

## VORTRAGSREIHE „POLITIK IN EUROPA“

### *How Salient is Cohesion Policy for Regional Governments? Empirical Evidence from Germany*

The EU's regional policy aims to enhance economic and social well-being, with evidence indicating its positive impact on growth and pro-European stances in regional party manifestos. Parties in government prioritize EU issues, particularly in coalition agreements influenced by pro-European partners, election manifesto emphasis, and EU funding dependency, underscoring the significance of regional governments and parties in EU affairs. These results have broader implications for our understanding of the interplay between spatial and issue competition, and they highlight the importance of focusing on regional governments and its parties as decisive actors for the regional involvement in EU affairs.



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