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CURRENT POSITION

- Post-Doctoral Research Fellow** 2021 – present
Center for Civil Society Research, WZB Berlin Social Science Center Berlin, GER
- Project: Political Protest and Radicalization, WZB Protest Monitoring & MOTRA (2021-2024); PI: Swen Hutter
 - Research Areas: Political Sociology, Public Discourses, Text Analysis, Comparative Politics
 - Organization: Lecture Series “Civil Society and Political Conflict” (2023-); Research Colloquium of the Center for Civil Society Research (2024-)
- Post-Doctoral Researcher** 2025 – present
Freie Universität Berlin Berlin, GER
- Research Unit: Political Sociology; Department of Political and Social Sciences
 - Research Areas: Political Sociology, Social Movement Studies

EDUCATION

- PhD Fellowship & Doctoral Studies in Comparative Politics** 2017 – 2022
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics & Cologne Graduate School, University of Cologne Cologne, GER
- Supervision: André Kaiser, Sven-Oliver Proksch
 - Dissertation Title: Statewide Parties’ Perspectives in the Long-Term Dynamics of Decentralization
 - Research Topics: Comparative Political Institutions, Party Politics, Quantitative Text Analysis, Territorial Politics, Parliaments in Presidentialism
- Master of Arts in Political Science; Minor: Energy Economics** 2014 – 2017
University of Cologne Cologne, GER
- Master Thesis: Comparing Electoral Behaviour in Direct Democratic Decisions and Elections of Representatives. Supervision: André Kaiser
- Research Residence Abroad** 2016
Universidad Nacional de San Martín Buenos Aires, ARG
- DAAD-Research Grant of the Global South Studies Center – Cologne
 - Project Area: Social Movements and Struggles for Participation
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Economics, and Economic History** 2011 – 2014
RWTH Aachen University Aachen, GER
- Bachelor Thesis: Local Autonomy and Centralisation in Venezuela
- Erasmus Semester Abroad** 2013
Université Jean Moulin, Lyon 3 Lyon, FRA
- ERASMUS Scholarship – Fields of Study: Politics, History, and Economics

EXPERIENCE

Visiting Scholar

2023

Polarization & Extremism Research & Innovation Lab, American University

Washington, DC, USA

- Research Visit with Focus on Far-Right Mainstreaming. Host: Cynthia Miller-Idriss

Research Assistant

2018 – 2020

Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne

Cologne, GER

- DFG Project „Decentralization and Electoral Geographies II“ (KA 1741/10-2)
Project Direction: André Kaiser, Leonce Röth
Research Areas: Research Conceptualization, Text-As-Data Analysis, Data Management
- Lecturer of *The Political System of Germany (BA Level)* with Lea Kaftan
- Bachelor Theses Supervision in Comparative Politics

Student Assistant

2015 – 2017

Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne

Cologne, GER

- DFG Project „Decentralization and Electoral Geographies“ (KA 1741/10-1)
Project Direction: André Kaiser, Leonce Röth

Chair of European and Multilevel Politics (Interim), University of Cologne

- Research and Data Collection for the Project *Parlamentarisation Process of the Parlasur* (2017).
PI: Dr. Aleksandra Maatsch
- Bachelor tutor of the lecture *The Political System of the EU*. Lecturer: Aleksandra Maatsch (2016)

TEACHING

Dynamics of Protest Politics. Perspectives from PEA (MA) | FU Berlin

10/2024 – 03/2025

- Research Seminar in Political Sociology; co-taught

Dynamics of Protest Politics (MA Level) | FU Berlin

10/2022 – 02/2023

- Research Seminar in Political Sociology; co-taught

Academic Supervision of MA & BA Theses | Free University of Berlin

10/2022 –

- Subject: Political Sociology

Análisis de Texto con R | Laboratorio Nacional de Políticas Públicas, CIDE - MEX

10/2020, 11/2021

- Text Analysis with R, Methods Workshop - in Spanish, online (2x)

Introduction to R (Workshop) | University of Cologne

10/2020

- Software Workshop at the Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, UoC
- Introductory Workshop for Students of MA Political Science – Online

The Political System of Germany (BA Level) | University of Cologne

10/2018 – 03/2019

- Lecturer; co-taught

Europa weiterdenken in NRW (High School Level) | Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

