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Qualifications and Career

Stages	Periods and Details
Degree programme	Political Science, German & Literature Studies, Public Law, M.A. [1997-2002], University of Mannheim, Germany
Doctorate	Ph.D. [09/2003-05/2007], Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
Stages of academic/professional career	<u>LMU Munich:</u> Chair of Comparative Political Science [01/2021-present] https://www.cps-lmu.org/ <u>University of Exeter, Department of Politics:</u> Personal Chair / Professor of Comparative Politics [02/2015-12/2020], Associate Professor of Comparative Politics [06/2013-01/2015], Senior Lecturer [03/2011-05/2013], Lecturer [09/2007-02/2011] <u>University of Mannheim:</u> Lecturer [10/2002-09/2003], Chair of Comparative Politics

Selected Grants (externally funded only)

"Scout" for Henriette Herz Scouting Programm, Humboldt Foundation, Selecting, Hosting and Mentoring Three International Postdoctoral Research Fellows to Enhance Research Excellence Internationalization and Diversity (approx. 230.000,00€ for six postdoc years), 2025-2029.

ERC Consolidator Grant 'The Shrinking Space for Civil Society in Europe' (CIVILSPACE)' (1.912.100,00€) (principal investigator, March 2022-July 2027; 5 months extension due to parental leave) (<https://www.cps-lmu.org/civilspace.html>)

Marie Sklodowska Curie Fellowship on 'The Impact of Political Parties on Public Claim Making' (212.933,76€) (scientist in charge, Fellow: N. Oana, planned start Sept. 2020, declined by fellow for personal reasons)

ERC Starting Grant 'State Encroachment on Civil Society? A Comparative Study of Parties, Interest Groups and Welfare-Providing Organizations in Contemporary Democracies' (864.972,00€) (principal investigator, Dec. 2013-Nov. 2019 [one year interruption due to maternity leave], completed)

British Academy/Leverhulme Small Grant for Project 'Democratic Self-Defence Before and After 9/11: Anti-Extremist Measures in Established Common Law Democracies', May 2014-Dec. 2015 (£8188) (principal investigator; co-investigator: A. Gauja, University of Sydney, completed)

Marie Curie Early Career Fellowship Project 'Party Instability in Old and New Democracies', Jan. 2014-Dec. 2015 (221.606,00€) (scientist in charge; fellow: R. Ibenskas, completed)

Flemish Science Foundation Doctoral Grant for 'New Parties in Western Europe: Patterns of Persistence and Decline', Jan. 2011-Dec. 2014 (242.500,00€) (joint application with K. Deschouwer, VUB, completed)

ESRC Standard Grant for Project 'Comparative Cross-National Electoral Research', April 2010-March 2014 (£237.097,89) (co-investigator next to S. Banducci, D. Stevens, J. Vowles; PI: J. Karp, completed)

Award of Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia for Project 'Party Reform and Party-State Relations in Australia and the UK', Oct. 2010-Sept. 2011 (\$7300) (co-investigator, PI: A. Gauja, completed)

British Academy Small Grant for Project 'Parliamentary Salaries as Source of Party Funding', Sept. 2010-Aug. 2011 (£7487) (principal investigator, co-applicant: S. Banducci, completed)

British Academy Small Grant for Project 'The Organisation of New Political Parties in Western Europe', Oct. 2008-Sept. 2009 (£7445) (principal investigator, completed)

ESRC Seminar Series Grant 'Reforming Intergovernmental Relations in a Context of Party Political Incongruence?', Jan. 2009-Dec. 2010 (£17.994,00) (co-investigator; PI: W. Swenden, completed)

Funded Fellowships and Awards (selection)

Senior Research Fellow, Department of Constitutional Law & Political Science, University of Valencia, Spain, May 2018 (6500€)

Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowship, European University Institute, Italy, March -June 2017 (9000€)

Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship held at the Cologne Centre for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne, Germany July-December 2011 (16500€)

Marie Curie Early Career Fellowship for Project 'Indirect State Funding of Political Parties in Europe', July 2009-September 2010, Department of Politics, University of Leiden, Netherlands (90335€)

