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Current appointment

since 2023 **Junior Professor (W1) of Computational Social Science (with tenure track to W2)**
INSTITUTE FOR SOCIOLOGY & SOCIUM, UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN

Areas of specialization

Comparative Political Science, Computational Social Science, Political Communication, Protest Research, Party Competition

Education and academic appointments

2025-today **Faculty member**, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences

2023-today **Guest Researcher**
WZB BERLIN SOCIAL SCIENCE CENTER

2020-2023 **Research Fellow**
WZB BERLIN SOCIAL SCIENCE CENTER

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

2015 **Visiting student**
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

2014-2016 **M.Sc. in Political Science**
UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

2011-2014 **B.A. in Anthropology**
LUDWIG-MAXIMILIANS-UNIVERSITY MUNICH

2010-2014 **B.A. in Political Science (minor: Economics)**
LUDWIG-MAXIMILIANS-UNIVERSITY MUNICH

Research Grants

- 2026-2029 *Welfare States and Protest: Understanding the Contentious Outcomes of Social Policy in Africa*, together with Sebastian Haunss (University of Bremen) as part of the third phase of the DFG-funded Collaborative Research Cluster (CRC) “Global Dynamics of Social Policy”, **FUNDING: €258,480**
- 2026-2029 *Consolidating WeSIS: User Experience, Research Data Management, and CSS Methods*, together with Andreas Breiter and Ivo Mossig (University of Bremen) as part of the third phase of the DFG-funded Collaborative Research Cluster (CRC) “Global Dynamics of Social Policy”, **FUNDING: €817,800**
- 2025-2027 *Protest as a Democracy Test: Protest Culture under Transformation and as a Transformative Power (ProTest)*, together with Heiko Pleines and Sebastian Haunss (University of Bremen), international partners: Lund University (Sweden), University Nebrija (Spain), National School Of Political Studies And Public Administration (Romania), Center For Social Sciences (Georgia), Centro De Estudos Sociais (Portugal), University Bologna (Italy), Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences (Poland), Corvinus University Of Budapest (Hungary, affiliated partner). Funded by Horizon 2024 HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01 “Past, present and future of democracies”, **FUNDING (UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN): €529,842.50**
- 2025-2028 *Contentious Politics in the Digital Age*, funding for four PhD students via the DAAD Graduate School Scholarship Program 2025/26, together with Hilke Brockmann, Jan Lorenz (Constructor University), Stephanie Geise, Sebastian Haunss, Thomas Kern, Mandi Larsen, Martin Nonhoff, Cornelius Puschmann, Patrick Sachweh (University of Bremen), **FUNDING: €249,600**
- 2025 *Summer School for Women in Political Methodology*, together with Sophia Roppertz, funded by the University of Bremen (particularly the Chancellor, the High-Profile Area Social Sciences and the Faculty of Social Sciences, the Data Science Center, and the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)) **FUNDING: €22,415.60**

Publications

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEW JOURNALS

- forthc. **Hunger, Sophia.** A contagious zeitgeist? The diffusion of populism in the European Parliament. *Government & Opposition*.
- forthc. Saldivia Gonzatti, Daniel, **Hunger, Sophia**, Kanol, Eylem & Hutter, Swen. The demobilizing effect of violent actions and radical-right involvement on public support for protests. *Journal of Peace Research*.
- 2026 Saldivia Gonzatti, Daniel, Schürmann, Lennart, **Hunger, Sophia**, & Hutter, Swen. How confrontational protest shapes public opinion: experimental evidence from climate mobilization. *Political Behavior*, online first, 1-25.
doi.org/10.1007/s11109-026-10136-9
- 2025 Della Porta, Donatella, **Hunger, Sophia**, Hutter, Swen & Lavizzari, Anna. Understanding protest scripts: The anti-containment protests in Germany and Italy during the Covid-19 pandemic. *Social Movement Studies*, online first, 1-27.
doi.org/10.1080/14742837.2025.2554603