01/2018 – 04/2018

- Project Teacher in NRW High Schools; FES-NRW

The Political System of the EU (BA Level) | University of Cologne

04/2016 – 09/2016

- Lecture Tutor; Lecturer: Aleksandra Maatsch

- [5] **Far-Right Agenda Setting: How the Far Right Influences the Political Mainstream** 2025
 With Teresa Völker – *European Journal of Political Research*; Forthcoming.
 (Data Replication & Materials)
- [4] **Studying Multi-Level Systems with Cross-Level Data: Introducing Three Integrated Datasets** 2025
 With Leonce Röth, Lea Kaftan and André Kaiser – *British Journal of Political Science*, 55:e19. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123424000553> (Replication)
 (Github) (Datasets) (Data Portal: <http://multi-level-cross-level-politics.eu/>)
- [3] **A Revolt of the Distrustful? Political Trust, Political Protest and the Democratic Deficit** 2025
 With Edgar Grande – *Journal of European Public Policy* 32(8), 1986-2014.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2024.2447457> (Replication)
 Coverage in the FAS and the SZ
- [2] **Discourse Networks of the Far Right: How Far-Right Actors become Mainstream in Public Debates** 2024
 With Teresa Völker – *Political Communication* 41(3), 353–372.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2024.2308601> (Data Replication & Materials)
- [1] **Reputation Management during a Public Health Crisis: Overcompensating when All else Fails** 2023
 With Samanta Varela Castro and Edgar O. Bustos – *Public Administration Review* 83(5): 1234–1245. <https://doi.org/10.1111/puar.13638> (Data Replication) (ResearchGate)

WORKING PAPERS

- <Title hidden for review>
 With Sophia Hunger, Swen Hutter and Eylem Kanol – R&R at Journal of Peace Research
- <Title hidden for review>
 With Lennart Schürmann, Sophia Hunger and Swen Hutter – R&R at Political Behaviour
- The Long-run Dynamics of Decentralization: Regional Democracy and Statewide Governments' Strategies, 1950-2018**
 To Be Submitted
- Breeding Ground for Radicalization? Regional Determinants of Anti-Containment Protest in Germany**
 With Sophia Hunger, Swen Hutter and Eylem Kanol – To Be Submitted
- Legislative Debates in Presidential Systems. Government-Opposition Dynamics in MPs' Speeches in Latin America**
 With Jan Schwalbach – Full Draft
- Protest Dynamics, Issue Bricolage and Public Opinion in Germany, 1950-2022**
 With Sophia Hunger and Swen Hutter – Full Draft
- Mediated Party Positions from Newspapers**
 With Lea Kaftan and Leonce Röth – Full Draft

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Do Climate Protests Matter? The Political Potentials of Climate Mobilisation For a Progressive Agenda** 2024
With Swen Hutter. Research Brief Series 2: The Political Viability of Climate Policies, Progressive Politics Research Network (PPRNet), Nuffield College, Oxford.
- Optimized Dictionaries - A Semi-Automated Workflow of Concept Identification in Text-Data** 2024
With Lea Kaftan and Leonce Röth. Preprint at SSOAR.
- A Revolt of the Distrustful? Political Trust, Political Protest & the Democratic Deficit** 2024
With Edgar Grande. WZB Discussion Paper ZZ 2024-603.
- Environmental Protest Effects on Public Opinion: Experimental Evidence from Germany** 2023
With Sophia Hunger and Swen Hutter; OSF Preprint: <https://osf.io/preprints/osf/5mb3u>. Prominent coverage in ZEIT Online and NZZ
- Five Years of ‘Fridays for Future’: But What Future is There Now for the Movement?** 2023
With Carina Siebler, Leonhard Schmidt and Lennart Schürmann; The Loop. A Political Science Blog from ECPR. Also published in German at the DVPW Blog.
- Eine Gefahr für die Demokratie? Politische Potenziale des Corona-Protests** 2022
With Edgar Grande, Sophia Hunger, Swen Hutter and Eylem Kanol; in: Deutschland & Europa 84 (39). Demokratie in Krisenzeiten - Herausforderungen und Chancen. lpb Baden-Württemberg, pp. 42-49.
- Der harte Kern der Proteste. Viele der mit den Corona-Maßnahmen Unzufriedenen tolerieren Radikalität und Gewalt** 2022
With Edgar Grande, Sophia Hunger, Swen Hutter and Eylem Kanol; in: WZB-Mitteilungen 176, pp. 21-24.
- Politischer Protest und Radikalisierung - Yearly Report** 2022
With Edgar Grande, Sophia Hunger, Swen Hutter, Eylem Kanol, Ruud Koopmans and Teresa Völker; in Kemmesies et al. (eds). MOTRA-Monitor 2021; Wiesbaden, DOI: 10.53168/isbn.978-3-9818469-4-2.2022.MOTRA.
- Politischer Protest und Radikalisierung - Yearly Report** 2021
With Edgar Grande, Sophia Hunger, Swen Hutter, Eylem Kanol, Ruud Koopmans and Teresa Völker; in Kemmesies et al. (eds). MOTRA-Monitor 2020; Wiesbaden, DOI: 10.53168/isbn.978-3-9818469-9-7.2021.MOTRA.
- Der Verlust der Vielfalt. Die Corona-Proteste in Deutschland werden durch eine radikale Minderheit geprägt** 2021
With Sophia Hunger and Teresa Völker; in: WZB-Mitteilungen 172, pp. 30-32.

