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Comparative Politics · Empirical Democracy Research · Political Behavior · Party Politics · Computational Social Science

Academic Positions

since Apr 2023	Assistant Professor of Political Science (W1, TT W3) , University of Marburg.
Jul-Sep 2025	Senior Fellow , Swedish Excellence Centre for Computational Social Science (SweCSS), Linköping University, Sweden.
Apr 2022 – Mar 2023	Research Fellow , Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute.
Oct 2019 – Mar 2022	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research Fellow , Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science, LMU Munich.
May-Sep 2021	<i>Visiting postdoctoral researcher</i> , Department of Political Science, Aarhus University. Professor: Rune Slothuus.
May-Aug 2019	Postdoctoral researcher , Department of Government, University of Vienna.
Sep 2015 – Jun 2019	PhD researcher , Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute.
Jan-Apr 2018	<i>Visiting PhD student</i> , London School of Economics (LSE). Professor: Sara Hobolt.
Jul-Aug 2017	<i>Visiting researcher</i> , Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES). Professor: Marc Debus.
Apr-May 2017	<i>Visiting researcher</i> , University of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Professor: Liesbet Hooghe.

Education

Sep 2015 – Jun 2019	PhD in Political Science , Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute, Florence. Supervisor: Hanspeter Kriesi. Dissertation: ‘European integration and the surge of the populist radical right’ . Thesis Committee: Kai Arzheimer, Elias Dinas, Liesbet Hooghe, Hanspeter Kriesi.
2015-2016	MRes in Political Science , European University Institute, Florence.
2014-2015	MSc in Politics Research , University of Oxford. Supervisor: Elias Dinas. Comparative Government 68, MSc Thesis 66.
2010-2014	BA in Political Science , LMU Munich, Munich. Supervisor: Paul W. Turner, final grade: 1.36 (best graduate among ~80 graduates).
2010	Abitur Gymnasium Tegernsee, final grade: 1.0 (best graduate among ~80 graduates).

Publications & Working Papers

Google Scholar (July 2026): 984 citations · h-index: 13 · i10-index: 16.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

forthc.	Palchikova & Schulte-Cloos, ‘Who won the feed? TikTok campaigning and the electoral success of AfD and The Left in Germany’s 2025 federal election’, in Electoral Studies.
forthc.	Hooghe, Marks, Kamphorst & Schulte-Cloos, ‘Education and political attitudes: the power and limits of field theory’, in Perspectives on Politics.
2026	Schulte-Cloos & Dražanová, ‘Shelter from the storm. External threat, social identity, and support for the EU’, in European Union Politics , OnlineFirst. Open Access.
2025	Breznau, [...], Schulte-Cloos, et.al., ‘The reliability of replications: a study in computational reproductions’, in Royal Society Open Science, 12:3
2024	Schulte-Cloos & Anghel, ‘Right-wing authoritarian attitudes, fast-paced decision-making, and the spread of misinformation about COVID-19 vaccines’ in Political Communication , 41:4, 608-626.

- 2023 Anghel & Schulte-Cloos, **'COVID-19 related anxieties do not decrease support for liberal democracy'** in *European Journal of Political Research* 62:2, 660 - 673.
- 2023 Schulte-Cloos & Bauer, **'Local candidates, place-based identities, and electoral success'** in *Political Behavior* 45:2, 679 - 698.
- 2022 Schulte-Cloos, **'Political potentials, deep-seated nativism, and the success of the German AfD'** in *Frontiers in Political Science*.
- 2022 Schulte-Cloos & Leininger, **'Electoral participation, political disaffection, and the rise of the populist radical right'** in *Party Politics* 28:3, 441 - 453.
- 2022 Breznau, [...], Schulte-Cloos, et.al. **'Observing many researchers using the same data and hypothesis reveals a hidden universe of uncertainty'** in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119:44.
- 2020 Kriesi & Schulte-Cloos, **'Support for radical parties in Western Europe: the role of long- and short-term dynamics'** in *Electoral Studies* 65.
- 2019 Schulte-Cloos, **'The effect of European Parliament elections on political socialisation'** in *Journal of European Public Policy* 26:7, pp. 1094 - 1111.
- 2018 Schulte-Cloos, **'Do European Parliament elections foster challenger parties' success on the national level?'** in *European Union Politics* 19:3, pp. 408 - 426.

