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Professional experience

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| 10/2021-today | Chair for International Political Studies, Witten/Herdecke University Research assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project: “Democracy, Anger, and Elite Responses”, ERC Starting Grant project, principal investigator: Prof. Dr. Nils-Christian Bormann |
| 10/2018-09/2021 | Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne Research assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project: “Rebels in Representative Democracy”, funded by the Fritz-Thyssen-Foundation, principal investigator: Prof. Sven-Oliver Proksch, PhD• Survey experiments, Twitter experiments, quantitative text analysis |
| 10/2013-12/2018 | Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne Student assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project: “Decentralization and Electoral Geographies”, funded by the German Research Foundation, principal investigator: Prof. André Kaiser• Quantitative and qualitative analyses, including text analysis |
| 03/2016-12/2016 | Chair for Comparative Politics, University of Duisburg-Essen Student assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparing an article on the state of the art in the field of comparative politics, developing the codebook, data collection and analysis• Data and literature research on political culture and German political parties, supporting and preparing teaching lessons |
| 04/2015-07/2015 | Manifesto Project, Berlin Social Science Center Student assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classical content analysis of scientific articles, co-writing the codebook, cross-validation of data, data analyses with STATA |

- Research on European and Latin American parties
- Supporting preparations for the Manifesto Project User Conference

Education

10/2017-today

University of Cologne

Doctoral studies

“European Citizens’ and Parties’ Attitudes towards Liberal Democracy’ (working title)

Supervision: Prof. Dr. André Kaiser; Prof. Sven-Oliver Proksch, PhD

01/2017-06/2017

Science Po, Strasbourg

Erasmus exchange semester

10/2015-09/2017

University of Duisburg-Essen

Master of Arts

- “Theory and Comparative Studies of Political Systems in Transition”

- Title of the master thesis: “Leadership in Bargaining Situations. A New Theory of Chairpersonship and a Case from the European Union”

06/2012-03/2013

Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina

Semester abroad

04/2011-05/2015

University of Cologne

Bachelor of Science

- “Social Sciences”

- Bachelor thesis: “Decentralization – a party’s decision to secure future power?”

Teaching experience

08/2020,

08/2021

Hack your Future

University of Cologne, one week-course for pupils

Winter 2018/2019

The Political System of Germany, BA level

University of Cologne

2015-today

Sports classes (Martial Arts and Mobility)

Budo Arts Movements e.V., Cologne

Grants and scholarships

02/2021-09/2021

02/2020-09/2020

Hack Your Future

Financial fund for the implementation of the statutory equality mandate of the University of Cologne

Project application together with Franziska Deeg, Franziska Pradel, Ayjeren R., Ingo Rohlfing

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| 10/2017-09/2018 | Total project sum: 15,062.50€ Cologne Graduate School: PhD Scholarship University of Cologne |
| 10/2016-09/2017 | Scholarship: UDE-Stipendium The University of Duisburg-Essen-Stipendium is funded by the Federal Government (Deutschlandstipendium) and provides support for top-performing students. |

Languages and skills

German native • **English, Spanish, French** fluent • **Egyptian-Arabic** intermediate • **Dutch** beginner • **Latin** qualification
Word, Excel, Latex • Stata, SPSS, R • MaxQDA • Git

Publications

- Mohamad-Klotzbach, Christoph/Pickel, Susanne/Adler, Lucas/Kaftan, Lea/Vogt, Lisa (2017): Schwerpunkte der Vergleichenden Politikwissenschaft in Deutschland (2007-2017). *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft*, 11(4), 557-574.
- Volkens, Andrea/Ares, Cristina/Bratanova, Radostina/Kaftan, Lea (2015): Scope, Range, and Extent of Manifesto Project Data Usage: A New Research Tool for Manifesto Project Database's Users. *Revista de Investigaciones Políticas y Sociológicas*, 14(2), 217-232.
- Volkens, Andrea/Ares, Cristina/Bratanova, Radostina/Kaftan, Lea (2015): *Scope, Range, and Extent of Manifesto Project Data Usage: A Survey of Publications in Eight High-Impact Journals. Handbook for Data Users and Coders*. Version I. Berlin: WZB Berlin Social Science Center.

References

Dominik Duell, PhD (dominik.duell@uibk.ac.at)
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Prof. André Kaiser (Andre.Kaiser@uni-koeln.de)
Chair for Comparative Political Science, University of Cologne

Prof. Sven-Oliver Proksch (so.proksch@uni-koeln.de)
Chair for European and Multilevel Politics, University of Cologne

Prof. Jonathan Slapin (jonathanb.slapin@uzh.ch)
Chair for Political Institutions and European Government, University of Zurich

Christopher Wratil, PhD (christopher.wratil@univie.ac.at)
Assistant Professor, University of Vienna