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Professional experience

10/2018-today	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• 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

Teaching

Winter 2018/2019	The Political System of Germany, BA level University of Cologne
2015-today	Sports classes (Martial Arts and Yoga) Budo Arts Movements e.V., Cologne

Conference participation

24.-25.10.2019	Text as Data workshop “Indirect inference of salience and party positions from media data”, together with Daniel Saldivia and Leonce Röth University of Zurich, Zurich
13.-15.09.2019	Elections and Public Opinions “Lip Service to Liberal Democracy in Western Europe? Support for and Understandings of Democracy among Authoritarian, Populist and Ideologically Radical Western Europeans” University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

07.-08.03.2019

The Manifesto Project Users' Conference

“Political power, conflict and parties' preferences for democracy.
How German political parties have used different conceptualisations
of democracy to compete over political power after 1945”

Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, Berlin

Additionally presented at the **10th Graduate Conference for
Political Science** in Düsseldorf in February 2019 and the **Trilateral
Conference** of DVPW, ÖGPW and SVPW in February 2019.

Education

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?”

Grants

10/2017-09/2018

Cologne Graduate School: PhD Scholarship

University of Cologne

10/2016-09/2017

Scholarship: UDE-Stipendium

The UDE-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

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.