

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL AND CONTACT DETAILS

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CURRENT POSITION

07/2022 –	Full Professor (W3) , Saarland University, Chair of Political Science with a particular focus on European Integration and International Relations <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ CEUS (Cluster for European Research): Member of the Collegium▪ Study director: B.A. European Studies (Europawissenschaften: Politik – Recht – Gesellschaft)▪ I2SC (Interdisciplinary Institute for Societal Computing): Co-lead (together with Ingmar Weber)
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ACADEMIC EDUCATION

11/2017 – 08/2021	Habilitation in Political Science , LMU Munich, Faculty of Social Sciences <i>Topic</i> : Multi-level party politics <i>Mentors</i> : Edgar Grande, Berthold Rittberger, Hermann Schmitt
10/2007 – 06/2012	PhD in Political Science – Universities of Stuttgart and Bordeaux (German-French Graduate School): Political Trust in New European Democracies; <i>Supervisors</i> : Prof. Dr. Oscar W. Gabriel & Prof. Dr. Sigrid Roßteutscher
09/2000 – 02/2007	BA/MA - University of Heidelberg , <i>Magistra Artium</i> in Sociology and Romance Studies (French Linguistics and Spanish Literature)
09/2003 – 04/2004	Visiting Student , <i>Universidad de La Laguna</i> , Spain

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

11/2025	Vising scholar , Berlin Social Science Center, Center for Civil Society Research
2023/2024	Member of the Executive Board : CEUS (Cluster for European Research)
2022/2023	Deputy head of department : Department of European Social Research, Saarland University
08/2013 – 07/2022	Assistant professor , Chair of Comparative Politics, LMU Munich [including the following parental leaves: 06/2014 – 07/2015 and 11/2016 – 04/2017]
04/2018 – 09/2018	Interim Professor , Chair of Comparative Political Science, LMU Munich

- 08/2010 – 07/2013 **Research associate**, Chair of Comparative Political Science (Prof. Dr. Edgar Grande), LMU Munich
- 10/2007 – 07/2010 **Research associate**, Euromanifesto Project (Prof. Dr. Hermann Schmitt), Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)
- 05/2004 – 09/2007 **Student assistant**, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES):
until 2007 **Internships:** TNS Infratest GmbH, Munich; BASF, Ludwigshafen; *Groupe d'études et de recherches sur les mondialisations*, Paris; Au-pair, Paris.

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS & SPECIAL ISSUES

- Braun, Daniela, Alexander Hartland, Michael Kaeding, Zoe Lefkofridi and Kristina Weissenbach (2026): *Activating European Citizens' Trust in Times of Crisis and Polarization*. Wiesbaden: Springer.
- Braun, Daniela, Ulla Connor and Kristina Höfer (2025): *Grenzregionen als Laboratorien der Europaforschung*. Baden-Baden: Nomos.
- Anders, Lisa, Braun, Daniela and Alexander Libman (2025): Crises, adaptation and resilience – Exploring the transformation of regional organizations from the perspective of EU studies and comparative regionalism. *Polit Vierteljahresschr* 66: 507–524.
- Braun, Daniela, Martin Gross and Berthold Rittberger (2020): Political behaviour in the EU multi-level system. *Politics and Governance* 8 (1): 1-5.
- Braun, Daniela (2013): *Politisches Vertrauen in neuen Demokratien*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

PUBLICATIONS: JOURNAL ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS (*peer review)

Under review

- *Hartland, Alex, Daniela Braun, Daniel Gayo-Avello, Benjamin Lopez Perez, Cristian González García (*under review*): What you say and how you say it: Does sentiment bias stance detection in political texts?
- *Hartland, Alex, Daniela Braun, Giuseppe Carteny, Rosa M. Navarrete (*under review*): When AI Talks Politics: How Reliable is ChatGPT?
- *Braun, Daniela and Philipp König (*under review*): Towards a European 'demos' in politicized times? Supranational drivers of voter turnout in the 2019 and 2024 European elections.
- *Braun, Daniela and Giuseppe Carteny (*under review*): Mapping party competition on gender-related issues in Europe.
- *Reinl, Ann-Kathrin, Alexander Hartland and Daniela Braun (*under review*): Beyond Micro and Macro-Level Explanations Meso-level Triggers of Non-Electoral Political Engagement.
- *Reinl, Ann-Kathrin, Daniela Braun, Alexander Hartland, Ruth Berkowitz, Kristina Weissenbach and Michael Kaeding (*under review*): What promotes attitudinal and behavioural facets of citizens' political disaffection? Analysing subjective feelings of powerlessness and a lack of trust in politics, together with a lack of engagement with the political process across Europe.
- *Navarrete, Rosa, Eva-Maria Euchner and Daniela Braun (*under review*): Tweeting Through the Glass Ceiling? Social Media Usage and candidates' gender in the 2019 European Parliament Election Campaign.

