur OB-Wahl sagen."

Südkurier, 2 May 2012, "Wie das Wetter die Politik beeinflusst."

skills   *Software*: R, Stata, SPSS, LaTeX, JAGS, WinBUGS, QuantumGIS, SQL; code repository and replication archive: github.com/simonmunzert

Languages: German (native), English (fluent)

references   Available upon request.

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