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born 16 November 1986 in Buchen (Odenwald)
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Current Academic Position

since 2023 **Associate Professor of Political Science (tenure track)**, Department of Social Sciences, University of Siegen

Education

2012-2017 **Doctorum rerum socialium (PhD in Political Science), University of Bern (Grade: summa cum laude)**

PhD Thesis: “Personality and Politics in Context. The Interaction of Personality Traits and Contextual Factors in Shaping Political Behavior and Attitudes” (Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag, Prof. Dr. Thorsten Faas)

2010-2012 **M.A. in Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz (Grade: 1.0)**

Programme: Comparative Politics and Policy Analysis; Empirical Methods
MA-Thesis: “Mobilisierung im katholischen Milieu? Zum Einfluss der konfessionellen Komposition des Kontextes auf die individuelle Wahlbeteiligung von Katholiken in Deutschland.” (Grade: 1.0; Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Peter Selb, Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag)

- 2006-2010 **B.A. in Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz (Grade: 1.3)**
 BA-Thesis: “Bildungsungleichheit im internationalen Vergleich - Empirische Bestandsaufnahme und makropolitische Erklärungsansätze.” (Grade: 1.0; Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag, PD Dr. Sven Jochem)
- 2008 **Semester Abroad, Leiden University (the Netherlands)**
- 1997-2006 **A-Levels, Burghardt Gymnasium Buchen (Grade: 1.0)**

Academic Positions

- 2019-2023 **Assistant Professor of Political Science (no tenure track)**, Institute of Political Science, Heidelberg University
- 2018-2019 **Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer**, Chair of Sociology (Prof. Sigrid Rossteutscher, PhD), Goethe-University Frankfurt
- 2017-2018 **SNSF Early Postdoc.Mobility Fellow**, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (Host: Prof. Dr. Tom van der Meer), University of Amsterdam – sponsored by an [SNSF Early Postdoc.Mobility Grant](#)
- 2012-2017 **Research Assistant**, Chair of Political Sociology (Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag), University of Bern
- 2012 **Student Assistant**, Chair of Survey Research (Prof. Dr. Peter Selb), University of Konstanz
- 2012 **Student Assistant**, Adjunct Professor Dr. Sven Jochem, University of Konstanz
- 2007-2011 **Student and Teaching Assistant**, Chair of Comparative Politics (Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag), University of Konstanz

Publications

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- [28] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, Jonathan Mylius, Annette Haußmann, and Stefanie Wiloth. 2025. Living up to your own standards? Patterns of civic norms and volunteering in Germany. *Social Inclusion*, [doi:10.17645/si.10007](#).
- [27] Brandenstein, Nils, **Kathrin Ackermann**, and Jan Rummel. 2025. The trouble with carbon footprint analysis in behavioral climate research. *Climatic Change* 178, 57. [doi:10.1007/s10584-025-03900-z](#).
- [26] Claassen, Christopher, Sascha Göbel, Antonia Lang, **Kathrin Ackermann**, Petar Bankov, Kevin Brookes, Bartolomeo Cappellina, Christopher Carman, Markus Freitag, Rubén García Del Horno, Enrique Hernández, Guillem Rico, Sigrid Rossteutscher, Richard Traunmüller, Michael Webb, Sonja Zmerli, and Alina Zumbrunn. 2025. Measuring rural and urban consciousness in Europe. *Electoral Studies*, 95, 102912. [doi:10.1016/j.electstud.2025.102912](#).