2026 or forthcoming

- Braun, Daniela and Philipp König (*forthcoming*): Struktur- und Regionalpolitik. In: Weidenfeld, Werner, Wessels, Wolfgang and Funda Tekin (eds.): *Europa von A bis Z*. Springer VS.

Braun, Daniela and Giuseppe Carteny (*forthcoming*): Party Manifestos and Political Representation. In: Freire, André, Önnudóttir, Eva, Pedrazzani, Andrea and Hermann Schmitt (eds.): *Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Representation*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

*Braun, Daniela, Deiss-Helbig, Elisabeth, Gessler, Theresa, Müller, Jochen, Wagner, Julia und Georg Wenzelburger (2026). Party Competition and Voter Attitudes in German Border Regions: Evidence From Local VAAs. *Politics and Governance* 14. <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.11228>.

Braun, Daniela and Giuseppe Carteny (2026). Politicization. In: Stockemer, Daniel, Stephen Sawyer and Audrey Gagnon (eds.) *IPSA Companion to Political Science*. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-032-06918-4_71-1.

*Hartland, Alex, Daniela Braun, Giuseppe Carteny, Rosa M. Navarrete and Ann-Kathrin Reinl (2026): The role of key European issues in the 2024 election campaign. *West European Politics* 49(1), 265–292. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2025.2498838>.

2025

*Carteny, Giuseppe, Daniela Braun, Alex Hartland and Ann-Kathrin Reinl (2025): Party competition on European issues in the 2024 EP Elections. *Italian Journal of Electoral Studies* 88(1): 21–33, <https://oaj.fupress.net/index.php/qoe/article/view/17373>.

*Braun, Daniela and Martin Gross (2025): Who engages with environmental issues in a multi-level system? An exploratory analysis of German parties' issue emphasis. *der moderne staat* 18: 162-184.

Braun, Daniela, Djamila Jabra and Jan Pollex (2025): Climate Change and Political Parties: Higher salience and more diversification over climate change in the 2024 EP elections? In: Kaeding, Michael, Hoppe, Alexander and Manuel Müller: *The 2024 European Parliament Elections. A Turn to the Right in the Shadow of War*. Springer Cham, 121-130.

*Euchner, Eva-Maria, David Schweizer and Daniela Braun (2025): Is secular-religious party competition moving online? Digital religious profiles of candidates running for the European Parliament. *Front. Polit. Sci., Sec. Comparative Governance*, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpos.2025.1548602>.

Braun, Daniela, Giuseppe Carteny, Alex Hartland, Djamila Jabra and Rosa M. Navarrete (2025): Political parties' policy preferences on environmental issues in German border regions. In: Braun, Daniela, Ulla Connor and Kristina Höfer (eds.): *Grenzregionen als Laboratorien der Europaforschung*. Nomos, 251-275.

Braun, Daniela and Friederike Hommel (2025): Euroskeptizismus in der deutsch-französischen Grenzregion. Eine Tageszeitungsanalyse zu den Kommunalwahlkämpfen in Saarbrücken und Forbach. In: Braun, Daniela, Ulla Connor and Kristina Höfer (eds.): *Grenzregionen als Laboratorien der Europaforschung*: Nomos, 291-311.

*Luxton, Louise, Djamila Jabra and Daniela Braun (2025): Anti-feminism in the spotlight: Media coverage of German parties' gender and sexuality policies in the 2024 European Parliament election campaign. *European Journal of Communication* 40(4), 345-359.

*Zhu, Jianlong, Manon Kempermann, Vikram Kamath Cannanure, Alexander Hartland, Rosa M Navarrete, Giuseppe Carteny, Daniela Braun and Ingmar Weber (2025): Learn, Explore and Reflect by Chatting: Understanding the Value of an LLM-Based Voting Advice Application Chatbot. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2505.09806*.

*Braun, Daniela and Giuseppe Carteny (2025): How Does Eurosceptic Party Consolidation Transform Party Competition Over European Issues? *Polit Vierteljahresschr* 66, 525–544.

2024

*Puleo, Leonardo, Daniela Braun, Ann-Kathrin Reinl and Eftichia Teperoglou (2024): Another sleeping giant? Environmental issue preferences in the 2019 European Parliament elections. *West European Politics*, 48(3), 507–533.

Braun, Daniela and Michael Kaeding (2024): Politisches Vertrauen in Europa im Kontext von Mehrebenenstruktur und Polarisierung: Konzeptionelle Überlegungen, *integration* 47(2): 157-162.

*Schröder, Martin, Daniela Braun, Kathrin L. Grimm, Martin Ulrich und Georg Wenzelburger (2024): A matter of time, not generations: rising emotional attachment to the European Union 1991–2023. An age period cohort analysis. *Journal of European Public Policy* 32(6), 1307–1335.