Deil S. Wright Best Paper Award 2007 for the Paper "Turning the Inside Out: Modes of Policy-Coordination in Systems of Multilevel Governance" (co-authored with Tanja A. Börzel) conferred by the APSA Section on Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations

DAAD-Studentship, September 1999 - June 2000, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA

Supervision of Postdoctoral Researchers

Current Postdocs (only LMU-based & externally funded)

Dr. Kris van de Pas, Humboldt-funded International Research Fellow; March 2026-present

Dr. Clara Faulí Molas, DFG-funded Postdoctoral Research Fellow, October 2025-present.

Tamara Grechanaya, Ph.D., Humboldt-funded International Research Fellow; June 2025-present.

Ida Nørregaard, Ph.D., Postdoc on CIVILSPACE project; Oct. 2022-present.

Dr. Paula Falci, Postdoc on CIVILSPACE project; Oct. 2022-present.

Dr. Adam Eick, Postdoc on CIVILSPACE project; May 2023-present.

Former Postdocs (with placement)

Dr. Agnieszka Bejma, Assistant Professor at the University of Warsaw; Postdoc on CIVILSPACE project, LMU (Oct. 2023-Sept. 2025)

Dr. Valentin Daur, Researcher at the Munich Security Conference; Postdoctoral Researcher at the Chair for Comparative Political Science (LMU Oct. 2022-July 2025)

Dr. Philipp Schroeder, Data Analyst at Munich Re Company, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Chair for Comparative, LMU (April 2021-June 2025)

Dr. Nicolas Fliess, Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Bonn: Postdoc on CIVILSPACE project, LMU (Oct. 2022-Sept. 2023)

Dr. Vanessa Boese, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, WZB Berlin: Postdoctoral Researcher at the Chair of Comparative Political Science, LMU (Oct. 2022-March 2023)

Prof. Daniela Braun, Chair for European Integration and International Relations, Universität Saarland: Senior Researcher at the Chair of Comparative Political Science, LMU (Jan. 2021-June 2022)

Dr. Hin-Kin Or, Assistant Professor, University of Hong Kong: Associate Research Fellow on STATORG project, Exeter (Jan.-Sept. 2019)

Dr. Patricia Correa Vila, Senior Lecturer in Politics, University of Aston, UK: Associate Research Fellow on STATORG project, Exeter (Oct. 2015-Dec. 2017)

Prof. Raimondas Ibenskas, Professor of Politics, University of Bergen, Norway: Postdoctoral Research on Unstable Party Supply in Established and New Democracies (Marie Curie Fellow, Jan. 2014-Dec.2015)

Habilitations

Dr. Michael Neureiter, Habilitation on Effects of Hostile Opinion Climates on Political Attitudes and Behavior, Chair of Habilitation Committee (Mentorat with Katrin Auspurg and Markus Wagner), April 2023-present.

PD Dr. Bartłomiej Pylas, Habilitation on Variations of Anti-Establishment Politics, Member of Habilitation Committee (Mentorat with Klaus H. Goetz and Thomas Meyer), LMU, Nov. 2021-Nov. 2023.

PhD Supervision

Current PhD Students (first supervision only)

Moritz Kern, M.Sc.; Comparative Analyses of Policy Responsiveness, since Feb. 2025, self-funded.

Julián Manzano Gómez, M.Sc.; The Politicisation of Councils for the Judiciary and the Role of Associations of Judges, since Oct. 2023, ERC-funded.

Thareerat Laohabut, M.A.; Party Behaviour in Multi-level Systems, since April 2022, DAAD- & ERC-funded.

Emma Gordon, M.A.; The Small State Exception: Democracy, Breakdown, and the Politics of Size, since April 2022, ERC-funded.