- [25] Claassen, Christopher, **Kathrin Ackermann**, Eri Bertsou, Lucas Borba, Ryan E. Carlin, Amnon Cavari, Sirianne Dahlum, Sergiu Gherghina, Darren Hawkins, Yphtach Lelkes, Pedro C. Magalhães, Robert Mattes, Maurits J. Meijers, Anja Neundorff, Dániel Oross, Aykut Öztürk, Rodolfo Sarsfield, Darin Self, Ben Stanley, Tsung-han Tsai, Andrej Zaslove, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. 2024. Conceptualizing and measuring support for democracy: A new approach. *Comparative Political Studies*, 58(6), 1171-1198. doi:10.1177/00104140241259458.
- [24] van der Meer, Tom W. G., **Kathrin Ackermann**, and Huib Pellikaan. 2024. Can we aggregate voters' perceptions of political parties' left-right positions? Formal and probabilistic tests of the left-right scale as a unidimensional common space on cross-national and longitudinal data. *Comparative European Politics*, online first. doi:10.1057/s41295-024-00383-7.
- [23] Haußmann, Annette D., Olivia L. Odrasil, Stefanie Wiloth, Esther Hinz, Patricia Kerl, Jonathan Mylius, and **Kathrin Ackermann**. 2024. Tradition and Transformation: Spirituality in Church-Related Caring Communities in a Pluralistic Society. *Religions*, 15(3), 363. doi:10.3390/rel15030363.
- [22] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, Martin Elff, and Heiko Giebler. 2023. The federal election 2021: Germany at the crossroads? *Electoral Studies*, 86, 102697. doi:10.1016/j.electstud.2023.102697.
- [21] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, Julian Erhardt, and Markus Freitag. 2023. Crafting social integration? Welfare state and volunteering across social groups and policy areas in 23 European countries. *KZfSS Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie*, 75(Suppl 1), 283-304. doi:10.1007/s11577-023-00881-8.
- [20] Brandenstein, Nils, **Kathrin Ackermann**, Nicole Aeschbach, and Jan Rummel. 2023. The key determinants of individual greenhouse gas emissions in Germany are mostly domain-specific. *Communications Earth & Environment*, 4(1), 422. doi:10.1038/s43247-023-01092-x.
- [19] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, Daniela Braun, Matthias Fatke and Nayla Fawzi. 2023. Direct democracy, political support and populism - attitudinal patterns in the German Bundesländer. *Regional & Federal Studies*, 33(2), 139-162. doi:10.1080/13597566.2021.1919876..
- [18] König, Pascal D., Markus B. Siewert, and **Kathrin Ackermann**. 2022. Conceptualizing and Measuring Citizens? Preferences for Democracy: Taking Stock of Three Decades of Research in a Fragmented Field. *Comparative Political Studies*, 55(12), 2015-2049. doi:10.1177/00104140211066213.
- [17] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Isabelle Stadelmann-Steffen. 2022. Voting in the Echo Chamber? Patterns of Political Online Activities and Voting Behavior in Switzerland. *Swiss Political Science Review*, 28(2), 377-400. doi:10.1111/spsr.12498.
- [16] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, and Birte Gundelach. 2020. The Psychology of Political Consumerism - Personality Traits and the Participation in Boycott and Buycott. *International Political Science Review*, 43(1), 36-54. doi:10.1177/0192512120959683.
- [15] Filsinger, Maximilian, **Kathrin Ackermann**, and Markus Freitag. 2020. Surfing to Help? An Empirical Analysis of Internet and Volunteering in 27 European Countries. *European Societies*, 22(3): 368-389. doi:10.1080/14616696.2019.1663895.

