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PERSONAL AND CONTACT DETAILS

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CURRENT POSITION

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

EDUCATION

10/2016 - 03/2021 **Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany**
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 AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

04/2022 - 09/2022 **Maternity leave, 50%**

08/2021 - 03/2022 **Maternity leave, 100%**

05/2020 - 03/2021 **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, 100%**

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

- [6] The formalisation of minority governments, *West European Politics*, 2024, 47 (1), 113-141, with Svenja Krauss.
- [5] Small but powerful? The legislative performance of minority cabinets, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2022, 47 (1), 193-224. *Winner of the Jewell-Loewenberg Prize 2023 (Comparative Politics)*
- [4] The Stability of Minority Governments and the Role of Support Agreements, *West European Politics*, 2022, 45 (4), 767-792, with Svenja Krauss.
- [3] Institutional constraints on cabinet formation: Veto points and party system dynamics, *European Journal of Political Research*, 2021, 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*, 2021, 27 (1), 93-111, with Svenja Krauss and Katrin Praprotnik.
- [1] Under the Influence? Support Party Pay-Offs under Minority Governments, *Government and Opposition*, 2021, 56 (1), 121-140, with Veronica Anghel.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- [3] Flexible, stable and effective? The state of research on minority governments. *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (ZfVP)*, 2023, with Christian Stecker
- [2] Perceptions of corruption and anti-corruption efforts in Bulgaria. *Working Paper 44, Basel Institute on Governance*. Available at: baselgovernance.org/publications/wp-44, 2023, with Stefanie Bailer
- [1] Policy-Making under Minority Governments - How minority cabinet parties influence and pass public policies. *Dissertation Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin*, 2021.

AWARDS

- Jewell-Loewenberg Prize, Best article in Comparative Politics in Legislative Studies Quarterly 2022
- Credit Suisse Award for Best Teaching 2023, Future Talents, Winner, 10,000 CHF
- Credit Suisse Award for Best Teaching 2023, Modern Scholarship, Shortlist
- Outstanding Graduate Award - MA Political Science, University of Bremen, 2014.

RESEARCH AND TRAVELING GRANTS

31,500 CHF	Research Grant ‘ <i>Corruption Perception in Bulgaria</i> ’ - Conducting and analyzing a nation-wide survey and focus group research, January - December 2023, with Prof Stefanie Bailer, in cooperation with Basel Institute on Governance, granted by USAID and SDC
9,000 CHF	Research Grant - <i>Stay on Track</i> , University of Basel, 2022
570 Euro	Travel Grant for Interview Work - Women’s Support of Social Science Department Humboldt University of Berlin, 2018
3,000 Euro	Research and Travel Grant for Fieldwork - by DAAD, German Academic Exchange Service, 2017
200 Euro	Travel Grant for Conference Participation - by ECPR SG Parliaments, 2017

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Chair	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, Vienna 2023
Co-Organizer	ECPR Summer School on Parliaments, Lisbon 2019 ECPR Summer School on Parliaments, Berlin 2017
Section Chair	ECPR General Conference, Virtual 2021, ECPR General Conference, Prague 2023
Reviewer	Acta Politica, European Journal of Political Research, European Union Politics, Government & Opposition, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Party Politics, Political Science Research and Methods, Swiss Political Science Review, The Journal of Politics, West European Politics
Member	European Political Science Association (EPSA) ECPR Standing Group on Parties Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW) German Political Science Association (DVPW)
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

INVITED TALKS AND INVITED WORKSHOPS

- Political Representation Workshop, University of Zurich, November 2023
- Minority Rule Workshop, University of Cologne, February 2023
- Workshop Vague Concepts in Studies of Government Formation, Stockholm, September 2015
- Talk: Colloquium Party Politics Seminar, Aarhus University, February 2023
- Talk: Research Seminar Comparative Political Science, University of Cologne, November 2023
- Talk: Political Science Department, Leiden University, November 2023

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023

Annual General Conference of the ECPR, September 2023, Pargue

8th Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, July 2023, Vienna

2022

Annual General Conference of the ECPR, August 2022, Innsbruck

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

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

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

6th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), June 2016, Brussels

2015

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

2014

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Supervision	1x Master Thesis, 1x Master Final Exam, 21x BA Final Exams, Universität Basel
Fall 2023	BA Course: Introduction to Public Policy Research, Universität Basel Language of Instruction: German
Spring 2023	BA Course: Introduction to Scandinavian Politics, Universität Basel Evaluation Grade: 1.2 (1=best, 6=worst); Language of Instruction: German
Fall 2022	MA Course: Recent Developments in Coalition Research, Universität Basel Evaluation Grade: 1.0 (1=best, 6=worst); Language of Instruction: English
Fall 2022	BA Course: Introduction to Public Policy Research, Universität Basel Evaluation Grade: 1.8 (1=best, 6=worst); Language of Instruction: German
Spring 2022	BA Course: Introduction to Scandinavian Politics, Universität Basel Evaluation Grade: 1.2 (1=best, 6=worst); Language of Instruction: German
Spring 2021	BA Course: Introduction to Scandinavian Politics, Universität Basel Evaluation Grade: 1.2; Language of Instruction: German
Fall 2020	BA Lecture: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Universität Basel Evaluation Grade: 1.5; Language of Instruction: German
Fall 2020	BA Course: Making and Breaking Governments- Introduction to Coalition Politics, Universität Basel Evaluation Grade: 1.4; Language of Instruction: German
Fall 2019	BA Course: Introduction to Comparative Politics and International Relations, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin No evaluation grades at HU 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; Evaluation Grade: 1.5 (1=best, 6=worst); Language of Instruction: German
Fall 2015	BA Course: Elections and Electoral Systems, Universität Hamburg; Evaluation Grade: 1.7; Language of Instruction: German

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Substantial

08/2017 ECPR Summer School on Parliaments, Humboldt-University Berlin
Participant & Local Organization

Advanced Methods

03/2017 Conducting Expert Interviews, Berlin Graduate School of Social Science

08/2016 Hierarchical Models, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection

07/2016 Quantitative Data Analysis with R, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection

05/2016 Quantitative Text Analysis, University of Hamburg

Academic Teaching and Learning

06/2023 Bystander Training, University of Basel

04/2023 ChatGPT and Artificial Intelligence in Academic Teaching, University of Basel

11/2022 Supervision and Grading of BA and MA Theses, University of Basel

09/2022 Blended Learning - How to combine different teaching forms and concepts, University of Basel

09/2022 Lecturing after Corona - Flipped Classroom and other ideas for activating student participation, University of Basel

06/2022 The Psychology of Learning, University of Basel

06/2022 Planning of Academic Courses, University of Basel

09/2012 Introduction to Academic Teaching for Teaching Assistants, University of Bremen

PUBLIC OUTREACH: INTERVIEWS AND 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> Minderheidskabinetten zullen waarschijnlijk de parlementaire controle niet vergroten <i>In: StukRoodVlees, 2023</i>
Newspaper	Ook het vormen van een PVV-minderheidskabinet is complex <i>In: het financieele dagblad, 05/12/2023</i> Demokratische Vorreiter: Minderheitsregierungen können eine stabile Alternative sein. <i>In: Neues Deutschland, 13/10/2017</i>
Radio	- Regular contributor (expert in 9 interviews), <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:	Fluent
French:	Basic

COMPUTING SKILLS

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

REFERENCE PERSONS

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