Past PhD Students (with placement)

Dr. Robert Stewart, Professional Evaluator and Policy Analyst, Director of Mertis Partnership: Islamist Political Parties: Navigating Between Ideology and Political Pragmatism (First Supervisor, Sept. 2013 – 2022; part-time & self-funded)

Dr. Simon Primus, Postdoctoral Researcher, Universität Nürnberg-Erlangen, Germany: PhD on Identity, Poverty, and Electoral Accountability in Africa's Democracies (Second Supervisor, Jan.-Dec. 2021, LMU-funded)

Dr. Nicholas Dickinson, Lecturer in Quantitative Methods, University of Exeter, UK: PhD on Remuneration for Representation: Legislative Pay in Comparative and Long Term Perspective (First Supervisor, Sept. 2015-December 2019; ESRC-funded)

Dr. Milka Ivanovska, Postdoctoral Researcher, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark: PhD on Indirect and Direct State Benefits for Non-profit Organisations in the UK and the Netherlands (First Supervisor, Sept. 2015-Jan. 2019; ERC-funded)

Dr. Torill Stavenes, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Bergen, Norway: PhD on Minor Parties in Italy and Norway: Navigating between State Funding and Regulation (First Supervisor, Sept. 2015-Feb. 2019; ERC-funded)

Dr. Felix-Christopher von Nostitz, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Lille, France: PhD on The Merits and Perils of Intra-Party Democracy: Assessing the Effects of Party Reform (First Supervisor, Sept. 2013 – Dec. 2016; departmental scholarship)

Dr. Serik Beimenbetov, Vice-Rector of Research, Kazakh-German University in Almaty, Kazakhstan: PhD on A Comparative Analysis of 'Defensive Democracy' in Advanced Democracies (First Supervisor, Jan. 2012-March 2015; international scholarship)

Dr. Stefanie Beyens, Assistant Professor at the Utrecht School of Governance, University of Utrecht, Netherlands: PhD on Tomorrow Never Knows: The Survival Chances of New Political Parties in Old Parliaments (Co-supervision with Kris Deschouwer, VUB Brussels, Jan. 2011-April 2016; FWO-funded)

Dr. Jan Pieter Beetz, Assistant Professor at the Utrecht School of Governance, University of Utrecht, Netherlands: PhD on The People and the Legitimation of EU Rule (Co-supervision with D. Castiglione, Sept. 2010- March 2015)

Dr. Siim Trumm, Associate Professor in Politics, University of Nottingham, UK: PhD on Voting Behaviour in the European Parliament after Enlargement (Second Supervisor, September 2009 - January 2013; departmental scholarship)

PhD Examining

External Examiner for Sofia Marini, Party Policy Shifts. Causes, Consequences, and Perceptions (2024, University of Vienna)

External Examiner for Diana Davila Gordillo, Surviving Against All Odds: Pachakutik's Electoral Support, Mobilization Strategies, and Goal Achievement between 1996 and 2019 (2021, Leiden University, Netherlands)

External Examiner for Annalisa Cappellini, Intra-Party Democracy and Internal Power Politics – A Comparative Study of Italian Political Parties (2019, King's College London, UK)

External Examiner for Balint Mikola, New Party Organizations and Intra-party Democracy: A Comparative Analysis of the Five Star Movement and Podemos (2019, CEU Budapest, Hungary)

External Examiner for Federico Razetti, Health Policy and Intergovernmental Relations in Italy and Spain (2014, University of Milan, Italy)

Internal Examiner for Catherine Owen, 'Obshchestvennyi Kontrol' (Public Scrutiny) from Discourse to Action in Contemporary Russia: The Emergence of Authoritarian Neoliberal Governance (2014, Exeter, UK)

Internal Examiner for Kathrin Thomas, The Conditions of Policy Representation in a Cross-national Perspective (2013, Exeter, UK)

Teaching

Selected Courses at the Universities of Mannheim, Exeter and LMU (BA, MA, PhD level) (offered in English if not otherwise indicated)

