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PERSONAL AND CONTACT DETAILS

Full name Maria-Sophie Thürk af Burén
Date of birth 04 October 1988 in Berlin, Germany
Family married, 2 children (born 01/2019 & 08/2021)
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CURRENT POSITION

04/2021 - **Postdoctoral Researcher in Political Science (*Oberassistentin*)**

EDUCATION

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

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

05/2020 - 02/2021 **University of Basel, Switzerland**
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 and Teaching Assistant

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

2022

[5] Small but powerful? The legislative performance of minority cabinets, *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 47(1), 193-224.

[4] The Stability of Minority Governments and the Role of Support Agreements, *West European Politics* 45(4), 767-792, with Svenja Krauss.

2021

[3] Institutional constraints on cabinet formation: Veto points and party system dynamics, *European Journal of Political Research* 60(2), 295-316, with Johan Hellström and Holger Döring.

[2] Extra-coalitional Policy Bargaining: Investigating the Power of Committee Chairs, *The Journal of Legislative Studies* 27(1), 93-111, with Svenja Krauss and Katrin Praprotnik.

[1] Under the Influence? Support Party Pay-Offs under Minority Governments, *Government and Opposition* 56(1), 121-140, with Veronica Anghel

WORK IN PROGRESS

Book manuscript:

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:

The electoral implications of minority cabinets, with Heike Klüver

Cabinet formation on the state level. Evidence from Germany and Austria, with Katrin Praprotnik and Svenja Krauss

Coalition heuristics in multi-level systems, with Ida Hjerimitslev and Svenja Krauss

In for a penny, in for a pound? Do perceptions of support parties shift with governing coalition partners? with Matthew Bergman and Svenja Krauss

Exit Options and Minority Cabinet Stability, with Jochen Rehmert and Mingyi Zhang

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022

7th Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, June 2022, Paris

Annual General Conference of the ECPR, August 2022, Innsbruck

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

Elected Member	Chair of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments (SGoP), since 2021 Member of the SGoP Steering Committee, since 2018
Main organizer	ECPR Conference on Parliaments, Virtual 2021
Co-Organizer	ECPR Summer School on Parliaments, Lisbon 2019 ECPR Summer School on Parliaments, Berlin 2017
Section Chair	ECPR General Conference, Virtual 2021
Reviewer	Government & Opposition, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Party Politics, Swiss Political Science Review, West European Politics
Member	European Political Science Association (EPSA) ECPR Standing Group on Parties Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW) Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2022	BA Course: Introduction to Scandinavian Politics, Universität Basel Evaluation Grade: 1.3 (1=best, 6=worst); Language of Instruction: German
Spring 2021	BA Course: Introduction to Scandinavian Politics, Universität Basel Evaluation Grade: 1.3 (1=best, 6=worst); Language of Instruction: German
Fall 2020	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

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

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, 13/10/2017</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, 31/10/2019</i>
TV	What happens next? News from the German coalition talks <i>For: Deutsche Welle (English version), 06/02/2018</i> Martin Schulz refrains from entering the coalition government <i>For: Deutsche Welle (English version), 09/02/2018</i>

LANGUAGE SKILLS

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

COMPUTING SKILLS

Statistics:	Stata, R, SPSS
Other:	MS Office, L ^A T _E X

REFERENCES

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