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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

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2021 Hunger, Sophia and Fred Paxton. *What's in a Buzzword? A Systematic Review of the State of Populism Research in Political Science*, Political Science Research and Methods.
doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2021.44
- Borbáth, Endre, Sophia Hunger, Swen Hutter, and Ioana-Elena Oana. *Civic and Political Engagement during the Multifaceted COVID-19 Crisis*, Swiss Political Science Review.
doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12446
- Hunger, Sophia, and Swen Hutter. *Fridays for Future in der Corona-Krise*. *Forschungsjournal Soziale Bewegungen* 34(2): 218-234.
doi.org/10.1515/fjsb-2021-0019
- 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.
doi.org/10.1007/s12286-017-0373-6

CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDITED VOLUMES

- forthc. Sophia Hunger and Julia Schulte-Cloos. *Outcomes - Government Responsiveness*. In: Bojar, Abel, Swen Hutter, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Theresa Gessler (Eds.): *Contentious episodes in the age of austerity. Studying the dynamics of government-challenger interactions*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- forthc. Hanspeter Kriesi and Sophia Hunger. *The characteristics of the episodes*. In: Bojar, Abel, Swen Hutter, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Theresa Gessler (Eds.): *Contentious episodes in the age of austerity. Studying the dynamics of government-challenger interactions*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- forthc. Bojar, Abel, Swen Hutter, and Sophia Hunger. *Selecting and coding contentious episodes*. In: Bojar, Abel, Swen Hutter, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Theresa Gessler (Eds.): *Contentious episodes in the age of austerity. Studying the dynamics of government-challenger interactions*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- forthc. Hanspeter Kriesi, Swen Hutter, Abel Bojar, Argyrios Altiparmakis, Theresa Gessler, Sophia Hunger, Katia Pilati and Julia Schulte-Cloos. *Introduction: A new approach for studying political contention – contentious episode analysis*. In: Bojar, Abel, Swen Hutter, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Theresa Gessler (Eds.): *Contentious episodes in the age of austerity. Studying the dynamics of government-challenger interactions*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2020 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.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 Grande, Edgar, Swen Hutter, Sophia Hunger and Eylem Kanol. *Alles Covidioten? Politische Potenziale des Corona-Protests in Deutschland*. No. ZZ 2021-601. WZB Discussion Paper, 2021.
- 2020 Hunger, Sophia and Swen Hutter. *Online Strikes with the Usual Suspects. How Fridays for Future Has Coped with the Covid-19 Pandemic*. LSE EUROPP Blog - European Politics and Policy.
- 2020 Hunger, Sophia and Swen Hutter. *Protest in der Corona-Krise. Der Netzstreik fürs Klima.. Coronavirus and Its Societal Impact - Highlights from WZB Research*.
- 2020 Hutter, Swen, Endre Borbàth, and Sophia Hunger. *The Political Consequences of Crisis. Lessons Learned from the Great Recession.. Coronavirus and Its Societal Impact - Highlights from WZB Research*.
- 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.
- 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.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- cond. accept. 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. *Political Science Research an Methods*
- under review Williams, Christopher J. and *Sophia Hunger*. Adding fuel to the fire: How mainstream parties drive public salience of challenger party issues.
- under review Dennison, James and *Sophia Hunger*. Cleavage politics in the 21st century.
- under review Gessler, Theresa and *Sophia Hunger*. The politicization of immigration and far-right party politics in Germany.
- under review *Sophia Hunger*, Swen Hutter and Eylem Kanol. Ready to participate? The mobilisation potential of 'Corona protests' in Germany.
- in preparation *Hunger, Sophia*. Virtuous people and evil elites? Moralizing frames and normative distinctions in identifying populist discourse. paper draft, 30 pages.
- in preparation *Hunger, Sophia*. A contagious zeitgeist? The diffusion of populism in the European Parliament. paper draft, 25 pages.
- in preparation *Hunger, Sophia* and Jasmine Lorenzini. Renewal of democratic life in times of crises: The great recession as a critical juncture? paper draft, 32 pages.

MEDIA & PUBLIC OUTREACH

- 2021 **Teaching experience & training**
- spring 2021 INSTRUCTOR, METHODS WORKSHOP FOR MEMBERS OF THE JUNGE AKADMIE: Text-as-data-approaches and automated text analysis (1,5 days)

- spring 2019 INSTRUCTOR, BACHELOR SEMINAR: The study of radical right-wing and populist parties in Western Europe, University of Düsseldorf (32 hours)
TEACHING ASSISTANT, PH.D. SEMINAR: Introduction to quantitative text analysis, EUI
- fall 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

- 2021 ECPR General Conference
DVPW convention
- 2020 Virtual Mini-Conference for Women in Political Methodology
Virtual workshop - Parties in the electoral cycle
- 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
Conference “The Political Consequences of the Great Recession”, EUI
- 2017 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, euandiz019, 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

- 2018 WORKSHOP: Item Response Theory, EUI
Zurich Summer School for Women in Political Methodology
- 2017 WORKSHOP: Panel Data Analysis, EUI
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*, *Government & Opposition*, *Representation*

- 2020 MEMBER OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Automated Extraction of Socio-political Events from News (AESPEN) Conference.
- 2018-current PARTICIPANT: OSSCI9 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