Braun, Daniela and Ann-Kathrin Reinl (2024): Political Parties' Emphasis on Sovereignty in Crisis Times for Europe. In: Weber, Florian, Olaf Kühne und Julia Dittel (eds.): *Transformation Processes in Europe and Beyond*: 187-212.

Braun, Daniela and Ann-Kathrin Reinl (2024): The *Spitzenkandidaten* Process in the Context of the EP Campaign. In: Ceron, Matilde, Thomas Christiansen and Dionyssi G. Dimitrakopoulos (eds.): *The Politicisation of the European Commission's Presidency*: 159-195.

2023

Braun, Daniela and Markus Tausendpfund (2023): Wie europäisch sind die Europawahlen? In: *Deutschland & Europa: Europa im Wandel – EU-Politik und Fußball-EM im Rampenlicht* Heft 86: 8-14.

Braun, Daniela and Ann-Kathrin Reinl (2023): Arising calls for national sovereignty in times of European crises and the political Zeitenwende. *Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft* 33, 499–506.

Braun, Daniela (2023): Text analysis of party manifestos. In: Carter, Neil, Dan Keith, Gyda Sindre & Sofia Vasilopoulou (eds.): *The Routledge Handbook of Political Parties*, 439-449.

*Reinl, Ann-Kathrin and Daniela Braun (2023): Who holds the union together? Citizens' preferences for European Union cohesion in challenging times. *European Union Politics* 24(2): 390–409.

*Kathrin Ackermann, Daniela Braun, Fatke, Matthias and Nayla Fawzi (2023): Direct democracy and populist attitudes in the German Bundesländer. *Journal of Regional and Federal Studies* 33(2): 139-162.

*Braun, Daniela and Eva-Maria Trüdinger (2023): Communal and Exchange-Based Trust in Germany Thirty Years After Reunification: Convergence or Still an East–West Divide?. *German Politics* 32(1): 43-62.

2022

*Braun, Daniela and Constantin Schäfer (2022): Issues that mobilize Europe. The role of key policy issues for voter turnout in the 2019 European Parliament election. *European Union Politics* 23(1): 120-140.

Braun, Daniela (2022): Transnational party groups in the 2019 EP elections. In: Graziano, Paolo & Jale Tosun (eds.): *Encyclopedia of EU Public Policy*. Edward Elgar Publishing: 586-594.

2021

*Braun, Daniela (2021): The Europeanness of the 2019 EP elections. *Politics* 41(4): 451-466.

Daniela Braun und Edgar Grande (2021): Europapolitik als Konfliktthema. Der Schlüssel liegt bei den Mainstream- Parteien. *WZB-Mitteilungen* 172: 24-26.

*Braun, Daniela und Edgar Grande (2021): The politicization of elections to the European Parliament. The crucial role of mainstream political parties. *Journal of Common Market Studies* 59(5): 1124-1141.

Braun, Daniela (2021): Transnationale Parteibewegungen als Ausweg aus der EU-Mehrebenenproblematik. Eine empirische Analyse von Volt und DiEM25 bei den Europawahlen 2019. In: Bukow, Sebastian, Uwe Jun & Jörg Siegmund (eds.): *Parteien in Bewegung*. Baden-Baden: Nomos: 167-189.

*Schäfer, Constantin, Sebastian A. Popa, Braun, Daniela and Hermann Schmitt (2021): The Reshaping of Political Conflict over Europe: From Pre-Maastricht to Post-Euro-Crisis. In: *West European Politics* 44 (3): 531-557.

2020

- *Braun, Daniela and Hermann Schmitt (2020): Different emphases, same positions? The election manifestos of political parties in the EU multilevel electoral system compared. In: *Party Politics* 26 (5): 640–650.
- *Braun, Daniela and Markus Tausendpfund (2020): Electoral behaviour in a European Union under stress. In: *Politics and Governance* 8 (1): 28-40.
- *Schmitt, Hermann, Alberto Sanz, Daniela Braun and Eftichia Teperoglou (2020): It all happens at once: Understanding electoral behavior in second-order elections. In: *Politics and Governance* 8 (1): 6-18.
- Braun, Daniela (2020): Die neunten Direktwahlen zum Europäischen Parlament. Eine erste Analyse aus politikwissenschaftlicher Perspektive. In: Schiffauer, Peter (ed.): Europa bedroht von innen und von außen? Erträge des Symposiums des Dimitris-Tsatsos-Instituts für Europäische Verfassungswissenschaften am 14. Und 15. Juni 2019 an der FernUniversität in Hagen. Berlin: Berliner Wissenschaftsverlag: 17-34.
- Braun, Daniela (2020): Inhaltsanalyse. In: Tausendpfund, Markus (ed.): Quantitative Analyseverfahren der Sozialwissenschaften. Springer VS: 301-334.
- Braun, Daniela, Sebastian A. Popa and Hermann Schmitt (2020): The impact of Eurosceptic challenger parties of the left and right on party competition over Europe. In: Cotta, Maurizio und Pierangelo Isernia (eds.): The EU through multiple crises: representation and cohesion dilemmas for a “sui generis” polity. Routledge.

