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Academic Positions

08/2021 – now
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Transformation of Democracy Unit, WZB Berlin Social Science Center

04/2024 – 06/2024
Visiting Scholar, Nuffield College, Oxford University. Faculty Sponsor: Tarik Abou-Chadi

09/2022 – 12/2022
Visiting Scholar, Center for European Studies, Harvard University. Faculty Sponsor: Daniel Ziblatt

10/2018 – 08/2021
Doctoral Research Fellow, DFG-Project 'Coalitionpolicy', Chair of Comparative Political Behavior, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

02/2021 – 05/2021
Visiting Doctoral Fellow, Department of Political Sciences, European University Institute, Italy
Faculty Sponsor: Elias Dinas

Education

10/2018 – 03/2022
Doctorate in Political Science at Humboldt University Berlin
Dissertation Title: *Party Polarization and Political Representation in Contemporary Democracies*
Committee: Heike Klüver (first supervisor), Mark Kayser, Daniel Ziblatt, Anselm Hager, Jochen Müller
Graduate of the "DYNAMICS"-Program at Humboldt University and Hertie School

04/2016 – 09/2018
Master of Arts in Political Science, University of Potsdam

08/2017 – 12/2017
Visiting Student, Graduate Program at the Department of Political Science, Duke University, USA

10/2012 – 03/2016
Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Administration and Organization, University of Potsdam

09/2014 – 01/2015
Visiting Student, Department of Political Science, Bogazici University, Turkey

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Exposure to Political Violence Does Not Reduce Political Involvement Among Women. (2025). With Jeyhun Alizade, Marius Grünewald, Thomas Tichelbäcker. European Journal of Political Research.

Local Newspaper Decline and Political Polarization – Evidence from a Multiparty Setting. (2024). With Hanno Hilbig, Sascha Riaz, Philipp Tillmann. British Journal of Political Science.

Adopting restriction: how coalition governments respond to radical right parties. (2024). With Heike Klüver. West European Politics.

The Mobilizing Effect of Affective and Spatial Polarization. Evidence from Europe. (2024). Comparative Political Studies.

The electoral consequences of policy-making in coalition governments. (2023). With Heike Klüver, Anthea Alberto. Research & Politics.

Do Politicians Discriminate Against Constituents with an Immigration Background? Field Experimental Evidence from Germany. (2022). With Jeyhun Alizade. The Journal of Politics. JOP

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Blogpost.

Book Chapters

Understanding pledge-making in coalition agreements: Evidence from the COALITIONPOLICY Dataset. (Forthcoming). With Heike Klüver. In: T. Bräuninger & M. Debus (Eds.), Handbook on Coalition Politics. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Accepted for Publication

The Electoral Consequences of New Political Actors: Evidence from the German Greens. With Tom Arend, António Valentim. Cond. Accept at British Journal of Political Science.

Selected Working Papers

Political Attacks and Electoral Consequences: The Impact of Crimes Against Democratic Representatives.

Who Is the Volk? Rhetorical Cleavages in German Parliamentary Discourse, 1867–1918. With Caterina Chiopris, Brian Rathbun, Daniel Ziblatt.

Teaching and Teaching Assistance

04/2021 – 09/2021 *Political Polarization in Established Democracies.* BA-level Seminar, Humboldt University Berlin. **Eval:** 1.4 (1.0–6.0).

04/2020 – 09/2020 *Democratic Responsiveness and Representation: Introduction to Institutional and Behavioral Approaches.* BA-level Seminar, Humboldt University Berlin. **Eval:** 1.6 (1.0–6.0).

09/2019 – 12/2019 *Statistics 1: Descriptives, Inference, and Regression.* TA, MA-level Lab Sessions, Hertie School. **Eval:** 9.3 (10.0–1.0).

Research Grants

2024: WZB Seed Money: Funds to implement the project: "Conservative elites and anti-far-right mobilization" with Jeyhun Alizade. 9'500 EUR

2022: DAAD Postdoc Program Research Grant: Funds to research the role of crime against politicians at Harvard University. 10'932 EUR

Talks

2025 (planned) EPSA, Workshop "Representation in Divided Democracies" at ETH and UZH Zurich, "Democracy Colloquium" at University of Mainz, APSA
2024 GESIS "Multi-Data Perspectives on Democracy" Workshop, EPSA, Berlin Political Behavior Workshop, DVPW
2023 APSA, Berlin Political Behavior Workshop, MZES Mittelbau Colloquium at Mannheim University
2022 MPSA, EPSA, APSA, CES/Harvard University, "Electoral Violence and Politics" Workshop at University of Amsterdam
2021 MPSA, EPSA, APSA, DVPW, EUI Political Behavior Colloquium, WZB Talks, Berlin Political Behavior Workshop
2020 APSA, "Political Participation in Polarizing Times" Workshop at Free University Berlin, Berlin Political Behavior Workshop
2019 EPSA, DVPW Comparative Parliamentarism Section, "Comparative Research on Political Elites" Conference at Hertie School, Berlin Political Behavior Workshop

Service

Reviewer for Journals

American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, European Union Politics, West European Politics, Party Politics

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Organizer

TD Conceptions of Democracy Conference, Berlin Political Behavior Workshops, WZB's IPI-TD Brown Bag Seminar Series, TD Junior Scholars Workshops (with Hanno Hilbig), DVPW 2024 Panel on Political Extremism and Violence (with Jeyhun Alizade)

Skills

Languages

German (Native), English (Fluent, 112/120 TOEFL ibt), French (Basic, B1 DELF-certified)

Technical Skills

R, Python, Stata
- Experimental Analysis and Causal Inference
- Web Scraping and Automated Data Collection
- Quantitative Text Analysis and Natural Language Processing
- Deep Learning using PyTorch

LaTeX, HTML, Markdown