- [14] **Ackermann, Kathrin.** 2019. Predisposed to Volunteer? Personality Traits and Different Forms of Volunteering. *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 48(6) 1119-1142. doi:10.1177/0899764019848484.
- [13] Ackermann, Maya, **Kathrin Ackermann**, and Markus Freitag. 2019. The Personality of Stealth Democrats. How traits shape attitudes towards expert-based governing arrangements. *West European Politics*, 42(3): 573-592. doi:10.1080/01402382.2018.1530494.
- [12] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, Eros Zampieri, and Markus Freitag. 2018. Personality and Voting for a Right-Wing Populist Party - Evidence from Switzerland. *Swiss Political Science Review*, 24(4): 545-564. doi:10.1111/spsr.12330.
- [11] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Anita Manatschal. 2018. Online volunteering as a means to overcome unequal participation? The profiles of online and offline volunteers compared. *New Media & Society*, 20(12): 4453-4472. doi:10.1007/10.1177/1461444818775698.
- [10] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, Maya Ackermann, and Markus Freitag. 2018. Opting for an open society? Personality traits and attitudes toward the openness of Switzerland. *Comparative European Politics*, 16(3), 413-433. doi:10.1057/cep.2016.18.
- [9] Bauer, Paul C., Pablo Barberá, **Kathrin Ackermann**, and Aaron Venetz. 2017. Is the Left-Right Scale a Valid Measure of Ideology? Individual-Level Variation in Associations with ‘Left’ and ‘Right’ and Left-Right Self-Placement. *Political Behavior*, 39(3), 553-583. doi:10.1007/s11109-016-9368-2.
- [8] **Ackermann, Kathrin.** 2017. Individual Differences and Political Contexts - The Role of Personality Traits and Direct Democracy in Explaining Political Protest. *Swiss Political Science Review*, 23(1), 21-49. doi:10.1111/spsr.12227.
- [7] Freitag, Markus, and **Ackermann, Kathrin.** 2016. Direct Democracy and Institutional Trust: Relationships and Differences across Personality Traits. *Political Psychology*, 37(5), 707-723. doi:10.1111/pops.12293.
- [6] Rapp, Carolin and **Kathrin Ackermann.** 2016. The Consequences of Social Intolerance on Non-Violent Protest Behavior. *European Political Science Review*, 8(4), 567-588. doi:10.1017/S1755773915000211.
- [5] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Markus Freitag. 2015. Persönlichkeit und Parteibindung unter den Bedingungen direkter Demokratie. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*, Sonderheft 50 “Politische Psychologie”, 91-114. doi:10.5771/9783845254418-96.
- [4] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Maya Ackermann. 2015. The Big Five in Context: Personality, Diversity and Attitudes toward Equal Opportunities for Immigrants. *Swiss Political Science Review* 21(3), 396-418. doi:10.1111/spsr.12170.
- [3] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Richard Traunmüller. 2015. Zur neuen Relevanz des sozialen Kontexts für das Wahlverhalten. Antwort auf die kritischen Anmerkungen von Franz Urban Pappi. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 56(2), 284-298. doi:10.5771/0032-3470-2015-2-284.
- [2] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Richard Traunmüller 2014. Jenseits von Schwerkraft und Höllenfeuer. Nicht-lineare Kontexteffekte auf den Zusammenhang von religiöser Gruppenzugehörigkeit und individuellem Wahlverhalten bei fünf Bundestagswahlen. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 55(1), 33-66. doi:10.5771/0032-3470-2014-1-33.

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Books

- [2] Freitag, Markus, Anita Manatschal, **Kathrin Ackermann**, and Maya Ackermann. 2016. *Freiwilligen-Monitor Schweiz 2016*. Zürich: Seismo.
- [1] Traunmüller, Richard, Isabelle Stadelmann-Steffen, **Kathrin Ackermann**, and Markus Freitag. 2012. *Zivilgesellschaft in der Schweiz. Analysen zum Vereinsengagement auf lokaler Ebene*. Zürich: Seismo.

Special Issues and Edited Volumes

- [3] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, Martin Elff, and Heiko Giebler (Eds.). 2023. The federal election 2021: Germany at the crossroads?. Special Issue at Electoral Studies. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/special-issue/10PRNKCCD02>.
- [2] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, Heiko Giebler, and Martin Elff (Eds.). 2023. Deutschland und Europa im Umbruch: Einstellungen, Verhalten und Forschungsperspektiven im Kontext der Bundestagswahl 2017 und der Europawahl 2019. Wiesbaden: Springer.
- [1] Elff, Martin, **Kathrin Ackermann**, and Heiko Giebler (Eds.). 2022. Wahlen und politische Einstellungen in Ost- und Westdeutschland: Persistenz, Konvergenz oder Divergenz?. Wiesbaden: Springer.