WORKING PAPERS

- 2026 'AI at the citizen-representative interface: Political efficacy and democratic responsiveness', with Christopher Anderson, Miguel Pereira, and Elena Pro.
- 2026 'Responsive or compliant? Auditing LLM sycophancy and legal safeguards in multi-turn dialogues with young voters.'
- 2026 'The positive roots of localism: How place-based identity drives the preference for hometown candidates', with Sven Hegewald.
- 2026 'Becoming architects of political change: The organizing capacity of democratic micro-practices in the digital age', with Hahrie Han and Jennifer Oser.
- 2026 'Democratic accountability under out-party threat: Revealed commitment and gerrymandering', with Liesbet Hooghe and Gary Marks.
- 2026 'The polarising impact of anti-democratic foreign influence on citizens' commitment to democracy', with Victoria Palchikova.
- 2026 'Compensatory conformity in candidate campaigns: gender, immigrant origin, and status asymmetries in party-centered electoral competition', with Lukas Hohendorf and Micaela Grossmann.
- 2026 'Breaking the backlash: How early exposure to female authority reduces men's far-right support', with Sirus Dehdari.
- 2026 'Identity vs. substance: How partisan cues condition exchange in digital participatory platforms', with Daniel Bischof and Roman Senninger.
- 2026 'Daughters and political attitudes: Parental socialization in reverse', with Sirus Dehdari.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES & BOOK REVIEWS

- forthc. 'Die AfD nach der Bundestagswahl 2025: Etablierte Kraft im Osten, zweitstärkste Macht im Bund' In U. Jun and O. Niedermayer (Eds.): *Die Parteien nach der Bundestagswahl 2025*, Springer VS.
- 2026 **'Diverse candidates, diverse positions? Party line conformity in campaign positions by female and immigrant origin candidates for the German Bundestag'** with Lukas Hohendorf and Micaela Großmann. In J. Fernandes und J. Martinez (Eds.): *Democracy at the Crossroads: Challenges for Government and Representation Essays in Honour of Thomas Saalfeld*, Routledge West European Politics Series.
- 2023 **'Shared identity in crisis: a comparative study of support for the EU in the face of the Russian threat'**, with Lenka Dražanová. *European Governance and Politics Programme Working Paper Series*, CADMUS EUI.
- 2022 **'Representation and accountability.'** In V. Anghel and E. Jones (Eds.): *Development in European Politics 3, Palgrave Macmillan*.
- 2021 **'Government responsiveness,'** with Sophia Hunger. In A. Bojar, T. Gessler, S. Hutter, H. Kriesi (Eds.): *Contentious Episodes in the Age of Austerity.*, Cambridge University Press, p.132-146.
- 2021 **'Book Review: De Vries and Hobolt, 'Political Entrepreneurs: The Rise of Challenger Parties in Europe,'** Acta

Politica.

- 2020 'The return of the economy? Issue contention in the protest arena,' with Theresa Gessler. In H. Kriesi, J. Lorenzini, S. Häusermann, B. Wuesst (Eds.): *Contention in times of crises. Comparing political protest in 30 European countries, 2000-2015*, Cambridge University Press, p.128-146.
- 2019 'The restructuring of British and German party politics in times of crisis,' with Björn Bremer. In S., Hutter and H., Kriesi (Eds.): *Restructuring European party politics in times of crises*, Cambridge University Press, p.281-301.

