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Current appointment

2020-current RESEARCH FELLOW, WZB Berlin Social Science Center

Areas of specialization

Comparative Political Science, Political Sociology, Party Behavior, Political Protest, Quantitative Methods, Text-as-Data

Education

2017-2020 PH.D. in Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute
Dissertation: *Is There a Populist Zeitgeist? Coming to Grips With an Elusive Phenomenon*
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Hanspeter Kriesi
Committee: Prof. Dr. Ellen Immergut (EUI), Prof. Dr. Sarah de Lange (University of Amsterdam), Prof. Dr. Heike Klüver (Humboldt University)

2016-2017 M.RES. in Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute

2014-2016 M.SC. in Political Science, University of Copenhagen

2015 VISITING STUDENT, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2011-2014 B.A., in Anthropology, Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich

2010-2014 B.A., in Political Science (minor: Economics), Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2018 Hunger, Sophia. *No naturalization, no participation? The influence of citizenship regimes and naturalization on immigrants' political incorporation on national and individual level*, Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft 12: 279 – 296.

BOOKS & BOOK CHAPTERS

forthc. Hunger, Sophia and Jasmine Lorenzini. *All quiet on the protest scene? – Action repertoires in Europe during the Great Recession*. In: Hanspeter Kriesi, Jasmine Lorenzini, Silja Häusermann, Bruno Wueest (Eds.): *Contention in times of crises. Comparing political protest in 30 European countries, 2000-2015*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

MEDIA & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 Hunger, Sophia and Theresa Gessler. *Same same but different? Germany's way to a new-old grand coalition*. Blog Post for Party systems and governments observatory.
- 2019 Hunger, Sophia. *Book review: Koen Vossen, The Power of Populism: Gert Wilders and the Party For Freedom in the Netherlands*. e-Extreme, Newsletter of the ECPR Standing Group on Extremism & Democracy.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Kriesi, Hanspeter, Swen Hutter, Abel Bojar, Argyrios Altimapakis, Theresa Gessler, *Sophia Hunger* and Julia Schulte-Cloos. Contentious episodes in the age of austerity. Studying the dynamics of government-challenger interactions. book manuscript.

Gessler, Theresa and *Sophia Hunger*. Nothing attracts a crowd as quickly as a crisis? How the refugee crisis and radical right parties shape party competition on immigration. paper draft, 39 pages.

Hunger, Sophia and Fred Paxton. What's in a buzzword? A systematic review of the state of populism research in political science. paper draft, 20 pages.

Hunger, Sophia. Virtuous people and evil elites? Moralizing frames and normative distinctions in identifying populist discourse. paper draft, 30 pages.

Hunger, Sophia. A contagious zeitgeist? The diffusion of populism in the European Parliament. paper draft, 25 pages.

Hunger, Sophia and Jasmine Lorenzini. Renewal of democratic life in times of crises: The great recession as a critical juncture? paper draft, 32 pages.

Williams, Christopher J. and *Sophia Hunger*. Adding fuel to the fire: How mainstream parties drive public salience of challenger party issues. paper draft, 34 pages.

Teaching experience & training

- spring 2019 INSTRUCTOR, BACHELOR SEMINAR: The study of radical right-wing and populist parties in Western Europe, University of Düsseldorf (32 hours)
- fall 2018 TEACHING ASSISTANT, PH.D. SEMINAR: Introduction to quantitative text analysis, EUI
- spring 2018 CERTIFICATE: Teaching in higher education, EUI
- spring 2018 INSTRUCTOR, PH.D. SEMINAR: Text as data. An introduction into quantitative text analysis with R Quanteda, EUI (2 day workshop, with Theresa Gessler)
- spring 2014 TEACHING ASSISTANT, BACHELOR SEMINAR: Image Discourses, Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich

Conference presentations

- 2019 Quantitative Text Analysis Workshop (QTA-DUB), Dublin
EPSA Annual General Conference, Belfast
SISP Convengo 2019, Lecce
Workshop "Public opinion and how it matters", EUI
- 2018 MPSA Conference, Chicago
EPSA Annual General Conference, Vienna
ECPR General Conference, Hamburg

