

# Maria Thürk

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## PERSONAL AND CONTACT DETAILS

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Date of birth        04 October 1988 in Berlin  
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## CURRENT POSITION

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05/2020 -            **University of Basel**  
Postdoctoral researcher in Comparative Politics

## EDUCATION

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10/2016 - 03/2021   **Humboldt-University Berlin**  
PhD in Political Science  
*Thesis:* Policy-Making under Minority Governments - How minority cabinet parties influence and pass public policies  
*Committee:* Prof. Dr. Heike Klüver (supervisor), Prof. Thomas M. Meyer, Ph.D. (co-supervisor), Prof. Hanna Bäck, Ph.D. (external committee member)  
*Grade:* summa cum laude

10/2011 - 12/2014   **University of Bremen, Germany**  
MA in Political Science

09/2013 - 11/2013   **Umeå University, Sweden**  
Visiting Student

10/2008 - 07/2011   **University of Potsdam, Germany**  
BA in Political Science and Public Administration, minor: Criminal Law

## PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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10/2016 - 04/2020   **Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany**  
Teaching and Research Fellow at the Chair of Comparative Politics

11/2018 - 08/2019   **Maternity leave**

10/2015 - 09/2016   **University of Hamburg, Germany**  
Teaching and Research Fellow at the Chair of Comparative Politics

01/2015 - 06/2015   **Umeå University, Sweden**  
Research Assistant, Project: Representative Democracy in Europe

09/2013 - 11/2013   **Umeå University, Sweden**  
Intern, Project: Representative Democracy in Europe  
(Erasmus scholarship)

- 10/2012 - 04/2013 **University of Bremen**, Germany  
Student Research Assistant, (CRC 597 TTransformations of the State“)
- 10/2012 - 04/2013 **University of Bremen**, Germany  
Student Teaching Assistant, Course: Academic Writing in Political Science

## PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

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*Thürk, Maria (forthcoming)*: Small but powerful? The legislative performance of minority cabinets, **Legislative Studies Quarterly**, early view

*Krauss, Svenja and Maria Thürk (forthcoming)*: The Stability of Minority Governments and the Role of Support Agreements, **West European Politics**, early view

*Thürk, Maria, Hellström, Johan and Holger Döring (forthcoming)*: Institutional constraints on cabinet formation: Veto points and party system dynamics, **European Journal of Political Research**, early view

*Krauss, Svenja, Praprotnik, Katrin, and Maria Thürk (2021)*: Extra-coalitional Policy Bargaining: Investigating the Power of Committee Chairs, **The Journal of Legislative Studies**

*Anghel, Veronica and Maria Thürk (2021)*: Under the Influence? Support Party Pay-Offs under Minority Governments, **Government and Opposition**

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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*Thürk, Maria*: Policy bargaining success under minority cabinets, presented at Virtual EPSA 2020 and Virtual ECPR 2020

*Thürk, Maria and Svenja Krauss*: A formalization of minority governance? When and why minority cabinets form support agreements

*Thürk, Maria and Heike Klüver*: The electoral implications of minority cabinets

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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### 2021

Annual Conference of the SVPW, February 2021, Virtual

### 2020

Annual General Conference of the ECPR, August 2020, Virtual

10th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association, June 2020, Virtual

### 2019

9th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association, June 2019, Belfast

5th Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, June 2019, Leiden

### 2018

Annual General Conference of the ECPR, August 2018, Hamburg

8th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association, June 2018, Vienna

9th Annual Graduate Conference on Party Research, February 2018, Düsseldorf

### 2017

4th Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, June 2017, Basel

7th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association, June 2017, Milan

9th Annual Conference of the European Graduate Network, March 2017, Barcelona

8th Annual Graduate Conference on Party Research, February 2017, Düsseldorf

## 2016

6th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association, June 2016, Brussels

6th Biennial Graduate Student Conference of the ECPR, July 2016, Tartu

## 2015

4th Annual Conference of the Austrian Political Science Association, November 2015, Salzburg

Workshop Vague Concepts and Poor Operationalization-Solutions to Measurement Problems in Studies of Government Formation, September 2015, Stockholm

## 2014

Science of Politics - International Interdisciplinary Conference of Political Research, June 2014, Bucharest

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

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Elected Member	Steering Committee of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, since 2018
Summer School	Organizer of the ECPR Summer School on Parliaments, Lisbon 2019
Summer School	Assistant Local Organizer of the ECPR Summer School on Parliaments, Berlin 2017
Member	European Political Science Association (EPSA) ECPR Standing Group on Parties
Section Chair	ECPR General Conference, 2021
Panel Chair	ECPR Graduate Student Conference, Tartu ECPR Summer School on Parliaments, Berlin ECPR SGoP Conference, Leiden ECPR General Conference 2020
Discussant	ECPR Graduate Student Conference, Tartu Graduate Conference on Party Research, Düsseldorf Conference of the European Graduate Network, Barcelona ECPR SGoP Conference, Leiden ECPR General Conference 2020
Reviewer	Legislative Studies Quarterly

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Fall 2021	BA Course: Introduction to Scandinavian Politics, University Basel Language of Instruction: German
Fall 2020	BA Course: Introduction to Comparative Politics, University Basel Evaluation Grade: 1.6 (1=best, 6=worst); Language of Instruction: German
Fall 2020	BA Course: Making and Breaking Governments-Introduction to Coalition Politics Evaluation Grade: 1.4 (1=best, 6=worst); Language of Instruction: German
Fall 2019	BA Course: Introduction to Comparative Politics and International Relations, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; Language of Instruction: German
Fall 2019	BA Course: Applied Methods in Political Party Research; Language of Instruction: German

Spring 2018	BA Course: Applied Methods in Electoral System Research, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; Language of Instruction: German
Spring 2018	BA Course: Parties in Coalition Governments, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; Language of Instruction: English
Fall 2017	BA Course: How to govern without a majority? Formation, Duration, and Performance of Minority Governments, Humboldt-University of Berlin; Language of Instruction: German
Spring 2017	BA Course: Public Opinion & Political Participation, Humboldt-University of Berlin; Language of Instruction: English
Spring 2017	BA Course: Delegation and Representation in Parliamentary Systems, Humboldt-University of Berlin; Language of Instruction: German
Fall 2016	BA Course: Electoral Systems & Applied Methods in Comparative Political Research, Humboldt-University of Berlin; Language of Instruction: German
Spring 2016	BA Course: Institutions and Representation in Parliamentary Systems, University of Hamburg Evaluation Grade: 1.5 (1=best, 6=worst); Language of Instruction: German
Fall 2015	BA Course: Elections and Electoral Systems, University of Hamburg Language of Instruction: German

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

08/2017	ECPR Summer School on Parliaments, Humboldt-University Berlin Participant & Assistant for Local Organization
03/2017	Berlin Graduate School of Social Science Course: Conducting Interviews
08/2016	Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection Course: Hierarchical Models
07/2016	Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection Course: Quantitative Data Analysis with R
05/2016	Quantitative Text Analysis, University of Hamburg
09/2012	Academic Teaching, University of Bremen

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

German:	Native
English:	Fluent
Swedish:	Very good
French:	Basic

## COMPUTING SKILLS

Statistics:	Stata, R, SPSS
Other:	MS Office, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X

## REFERENCES

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