BLOGS

- 2026 Schulte-Cloos & Dražanová, 'The unlikely Europeans – how the threat of Russia won over Eurosceptics,' London School of Economics EUROPP Blog.
- 2021 'German federal election: Is there a trend toward more candidates from ethnic minority backgrounds,' London School of Economics EUROPP Blog.
- 2021 'How the mobilisation of the politically disaffected works to the advantage of right-wing populist parties,' ECPR's Political Science Blog The Loop.
- 2019 'EP elections and the radical right,' London School of Economics EUROPP Blog.
- 2018 'Immigrant numbers and crime in Italy,' London School of Economics EUROPP Blog and [Media coverage in the Italian press](#).
- 2017 'Measuring the diversity of each party's candidates in the German Election,' London School of Economics EUROPP Blog.

Grants, Honors & Awards

- 2026 **Emmy-Noether Junior Research Group** (DFG), *OPENMIND: Aufgeschlossenheit gegenüber kultureller Vielfalt im sozialen und politischen Alltag* (1.22 Mio€).
- 2026 **Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize** by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) (200.000€).
- 2026 Forschungsförderfonds Philipps-Universität Marburg, *PARAPOL: Parasocial Politics. The Impact of Interactive AI on Democratic Attitudes and Polarization*. (20.000€)
- 2025 EUPeace Fund '(A)Imagining Europe. Using generative AI for intercultural exchange' (12.920€).
- 2023 University of Marburg International Funding 'Social Data Science' (19.820€).
- 2022 CIVICA Research Excellence Tours.
- 2021 ECPR '**Rising Star**' Award.
- 2021 Ludwig Maximilian University, Gender equality in research and teaching (2.240€).
- 2021 EUSA Honorable Mention for the **best dissertation in EU studies**.
- 2020 LMU Mentoring Program (3000€).
- 2019 **Marie Skłodowska Curie cofunded LMU Research Fellowship** (390.100€).
- 2019 SAGE Award for the **best paper** published in **European Union Politics 2018**.
- 2017 European Union Studies Association Graduate Student Grant.
- 2016 **Peter Mair Party Politics Prize. Best paper**, 26th ECPR Summer School on 'Political Parties and Democracy.'
- 2014 Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich, best graduate in B.A. in Political Science 2014.
- 2014 Bavarian State Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Family and Integration. Stipend for research internship in Pristina, Kosovo.
- 2013-2015 Max Weber-Foundation, **best 3% of graduates**.
- 2010 Sparkasse Tegernsee, **best graduate of Gymnasium Tegernsee 2010**.

Invited Talks

- 2026 **University of Gothenburg**: Local Quality of Government Workshop; **Technical University Darmstadt**: Local Party Politics (LoPaPol) Workshop.
- 2025 **University of Linköping**: Department of Computer and Information Science (IDA) Seminar Series; **University of Linköping**: International Roundtable on Computational Social Science; **University of Stockholm**: Comparative Politics Seminar Series; **Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute of Advanced Study)**: Workshop on Democratic Institutional Resilience.

2024	University of Oxford: Nuffield College Political Science Seminar; University of Hamburg: Hamburg Political Science Seminar Series (HPS ³); UACES: 2024 European Parliament Elections: Results and Consequences; Schweizer Democracy Foundation: The European Parliament Elections 2024; European University Institute: Advances in Cleavage Research Workshop; University of Siegen: Civil Society Europe EnTrust; University of Marburg: VORTEX Marie Skłodowska-Curie Doctoral Network Meeting; University of Bristol: Technology, Democracy, and Cognition Group Hybrid Lab; University of Frankfurt: Comparative Politics Speaker Series.
2023	Saarland University: Interdisciplinary Institute for Societal Computing (I2SC); European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR): Methods School House Series; University of Amsterdam: Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (ACES) European Politics and Society Seminar Series; European University Institute: Solidarity in Europe Data Conference; University of Konstanz: Data and Methods Center (DCM) Seminar Series; Leibniz-Institute of European History: Digital Humanities Lab Seminar Series; University of Mainz: Political Science Departmental Seminar.
2022	WZB Berlin: Institutions and Political Inequality & Transformations of Democracy Seminar Series; European University Institute: European Governance and Politics Programme Seminar Series; Hertie School of Governance: Political Economy Lunch Seminar; Central European University: Political Science Departmental Seminar; Bocconi University: DONDENA Seminar Series; GESIS Institute: Computational Social Science Seminar; ETH Zurich: Center for Comparative and International Studies International Speaker Series; Center for Advanced Studies LMU Munich: Social Aspects of AI.
2021	Amsterdam Centre for European Studies: The German Elections: Continuity or Change; Aarhus University: Reproducibility and Open Science Seminar; Mannheim Centre for European Social Research: Social Science Data Lab; Aarhus University: Political Behaviour Seminar; University of Toronto: Toronto Data Workshop on Reproducibility.
2020	University of Minho: NIPE Centre for Research in Economics and Management Brown Bag Seminar; Mannheim Centre for European Social Research: MZES Departmental Seminar; University of Montréal: Political Science Lunch Seminar Series; Syracuse University: European Politics Workshop Online Series; Gothenburg University: Nordic Workshop on Political Behaviour; Humboldt University Berlin: Politics Lecture Series.