- 2017 Conference “The Political Consequences of the Great Recession”, EUI
LSE Graduate Conference “Populism: Left Right Centre”, London
EPSA Annual General Conference, Milan
- 2016 Author workshop for a special issue of the Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft, Leipzig
- 2014 ECPR Graduate Conference, Innsbruck

Invited talks

- 2019 Departmental Seminar, Department of Social Sciences, University Düsseldorf
- 2018 Notte Europea dei Ricercatori (European Researchers’ Night) – Bright 2018, Florence

Participation in funded research projects

- 2020-current RESEARCH FELLOW: Political Protest and Radicalization in Germany (MOTRA)
- 2019 COUNTRY EXPERT, euandi2019, Voting Advice Application for the European Parliament election, EUI
- 2016-2020 DOCTORAL RESEARCHER, ERC Research Program POLCON - Political Conflict in Europe in the Shadow of the Great Recession, EUI
- 2016 RESEARCH ASSISTANT, CONSENSUS project, Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich
- 2014-2015 RESEARCH ASSISTANT, GovLis Project, University of Copenhagen

Additional training

- 2019 WORKSHOP: Item Response Theory, EUI
- 2018 Zurich Summer School for Women in Political Methodology
WORKSHOP: Panel Data Analysis, EUI
- 2017 WORKSHOP: Weighting and Matching in Regression Analysis, EUI
ECPR Summer School on Political Parties, University of Nottingham
PH.D. TRAINING SCHOOL: Disentangling populism: Reception and effects of populist communication, The National School of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest
WORKSHOP: Matching Methods, EUI
WORKSHOP: Latex for Social Scientists, EUI
WORKSHOP: Machine Learning techniques for social science texts and datasets, EUI
WORKSHOP: Text Analysis Using R, London School of Economics and Political Science
WORKSHOP: Survey Experiments, EUI
- 2016 WORKSHOP: Causal Inference, EUI
ECPR Winter School on Methods and Techniques: Quantitative Text Analysis, Bamberg
- 2014 ERASMUS INTENSIVE PROGRAM: Women in Public Relations in Europe, Leeds Metropolitan University
SPRING SCHOOL: Sustainable consumption in everyday life?, Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich

Scholarships & competitive grants

- 2018 Fellowship & Travel grant, Zurich Summer School for Women in Political Methodology
- 2017 Travel grant, COST Action IS1308 Populist Political Communication in Europe (€700)
- 2016-2020 Doctoral Scholarship of the DAAD (approx. €65,000)
- 2016 ECPR Grant, ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques (€300)
- 2014 Luitpoldiana-Foundation, travel grant (€150)
- 2012-2016 Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Scholarship covering living expenses (approx. €35,000)

2013 DAAD travel grant (€250)

Academic & other services

2017–2019 Organizer of the Political Behaviour Colloquium at the EUI
2016–2017 Researcher Representative, Department of Social and Political Science, EUI
Member of the Executive Committee, Library Committee
2015 Delegate at the Young Conference on Islam, Berlin, Germany
2014–2016 Representative of the scholarship holders of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation in Scandinavia
2013–2016 Mentor in the project “Arbeiterkind.de”, a group empowering students with a working class background
2012–2014 Student Representative for Political Science at Ludwig-Maximilian-University

Professional memberships & service

Memberships: European Political Science Association (EPSA), Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA)
Reviewer for: *European Journal for Political Research*, *Journal of International Migration and Integration*
2020 MEMBER OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Automated Extraction of Socio-political Events from News (AESPEN) Conference.
2018-current PARTICIPANT: OSSC19 Crowdsourced Replication Initiative.

Relevant professional experience

2014 INTERNSHIP: Office of Isabell Zacharias, Member of the Bavarian Parliament, Munich
2013 INTERNSHIP: Office of Dr. Thomas Gambke, Member of the Bundestag, Berlin
2013 INTERNSHIP: Social Programme “Hug the World”, Bursa (Turkey)

Additional skills

Languages German (native), English (fluent), Danish (intermediate), Italian (intermediate)
Software Stata, R, L^AT_EX, Markdown