2019

- Braun, Daniela and Markus Tausendpfund (2019): Die neunten Direktwahlen zum Europäischen Parlament in Deutschland: Themen und Akteure, Gewinner und Verlierer. In: *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen* 50 (4): 689 – 690.
- *Popa, Sebastian A., Zoltán Fazekas, Daniela Braun and Melanie-Marita Leidecker-Sandmann (2019): Informing the Public: How Party Communication Builds Opportunity Structures. In: *Political Communication* (doi: 10.1080/10584609.2019.1666942).
- *Braun, Daniela, Sebastian A. Popa and Hermann Schmitt (2019): Responding to the crisis: Eurosceptic parties of the left and right and their changing position towards the European Union. In: *European Journal of Political Research* 58 (3): 797-819 [This article also appears in *ECPR – The EU at a Crossroads*].
- *Braun, Daniela and Tobias Schwarzbözl (2019): Put in the spotlight or largely ignored? Emphasis on the *Spitzenkandidaten* by political parties in their online campaigns for European elections. In: *Journal of European Public Policy* 26 (3): 428 - 445.
- Braun, Daniela and Markus Tausendpfund (2019): Politisches Wissen und Europawahlen. In: Westle, Bettina and Markus Tausendpfund (eds.): Politisches Wissen. Bedeutung – Messung – Befunde – offene Fragen. Wiesbaden: Springer VS: 207-236.

2018

- *Braun, Daniela and Sebastian A. Popa (2018): This time it was different? The salience of the *Spitzenkandidaten* system among European parties. In: *West European Politics* 41 (5): 1125-1145.
- Braun, Daniela and Markus Tausendpfund (2018): Europawahlen 2014. Die Wahl euroskeptischer Parteien im Schatten der Wirtschaftskrise. In: Anders, Lisa, Henrik Scheller and Thomas Tuntschew (eds.): Parteien und die Politisierung der Europäischen Union. Wiesbaden: Springer VS: 73-102.
- Braun, Daniela, Swen Hutter and Alena Kerscher (2018): Anzeichen einer „differenzierten“ Politisierung? Die Salienz europäischer *Policies* im Europawahlkampf. In: Anders, Lisa, Henrik Scheller and Thomas Tuntschew (eds.): Parteien und die Politisierung der Europäischen Union. Wiesbaden: Springer VS: 163-191.

2017

Braun, Daniela and Markus Tausendpfund (2017): Haltung zur Europäischen Union. In: Tausendpfund, Markus and Angelika Vetter (eds.) Politische Orientierungen von Kommunalpolitikern im Vergleich. Springer VS: 178-213.

2016

*Braun, Daniela, Swen Hutter and Alena Kerscher (2016): What type of Europe? The salience of polity and policy issues in European Parliament elections. In: *European Union Politics* 17 (4): 570-592.

*Braun, Daniela and Swen Hutter (2016): Political trust, extra-representational participation and the openness of political systems. In: *International Political Science Review* 37 (2): 151-165.

Hutter, Swen, Daniela Braun and Alena Kerscher (2016): Constitutive issues as driving forces of politicization. In: Hutter, Swen, Edgar Grande and Hanspeter Kriesi (eds.): *Politicizing Europe: Integration and Mass Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: 137-155.

2015

Braun, Daniela and Markus Tausendpfund (2015): Wirtschaftskrise und politische Unterstützung im europäischen Vergleich. In: Giebler, Heiko and Aiko Wagner (eds.): *Wirtschaft, Krise und Wahlverhalten*. Nomos: Baden-Baden: 333-360.

Braun, Daniela (2015): Französische Besatzungszone/Zone Française d' Occupation. In: Kufer, Astrid, Isabelle Guinaudeau and Christophe Prémat (eds.): *Handwörterbuch der deutsch-französischen Beziehungen*. Baden-Baden: Nomos (2nd edition): 122-124.¹

Braun, Daniela (2015): Interkulturelle Kommunikation/Communication Interculturelle. In: Kufer, Astrid, Isabelle Guinaudeau and Christophe Prémat (eds.): *Handwörterbuch der deutsch-französischen Beziehungen*. Baden-Baden: Nomos (2. überarbeitete und erweiterte Auflage): 154-155.¹

Braun, Daniela (2015): Sprachpolitik/Politique linguistique. In: Astrid Kufer, Isabelle Guinaudeau and Christophe Prémat (eds.): *Handwörterbuch der deutsch-französischen Beziehungen*. Baden-Baden: Nomos (2. überarbeitete und erweiterte Auflage): 231-234.¹

2014

*Braun, Daniela and Markus Tausendpfund (2014): The impact of the Euro crisis on citizens' support for the European Union. In: *Journal of European Integration* 36 (3): 231-245.