- Hunger, Sophia**, & Hutter, Swen. Introduction: Europe's changing protest landscape. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 32(8), 1861–1873.
doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2025.2517891
- Breznau, Nate, Rinke, Eike Mark, Wuttke, Alexander (...) **Hunger, Sophia**, (...) The reliability of replications: A study in computational reproductions. *Royal Society Open Science* 12(3).
doi.org/10.1098/rsos.241038
- 2024 **Hunger, Sophia**. Virtuous people and evil elites? The role of moralizing frames and normative distinctions in identifying populist discourse. *Political Research Exchange*, online first.
doi.org/10.1080/2474736X.2024.2370308
- Della Porta, Donatella, **Hunger, Sophia**, Hutter, Swen, & Lavizzari, Anna. Expanding Protest Event Analysis Through Videos. *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*, 29(2), 245–262.
doi.org/10.17813/1086-671X-29-2-245
- Earl, Jennifer, Grimm, Jannis J., Malthaner, Stefan, della Porta, Donatella, **Hunger, Sophia**, Hutter, Swen, & Lavizzari, Anna. Mobilization Forum on “Video Protest Event Analysis”. *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*, 29(2), 263–278.
doi.org/10.17813/1086-671X-29-2-263
- 2023 **Hunger, Sophia**, Hutter, Swen & Kanol, Eylem. The mobilisation potential of anti-containment protests in Germany. *West European Politics*, 46(4), 812–840.
doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2023.2166728
- 2022 Breznau, Nate, Rinke, Eike Mark, Wuttke, Alexander (...) **Hunger, Sophia**, (...). Observing many researchers using the same data and hypothesis reveals a hidden universe of uncertainty. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 119(44).
doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2203150119
- Williams, Christopher J. & **Hunger, Sophia**. How challenger party issue entrepreneurship and mainstream party strategies drive public issue salience: evidence from radical-right parties and the issue of immigration. *European Political Science Review*, 14(4), 544–565.
doi.org/10.1017/S1755773922000297
- Gessler, Theresa & **Hunger, Sophia**. How the refugee crisis and radical right parties shape party competition on immigration. *Political Science Research and Methods* 10(3), 524–544.
doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2021.64
- Hunger, Sophia** & Paxton, Fred. What's in a Buzzword? A Systematic Review of the State of Populism Research in Political Science. *Political Science Research and Methods* 10(3), 617–633.
doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2021.44
- 2021 Borbáth, Endre, **Hunger, Sophia**, Hutter, Swen, & Oana, Ioana-Elena. Civic and Political Engagement during the Multifaceted COVID-19 Crisis. *Swiss Political Science Review* 27: 311–324.
doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12446
- Hunger, Sophia** & Hutter, Swen. 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.

EDITORSHIPS

- 2025 Special Issue “Europe’s Changing Protest Landscape” - in *Journal of European Public Policy* with Swen Hutter
- in prep. Special Issue “Two Decades After the Populist Zeitgeist: Leveraging Novel Approaches to Study the Resonance of Populist Ideas” - in *Government & Opposition* with Fabian Habersack

CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDITED VOLUMES

- 2024 Gessler, Theresa & **Hunger, Sophia**. *The politicization of immigration and far-right party politics in Germany*. In: Weisskircher, Manès (Ed.): *The Politicization of Immigration and Radical Right Party Politics in Germany*. London: Routledge.
- 2023 Dennison, James & **Hunger, Sophia**. *Cleavage politics in the twenty-first century*. In: Carter, Neil, Daniel Keith, Gyda M. Sindre, Sofia Vasilopoulou (Eds.): *The Routledge Handbook of Political Parties*. London: Routledge.
- 2021 **Hunger, Sophia** & 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.
- Kriesi, Hanspeter & **Hunger, Sophia**. *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.
- Bojar, Abel, Hutter, Swen & **Hunger, Sophia**. *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.
- Kriesi, Hanspeter, Hutter, Swen, Bojar, Abel, Altiparmakis, Argyrios, Gessler, Theresa, **Hunger, Sophia**, Pilati, Katia & Schulte-Cloos, Julia. *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** & Lorenzini, Jasmine. *All quiet on the protest scene? – Action repertoires in Europe during the Great Recession*. In: Kriesi, Hanspeter, 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

- 2026 Knobloch, Marcel, Hipp, Lena & Hunger, Sophia. *Boomer gegen Zoomer: Altersbezogene Stereotype am Arbeitsplatz*. *WZB-Mitteilungen*, (192), pp. 52-54.