DATA

- Regionally Disaggregated Country Elections dataset (RD|CED) Version 2024. University of Cologne** 2025
With Leonce Röth, Lea Kaftan and André Kaiser
- Regional Elections dataset (RED). Version 2024. University of Cologne** 2025
With Leonce Röth, Lea Kaftan and André Kaiser
- Regional Party-System dataset (RPSD). Version 2024. University of Cologne** 2025
With Leonce Röth, Lea Kaftan and André Kaiser
- WZB ProtestMonitoring 1950-2023. WZB Berlin Social Science Center** Forthcoming
Co-authored with Swen Hutter, Sophia Hunger and Lennart Schürmann

CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS

EPSA, APSA, DVPW Comparative Politics, LMU DataFest, CAP Conference	2025
APSA Virtual Meeting, MOTRA-K, Comptext	2024
APSA, EPSA, Far-Right Berlin Workshop, MOTRA-K, PERIL (American University)	2023
EPSA, MOTRA-K, Political Violence and Democratic Backsliding Workshop - TD/WZB	2022
MOTRA-K, Automated Gathering & Analysis of Protest Data - U Bremen, Grassroots Radicalism Workshop - TD/WZB	2021
APSA, EPSA, ECPR, Puebla-BUAP Government & Methods Seminar	2020
CES Madrid, ECPR Wrocław, Zurich Text as Data Workshop	2019
GraPa Düsseldorf	2018

GRANTS

DAAD-Research Grant for Doctoral Stay Abroad <i>Host: Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen (cancelled)</i>	2020
Cologne Graduate School PhD Scholarship <i>University of Cologne</i>	2017 – 2021
DAAD-Research Grant for Stay Abroad (MA Level) <i>Program: Global South Studies Center, University of Cologne</i> <i>Host: Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Buenos Aires</i>	2016
Erasmus Scholarship for Bachelor Studies Abroad <i>Host: Université Jean Moulin, Lyon 3, France</i>	2016

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

Journal Reviewer: <i>Comparative Political Studies, Political Analysis, West European Politics, Mobilization, Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft, Political Studies, Political Behavior</i>	
Grant Reviewer: <i>DAAD Scholarships, Swiss National Science Foundation</i>	
Academic Council – DPS Research Area Representative, WZB Berlin	2023 – 2025
Work&Health Group – Member, Leibniz PostDoc Network	2023 – 2025
Post-Doctoral Representative, WZB Berlin	2022 – 2024
EPSA Diversity Initiative – Member, European Political Science Association	2021 – 2024

INVITED TALKS

Demokratische Wissenschaftskommunikation in Deutschland – quo vadis? (Panel) <i>Wisskomm Connected</i>	2024
Discourse Networks of the Far Right in Mainstream Media <i>Hertie School of Governance – Data4Good Festival</i>	2024
Vorträge zu Klimaprotesten, Corona-Protesten, Anti-Rechtsextremismus Protesten <i>Heinrich Böll Stiftung RLP</i>	2023/24
Politische Potenziale des Corona Protests in Deutschland <i>Im Dialog mit der beweglichen Mitte, Gegen Vergesser für Demokratie, e.v., Berlin.</i>	2002
Zwischen empörten Protesten und demokratischem Engagement: Wohin entwickelt sich die deutsche Zivilgesellschaft? <i>Evangelische Gesellschaft für Ost-West-Begegnung, Heilbad Heiligenstadt.</i>	2002
Technische Möglichkeiten der computergestützten Analyse extremistischer Netzwerke und Inhalte <i>modus zad Fachtagung, Berlin.</i>	2002