Articles in Edited Volumes

- [12] Odrasil, Olivia L., Annette D. Haußmann, Esther Hinz, Patricia Kerl, Jonathan Mylius, **Kathrin Ackermann** and Stefanie Wiloth. 2024. Die Pluralität der Sorge in kirchlichen Sorgenden Gemeinschaften. Begründungen, Qualifizierungen und Differenzierungen. In *Miteinander füreinander sorgen*, Annette D. Haußmann and Christine W. Hoffmann (eds.), 55-91. Stuttgart: W. Kohlhammer.
- [11] **Ackermann, Kathrin**. 2023. Dialogorientierte Beteiligung: Individuelle Bestimmungsgründe für die Teilnahme und Bewertung. In *Dialogische Bürgerinnen- und Bürgerbeteiligung in Baden-Württemberg*, Angelika Vetter and Uwe Remer (eds.), 35-59. Wiesbaden: Springer. **Ackermann, Kathrin**. 2022. Personality, Motives, and Political Participation. In *The Oxford Handbook of Political Participation*, Marco Giugni and Maria Grasso (eds.), 614-629. Oxford: Oxford University Press. **Ackermann, Kathrin**, and Jan Eckhardt. 2022. Personality and public opinion. In *Comparative Public Opinion*, Cameron D. Anderson and Mathieu Turgeon (eds.), 152-172. London: Routledge. **Ackermann, Kathrin**, Angelika Vetter and Simon Stocker. 2021. Beteiligungspolitik unter Grün-Schwarz: Kontinuität und Wandel. In *Kiwi im Südwesten. Eine Bilanz der zweiten Regierung Kretschmann 2016-2021*, Felix Hörisch and Stefan Wurster (eds.), 405-445. Wiesbaden: Springer VS. **Ackermann, Kathrin**, and Markus Freitag. 2019. Politische Psychologie und die Analyse politischer Eliten. In *Blackbox Exekutive - Regierungslehre in der Schweiz*, Adrian Ritz, Fritz Sager und Theo Haldemann (Hrsg.), 451-466. Basel: NZZ Libro.

- [6] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Markus Freitag. 2016. Sozialkapital in der Vergleichenden Politikwissenschaft. In *Handbuch Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft*, Hans-Joachim Lauth, Marianne Kneuer and Gert Pickel (eds.), 271-283. Berlin: Springer
- [5] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Markus Freitag. 2015. Sag mir, wie du bist, ich sage, wer zu dir passt. Persönlichkeit und Parteibindung. In *Wahlen und Wählerschaft in der Schweiz*, Markus Freitag and Adrian Vatter (eds.), 145-162. Zuerich: Verlag Neue Zürcher Zeitung.
- [4] Freitag, Markus and **Kathrin Ackermann**. 2014. "Mir hei e Verein, ghörsch du da derzue?" Vereinsengagement als soziales Kapital der Schweiz. In *Das soziale Kapital der Schweiz*, Markus Freitag (ed.), 41-79. Zürich: Verlag Neue Zürcher Zeitung.
- [3] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Markus Freitag. 2014. Freiwilligenarbeit in der Schweiz. Grundlagen, Entwicklungen und förderliche Rahmenbedingungen. In *Freiwilligkeit und Vielfalt im Zeichen der Menschlichkeit*, Schweizerisches Rotes Kreuz (eds.), 24-45. Zürich: Seismo.
- [2] **Ackermann, Kathrin** and Markus Freitag. 2014. Der ökonomische Wert sozialer Beziehungen. In *Aus der Krise lernen. Auf dem Weg zu einer weltoffenen und humanen Gesellschaft*, Erwin Teufel and Winfried Mack (eds.), 182-196. Freiburg: Herder.
- [1] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, Kathrin Dombrowski, Antje Funcke and Sigrid Meinhold-Henschel. 2012. Soziale Erträge von Bildung. In *Warum Sparen in der Bildung teuer ist. Folgekosten unzureichender Bildung für die Gesellschaft*, Bertelsmann Stiftung (eds.), 171-192. Gütersloh: Verlag Bertelsmann Stiftung.

Book Reviews

- [2] **Ackermann, Kathrin**. 2021. Book Review of Thorsten Faas, Oscar W. Gabriel, and Jürgen Maier (eds.), 2020: Politikwissenschaftliche Einstellungs- und Verhaltensforschung. Handbuch für Wissenschaft und Studium, Baden-Baden: Nomos. *Politische Psychologie - Journal of Political Psychology*, 9(2), 95-98.
- [1] **Ackermann, Kathrin**. 2017. Book Review of Sonja Zmerli and Ofer Feldman (eds.), 2015: Politische Psychologie. Handbuch für Studium und Wissenschaft, Baden-Baden: Nomos. *Swiss Political Science Review*, 23(1), 103-106. doi:10.1111/spsr.12240.