- 2022 Grande, Edgar, **Hunger, Sophia**, Hutter, Swen, Kanol, Eylem & Saldivia Gonzatti, Daniel. *Der harte Kern der Proteste: Viele der mit den Corona-Maßnahmen Unzufriedenen tolerieren Radikalität und Gewalt*. *WZB-Mitteilungen*, (176), pp. 21-24.
- 2021 **Hunger, Sophia**. *Carrera reñida, largas negociaciones por delante y verdes y liberales como partidos bisagra*. *El País online*.
- Hunger, Sophia**. *Close Race, Long Negotiations ahead and Greens and Liberals as 'Kingmakers'*. *Agenda pública - Analistas de la actualidad*
- Hunger, Sophia**, Völker, Teresa & Daniel Saldivia Gonzatti. *Der Verlust der Vielfalt. Die Corona-Proteste in Deutschland werden durch eine radikale Minderheit geprägt*. *WZB-Mitteilungen*, (172), pp. 30-32.
- Grande, Edgar, Hutter, Swen, Koopmans, Ruud, **Hunger, Sophia**, Kanol, Eylem, Saldivia Gonzatti, Daniel & Völker, Teresa. *Politischer Protest und Radikalisierung*. *MOTRA-Monitor* 2020, pp. 130-147.
- Grande, Edgar, Hutter, Swen, **Hunger, Sophia**, & Kanol, Eylem. *Alles Covidioten? Politische Potenziale des Corona-Protests in Deutschland*. *WZB Discussion Paper*. No. ZZ 2021-601.
- 2020 **Hunger, Sophia** & Hutter, Swen. *Online Strikes with the Usual Suspects. How Fridays for Future Has Coped with the Covid-19 Pandemic*. *LSE EUROPP Blog - European Politics and Policy*.
- Hunger, Sophia** & Hutter, Swen. *Protest in der Corona-Krise. Der Netzstreik fürs Klima. Coronavirus and Its Societal Impact - Highlights from WZB Research*.
- Hutter, Swen, Borbáth, Endre & **Hunger, Sophia**. *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** & Gessler, Theresa. *Same same but different? Germany's way to a new-old grand coalition*. *Blog Post for Party systems and governments observatory*.

WORK IN PROGRESS (SELECTION)

- under review Knobloch, Marcel, **Hunger, Sophia**, Hipp, Lena. [Workplace Polarization? What boomers think about zoomers and vice versa.](#)
- under review **Hunger, Sophia**, Lewandowska-Tomaszczyk, Barbara. Generation markers in British news and social media discourses.
- full draft **Hunger, Sophia**, Saldivia Gonzatti, Daniel, Kanol, Eylem & Hutter, Swen. Breeding Grounds for Radicalization: How Past Far-Right Mobilization Shapes Radicalization in the Covid-19 Pandemic
- full draft **Hunger, Sophia**. Uncoupling the streets from the (newspaper) sheets: Does protest actors' issue ownership drive media resonance?.
- full draft **Hunger, Sophia**, Siebler, Carina & Saldivia Gonzatti, Daniel. Mediatized Radical Flank Effects: How Radical Protests Affect Media Portrayals of Social Movements.
- in progress Sen, Indira, Kreutner, Maximilian, & **Hunger, Sophia**: Auditing Anti-Democratic Reinforcement and Political Safety in Large Language Models.
- in progress **Hunger, Sophia** & Hoffmann, Jelena: Prompt Engineering for Reliable Stance Classification in Political News.
- in progress Binetti, Marco, Rogers, Katren, **Hunger, Sophia** & Genschel, Philipp: Global solidarity? A mapping of the United Nations General Debates since 1946.
- in progress Gessler, Theresa, **Hunger, Sophia** & Völker Teresa: The Cordon Sanitaire as an Electoral Issue: Party Strategies in the 2025 German Election.
- in progress **Hunger, Sophia** & Haunss, Sebastian: Protesting for the Cordon Sanitaire: Mainstream Party Responsiveness to Anti-Radical Right Mobilizations in Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands.

MEDIA & PUBLIC OUTREACH

Contributions, interviews, and expert opinions for (selection): *Arte*, *ARD*, *Bayerischer Rundfunk*, *Berliner Tagesspiegel*, *Buten & Binnen*, *Deutschlandfunk*, *Enorm Magazin*, *El Pais*, *France 24*, *Hessischer Rundfunk*, *IPG Journal: Journal für Internationale Politik und Gesellschaft*, *L'Express*, *MDR - Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk*, *NDR - Norddeutscher Rundfunk*, *Radio Zwei Bremen*, *rbb - Rundfunk Berlin-Brandenburg*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, *WDR - Westdeutscher Rundfunk*, *ZDF*.