2013

*Braun, Daniela and Markus Tausendpfund (2013): Immigration als Erklärung für die Zustimmung zur weiteren Europäischen Integration. Eine europaweite empirische Analyse. In: *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft* 7 (3): 205-226.

2009

Schmitt, Hermann, Alberto Sanz and Daniela Braun (2009): Motive individuellen Wahlverhaltens in Nebenwahlen: Eine theoretische Rekonstruktion und empirische Überprüfung. In: Oscar W. Gabriel, Bernhard Wessels and Jürgen W. Falter (eds.): *Wahlen und Wähler: Analysen aus Anlass der Bundestagswahl 2005*. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag, 585-605.

Braun, Daniela and Hermann Schmitt (2009): Politische Legitimität. In: Kaina, Viktoria and Andrea Römmele (eds.): *Politische Soziologie. Ein Studienbuch*. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag 2009, 53-81.

2008

Tausendpfund, Markus and Daniela Braun (2008): Die schwierige Suche nach Ergebnissen der Wahlen zum Europäischen Parlament: Ein neuer Datensatz für die Wahlen 1979 bis 2004. In: *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen* 39 (1): 84-93.

¹ Published in French as well: Guinaudeau, Isabelle, Astrid Kufer et Christophe Prémat (dir.) (2009) *Dictionnaire des relations franco-allemandes*, Bordeaux: Presses Universitaires de Bordeaux.

PUBLICATIONS: BOOK REVIEWS

Braun, Daniela (2017): Book review, *European Identity in the Context of National Identity: Questions of Identity in Sixteen European Countries in the Wake of the Financial Crisis*. Edited by Bettina Westle & Paolo Segatti, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016. 384p. £60.00, *Perspectives on Politics* 15 (1): 282-283.

PUBLICATIONS: SELECTED DATA SETS

Reinl, Ann-Kathrin, Braun, Daniela, Hartland, Alex, Morales, Laura & Christensen, Henrik S. (2025). ActEU public opinion survey (Version 1.0.0) [Data set]. GESIS, Cologne. <https://doi.org/10.7802/2782>

Braun, Daniela, Hartland, Alexander & Reinl, Ann-Kathrin (2024): Reporting on Deliverable D1.3 – Codebook and data set of the experimental survey. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15024413>.

Carteny, Giuseppe, Reinl, Ann-Kathrin, Braun, Daniela, Popa, Sebastian A., & Schmitt, Hermann (2023). *European Parliament Election Study 1979-2019, Euromanifesto Study*. GESIS, Köln. ZA5102 Datenfile Version 3.0.0, <https://doi.org/10.4232/1.14120>.

Reinl, Ann-Kathrin, & Braun, Daniela (2023). *European Election Studies 2019: Manifesto Project*. GESIS, Köln. ZA7891 Datenfile Version 1.0.0, <https://doi.org/10.4232/1.13976>.

Braun, Daniela, & Reinl, Ann-Kathrin (2022). *European Parliament Elections – Euromanifesto Study (Documents 2019)*. GESIS, Köln. ZA7892 Datenfile Version 1.0.0, <https://doi.org/10.4232/1.13977>.

Schmitt, Hermann, Braun, Daniela, & Popa, Sebastian A. (2021). *European Parliament Elections – Euromanifesto Study (Documents 1979 - 2014)*. GESIS Datenarchiv, Köln. ZA5163 Datenfile Version 1.0.0, <https://doi.org/10.4232/1.5163>.

Stier, Sebastian, Popa, Sebastian A. & Daniela Braun (2020): *Political Campaigning on Twitter During the 2019 European Parliament Election Campaign*. GESIS Data Archive, Cologne. <https://doi.org/10.7802/1.1995>.

Schmitt, Hermann, Braun, Daniela, Popa, Sebastian A., Mikhaylov, Slava & Felix Dwinger (2018): *European Parliament Election Study 1979-2014, Euromanifesto Study*. GESIS Data Archive, Cologne. ZA5102 Data file Version 2.0.0, doi:10.4232/1.12830.

Braun, Daniela, Hermann Schmitt, Andreas Wüst, Sebastian Popa, Slava Mikhaylov & Felix Dwinger (2015): *European Parliament Election Study 1979-2009, Manifesto Study*. ZA5102 Datenfile Version 1.1.0, doi:10.4232/1.12659.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

APSA	2017
CES	2016
Dreiländertagung	2016, 2014, 2011
German Political Science Association	2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2021, 2024
AKER	2019, 2023
IR	2023
Political Parties	2019
Elections & Public Opinion	2018
Comparative Politics	2025 (organized together with Kristina Weissenbach and Georg Wenzelburger)
ECPG	2024
ECPR Joint Sessions	2019, 2013, 2010

ECPR General Conference	2021, 2019
ECPR Graduate Conference	2008
ECPR SG EU	2021, 2020 (cancelled due to Covid-19), 2022
EPSA	2020 (cancelled due to Covid-19)
ESRA	2013
IPSA	2012, 2009

TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

2025

Invited lecture, Saarbrücken Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS): Computing of Society: Why It Matters and How It Can Be Done (2025).

