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Current position

2020-current RESEARCH FELLOW, WZB Berlin Social Science Center

Areas of specialisation

Political Sociology, Comparative Political Science, Far Right, Protest, Extremism, Computational Social Science

Education

- 2020-current PHD in Political Sociology, Freie Universität Berlin
Dissertation (submitted): *Mainstreaming the Far Right: How Far-Right Actors and Ideas Shape Public Debates*
Supervisors: Prof. Swen Hutter. Prof. Caterina Froio
- 2022 VISITING RESEARCHER at the Center for Research on Extremism (C-REX), University of Oslo
- 2016-2019 MASTER OF ARTS in Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Thesis: *Deliberative Democracy in the Age of Social Media: Political Discourses on Facebook during Election Campaigns*; Degree: Distinction
- 2018 VISITING STUDENT in European Studies, King's College London
- 2012-2016 BACHELOR OF ARTS in Political Science, Communication and Sociology, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Degree: Distinction
- 2014-2015 VISITING STUDENT in Political Communication, Università degli Studi di Milano

Academic positions

- 2020-current RESEARCH FELLOW at the Center for Civil Society Research, WZB; Protest Monitoring, MOTRA funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Federal Ministry of the Interior
- 2018-2021 RESEARCH FELLOW at Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Berlin, Project lead of a project on digital education which was part of the Initiative "Gemeinsam Digital" funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

- 2016-2017 RESEARCH ASSISTANT at Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Project direction: Prof. Andrea Römmele
- 2016 RESEARCH ASSISTANT at Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Project direction: Prof. Hartwig Hummel

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED)

- 2024 Völker, Teresa and Daniel Saldivia Gonzatti, (2024). Discourse Networks of the Far Right: How Far-Right Actors become Mainstream in Public Debates. *Political Communication*, DOI: 10.1080/10584609.2024.2308601
- 2023 Völker, Teresa (2023), 'How terrorist attacks distort public debates: a comparative study of right-wing and Islamist extremism', *Journal of European Public Policy*, DOI: 10.1080/13501763.2023.2269194
- 2019 Völker, Teresa (2019), 'Deliberative Democracy in the Age of Social Media', *Revista Publicum* 5(2).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Völker, Teresa (2024), 'Extrem normal. Die zunehmende Sichtbarkeit der äußersten Rechten' *WZB Mitteilungen* 183
- 2023 Völker, Teresa (2023), "The Drivers of Far-Right Mainstreaming in Public Debates". *OxPol - The Oxford University Politics Blog*, 13.12.2024.
- Völker, Teresa (2023), 'Politischer Protest und Radikalisierung. MOTRA-Monitor 2022', (with Swen Hutter, Eylem Kanol, Daniel Saldivia Gonzatti, Lennart Schürmann, Ruud Koopmans) *MOTRA-Monitor*
- Völker, Teresa (2023), 'Effect of Ideology on Threat Perception and Support for Counter-Terrorism: Experimental Evidence from Germany', (*OSF Pre-Registration*)
- 2022 Völker, Teresa (2022), 'Terror und Öffentlichkeit. Auf rechtsextreme und islamistische Anschläge wird unterschiedlich reagiert' *WZB Mitteilungen* 176
- Völker, Teresa (2022), 'Politischer Protest und Radikalisierung. MOTRA-Monitor 2021', (with Edgar Grande, Swen Hutter, Ruud Koopmans, Sophia Hunger, Eylem Kanol, Daniel Saldivia Gonzatti) *MOTRA-Monitor*
- 2021 Völker, Teresa (2021), 'Politischer Protest und Radikalisierung. MOTRA-Monitor 2020', (with Edgar Grande, Swen Hutter, Ruud Koopmans, Sophia Hunger, Eylem Kanol, Daniel Saldivia Gonzatti) *MOTRA-Monitor*
- Völker, Teresa (2021), 'Der Verlust der Vielfalt Die Corona-Protteste in Deutschland werden durch eine radikale Minderheit geprägt'. *WZB Mitteilungen*, (with Sophia Hunger, Daniel Saldivia Gonzatti) *WZB Mitteilungen* 172

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Völker, Teresa, Title blinded for Review Process, (*Under Review*)
- Völker, Teresa, 'Discourse Alliances of the Far Right: How the Far Right Interacts with the Political Mainstream' (with Daniel Saldivia Gonzatti), (*full draft*)
- Völker, Teresa, Distortion or Reality? How the Public perceives Extremism and Violence, (*working paper*)

SOFTWARE

- 2021 Völker, Teresa (2021), 'PolDem Coding Tool, Version 1' (with Sophia Hunger, Swen Hutter, Jan Dix, Johannes Müller), (*Gitlab*)