SOFTWARE & DATA SETS

- 2022 Gessler, Theresa; **Hunger, Sophia**. *Party Press Releases - Austria, Germany, Switzerland*, doi.org/10.7910/DVN/TXKO19, Harvard Dataverse, V3.
- 2021 **Hunger, Sophia**, Völker, Teresa, Hutter, Swen, Müller, Johannes, & Dix, Jan. *PolDem Coding Tool, Version 1*.
- 2021 Kriesi, Hanspeter, Wüest, Bruno, Lorenzini, Jasmine, Makarov, Peter, Enggist, Matthias, Rothenhäusler, Klaus, Kurer, Thomas, Häusermann, Silja, Wangen, Patrice, Argyrios, Altiparmakis, Endre, Borbáth, Bremer, Björn, Gessler, Theresa, **Hunger, Sophia**, Hutter, Swen, Schulte-Cloos, Julia, & Wang, Chendi. *PolDem-Protest Dataset 30 European Countries, Version 1*. www.poldem.eui.eu

2020 Abel Bojar, Kriesi, Hanspeter, Hutter, Swen, Altiparmakis, Argyrios, Gessler, Theresa, textbfHunger, Sophia, & Schulte-Cloos, Julia. *PolDem - Contentious Episodes Dataset, Version 1*. www.poldem.eui.eu

Teaching

BACHELORS' PROGRAMMES

WiSe 2026/27 Lecture: STATISTICS II, University of Bremen
 WiSe 2024/25 Lecture: STATISTICS II, University of Bremen
 SoSe 2024 Seminar: 'TEXT-AS-DATA' APPROACHES IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES: AN INTRODUCTION TO QUANTITATIVE TEXT ANALYSIS WITH R, University of Bremen
 Lecture: METHODS I, University of Bremen
 WiSe 2023/24 Lab course: STATISTICS II, University of Bremen
 SoSe 2023 Seminar: THE EMPIRICAL STUDY OF THE RADICAL RIGHT, University of Bremen
 2019 Seminar: THE STUDY OF RADICAL RIGHT-WING AND POPULIST PARTIES IN WESTERN EUROPE, University of Düsseldorf

MASTERS' PROGRAMMES

WiSe 2026/27 Seminar: INTRODUCTION TO QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, University of Bremen (2x)
 Seminar: SPECIALIZATION: QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, University of Bremen
 WiSe 2025/26 Seminar: INTRODUCTION TO QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, University of Bremen (2x)
 Seminar: SPECIALIZATION: QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, University of Bremen
 WiSe 2024/25 Seminar: INTRODUCTION TO QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, University of Bremen
 Seminar: SPECIALIZATION: QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, University of Bremen
 WiSe 2023/24 Seminar: QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, University of Bremen
 2022 Research seminar: DYNAMICS OF PROTEST POLITICS, Free University of Berlin, co-taught with Swen Hutter, Teresa Völker, and Daniel Saldivia Gonzatti

POST-GRADUATE LEVEL

2025 WEEKLY DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)
 2024 WEEKLY DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)
 2023 WORKSHOP: TEXT-AS-DATA, Summer School for Women in Political Methodology (co-taught with Theresa Gessler)
 COMPUTATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCES, DataTrain, University of Bremen.
 2021 INSTRUCTOR, METHODS WORKSHOP FOR MEMBERS OF THE JUNGE AKADEMIE: Text-as-data-approaches and automated text analysis (1,5 days, online)
 2019 TEACHING ASSISTANT, PH.D. SEMINAR: Introduction to quantitative text analysis, EUI
 2018 INSTRUCTOR, PH.D. SEMINAR: Text as data. An introduction into quantitative text analysis with

R Quanteda, EUI (2 day workshop, with Theresa Gessler)

THESIS SUPERVISION

Bachelor Supervisor of 15 completed and five ongoing Bachelor's theses at the University of Bremen.
Master Supervisor for twelve completed and three ongoing Master's theses at the University of Potsdam, Humboldt University of Berlin, University of Bremen.

TEACHING TRAINING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

2025 Workshop: THE MULTIPLE ROLES OF A SUPERVISOR part of the series "Impulses for Doctoral Supervision", by Dr. Desiree Dickerson, BYRD, perspektive promotion, Personalentwicklung und Graduiertenakademie der Universität Oldenburg
2025 Workshop: EXAMS AND PROOF OF PERFORMANCE IN A WORLD WITH GENERATIVE AI TOOLS LIKE CHATGPT, University of Bremen,
2018 Training course: TEACHING IN HIGHER EDUCATION, EUI

DOCTORAL SUPERVISION

Georg Haustein: *Title tbd*, since 2026.

Radwa Abdelsalam: *Title tbd*, since 2026.