Invited Talk (TEDx, Saarbrücken): Wie bekommen wir mehr Bevölkerung in die Politik? Digitale und nicht-digitale Anregungen zur Überwindung von Repräsentationslücken und Politikverdrossenheit (2025).

Talk, Open Day (USAAR, Saarbrücken): Ist das Vertrauen in die europäische Politik gefährdet? (2025).

UNTWIST co-creation workshop (FrauenGenderBibliothek, Saarbrücken): Wie sollen demokratische Parteien zukünftig mit dem Thema Geschlechtergerechtigkeit umgehen? (2025).

ActEU Youth Democracy Lab (Gemeinschaftsschule Dudweiler, Saarbrücken): Ist das Vertrauen in die europäische Politik gefährdet? (2025).

ActEU Doctoral School (TEPSA, Brussels): DEMOCRATIC FRONTIERS: Charting Pathways for Trust and Participation in European Governance (2025).

2024

CEUS Europakonferenz (USAAR, Saarbrücken): Euroskeptizismus und seine Auswirkungen – eine ausgeprägte Debatte über Europa und mehr Europakritik? (2024).

TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conference (Warsaw, Poland): Roundtable discussion “EU Democracy Renewal: Addressing the Pressures on Representative Democracy in Europe” (2024).

ActEU Youth Democracy Lab (USAAR Campustag): Ist das Vertrauen in die europäische Politik gefährdet? (2024).

I2SC Workshop Digital Democracy Days (USAAR, Saarbrücken): Measuring and understanding (features of) democracy using digital data (2024).

Invited talk, Rotary Club (Saarbrücken): Die Europawahlen 2024 eine Analyse der Ergebnisse (2024).

Talk, Open Day (USAAR, Saarbrücken): Wie motiviert sind Parteien sowie Wählerinnen und Wähler sich zu engagieren? (2024).

Talk, Open Day (USAAR, Saarbrücken): Europawahlen und KI, mit Ingmar Weber (2024)

Invited talk, Demokratie Stiftung Saar (Saarbrücken): Deutschland vor der Europawahl, mit Markus Tausendpfund (2024).

Invited Talk (Evangelischen Akademie im Saarland/ USAAR, Saarbrücken): Was Daten und KI über die Welt verraten – neue Möglichkeiten und Risiken, mit Ingmar Weber (2024)

Invited Talk, Master of Public Policy der Universität Duisburg-Essen: „Wahlen in der EU: Europäische Institutionen, Parteien und Policies“ (2024).

Invited talk, Deutsch-Französischer Kulturkreis (Heidelberg): Die Europawahlen 2024 – eine deutsch-französische Analyse im Vorfeld (2024).

Plenary discussion, University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) online panel discussion: Beyond the Ballot Box: Domestic Politics & the Future of the European Union (2024).

Invited talk, Rotary Club Obere Saar (Saarbrücken): Die Europawahlen 2024 eine Analyse im Vorfeld (2024).

Invited guest for HEUREC final conference, Darmstadt (2024)

2023

Plenary discussion, Transformation und Demokratie: Wie der klimaverträgliche Umbau von Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft unter demokratischen Vorzeichen gelingen kann, Saarbrücken –VHS Zentrum (2023).

Politik-Webinar, Europa hat die Wahl - Programme und wirtschaftliche Perspektiven für die Zukunft des Standorts Europa (2023).

Online-Workshop: TEPSA Training "Inside the European Parliament" (2023).

CEUS-Workshop: Grenzregionen als Laboratorien der Europaforschung, Saarbrücken: Villa Europa (2023).

MZES AB/B-Colloquium: How can we measure, study and improve citizens' dissatisfaction with representative democracy in the EU's multi-level system?, Mannheim, 2023.

KickOff-Conference "Interdisciplinary Institute for Societal Computing (I2SC)", Saarbrücken (2023).

Brussels, KickOff conference ActEU (2023).

FernUniversität Hagen: Inhaltsanalyse (2023).

SciencesPo Strasbourg, Castle Talks: Eurosceptic parties and their challenges for European democracy (2023).

Europa-Podium: Zwischen Europäisierung und Renationalisierung. Wie viel politisches Vertrauen genießt die EU? Saarbrücken, Rathausaal (2023).

2022

Universität Trier: „Souveränitätsansprüche europäischer Parteien in einem zunehmend polarisierten Europa“ (2022).

Research Workshop (Online): Beyond Spitzenkandidaten? The Politicization of Leadership Selection in the European Union: “The Spitzenkandidaten process in the context of the EP campaign: the role of party competition” (2022)

Europa(-Welten) im Umbruch – Grenz(ziehung)en im Wandel at Saarland University: Souveränitätsansprüche europäischer Parteien in einem zunehmend polarisierten Europa (2022).