Degree Theses

- [3] **Ackermann, Kathrin**. 2017. *Personality and Politics in Context - The Interaction of Personality Traits and Contextual Factors in Shaping Political Behavior and Attitudes*. Doctoral Thesis. http://biblio.unibe.ch/download/eldiss/17ackermann_k.pdf.
- [2] **Ackermann, Kathrin**. 2012. *Mobilisierung im katholischen Milieu? Zum Einfluss der konfessionellen Komposition des Kontextes auf die individuelle Wahlbeteiligung von Katholiken in Deutschland*. MA-Thesis. <http://nbn-resolving.de/urn:nbn:de:bsz:352-209830>.
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Project Reports

- [3] Ackermann, Maya, **Kathrin Ackermann**, Giada Gianola and Markus Freitag. 2017 *Generationen-Monitor: Das freiwillige Engagement der Generationen*. Project Report for Migros-Kulturprozent, Zürich.
- [2] Ackermann, Maya, **Kathrin Ackermann** and Markus Freitag. 2017 *Vereins-Monitor: Das ehrenamtliche Engagement in der Schweiz*. Project Report for Migros-Kulturprozent, Zürich.
- [1] **Ackermann, Kathrin**, Birte Gundelach, Thomas Wöhler, Markus Freitag, and Thomas Hinz. 2012. *Zusammenleben in Konstanz und Kreuzlingen*. Survey Report on the Project “Soziale Integration in multikulturellen Gesellschaften. Eine Analyse von Nachbarschaften der Städte Konstanz und Kreuzlingen.”

Grants and Awards

- 2021-2023 “Experienced solidarity: values, motives and practices in caring communities and social volunteering (EXPSOLIDARITY)”
Sponsor: Federal Ministry of Education and Research/ State of Baden-Württemberg within the framework of the Excellence Strategy
Role: Applicant/Co-PI (with Annette Haußmann and Stefanie Wiloth, U Heidelberg)
Funding Volume: 142 300 EUR
- 2021-2023 [“The Rural-Urban Divide in Europe”](#)
Sponsor: NORFACE (“Democratic Governance in a Turbulent Age” Research Programme)
textitRole: Member of the Applying Team (PI: Sigrid Roßteutscher, GU Frankfurt)
Funding Volume: 1 406 794 EUR (project total), 603 904 EUR (German sub-project)
- 2020-2023 “Blackbox Sustainability”
Sponsor: Federal Ministry of Education and Research/ State of Baden-Württemberg within the framework of the Excellence Strategy
Role: Applicant/Co-PI (with Jan Rummel, U Heidelberg)
Funding Volume: 170 000 EUR
- 2020 “Intergenerational Transmission of Citizenship Norms”
Sponsor: Federal Ministry of Education and Research/ State of Baden-Württemberg within the framework of the Excellence Strategy
Role: Applicant/PI
Funding Volume: 17 890 EUR

2017-2018 “Citizenship Norms Revisited - Concept and Conditions” (Grant No. 172236)
Sponsor: SNSF Early Postdoc.Mobility Grant for a Visiting Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Amsterdam
Role: Applicant/PI
Funding Volume: 46 900 CHF = ca. 43 544 EUR

Travel Grants and Scholarships

2018 DAAD Programme Line “Travel Expenses for Conferences” - Participation in the 25th IPSA World Congress in Brisbane (2 308 EUR)

2015 UniBern Forschungsstiftung Travel Grant for participating in the ECPR General Conference in Montréal/CA and 111th the APSA Annual Meeting in San Francisco/US (1 860 CHF = ca. 1 777 EUR)

2014 SAGW Travel Grant for participating in the 23rd IPSA World Congress in Montréal/CA (1 200 CHF = ca. 983 EUR)

2013 SNSF Scholarship for participating in the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (2 650 CHF = ca. 2 162 EUR)

2011-2012 Scholarship of the “Albertus Magnus & Hildegardis-Verein” (Academic Foundation of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Freiburg) for the final stage of studies (4 800 EUR)

2011-2012 Exemption of Tuition Fees due to excellent academic performance (retroactive for the top five percent of MA graduates) (1 000 EUR)

2009-2010 Exemption of Tuition Fees due to excellent academic performance (retroactive for the top five percent of BA graduates) (1 000 EUR)

2008-2009 Erasmus Scholarship for a Semester Abroad at University of Leiden/ the Netherlands (ca. 775 EUR)

Awards

2018 Short-listed for the dissertation award of the Swiss Political Science Associations (SPSA/SVPW)

2012 VEUK-Preis (awarded to the best MA graduates at the Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz)

Questionnaire Proposals

2024 Questionnaire Module “Support for Liberal Democracy Among Elites in Times of Democratic Recession”, accepted by the Comparative Candidate Study (CCS) Round 4 (with Christopher Claassen)

