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## Academic Education

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**Post-Doctoral Researcher** 02/2024 – present

*Chair for International Comparative Political Economy and Economic Sociology  
(Liaison Chair, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies),  
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne*

**Post-Doctoral Researcher** 10/2023 – 01/2024

*Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne*

**Doctoral Researcher** 10/2019 – 09/2023

*International Max Planck Research School  
on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE) and  
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics (CCCP), University of Cologne*

- **Dissertation:** *Business Power in Digital(ized) Capitalism*  
(Grade: summa cum laude)
- **Supervisors:** Prof. Dr. Christine Trampusch, Prof. Dr. Martin Hoepner
- **Advisory Committee:** Prof. Dr. Kathleen Thelen, Prof. Dr. Anke Hassel

**Visiting Doctoral Researcher** 08/2022 – 12/2022

*Georgetown University, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC*

**Master of Arts in Political Science (ø 1.0)** 10/2017 – 09/2019

*University of Cologne*

- **Thesis:** *Skill Dumping in International Labor Markets?*  
*An Investigation of the Mobility-Skill Nexus in Europe* (Grade: 1.0)
- **Supervisor:** Prof. Dr. Christine Trampusch

**Semester Abroad (GPA: 4.0)** 08/2016 – 12/2016

*Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA*

- Courses in Political Science, Economics, and Sociology

**Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences (ø 1.4)** 04/2014 – 09/2017

*University of Cologne*

## Professional Experience

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**Research Assistant to Prof. Ingo Rohlfing, PhD** 06/2019 – 09/2019

*Chair for Methods of Comparative Political Research, University of Cologne*

- **Research Project:** *Enhanced Qualitative and Multimethod Research*

**Research Assistant to Prof. Dr. Christine Trampusch**

**10/2014 – 07/2016**

*Chair International Comparative Political Economy and Economic Sociology,  
University of Cologne*

**04/2017 – 09/2019**

## Publications

### Peer-Reviewed Work

2023 "[Digital Power Resources \(DPR\): The Political Economy of Structural and Infrastructural Business Power in Digital\(ized\) Capitalism](#)", in: *Socio-Economic Review*, 21(4), 1851-1876, (with Christine Trampusch)

Forthcoming "Saving the Internet? The Limits of Platform Power amid the Techlash", in: *Business and Politics*

Forthcoming "Platform Capitalism", in: *Elgar Encyclopedia of Business and Government* (eds. Graham Wilson and Matthew Maguire), Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing

### Doctoral Dissertation

2024 "Business Power in Digital Capitalism", University of Cologne. [Available online](#).

### Work in Progress

"Business Preferences in Digital Capitalism: Communities-of-Fate and Exploitative Dependencies in US Platform Regulation"

"Weaponized Interdependence and Infrastructural Networks: A Case Study on the Cloud Computing and the Semi-Conductor Industry in China" (with Moritz Walter)

"Platformization of Care: How Do Care Platforms Transform the Reproductive Sphere in the Netherland and Italy" (with Elifcan Celebi)

"Regulating Sustainability Reporting in the European Union: The Effect of Policy Feedback on Lobbying Coalitions" (with Friedrich Kersting)

## Teaching Experience

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**Comparative Political Economy (Master Lecture)**

**04/2024 – 09/2024**

*University of Cologne*

- **Evaluation:** 4.2 (Scale: 5: very satisfied – 1: very dissatisfied)

**The Political Economy of the Federal Republic of Germany  
(Bachelor Seminar in German)**

**04/2024 – 09/2024**

*University of Cologne*

- **Evaluation:** 3.9 (Scale: 5: very satisfied – 1: very dissatisfied)

**The Political Power of Business (Bachelor Seminar in German)**

**10/2021 – 03/2022**

*University of Cologne*

**Evaluation:** 4.8 (Scale: 5: very satisfied – 1: very dissatisfied)

## Supervision

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Final Theses: Master (9x), Bachelor (6x)

## Grants

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**German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD),** Kongressreisenförderung 2024 (€ 1,047.00)

## Conference Participations & Invited Talks

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### **ECPR General Conference** **08/2024**

- *Business Preferences in Digital Capitalism: Communities-of-Fate and Exploitative Dependencies in US Platform Regulation* (Presenter)
- *Platformization of Care in Europe* (Co-Presenter)

### **European Conference on Politics and Gender** **07/2024**

- *Platformization of Care: How Do Care Platforms Transform the Reproductive Sphere in the Netherland and Italy* (Co-Presenter)