Courses Taught

PHD TRAINING

18 Mar 2026	'Meet the editors: how to get published and master open science', MARA Research Academy, University of Marburg.
01/02 Dec 2025	'Data visualization: principles, practices and applications', University of Zurich, Switzerland.
23 May 2023	'Efficient Scientific Publishing with Quarto, Python and R', Leibniz-Institute of European History.
25 Jan 2023	'Reproducible Reports with Quarto and RMarkdown', Department of Political Science, University of Mainz.
05-09 Sep 2022	'Tools for Efficient Workflows, Smooth Collaboration and Optimized Research Outputs', GESIS Fall Seminar in Computational Social Science, Mannheim, Germany.
15 Dec 2021	'Tools for Reproducibility,' Microdata Laboratory at the Banco de Portugal, Lisbon, Portugal.
08 Sep 2021	'Reproducibility with RMarkdown and the reproducR package,' Aarhus Reproducibility and Open Science Seminar Series, Aarhus, Denmark.
26 July 2021	'Drafting and publishing scientific articles with R Markdown,' 7th International Conference on Computational Social Science, ETH Zurich.
09 June 2021	'Reproducible and automated report generation,' Open Data Science Conference Europe.
03 Mar 2021	'Reproducible and dynamic documents with RMarkdown,' MZES Social Science Data Lab, Mannheim, Germany.
13 Nov 2020	'Creating reproducible research outputs,' Centre for Research in Economics and Management, University of Minho, Portugal.
17/18 Dec 2019	'Interactive document generation with RMarkdown,' Microdata Laboratory at the Banco de Portugal, Porto, Portugal.
11/15 Oct 2018	'PhD toolkit on research transparency and reproducibility' (with Michel Belot and Ada Gonzalez-Torres), European University Institute.
30/31 May 2018	'Reproducible research,' European University Institute.
16/17 Mar 2017	' $\text{\LaTeX}$ for social scientists,' European University Institute.

GRADUATE

Apr-Jul 2024	'Electoral behaviour in advanced democracies,' Department of Political Science, University of Marburg.
Apr-Jul 2021	'Party competition and political behaviour across Europe,' Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science, LMU Munich.
Apr-Jul 2020	'Electoral behaviour in contemporary Western Europe,' Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science, LMU Munich.
May-Jul 2019	'Quantitative Methods,' Department of Government, University of Vienna.
09-20 Jul 2018	'A populist crisis? Populism in Europe and beyond,' Prishtina International Summer University 2018, University of Prishtina.