2024 Questionnaire Module “Attitudes toward noncitizen voting in Germany - Differences in the support to enfranchise EU and non-EU citizen residents”, accepted by the GESIS Panel (with Jessica Kuhlmann)

2020 Questionnaire Module “Status Threats during the Corona Crisis”, accepted by the GESIS Panel (developed in cooperation with Maximilian Filsinger and Markus Freitag)

2019 Questionnaire Proposal “Digitalized Political Participation” accepted for the Swiss Electoral Studies (Selects) 2019

2015 Questionnaire Proposal “Personality and Politics” accepted for the Swiss Electoral Studies (Selects) 2015 (together with Markus Freitag)

Teaching Experience¹

Supervision

PhD-Theses	First Supervisor of Jessica Kuhlmann (U Siegen, ongoing) Second Supervisor of Nathalie Hofstetter (U Bern, 2023) Second Supervisor of Julia Weiss (U Heidelberg, 2021) Jury Member of Klara Dentler (U Mannheim, 2025) Jury Member of Nils Brandenstein (U Heidelberg, 2025) Jury Member of Kenneth Rösen (U Siegen, 2024) Jury Member of Tillman Eymess (U Heidelberg, 2021) Jury Member of Annika Lindholm (U Lausanne, 2021)
MA-Theses	9 Theses since 2019 (first supervisor)
BA-Theses	24 Theses since 2012 (first supervisor)

Graduate Teaching (MA-Level)

2025, 2024, 2023, 2020	Comparative Empirical Democracy Research
2024, 2023	Citizens and Politics (EN)
2024	Changing Norms of Good Citizenship (EN)
2024	Introduction to Empirical Participation Research (with Quantitative Applications in Stata)
2021, 2019	Political Behavior and Public Opinion in Germany and Europe
2022, 2021	Research Seminar
2020, 2019	

Undergraduate Teaching (BA-Level)

2025, 2024, 2023 (2x), 2022, 2021, 2019	Populism in Germany and Europe
2025, 2024, 2023	Introduction to Participation Research
2025, 2024, 2021	Introduction to Empirical Electoral Research (with Quantitative Applications in Stata)
2024, 2023	Introduction to the Political System of Germany (Lecture)
2024, 2023 2020	Societal Conflicts and Politics
2023	Introduction to Electoral Research
2020, 2019	Quantitative Analyses in Participation Research (with Applications in Stata)
2018, 2016	Citizens and Politics (with Quantitative Applications in Stata)
2018	Social Capital Research (with Quantitative Applications in Stata)
2015	Selected Aspects of Political Psychology (with Quantitative Applications in Stata)
2014	Introduction to Political Psychology
2013	Social Capital in Democracies

Guest Lectures

2016	“Personality in Context” (Guest Lecture, University of Bern)
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¹If not otherwise indicated, the courses were taught in seminar format and in German.

- 2017 “Personality in Context” (Guest Lecture, University of Bern)
 2016 “Social Capital in Switzerland” (Guest Lecture, University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland)

Conference Presentations

- 2025 DVPW Section “Comparative Politics”, Annual Meeting
 2024 European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR), Joint Sessions
 European Political Science Association (EPSA), Annual Conference
 German Political Science Association (DVPW), Congress
 2022 German Political Psychology Network, Annual Meeting
 2021 European Political Science Association (EPSA), Annual Conference
 International Political Science Association (IPSA), World Congress
 Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW/ASSP), Annual Conference
 2020 International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), Annual Meeting
 2019 European Political Science Association (EPSA), Annual Conference
 Politicologenetmaal, Annual Meeting of the Belgian and Dutch Political Science Association
 2018 DVPW Working-Group “Elections and Political Attitudes”, Annual Meeting
 DVPW Section “Methods of Political Science”, Annual Meeting
 European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR), General Conference
 International Political Science Association (IPSA), World Congress
 Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW/ASSP), Annual Conference
 2017 DVPW Working-Group “Elections and Political Attitudes”, Annual Meeting
 European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR), General Conference
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Annual Conference
 Netherlands Institute of Government (NIG), Annual Work Conference
 Politicologenetmaal, Annual Meeting of the Belgian and Dutch Political Science Association
 Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW/ASSP), Annual Conference
 2016 Drei-Länder-Tagung der DVPW, ÖGPW & SVPW
 DVPW Working-Group “Elections and Political Attitudes”, Annual Meeting
 European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR), General Conference
 European Political Science Association (EPSA), Annual Conference
 International Political Science Association (IPSA), World Congress
 2015 American Political Science Association (APSA), Annual Meeting
 European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR), General Conference
 European Political Science Association (EPSA), Annual Conference
 International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), Annual Meeting
 Political Psychology Conference (PPC Amsterdam)
 2014 International Political Science Association (IPSA), World Congress
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Annual Conference
 Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW/ASSP), Annual Conference
 2013 Laboratory for Comparative Social Research (LCSR), Annual Conference
 Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW/ASSP), Annual Conference
 2012 AK “Quantitative Religionsforschung”, Annual Meeting
 2011 British Sociological Association (BSA), Annual Conference
 2010 Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW/ASSP), Annual Conference