Philipp Srama: *Spreading Dissent: Pathways and Contexts of Protest Diffusion*, since 2025.

Oksana Chorna: *Internally displaced persons and welfare deservingness in wartime Ukraine: Welfare retrenchment, wartime solidarity, and recipient perspectives*, since 2024, submitted May 2026.

Sophia Roppertz: *The Impact of Machine Learning on Social Science Knowledge Production*, since 2024.

Hamidreza Farhat: *Investigating User Interaction with Verified Party/Candidate and Non-official Accounts on Instagram during the US Presidential Elections*, since 2024.

Hannes Lehmann: *The Times are a-Changing: Determining Party Positions through Automated Parliamentary Debate Analysis*, since 2023.

Jury member Hannah-Marie Büttner: *Social Movement Power in Digitally Networked Protest: A Study of Anti-Covid Communities on Telegram*, May 2026.

Andrés Barrero: *Critical Discourse Studies as Social Sciences: different layers of reflection around the implementation of quantitative text analytical tools*, January 2026.

Hung H. V. Nguyen: *Party Positioning Space: A Comprehensive Framework for Understanding Multidimensional Policy-Making Dynamics*, March 2025.

Florian Buchmayr: *Das Soziale und das Politische - Eine Analyse des Verhältnisses zwischen sozialen Lebensbedingungen und ideologischen Orientierungen*, January 2024.

Dilan Kröse: *Wir nehmen unsere Leben in unsere eigenen Hände – Krisenproteste und demokratische Selbstorganisation in Griechenland (2008-2015)*, July 2024.

Talks and presentations

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 EPSS Annual General Conference, Belfast
- 2025 EPSA Annual General Conference, Madrid
- Annual Conference of the German Institute for Protest and Social Movement Research, Bremen
- 2024 EPSA Annual General Conference, Cologne
- Computational Social Science: Bridging Data and Methods with Theory and Applications (workshop), Bielefeld
- Researching Global Solidarity (workshop), Bremen.
- 29th Scientific congress of the German Association of Political Science (DVPW), Göttingen
- Conference: Dimensions of Right-Wing Extremism in Europe, University of Bielefeld
- 2023 EPCR Joint Session, Toulouse
- ESPA Annual General Conference, Glasgow
- Analyzing protest in the digital age: Challenges and opportunities in combining text and video sources (workshop), WZB
- 2022 ECPR General Conference, Innsbruck
- EPSA Annual General Conference, Prague
- DGS Congress, Bielefeld
- WZB Conference: Political Violence and Democratic Backsliding
- 2021 The rise of grassroots radicalism and its political effects (workshop), WZB
- Recent advances in the automated gathering and analysis of protest event data (workshop), online
- Contentious Interactions: Frontiers in Protest Research (workshop), WZB
- ECPR General Conference, online
- DVPW Convention, online
- 2020 Conference for Women in Political Methodology, online
- Workshop: Parties in the electoral cycle, online
- 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

- 2026 CENTER COLLOQUIUM, Center for Conflict Studies, University of Marburg.
- CHAIR FOR DATA SCIENCE IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, University of Mannheim
- 2025 INSTITUTE COLLOQUIUM OF THE INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRACY RESEARCH University of Göttingen.
- 2024 MZES-COLLOQUIUM University of Mannheim

- Keynote speech at the SUMMER INSTITUTE IN COMPUTATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE, WZB Berlin
PARTY RESEARCH GROUP, University of Gothenburg
- Roundtable on REORIENTATION OF METHODS EDUCATION TOWARDS THE DIGITALISATION
OF SOCIAL RESEARCH, Conference on “Computational Sociology - Methodological Challenges
for Research and Teaching in Higher Education,” Bremen.
- 2023 Keynote speech at the SUMMER INSTITUTE IN COMPUTATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE, WZB Berlin
MIDEM-WORKSHOP ON “THE POLARIZED SOCIETY: REALITY OR MYTH”, Dresden.
CONNECTED POLITICS LAB University College Dublin, (online)
UNIVERSITY OF FRANKFURT, guest lecture on systematic reviews (online)
- 2021 LEIBNIZ-KOLLEG, University of Tübingen
FRIDAY SEMINAR SERIES, Department of Political Science in the School of Social Sciences and
Philosophy at Trinity College Dublin, (online)
COLLOQUIUM: Sociological perspectives on the Corona crisis, organized by Jutta Allmendinger
and Armin Nassehi (online)
- 2019 DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR, Department of Social Sciences, University Düsseldorf
- PUBLIC SPEAKING
- 2024 Talk on “Civil disobedience and protest - perspectives from professional research”, [45TH GERMAN CRIMINAL DEFENCE LAWYERS’ CONFERENCE](#), Hamburg.
Roundtable: Using data responsibly - research data for society, Research Data Day, HAUS DER
WISSENSCHAFT BREMEN.
- 2023 Talk on “The effectiveness of protest - research approaches, measurement and new results,” yearly
internal conference of LOBBYCONTROL.
[Roundtable on “Energy crisis, right-wing mobilisation and democratic counter-strategies,”](#) NA-
TIONALTHEATER WEIMAR
- 2022 Talk on “Climate protest, civil disobedience and democracy” SPD PARLIAMENTARY GROUP IN
THE GERMANY BUNDESTAG.
Roundtable: Still chaos or already awakening? Berlin’s future as a major city, BERLINER STADT-
MUSEUM
- 2018 Talk on Populism, NOTTE EUROPEA DEI RICERCATORI (European Researchers’ Night) – Bright
2018, Florence