Symposium „Solidaritäten – Wissenschaft Gemeinsam Gerecht Gestalten“ at Saarland University: „Zusammenhalt und Solidarität in Europa“ (2022).

German Ministry of Education and Research, mid-term-conference „Sticking together in tough times?“ (2022).

TU Dresden „Sovereignist reactions of political parties in challenging times for Europe“ (2022).

2021

Online-Panel, University of Macedonia (Thessaloniki, Greece) & Heinrich Böll Stiftung Greece-Thessaloniki: “The German Federal Elections: A Signpost for Germany, the EU, and Greece” (2021)

University of Stuttgart, Invited talk on „Mobilizing Europeans Through Issues“ (2021).

EGPP Annual Conference, European University Institute, Florence: „Mobilizing Europeans Through Issues“ (2021).

2020

Online Symposium, Maastricht University “The East-West divide in the European Union” (2020).

German Ministry of Education and Research, Kick-off-conference „Sticking together in tough times?“ (2020).

University Duisburg-Essen: „Turnout in the 2019 EP elections“ (2020).

Roundtable discussion, Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation/Thomas-Dehler-Foundation: “Brexit” (2020).

LMU Munich, GSI: „Gender and diversity in Political Science“ (2020).

Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Invited talk on ‘Political Trust’, 2020 (cancelled due to Covid-19)

University of Stuttgart, Invited talk on ‘Multi-level party politics’, 2020 (cancelled due to Covid-19).

Workshop „The European Elections 2019“, Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (2020).

2019

LMU Munich Ment15-Programme, „Women in Social Sciences“ (2019).

Workshop “#JungesEuropa. We are one“, Evangelische Akademie Tutzing (2019).

Symposium “Europa bedroht von innen und von außen?“, FernUniversität Hagen (2019).

Workshop “European Parliament Elections 2019 – Drivers and Impacts of the Transformation in the European Party System“, Institut für Europäische Politik/Auswärtiges Amt, Berlin (2019).

Workshop “Doing Democracy? Democracy and Populism in the EU after the ‘Refugee Crisis’“, Center for Advanced Studies, LMU Munich (2019).

2018 and earlier

Round table plenary debate “The Euro and the crisis of democracy“, DVPW Annual Meeting, University of Frankfurt (2018).

Annual meeting of the faculty of Social Sciences, LMU Munich (2018): Eurosceptic parties of the left and right and their changing position towards the European Union in times of crisis.

Euroscepticism and EU Politicization in Times of Crisis (Sofia Vasilopoulou), University of York, UK (2017): „Responding to the crisis: Mainstream and Eurosceptic parties of the left and right and their changing position towards the European Union“.

European Election Study Conference, Mannheim (2015): „The salience of EU constitutive and policy issues“.

First Research Conference of the Working Group on Democracy: Assessing representative democracy, the democratic deficit & institutional reform (Prof. Reinhard Heinisch), Wien, Österreich (2011): “Trends in Political Trust in New European Democracies. Decline or Increase?”

Workshop on Intercoder reliability, University of Salzburg (2010); Prof. Reinhard Heinisch

TEACHING

08/2022 – 09/2025

Department of European Social Research/ USAAR

Bachelor's degree:

- Lecture: Politisches System der Europäischen Union (N=3)
- Seminar: Regional- und Strukturpolitik (N=4)
- Seminar: Geschlechter(un)gleichheit in der Politik im Vergleich (N=1)
- Seminar: Politisches System Deutschlands (N=1)
- Seminar: Techniken wissenschaftlichen Arbeitens (N=1)
- Seminar: Politische Legitimität in Europa in Zeiten zunehmender Polarisierung (N=1)
- Seminar: Parteienwettbewerb um genderbezogene Themen in Europa: Mainstream-Parteien, extreme populistische Parteien und die Repräsentation der Bevölkerung (N=1)
- Seminar: Politische Soziologie (N=1)
- Seminar: Internationale Beziehungen (N=1)

Colloquium on European Politics, together with Georg Wenzelburger (N=3)

Gender Lecture Series, together with Astrid Fellner (N=1)

10/2010 – 07/2022

Geschwister-Scholl-Institute of Political Science/ LMU Munich

Bachelor's degree:

- Betreuung von Bachelorarbeiten (N=7)
- Bürger und Politik in europäischen Ländern im Vergleich (N=3)
- Europäische Staaten im Vergleich (N=2)
- Geschlechter(un)gleichheit in der Politik im Vergleich (N=1)

- Politische Kultur in Europa (N=1)
- Politisches System Deutschlands (N=11)
- Politisches Vertrauen in westlichen Demokratien (N=1)
- Wahlen zum Europäischen Parlament (N=2)
- Politisches System der Europäischen Union (N=3)

Master's degree:

- Betreuung von Masterarbeiten (N=1)
- Geschlechter(un)gleichheit in der Politik (N=1)
- Parteienwettbewerb im europäischen Mehrebenensystem (N=2)
- Parteien und Bürger*innen im europäischen Mehrebenensystem (N=1)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Memberships: DVPW/ GPSA (German Political Science Association); ECPR

Speakers: 2021-2024: Co-leader of the working group AKER of the German Political Science Association (DVPW/GPSA)

PhD supervision: Djamila Jabra; Philipp König

Habilitation supervision: Dr. Cornelia Baciú

External committee membership: W1 professorship (2023); Advisory board for BA study programme (2023); W3 professorship (2024); W3 professorship (2025)

Reviews: British Journal of Political Science; Comparative Politics; Electoral Studies; Environmental Politics; European Journal of Integration; European Journal of Political Research; European Politics and Society; European Political Science; European Political Science Review; European Union Politics; Frontiers in Political Science; integration; International Political Science Review; Journal of Common Market Studies; Journal of Contemporary European Studies; Journal of European Integration; Journal of European Public Policy; Journal of Politics; mda (Methoden, Daten, Analyse); Political Communication; Party Politics; Politics; Politics and Governance; Politische Vierteljahresschrift (PVS); Regional & Federal Studies; Representation; Research and Politics; Social Movement Studies; Swiss Political Science Review; West European Politics; Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft

Media: DVPW-Media Information on European Elections 2019, Berlin; INTERVIEWS: Bayerischer Rundfunk, Bayern 1, Bayern 2, El País, Hallo München, ORF, La Croix, Ta Nea, Pro7 (Galileo), Salzburger Nachrichten, SR 2, Saarbrücker Zeitung, SWR, Tagesschau.

Podcasts, Blogs etc.:

Blog Der (europäische) Föderalist: [Aus dem Takt? Der schwierige Wahltanz der EU – Out of step? The EU's difficult election dance](#), mit Alex Hartland, Giuseppe Carteny, Rosa M. Navarrete und Ann-Kathrin Reinl (2025)

YouTube Stiftung Demokratie Saarland: [Deutschland vor der Europawahl](#) (2024)

Podcast PolL051 PolL - der Podcast für lebenslanges Lernen: [Ein europäischer Blick auf Europa](#) (2024)

Dossier, bpb: [Wen kümmert schon Europa?](#), mit Ann-Kathrin Reinl (2024)

Politisch bildet-Podcast, Landeszentrale für Politische Bildung BW: Europawahl 2024: [Sind die Europawahlen europäisch genug?](#) (2023)

DVPW-Blog: [Warum sind Europawahlen eigentlich \(immer noch\) so unsichtbar?](#) (2019)

RESEARCH GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

MFW Saarland Societal Observatory Using Novel Data Sources; Funding line “Transformationsprogramm Forschungs- und Wissenschaftstransfer Saar”;

	Project acronym: SOUNDS; Duration 07/2025 – 08/2032; Role: PI (together with Ingmar Weber); overall sum: 29 230 803 Euros.
HorizonEurope	Grant agreement ID: 101094190; Funding line “Democracy in flux”; Project acronym: ActEU; Duration 03/2023 – 02/2026; Role: Scientific & WP lead; 511 250 Euros (overall sum: 2 999 870 Euros).
HorizonEurope	Grant agreement ID: 101060836; Funding line “Feminisms for a new age of democracy”; Project acronym: UNTWIST; Duration 02/2023 – 02/2026; Role: WP lead; 524 517.50 Euros (overall sum: 2 697 318,25 Euros).
BMBF	Funding line „Cohesion in Europe“; Project acronym: ProConEU (24 months, starting date: 01/03/2021), Role: PI and WP lead, 674 606 Euros (overall sum of WPs: 876 000 Euros).
LMU	Junior Researcher Fund (2020); 36 000 Euros plus teaching reduction
LMU	Gender equality fund (2020); 2 600 Euros
GSI (LMU)	Workshop “Bringing politics into the study of the European Union” (2019); 2 500 Euros (together with Martin Gross)
LMU Mentoring	2018 & 2019; 5 000 Euros
DFG	Project Funding (application together with Edgar Grande): European elections and political structuring. A comparative analysis (36 months); 204 419 Euros (per applicant)
Horizon 2020	Project Funding (together with Hermann Schmitt): The Content of Election Manifestos of Political Parties during the Occasion of the European Parliament Elections of 2014/ subproject from EUENGAGE (36 months); 262 500 Euros
LMUexcellent	Funding Conference Participation CES, USA (2016): 1 979 Euros
DAAD	Funding Conference Participation ESRA, Slovenia (2013): 1 000 Euros
LGF	PhD Scholarship granted by the State of Baden-Württemberg (35 months): 42 000 Euros
Grants	ECPR Workshop Directors Grant, Mainz (2013) ECPR Mobility Grant, Münster (2010) Mobility Fund of the German-French University (2007-2010)

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