### **CES Twenty-Ninth International Conference of Europeanists** **07/2024**

- *Regulating Sustainability Reporting in the European Union: The Effect of Policy Feedback on Lobbying Coalitions* (Co-Presenter)
- *Business Preferences and Lobbying Coalitions in Platform Regulation* (Presenter)

### **ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops** **03/2024**

- Workshop Title: The Political Economies of Artificial Intelligence Technologies: Beyond Disruptive Transformation versus Capitalist Continuity
- *Business Preferences and Lobbying Coalitions in US Platform Regulation* (Presenter)

### **Oxford Internet Institute, Platform Economy Seminar** **01/2024**

- *Business Power in Digital Capitalism* (Presenter)

### **CES Twenty-Ninth International Conference of Europeanists** **06/2023**

- *Saving the Internet: Under Which Conditions Is Outside Lobbying by Platforms Successful?* (Presenter)

### **ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops** **04/2023**

- Political Communication and Policymaking in the Age of Digital Media
- *Saving the Internet: The Use and Limits of Outside Lobbying Strategies by Digital Platforms* (Presenter)

### **Visiting Researcher Symposium at BMW Center for German and European Studies (Georgetown University)** **12/2022**

- *Business Power in Digital Capitalism* (Presenter)

### **SASE Annual Meeting** **07/2022**

- With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility? Tech Power and

Tech Ideology in Digital Capitalism (Discussant)

- Author meets Critics: “Technopolitik von unten” by Simon Schaupp (Critic)

**APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition** **10/2021**

- *Saving the Internet: When is Outside Lobbying by Digital Platforms Successful?* (Presenter)

**ECPR General Conference** **09/2021**

- *Saving the Internet: When is Outside Lobbying by Digital Platforms Successful?* (Presenter)

**SASE Annual Meeting** **07/2021**

- *Who Rules the Digital(ized) Economy? Corporate Power Resources in Digital Capitalism* (Presenter)
- *Saving the Internet: When is Outside Lobbying by Digital Platforms Successful?* (Presenter)

## Methods Training

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**Mixed-Methods Research** **03/2022**

*Methods Workshop at the Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies*

- **Instructor:** Prof. Ingo Rohlfing, PhD

**Qualitative Interviews – Theory and Practice** **01/2021**

*Methods Workshop at the Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies*

- **Instructor:** Paul Sebastian Ruppel

**A Practical Introduction to Machine Learning in Python** **03/2020**

*GESIS Spring Seminar 2020*

- **Instructor:** Dr. Damian Trilling, Dr. Anne Kroon

**Fundamentals of Data Analysis with Python** **03/2020**

*GESIS Spring Seminar 2020*

- **Instructor:** Dr. John McLevey, Jillian Anderson

**Web Scraping with R** **11/2018**

*University of Cologne*

- **Instructor:** Dr. Simon Munzert

**Introduction to SPSS and Advanced SPSS** **02/2017**

*University of Cologne*

## Service to the Discipline

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**Politics and Culture of Digital Capitalism Reading Group ([PCDC](#))** **09/2022 – present**  
(co-founder and co-organizer)

**Second Doctoral Conference on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy** (co-organizer) **10/2022**

**First Doctoral Conference on the Social and Political Constitution  
of the Economy** (co-organizer)

**03/2021**

**Referee:** Socio-Economic Review, Journal of European Public Policy, Berliner Journal für Soziologie, MPIfG Discussion Papers

### **Computational Skills**

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**Basic:** SPSS  
**Intermediate:** MS Excel, Python  
**Advanced:** R, Stata, MS Word, MS PowerPoint

### **Languages**

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**German** C2 (Native speaker)  
**English** C2 (Fluent) *TOEFL iBT Score 116*

### **References**

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**Prof. Dr. Christine Trampusch** Chair for International Comparative Political Economy and Economic Sociology, University of Cologne ([christine.trampusch@uni-koeln.de](mailto:christine.trampusch@uni-koeln.de))  
**Prof. Dr. Martin Höpner** Research Group on the Political Economy of European Integration, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies ([hoepner@mpifg.de](mailto:hoepner@mpifg.de))  
**Prof. Ingo Rohlfing, PhD** Professor for Methods of Empirical Social Research, University of Passau ([ingo.rohlfing@uni-passau.de](mailto:ingo.rohlfing@uni-passau.de))

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