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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

10/24 - today **Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (IAST)**
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Institution: Toulouse School of Economics (TSE)

AFFILIATIONS

10/24 - today **Humboldt Governance Lab (Humboldt GovLab)**
Affiliated Researcher
Institution: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

EDUCATION

09/21 - 09/24 **The Dynamics of Demography, Democratic Processes and Public Policy**
Doctorate (Dr. phil., Ph.D.) 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)

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 VISITS

2025 **Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung (MZES)**
Visiting Fellowship for Postdocs
Institution: University of Mannheim

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)

RESEARCH

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research focuses on the **politics of belonging**, examining how institutions and elites shape public perceptions of and behavior toward marginalized communities.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Haas, V. I., Bogatyrev, K., Abou-Chadi, T., Klüver, H., & Stoetzer, L. (2025). The Electoral Effects of State-Sponsored Anti-LGBTQ Measures. *Accepted at The Journal of Politics*, <https://doi.org/10.1086/739782>

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

1. **Panic at the Courtroom: Can Legislative Action against Discrimination in Court Reduce Violence?**
 - Draft available upon request
 - Target journal: American Political Science Review
2. **The Police as Gatekeepers of Information: Immigration Salience and Selective Crime Reporting**
with Ashrakat Elshehawy, Arun Frey, Sascha Riaz, and Tobias Roemer
 - Pre-print: <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/trhys-v1>
 - Under Review
3. **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>
 - Under Review
4. **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
5. **How Good Ancestors Make Good Citizens: Norm Legacies and the Activation of Pro-Social Behavior**
with Mirko Wegemann
 - Early work in progress
 - To be submitted as Registered Report
6. **Signs of Belonging: Measuring Group Segregation and Contact in Space using AI**
 - Early work in progress

- Grant awarded by the Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) at George Mason University, Cosmos x IHS AI-Accelerated Scholarship Program

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- **Cosmos x IHS AI-Accelerated Scholarship Grant**
Organization: Institute for Humane Studies (IHS)
Type: Project Funding
Project: Signs of Belonging: Measuring Group Segregation and Contact in Space using AI
- **MZES Visiting Fellowship for Postdocs**
Organization: University of Mannheim
Type: Full coverage of visit
- **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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & SUPERVISION

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

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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

INVITED TALKS

2026: Department of Political Science Speaker Series, University of Barcelona

Political representation and minority interests in democracy Workshop, Aarhus University

Behavioural Political Economy workshop, the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

2025: MZES Speaker Series, Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung

Progressive Politics Research Network Workshop, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Fritz Thyssen Stiftung Workshop “Bridging Boundaries: Advancing Gender and Politics through Quantitative Methods,” Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich

Workshop on Representation in Divided Democracies, ETH Zurich

2023: Political Behaviour Colloquium, European University Institute

Queer Politics Webinar, Online

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Conferences:

- International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress: 2025
- European Political Science Association (EPSA): 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- German Political Science Association (DVPW): 2024
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2023

Workshops & Specialized Conferences:

2024: Interdisciplinary Workshop on Identity and Politics, Toulouse School of Economics

Nordic Political Behavior Workshop, Aarhus University

2023: Texas Economics of Crime Workshop, University of Texas Austin

Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Social Science, New York University

2022: OX/BER Workshop on Political Behaviour and Comparative Political Economy, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

European Graduate Network Conference, European University Institute

2021: The Rise of Grassroots Radicalism and its Political Effects Workshop, Berlin Social Science Center

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

(Co-)Organizer:

- IAST General Seminar Speaker Series 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:

- The EPSA LGBTQ+ Mentorship Program

Reviewer:

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

SELECTED OUTREACH

Interview for: *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. (2023, March 22). Münster: Urteil im Fall Malte C. [Link](#)

Blog post for: *Humboldt Governance Lab*. (2025, December 2). Gewinnt man mit Homophobie Wahlen? [Link](#)

SUMMER SCHOOLS & TRAINING

Summer Schools:

2023: **Summer School for Women in Political Methodology**

Courses: Function and packages in R, Advanced Graphics in R, Web-Scraping, Text Analysis, Word Embeddings, Images as Data

2022: **Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis**

Course: Causal Inference and Experiments in the Social Sciences

2019: **ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques**

Courses: Introduction and Advanced Quantitative Text Analysis

Other Training:

Image Analysis; Advances in the Difference-in-Differences Design; Survey Experiments; Online Experiments; Spatial Data Analysis

SKILLS

Language Skills	German (native) Spanish (native) English (fluent) French (conversational)
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Computing Skills	R (advanced) STATA (advanced) Python (advanced) L ^A T _E X (advanced)
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