- Introduction into the Political System of Germany (BA lecture, each fall semester, 2021-present, in German)
- Seminar for BA, MA and Dissertation Students (each semester, 2021-present)
- Crisis and Crisis Response in Germany (BA seminar, 2021)
- The Rise and Decline of New Parties (BA seminar, 2021 & 2022)
- Civil Society and the Law (MA seminar, 2021)
- Qualitative Research Methods in the Social Sciences (BA/MA/PhD seminar, graduate and research students, team-taught, 2008-10; 2011-13, 2020)
- The Legal Regulation of Civil Society (BA seminar, 2019-20)
- The Rise and Decline of New Political Parties (BA seminar, 2019-20)
- Comparative Politics: Approaches and Concepts (BA lecture, 2010-13)
- Europeanization and Federalism in the EU (MA seminar, co-taught, 2011-13)
- Comparing Western Democracies: Parties, Elites, Institutions (BA seminar, 2012-13)
- The Economics of Politics (BA lecture and tutorials, 2007-09)
- Comparing Democracies (BA seminar, 2008-09, in German)
- Konsensdemokratien im Vergleich (BA seminar, 2002-3, in German)
- Legitimitätskonzeptionen (BA seminar, 2002-3, in German)
- Kernkonzepte in der Vergleichenden Regierungslehre (BA seminar, 2002-3, in German)

Selected Administrative Roles

Elected Member of the Promotion Commission, Faculty of Social Science, LMU, Oct 2026 – present.

Faculty Representative for Gender Equality, Faculty of the Social Sciences, LMU, April 2025 – present.

Member of Faculty Board, Faculty of the Social Sciences, LMU, Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023; April 2025 - present.

Director, Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science, LMU, Oct. 2025-Oct. 2026.

Deputy Director, Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science, LMU, Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025.

Mentor for Ment15, Mentoring Program for Female MA & PhD Students, Faculty of the Social Sciences, LMU, April 2021 – present.

Director of University Centre for Elections, Media and Participation (CEMaP), University of Exeter, Aug. 2012 – July 2020.

Academic Mentor for Junior Staff Members in Comparative Politics and Public Policy, Department of Politics, University of Exeter, July 2018 – July 2020.

College Representative on University Working Group on Research Metrics, University of Exeter, April 2019 – June 2020.

Member of the Exeter GW4 Building Communities Panel (assessing funding applications (up to £75.000) for developing research communities in the Southwest), University of Exeter, Sept. 2018 – June 2020.

Member of Committee Preparing Submission for the Research Excellence Framework (REF), Department of Politics, University of Exeter, Sept. 2018 – June 2020.

Representative on the PhD Assessment Panel, Department of Politics, University of Exeter, Nov. 2013 – Oct. 2016.

Director of Research, Department of Politics, University of Exeter, Feb. 2014 – Aug. 2015.

Director of Exams, Department of Politics, University of Exeter, Jan. 2011 – Aug. 2013.

Member of the Selection Committee for Postgraduate Studentships, Department of Politics, University of Exeter, Jan. 2011 – Jan. 2013.

Services to the Community and External Recognition

Editor for Oxford University Press, Comparative Politics Series, Oct. 2021–present.

External Reviewer, Teaching Program Review FU Berlin, BA & MA Political Science, Sept. 2023

Lecturer at PhD summer schools ('Regions in Europe: Federalism, Regionalism & Public Policy', University of Edinburgh, 2010; ECPR Summer School on Political Parties, University of Nottingham 2018 and University of Aarhus 2022, ECPR Summer School on Interest Groups, University of Dubrovnik 2024)

Member of the Executive Committee of the Laufer Foundation, March 2021–present.

Member and Convener of the Steering Group of the ECPR Standing Groups on Political Parties, May 2016 – Sept. 2024.