Service to the discipline

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- 2026-today MEMBER OF THE BOARD (VORSTAND) CRC 1342 - Global Dynamics of Social Policy.
- 2025-today MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD Support Center [“Bremen Early Career Researcher Development \(BYRD\)”](#)
- 2022-today MEMBER OF RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD Online Magazine [“Machine Against the Rage”](#) (*formerly federal working committee against online hate*)
- 2020 MEMBER OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Automated Extraction of Socio-political Events from
News – AESPEN Conference

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

- 2024-today Member of the Examination Board (Master of Political Science), University of Bremen
Member of the Selection Committee (Master of Political Science), University of Bremen
Member of Advisory Board: Research Centre for East European Studies' Ethics Commission
- 2021-2023 Academic council representative for research unit, WZB
- 2016-2017 Researcher Representative, Member of the Executive Committee, Library Committee, Department of Social and Political Science, EUI
- 2012-2014 Student Representative for Political Science, Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich

ACADEMIC & OTHER SERVICES

- 2025 Co-Organizer of the [ipb Annual Conference “Protests and Social Movements between Innovation and Tradition”](#), October 2025, Bremen
- 2023-today Co-Director of the [Social Data Laboratory \(SoDa Lab\)](#), University of Bremen
- 2023 Workshop Organizer at the ECPR Joint Sessions [Through Thick and Thin: Bridging Innovative Conceptual and Methodological Approaches in Studying Programmatic and Discursive Party Competition](#), with Fabian Habersack
- 2022 Section chair [“Conspiring Elites and Disgruntled Masses? Revisiting the Populist and Extremist Challenges to Democracy”](#) (endorsed by the Standing Group for Extremism and Democracy), ECPR General Conference, with Fabian Habersack
- 2021-2023 Organizer of [CO:STA](#), the Colloquium for Statistical Analysis at the WZB
- 2021 Workshop organizer for “Contentious Interactions: Frontiers in Protest Research”, 28/29th October, WZB
- 2018 PARTICIPANT: OSSC19 Crowdsourced Replication Initiative
- 2017–2019 Organizer of the [Political Behaviour Colloquium](#) at the EUI, with Reto Bürgisser and Vicente Valentim

Mentoring for and supporting early career researchers

- 2026 Co-Organizer of the [Summer School for Women* in Political Methodology](#), University of Mannheim
Talk “Higher education and the academic job market in Germany”, EUI Florence
Talk for Early Career Scholars at the ‘WZB Career Lunch’, WZB Berlin
- 2025 Local organizer of the [Summer School for Women* in Political Methodology](#), University of Bremen, July 2025.
Jury member, [BIGSSS Best Paper Award](#)
- 2024 Talk “Higher education and the academic job market in Germany”, EUI Florence
- 2023 Panel discussion at the [Early Career Researchers Retreat](#): “What I Wish I Knew About Academia & Alternative Paths” Cluster of Excellence “The politics of inequality”, University of Konstanz
Co-Organizer of the [Summer School for Women* in Political Methodology](#), University of Basel
- 2022 JURY MEMBER, student essay competition: [How does Germany argue? Protest culture today and yesterday](#).
- 2022-2020-today Mentor for PhD Students at the WZB Berlin, University of Bremen and in the mentoring program of EPSA and EPSS
- 2013-2016 Mentor in the project “Arbeiterkind.de”, a group empowering students with a working class background

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