

# Dr. Maria Thürk

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## PERSONAL AND CONTACT DETAILS

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Full name            Maria-Sophie Thürk af Burén  
Date of birth        04 October 1988 in Berlin, Germany  
Family                married, 1 daughter (born 01/2019), 1 son (born 08/2021)  
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## CURRENT POSITION

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08/2021 - 02/2022    **Maternity leave**

## 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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04/2021 -              **University of Basel**  
Postdoctoral researcher Political Science Department

05/2020 - 02/2021    **University of Basel, Germany**  
Teaching and Research Fellow Political Science Department

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 “Transformations 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

*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 (2021)*: Institutional constraints on cabinet formation: Veto points and party system dynamics, **European Journal of Political Research**

*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

### BOOK MANUSCRIPT:

*Thürk, Maria*: Policy-making under minority cabinets: How non-cabinet parties influence public policies in Denmark, Norway, and Sweden

Dissertation project, presented at Virtual EPSA 2020, Virtual ECPR 2020, Virtual NoPSA 2021

### PAPER MANUSCRIPTS:

*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, presented at Virtual EPSA 2021

*Praprotnik, Katrin, Maria Thürk and Svenja Krauss*: Cabinet formation on the state level. Evidence from Germany, paper presented at Virtual ECPR 2021,

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### 2021

19th Congress of the Nordic Political Science Association (NoPSA), August 2021, Virtual

11th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), June 2021, Virtual

Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW), February 2021, Virtual

## **2020**

Annual General Conference of the ECPR, August 2020, Virtual

10th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), June 2020, Virtual

## **2019**

9th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), 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 Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), 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 Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), 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 Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), 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	Chair of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, since 2021 Member of the SGoP Steering Committee, since 2018
Conference	Main organizer of the ECPR Conference on Parliaments, Virtual 2021
Summer School	Co-Organizer of the ECPR Summer School on Parliaments, Lisbon 2019
Summer School	Assistant Local Organizer ECPR Summer School on Parliaments, Berlin 2017
PhD Member	Budget Committee of the Department of Social Science, HU Berlin, 2016-2018
PhD Member	Search Committee "W3 Professorship in Comparative Politics", HU Berlin 2017
Member	European Political Science Association (EPSA) ECPR Standing Group on Parties Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW)
Section Chair	ECPR General Conference, Virtual 2021
Panel Chair	ECPR Graduate Student Conference, Tartu 2016 ECPR Summer School on Parliaments, Berlin 2017 ECPR SGoP Conference, Leiden 2019 ECPR General Conference, Virtual 2020, ECPR SGoP Conference, Virtual 2021

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, ECPR SGoP Conference, Virtual 2021
Reviewer	Legislative Studies Quarterly, Government & Opposition, West European Politics

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Spring 2021	BA Course: Introduction to Scandinavian Politics, Universität Basel Evaluation Grade: 1.3 (1=best, 6=worst); Language of Instruction: German
Fall 2020	Compulsory BA Lecture: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Universität 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, Universität Basel 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, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; 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-Universität zu Berlin; Language of Instruction: German
Spring 2017	BA Course: Public Opinion & Political Participation, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; Language of Instruction: English
Spring 2017	BA Course: Delegation and Representation in Parliamentary Systems, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; Language of Instruction: German
Fall 2016	BA Course: Electoral Systems & Applied Methods in Comparative Political Research, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; Language of Instruction: German
Spring 2016	BA Course: Institutions and Representation in Parliamentary Systems, Universität Hamburg; Language of Instruction: German
Fall 2015	BA Course: Elections and Electoral Systems, Universität Hamburg; Language of Instruction: German

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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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 Expert 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

## PUBLIC OUTREACH: INTERVIEWS & MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

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Science Blog	It's time we rescued minority governments from their reputation for instability and ineffectiveness (with Svenja Krauss) <i>In: The Loop - ECPR's Political Science Blog, 2021</i>
Newspaper	Demokratische Vorreiter: Minderheitsregierungen können eine stabile Alternative sein, sagt die Politikwissenschaftlerin Maria Thürk. <i>In: Neues Deutschland, 10/13/2017</i>
Radio	Regular contributor, <i>For: Deutschlandfunk Nova 01/2018-09/2018</i> Minderheitsregierung in Thüringen: Wie gut stehen die Chancen? <i>For: radioeins vom rbb, 10/31/2019</i>
TV	What happens next? News from the German coalition talks <i>For: Deutsche Welle (English version), 02/06/2018</i> Martin Schulz refrains from entering the coalition government <i>For: Deutsche Welle (English version), 02/09/2018</i>

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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

## COMPUTING SKILLS

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

## REFERENCES

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