External Examiner, MSc Government & Politics, University College Cork, Ireland, Aug. 2018- Aug. 2021

Chair of the APSA Award Committee for the 2017 William Anderson Award for the best dissertation in the field of federalism or intergovernmental relations, state and local politics

External Reviewer, Teaching Program Review of the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Edinburgh, March 2014

Membership in Editorial Advisory Boards: Party Politics (2014 – present); Publius: The Journal of Federalism (2014 – present); Multi Level Governance Watch (2015 – present); Regional and Federal Studies (2016 – present); Book Series ‘Successful Public Governance’ Edgar Elgar (2018 – present); West European Politics (2018-present); Politologia (2018-present)

Refereeing for Academic Journals (selection): American Political Science Review, European Journal Political Research, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Comparative Politics, Journal of Common Market Studies, European Political Science Review, Political Research Quarterly, Comparative Political Studies, European Union Politics, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, Journal for Comparative Policy Analysis, Governance, Party Politics, West European Politics, European Journal of International Relations, Political Research Exchange, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, South European Society & Politics, Regional and Federal Studies, Acta Politica, Politics and Policy, Asian, International Journal of Political Science and Development, Journal of European Public Policy, National Identities, Polity, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Swiss Political Science Review, Government and Opposition, British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics, European Review of History, Public Policy and Administration, Public Administration

Refereeing for Publishers: Oxford University Press, Routledge, Palgrave, Sage, Manchester University Press, ECPR Press, Edgar Elgar

Assessor for Funding Bodies: European Research Council (ERC), National Science Centre Poland (NCN), Irish Research Council; Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC); Royal Society of New Zealand; Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG); Humboldt Foundation; Polish Science Foundation; German Council of Science and Humanities (WR); Flemish Science Foundation (FWO); Israel Science Foundation; Czech Science Foundation; Thyssen Foundation; Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), Leibniz Association; Dutch Research Council (NWO), Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

Selected Conference Papers (selection): ECPR Joint Sessions: Lüneburg 2024, Prague 2021, Mons 2019, Salamanca 2014, St. Gallen 2011, Lisbon 2009; ECPR General Conference: Prague 2023, Innsbruck 2021, Glasgow 2014, Potsdam 2011, Pisa 2007; APSA: Washington 2014; PSA: Cardiff 2018, Sheffield 2015, Belfast 2012, Edinburgh 2010; EPOP: Canterbury 2016, Cardiff 2015; EPSA: Vienna 2015, Dublin 2011

Organization of Conference Sections, Panels and Workshops (selection): Chair of the Section ‘Political Parties as Venues for and Vehicles of Conflict’, ECPR General Conference Prague 2023 (with Ann-Kristin Kölln); Chair of Section ‘Political Parties and Society: Between Connected- and Disconnectedness’ ECPR General Conference Innsbruck 2021 (with P. Correa); Organiser of Workshop ‘The Shrinking Space for Civil Society in Europe’, Exeter 2019; Workshop Director ECPR Joint Sessions 2019 Mons (with B. Fraussen), ECPR Joint Sessions 2014 Salamanca (with D. Halpin) and ECPR Joint Sessions 2011 St. Gallen (with K. Deschouwer); Co-Organiser of Section on Political Parties at ECPR General Conference Oslo 2017 (with E. van Haute, S. Vasilopoulou); Organiser of Workshop ‘Regulating Civil Society, Exeter 2017; Organiser of Workshop ‘Regulation of Conflict of Interest and Asset Disclosure’, Exeter 2015; Co-Organizer of Workshops in Exeter, Edinburgh, Brussels and London 2009-10 as part of ESRC-funded Seminar Series on ‘Reforming Intergovernmental Relations’ (with W. Swenden and N. McEwen); Organizer of ESRC-funded Postgraduate Student Workshop ‘Studying Electoral Competition in Multilevel Contexts’ at PSA Belfast

2012. Panels organized at 24th International Conference of Europeanists Glasgow 2017; PSA 2015; EPOP 2015; APSA 2014 (with E. Bloodgood) and 2007; ECPR General Conference Potsdam 2009 (with P. Mair, and L. Thorlakson, respectively), Pisa 2007 (with Z. Enyedi)

Outreach and Impact

Member of the Expert Group on Civil Society Research, EU-Russia Civil Society Forum, 2020-present

Member of the ODIHR Core Group of Experts on Political Parties of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, 2017-2023

Consultation by the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee of the Scottish Parliament on 'Parliamentary Scrutiny in Canadian Intergovernmental Relations', August 2015