METHODOLOGICAL FORMATION (SELECTION)

KODAQs Data Quality Academy by GESIS <i>8-months training course by GESIS Mannheim, University of Mannheim & LMU Munich</i>	2024-25
Parameter-Efficient, Small-Scale Models w. Adapters using Python <i>Christopher Klamm (University of Mannheim), Comptext 2024, VU Amsterdam</i>	2024
From NLP to CSS: Practical Guide to Transformers <i>C. Klamm (TU Darmstadt) and M. Laurer (CEPS), International Conference on CSS</i>	2021
Machine Learning for the Social Sciences <i>Bruno Castanho Silva (UoC), GESIS Cologne</i>	2020
Comparative Historical Analysis <i>Marcus Kreuzer (Vilanova University), University of Cologne</i>	2019
Web Scraping with R <i>Simon Munzert (Hertie School), University of Cologne</i>	2018
Collecting and Analyzing Social Media Data <i>Pablo Barberá (UCSC), University of Cologne</i>	2018
Multilevel Analysis <i>Ian Brunton-Smith (University of Surrey), GESIS Cologne</i>	2018
Experiments and Causal Inference <i>Christopher Wratil (UCL), University of Cologne</i>	2018
Web Survey Design <i>Mick Couper (University of Michigan), GESIS Cologne</i>	2018
Panel Data Analysis <i>Andrew Li (Central European University), ECPR Summer School</i>	2018
Topic Models <i>Molly Roberts (UC, Los Angeles), University of Cologne</i>	2017
Quantitative Text Analysis <i>Sven-Oliver Proksch (UoC), University of Cologne</i>	2017

MEDIA APPEARANCES

<i>Protest. Sisyphus auf der Straße</i> - ZEIT Wissen	2025
<i>Der Aufstand der Misstrauischen</i> - Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung	
<i>Fridays for Future. Die letzten Grünen</i> - taz, die Tageszeitung	
<i>Drei Hektar Wald in Frankfurt gerodet - und keiner protestiert</i> - hessenschau	2024
<i>Bauern-Blockade gegen Habeck</i> - ZDF heute journal	
<i>Wie radikal darf Protest sein?</i> - Leibniz Magazin	
<i>Zwischen Zukunftsangst und Instrumentalisierung</i> - tagesschau24	
<i>Interview: "Die Protestlandschaft ist heute fragmentierter"</i> - Rhein-Zeitung	
<i>Radicais do clima desafiam governo da Alemanha</i> - O Globo	
<i>"Die Heimat", Demos, Husten</i> - Deutschlandfunk Nova	
<i>Climate Activists Find a Way to Get Germany's Attention: Stop Traffic</i> - The New York Times	2023
<i>Die Klimakleber wurden zum Feindbild und mischen nun den Wahlkampf auf</i> - NZZ	
<i>Schadet die Letzte Generation wirklich dem Klimaschutz?</i> - ZEIT Online	
<i>Green Parties Are Gaining Power—and Problems</i> - WIRED	
<i>Hat der Klimaprotest eine Grenze überschritten?</i> - ZEIT Online	2022
<i>„Geht dann nicht mehr um Kritik an Ukraine-Politik. Sondern darum, Staat zu destabilisieren“</i> - Die WELT am Sonntag	

Further appearances: rbb Abendschau, 1Live, Münchener Merkur, Deutschlandfunk Kultur, phoenix, EFE, Tagesspiegel, DLF Nova, CLEW, Stern, taz, FOCUS Online, detektor.fm, MDR, The Hindu, NDR, Antenne Bayern.

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (Native), German (Fluent), English (Fluent), French (Intermediate - B1)

Software: MS-Office (Advanced Knowledge), R (Advanced Knowledge), Stata (Advanced Knowledge),
 $\text{\LaTeX}$ (Advanced Knowledge), Python (Intermediate)

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