Invited Talks

- 2025 Colloquium “Democracy Seminar”, University of Mainz
- 2024 Empirical Social Science Research Seminar Series, University of Marburg
- 2024 Workshop “Citizen Perspectives on Democracy Aspirations, Evaluations, and Deficits”, University of Mainz
- 2024 ECPR Political Culture Lecture Series (online talk)
- 2021 CIS-Colloquium at University of Zurich/ ETH Zurich (online talk)
- 2021 Seminar “Political Psychology”, Center for Political Sociology of Germany, FU Berlin (online talk)
- 2020 Colloquium at the Centre for Research on Prejudice (CBU), University of Warsaw (online talk)
- 2020 MZES-Colloquium, University of Mannheim (online talk)
- 2020 Colloquium at the Institute of Social Sciences, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf
- 2017 Lunch Seminar at the Center of Citizenship and Democracy, KU Leuven
- 2016 Workshop “Is Germany prepared for more direct democracy? - Learning from experiences and evaluating the perspectives”, DIW Berlin
- 2016 Migration Alliance Bern
- 2015 Research Seminar at the Institute for Sociology, University of Munich (LMU)

Knowledge Transfer

- 2025 House of Science, University of Siegen: “What does a Landrat actually do, and how do you find majorities without fixed coalitions?”, Workshop for a school class with Landrat of the District Siegen-Wittgenstein
- 2022 DeFacto Blog: [Wahlentscheidung in der Echo-Kammer? Digitales politisches Engagement und Panaschieren bei der Schweizer Nationalratswahl 2019](#) (with Isabelle Stadelmann-Steffen)
- 2021 LSE EUROPP Blog: [How personality traits shape our tendency to engage in political consumerism](#) (with Birte Gundelach)
- 2020 DeFacto Blog: [Kaufen oder boykottieren? Die psychologischen Wurzeln des politischen Konsums](#) (with Birte Gundelach)
- 2019 DeFacto Blog: [Surfen, um zu helfen? Wie die Internetnutzung soziale Ungleichheiten ausgleicht](#) (with Maximilian Filsinger and Markus Freitag)
- 2018 DeFacto Blog: [Stimmabgabe als Charakterfrage? Wie die Wählerschaft der SVP tickt](#) (with Eros Zampieri and Markus Freitag)
- 2015 DeFacto Blog: [Welche Partei passt zu mir?](#) (with Markus Freitag)

Professional Activities

Reviewer:

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
Acta Politica, British Journal of Political Science, Canadian Journal of Polit-

ical Science, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Policy Analysis, International Political Science Review, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Social and Political Psychology, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Party Politics, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Studies, Politics, Politics and Governance, Politische Psychologie, Public Opinion Quarterly, Regional and Federal Studies, Swiss Political Science Review, Swiss Society of Administrative Sciences, Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft

Membership:

- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Wahlforschung (DGfW)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Politikwissenschaft (DGfP)
- Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (DVPW)
- European Political Science Society (EPSS)
- Network “Participation Research” Baden-Württemberg
- Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW/ASSP)

Board Member:

- since 2023 Member of the study coordination group of the [German General Social Survey \(ALLBUS\)](#)
- since 2023 Member of the executive committee of the [German Society for Electoral Research \(DGfW\)](#)
- since 2023 Member of the examination board in Social Sciences (U Siegen)
- since 2019 Spokesperson of the German Political Science Association (GPSA/DVPW)-Working Group [“Elections and Public Opinion”](#)
- since 2016 Member of the board of [IPSA RC29 “Political Psychology”](#)
- 2024 Member of the appointment committee for the Professorship “Social Science Teaching Methods” (tenure track process) (U Siegen)
- 2024 Member of the appointment committee for the Professorship “Management Science” (U Siegen)
- 2024 Member of the habilitation committee of Dr. Anna Meine (U Siegen)
- 2020-2023 Member of the organizing team of the “German Political Psychology Network”
- 2020-2023 Deputy member of the board of the [Flagship Initiative “Transforming Cultural Heritage”](#) (U Heidelberg)
- 2019-2023 Member of the Professorium at the Institute of Political Science (U Heidelberg)
- 2019-2023 Member of the faculty board at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences (U Heidelberg)
- 2020 Member of the appointment committee for the Assistant Professorship “Politics and Communication in Ibero-America” (U Heidelberg)
- 2018-2019 Member of the [Esser-Preis Jury](#) (GU Frankfurt, FB 03)

Conference Organization:

- 2024 Annual Meeting of the DVPW Working Group “Elections and Political Attitudes” at U Siegen
- 2020 Annual Meeting of the DVPW Working Group “Elections and Political Attitudes” at U Heidelberg (virtual)
- 2020 Interdisciplinary 24h of Political Psychology Meeting at FernU Hagen

Panel Chair:

DVPW 2024 (Roundtable), DVPW 2021, EPSA 2019, DVPW 2018, IPSA 2018, SVPW 2017, ISPP 2015

Additional Training**Research Management**

- 2024 Tandem-Program “Fast Forward” for newly appointed female professors (U Siegen)
- 2020 Management Program “Towards a Professorship” (U Heidelberg)
- 2019 Hybrid project management - from classic to agile (U Heidelberg)
- 2019 Research Data Management and Open Research Data (U Heidelberg)
- 2019 Leading Yourself (GRADE GU Frankfurt)

Academic Teaching

- 2024 ChatGPT in the context of written exams (U Siegen/ U Cologne)
- 2019 Planning and reflecting projects in research-oriented teaching (U Heidelberg)
- 2016 Seminar design 2.0 - internal teaching workshop (U Bern)
- 2015 Leading discussions in teaching, research and public (U Bern)
- 2014 Time Management (U Bern)
- 2014 Fundamentals of rhetoric (U Bern)
- 2013 Basics for good university teaching (U Bern)

Methods of Empirical Social Science Research

- 2019 Introduction to Machine Learning, GRADE Goethe University Frankfurt (Instructor: Florian Dumpert, University of Bayreuth)
- 2018 Geodata in the Social Sciences, GESIS Mannheim (Instructor: Jan-Philipp Kolb, GESIS)
- 2018 Introduction to Panel Analysis, GESIS Mannheim (Instructors: Volker Ludwig, Universität Kaiserslautern/ Klaus Pforr, GESIS)
- 2014 Automated Data Collection with R, Universität Bern (Instructor: Simon Munzert, Universität Konstanz)
- 2013 Hierarchical Models, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (Instructor: Jeff Gill, Washington University)
- 2013 Mathematics for Social Scientists III, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (Instructor: Edward Codling, University of Essex)
- 2013 Structural Equation Modelling using MPlus, GESIS Mannheim (Instructor: Steffen Kühnel, Universität Göttingen)
- 2012 Causal Inference, Universität Bern (Instructor: Thomas DiPrete, Columbia University)
- 2011 Introduction to R, Universität Konstanz (Instructor: Paul C. Bauer)
- 2010 Polnet Summer School, Meersburg

Mandated Research

- 2019 Expert Report “Evaluation framework for participation instruments at the EU level” for Bertelsmann Stiftung, Gütersloh

- 2016 “Generationenmonitor” based on the Swiss Voluntary Survey for MigrosKulturprozent, Zürich
- 2015 “Vereinsmonitor” based on the Swiss Voluntary Survey for MigrosKulturprozent, Zürich

Skills

Languages: German (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (good), Dutch (basic), Latinum

Software: R, Stata, L^AT_EX, MS Office

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