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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 10/24 - today      **Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (IAST)**  
*Postdoctoral Research Fellow*  
Institution: Toulouse School of Economics (TSE)
- 10/24 - today      **Humboldt Governance Lab (Humboldt GovLab)**  
*Affiliated Researcher*  
Institution: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

## EDUCATION

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- 09/21 - 09/24      **The Dynamics of Demography, Democratic Processes and Public Policy**  
*Doctorate (Dr. phil.) in Political Science (summa cum laude)*  
Title: Illiberal Politics in Contemporary Democracies: Electoral, Institutional, and Behavioral Consequences  
Committee: Heike Klüver (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), Mark A. Kayser (Hertie School), Rafaela M. Dancygier (Princeton University)
- 02/23 - 05/23      **Princeton University**  
*Visiting Researcher*  
Sponsor: Rafaela M. Dancygier  
Institution: The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice  
Initiative: Initiatives on Contemporary European Affairs (ICEA)
- 04/19 - 08/21      **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**  
*M.A. Social Sciences*  
Final Grade (German): 1.0 ("A")
- 10/14 - 03/19      **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**  
*B.A. Social Sciences*  
Final Grade (German): 1.0 ("A")

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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My research focuses on the **political economy of crime and discrimination**, examining how legal reforms and state actors impact public perceptions of and behavior toward marginalized groups.

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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### *Panic at the Courtroom: Can Legislative Action against Discrimination in Court Reduce Violence?*

Can legislative measures against discrimination in court reduce bias-motivated behavior? This study examines the impact of criminal code reforms that prohibit the LGBTQ+ “panic” defense, a legal strategy that attributes a defendant’s violent actions to a victim’s sexual orientation or gender identity, on the incidence of hate crimes. I argue that such reforms operate through two mechanisms: first, by increasing the material costs of engaging in bias-motivated violence through heightened legal sanctions, and second, by signaling institutional disapproval of violence as a means of enforcing heteronormative and masculinist norms. To assess the causal effect of these reforms, I exploit the staggered adoption of LGBTQ+ “panic” defense bans across US states and employ a difference-in-differences design. The findings indicate that states implementing bans experience a significant reduction in anti-LGBTQ+ hate crimes. This study advances scholarship on minority rights, policy feedback, and the criminal justice system by demonstrating how legal reforms shape social norms and constrain bias-driven violence. The results also have direct implications for policymakers and advocates seeking to mitigate hate crimes through judicial and legislative interventions.

- Selected presentations: EPSA, MPSA, TxECW, CESS, NPBW
- Target journals: British Journal of Criminology; The American Journal of Political Science

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Haas, V. I., Bogatyrev, K., Abou-Chadi, T., Klüver, H., & Stoetzer, L. (2025). The Electoral Effects of State-Sponsored Anti-LGBTQ Measures. *Conditionally Accepted at The Journal of Politics*, [https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/wvnbr\\_v3](https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/wvnbr_v3)

Haas, V. I., Stoetzer, L. F., Schleiter, P., & Klüver, H. (2023). Can wedge strategies by mainstream parties cross-cut the anti-immigration far right vote?. *Electoral Studies*, 83, 102617. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2023.102617>

## WORKING PAPERS & WORK IN PROGRESS

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1. *The Police as Gatekeepers of Information: Immigration Salience and Selective Crime Reporting*  
with Ashrakat Elshehawy, Arun Frey, Sascha Riaz, and Tobias Roemer
  - Draft available upon request
  - Target journal: American Political Science Review
2. *Beyond Persuasion: Protest’s Direct Behavioral Impact on Bystanders*  
with Daniel Bischof, Ferdinand Geissler, Johannes Giesecke, Felix Hartmann, Macartan Humphreys, Heike Klüver, Lukas Stötzer, and Tim Wappenhans
  - Pre-print: <https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/42s8e>
  - Target Journals: Nature (submitted and under consideration); Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

3. *Electoral Responses to Local Cooperations with Radical-Right Parties*  
with Phillip Heyna, Hanno Hilbig, Tim Wappenhans
  - Draft available upon request
  - Target journals: The Journal of Politics; British Journal of Political Science
4. *How Good Ancestors Make Good Citizens: Norm Legacies and the Activation of Civic Virtue*  
with Mirko Wegemann
  - Early work in progress
  - Registered Report to be submitted to: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE & SUPERVISION

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06/25	<b>Inclusion/exclusion in the political sphere: suffrage extensions and quotas</b> Institution: Toulouse Summer School in Quantitative Social Sciences Position: Instructor for student presentations and discussion
02/25 & 01/26	<b>Guest Lecture: Introduction to Large Language Models in Social Sciences</b> Institution: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Position: Guest Lecturer
10/23 - 03/24	<b>Hate in Context: Investigating Contextual Drivers of Bias-Motivated Crime</b> Institution: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Position: Lecturer Syllabus: <a href="#">here</a>
10/22 - 03/23	<b>Comparative Politics and International Relations</b> Institution: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Position: Lecturer Student Evaluation: overall assesment 4/4 (average of other lecturers: 3.8)
10/15 - 03/19	<b>Statistics I &amp; II</b> Institution: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Position: Teaching Assistant
10/16 - 11/16	<b>Orientation Days for First-Year Students</b> Institution: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Course: Introduction to the Techniques of Scientific Work Position: Teaching Assistant

Supervision:

- Co-supervisor. Bachelor's Thesis. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. 2025.

## GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

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- **Fellowship Summer School for Women in Political Methodology**  
Organization: University of Basel  
Type: Full tuition costs and accommodation
- **Faculty Award for Good Teaching (2nd place)**  
Organization: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
Type: Teaching Grant

- **Enrollment and Student Health Care Fee Grant**  
Organization: The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice  
Type: Research stay at Princeton University
- **Department Young Scholar Grant**  
Organization: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
Type: Visa and travel costs for research stay
- **Erasmus+ Staff Training Mobility Grant**  
Sending Organization: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
Receiving Organization: Central European University (CEU), Budapest  
Type: ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques fees

## ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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01/20 - 08/21	<b>Editorial Assistant, The Journal of Politics (JOP)</b> Field: Comparative Political Behaviour
09/19 - 08/21	<b>Research Assistant, Cluster of Excellence "Contestations of the Liberal Script"</b> Institution: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Project: "Social Inequalities, Migration and the Rise of Populist Parties"
10/18 - 08/19	<b>Research Assistant, Chair of Comparative Political Behavior</b> Institution: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
02/16 - 06/16	<b>Research Assistant, Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP)</b> Institution: German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) Field: Empirical Migration and Integration Research
10/15 - 03/19	<b>Research &amp; Teaching Assistant, Chair of Empirical Social Research</b> Institution: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Courses: Statistics I & Statistics II

## SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

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(Co-)Organizer of:

- *General Seminar Speaker Series at IAST 2025/2026 ([programme](#))*
- *Workshop on the Political Economy of Autocratic Rule & Democratic Backsliding at IAST, 2025 ([programme](#))*
- *The Queer Politics Webinar (terms: 2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26)*
- *The Empirical Political Science in Progress (EPSIP) Colloquium at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin 2021/2022*

Mentor for:

- *The EPSA LGBTQ+ Mentorship Program*

Reviewer for:

- *The Journal of Politics, The European Journal of Political Research, European Political Science Review, Electoral Studies, and the Swiss Political Science Review*

## INVITED TALKS

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- *Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung (MZES) Speaker Series, Fall 2025*
- *Progressive Politics Research Network Workshop, Fall 2025*
- *Fritz Thyssen Stiftung Workshop “Bridging Boundaries: Advancing Gender and Politics through Quantitative Methods,” Spring 2025*
- *Zurich Workshop “Representation in Divided Democracies,” Spring 2025*
- *EUI Political Behaviour Colloquium, Fall 2023*
- *Queer Politics Webinar, Spring 2023*

## CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

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26 - 28/06/25	28th IPSA World Congress of Political Science
26 - 28/06/25	15th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)
23 - 25/10/24	Nordic Political Behavior Workshop (NPBW)
24 - 27/09/24	29th Conference of the German Political Science Association (DVPW)
04 - 06/07/24	14th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)
15 - 26/05/24	Interdisciplinary Workshop on Identity and Politics
21 - 24/06/23	13th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)
13 - 16/04/23	80th Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
24 - 25/02/23	Texas Economics of Crime Workshop (TxECW)
03 - 04/03/23	Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Social Science (CESS)
14 - 15/07/22	OX/BER Workshop on Political Behaviour and Comparative Political Economy
23 - 26/06/22	12th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)
21 - 22/04/22	European Graduate Network Conference (EGNC)
05/11/21	WZB Workshop - The Rise of Grassroots Radicalism and its Political Effects

## SUMMER SCHOOLS & TRAINING

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16 - 22/07/23	<b>Summer School for Women in Political Methodology 2023</b> Courses: Function and packages in R, Advanced Graphics in R, Web-Scraping, Text Analysis, Word Embeddings, Images as Data
20/07/23	<b>Image Analysis</b>
25- 26/11/22	<b>Advances in the Difference-in-Differences Design</b>
07/22 - 08/22	<b>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis</b> Course: Causal Inference and Experiments in the Social Sciences
12/11/22	<b>Survey Experiments (Online Workshop)</b>
10/11/22	<b>Online Experiments (Online Workshop)</b>
15 - 17/09/22	<b>Spatial Data Analysis (Online Workshop)</b>
07/19 - 08/19	<b>ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques</b> Courses: Introduction and Advanced Quantitative Text Analysis

## SKILLS

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Language Skills	German (native) Spanish (native) English (fluent) French (conversational)
Computing Skills	R (advanced) STATA (advanced) Python (advanced) $\text{\LaTeX}$ (advanced)