Grants, honours & awards

- 2022 FRIENDS OF THE WZB AWARD for excellent research of general societal relevance, 1,000 EURO

Teaching

- 2024 INSTRUCTOR, MASTER COLLOQUIUM Department of Political and Social Sciences at Freie Universität Berlin, (2 hrs, weekly, one semester, co-taught)
- 2022-2023 INSTRUCTOR, MASTER RESEARCH SEMINAR 'Dynamics of Protest Politics' at Freie Universität Berlin, (4 hrs, weekly, one semester, co-taught)
- 2023 INSTRUCTOR, GUEST LECTURE, BACHELOR SEMINAR 'Die Demokratie und ihre aktuellen Herausforderungen' at LMU München, Politische Institutionen in Deutschland (4 hrs)
- 2022 WORKSHOP AND CERTIFICATE Didactics and Teaching in Higher Education, Lernreich / WZB Berlin

Conferences & Workshop Presentations

- 2024 COUNCIL FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES (CES) Annual Conference, Lyon, presenter & panel chair
WORKSHOP Workshop on Responding to the demand? Voters' grievances, PRR success, and mainstream party strategies, Swansea University, South Wales, presenter
DVPW Annual Conference, German Political Science Association, Göttingen, presenter
CONFERENCE Rechtsextremismus anno 2024, bpb, Düsseldorf, presenter
CONFERENCE Radikaler Islam – Radikaler Anti-Islam (RIRA), Duisburg-Essen, presenter
CONFERENCE Dimensions of right-wing extremism in Europe, ZIF Bielefeld, presenter
- 2023 CONFERENCE Centre for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM), Berlin, presenter
ECPR General Conference, Prague, presenter
WORKSHOP Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society, Berlin, presenter
EPSA Annual Conference, Glasgow, presenter & panel discussant
MOTRA-K CONFERENCE Multiple Crisis, Wiesbaden, panel chair
WORKSHOP Far Right Research in Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, presenter
- 2022 SEMINAR University of Bergen, Department of Government, DIGSSCORE, presenter
MOTRA-K CONFERENCE Radicalisation in times of Corona, Wiesbaden, presenter & chair
ECPR General Conference, Innsbruck, presenter & panel chair
ECPR Standing Group on Extremism & Democracy, Paris, presenter
EPSA Annual Conference, Prague, presenter
SEMINAR Politik von Unten Kolloquium, presenter
WORKSHOP Political Behavior Berlin-Hamburg, Berlin, presenter
SEMINAR C-REX - Center for Research on Extremism - Seminar, Oslo, presenter
SEMINAR Institute for Social Research Seminar, Oslo, presenter
- 2021 WORKSHOP Methodological Challenges and Opportunities of Researching Radical Right Communication, Aalborg University / Scuola Normale Superiore, presenter

- WORKSHOP The Rise of Grassroots Radicalism and its Political Effects, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, presenter
- WORKSHOP Contentious Interactions: Frontiers in Protest Research, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, panel chair
- WORKSHOP Political Behavior Berlin-Brandenburg, presenter
- ECPR General Conference, presenter
- DVPW Annual Conference, German Political Science Association, presenter
- 2019 Conference University College Dublin, Future Visions for a Democratic Internet, presenter

Invited talks

- 2023 Soziokulturelles Zentrum, Bochum, 'Die Normalisierung der Rechten in Europa'
- 2022 Workshop Humboldt Residency-Programm | Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung, WZB
- 2022 Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung & Das NETTZ 'Demokratie im Netz'
- 2021 Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, European Citizenship and the Future of Democracy

Additional training

- 2022 ECPR STANDING GROUP ON EXTREMISM & DEMOCRACY SUMMER SCHOOL, Paris, Concepts and Methods for Research on Far-right Politics
- 2022 WZB Media Training for Social Scientists, DLF & SPIEGEL Journalist
- 2021 WZB Workshop: R Markdown
- 2021 GESIS Seminar in Computational Social Sciences, Social Network Analysis with R
- 2021 Freie Universität Seminar Seminar, Quantitative survey Analysis with R
- 2020 ECPR Virtual Methods School in association with CEU Budapest, Quantitative Text Analysis

Language & Software Skills

- Languages German (native), English (fluent), French (advanced), Italian (basic)
- Software R, LaTeX, Markdown, MS-Office, Zotero, CMS

Academic & other services

- Since 2018 Editor of the Science Blog 'Elephant in the Lab'
- Since 2020 Member of the Leibniz PhD network
- 2021-2023 Academic council representative for research unit, WZB
- 2020-2021 PhD representative at WZB

Professional Membership & Services

- Memberships European Political Science Association (EPSA), European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR),
- Reviewer Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (DVPW) European Journal for Political Research, Social Movement Studies, Journal of Politics

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