UNDERGRADUATE

Apr-Jul 2026	'The politics of belonging: new divides in contemporary democracies,' Department of Political Science, University of Marburg.
Oct-Feb 2026	'AI in the Public Eye - Narratives, Political Framing, and Societal Perception.', with Daniel Braun and Ralph Ewert, Interdisciplinary MarSkills Course, University of Marburg.
Oct-Feb 2025	'Demokratie im Spiegel der Psyche. Psychische Gesundheit, politische Werte und (digitale) Angebote in der Gesundheitsversorgung', with Anna-Carlotta Zarski, Interdisciplinary MarSkills Course, University of Marburg.
Oct-Feb 2025	'Vorlesung: Einführung in das politische System Deutschlands', Department of Political Science, University of Marburg.
Oct-Feb 2025	'Seminar: Einführung in das politische System Deutschlands', Department of Political Science, University of Marburg.
Apr-Jul 2024	'Political polarisation in modern democracies', Department of Political Science, University of Marburg.
Oct-Feb 2024	'Vorlesung: Einführung in das politische System Deutschlands', Department of Political Science, University of Marburg.
Oct-Feb 2024	'Proseminar: Einführung in das politische System Deutschlands', Department of Political Science, University of Marburg.
Apr-Jul 2023	'The populist challenge to contemporary Western European democracies,' Department of Political Science, University of Marburg.
Apr-Jul 2023	'New social divides and affective polarisation in modern democracies,' Department of Political Science, University of Marburg.
Oct-Feb 2022	'The political dynamics of populism in Europe's digital and globalised societies,' Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science, LMU Munich.
Nov-Feb 2021	'Intro to German politics,' Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science, Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science, LMU Munich.
Oct-Feb 2020	'Intro to German politics,' Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science, Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science, LMU Munich.
May-Jun 2019	'Populism and radical right success across Europe,' Department of Government, University of Vienna.

Software & Methods Skills

SOFTWARE

R package	reproducR - Drafting and publishing reproducible scientific articles with R Markdown, version: 0.1
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PROGRAMMING & LANGUAGE SKILLS

Programming	R, Python, React, JavaScript, TypeScript
Markup	LaTeX, HTML, Markdown
Version Control	Git, DVC
Containerisation	Docker
Website Generation	Quarto, Blogdown, Hugo
Natural	English (fluent), German (native), Italian (fluent), French (basic), Turkish (basic)

University Administration and Committees

2025	External member of the Search Committee 'W1 (TT W3) Professorship for Empirical Democracy Research', University of Trier.
since 2023	Organisation of the 'Empirical Social Science Research Seminar Series', University of Marburg.
since 2024	Member of the Research and Promotion Committee, Faculty for Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of Marburg.
since 2023	Member of the Marburg Center for Digital Culture and Infrastructure (MCDCI), University of Marburg.
2023 – 2024	Member of the Task Force for a Research Master in the Social Sciences, University of Marburg.
2021-2022	Member of the Board of Directors, Open Science Center, LMU.
2021-2022	Member of the Research Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences, LMU.
2016-2017	Researcher representative, Department of Social and Political Science, EUI.
2016	Researcher representative, Executive Committee, EUI.
2016	Researcher representative, Academic Council, EUI.
2016	Researcher representative, Budget Committee, EUI.

Services to the Profession

KNOWLEDGE SHARING & MENTORING

since 2026	Mentor within the EPSS Mentoring Scheme of the European Political Science Society.
since 2023	Mentor within the Mentoring Scheme 'ProAcademia' of the Mentoring Hessen Network.
since 2019	Catalyst in the Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS).
Oct-Dec 2017	Tutor for the Data Clinic, European University Institute, Florence.
2016 – 2019	Principal organiser of the Quantitative Methods Working Group, European University Institute, Florence.

EDITORIAL ROLES AND AWARD COMMITTEES

since 2025	Editor of Open Science , <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> .
since 2023	Editorial Board Member, <i>Electoral Studies</i> .
2026	Member of the jury for the Giovanni Sartori Prize (best article in <i>Italian Political Science Review</i>).
2024	Member of the jury for the best dissertation in Political Science, awarded by the German Political Science Association (DVPW).

REFeree

Journals	American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Cognitive Research: Principles and Implications, Democratization, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Political Science Review, European Union Politics, Government and Opposition, Journal of Computational Social Science, Journal of Contemporary European Studies, Journal of European Public Policy, Nature Human Behaviour, Party Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Communication, Political Research Exchange, Political Research Quarterly, Political Studies Review, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Studies Quarterly, Politics, Political Behavior, Politische Vierteljahresschrift, Representation, Social Science Research, Swiss Political Science Review, The International Journal of Press/Politics, The Journal of Politics, West European Politics.
Grant Schemes	Polish National Science Foundation (NCN).