

# CV - Dr. Jens Wäckerle

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## Current Position

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### Chair for European Politics

*Professorial Substitute, Chair for European Politics*  
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics

**Cologne, Germany**

*October 2023 - today*

## Education

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### Universität zu Köln

*PhD in Political Science*

**Cologne, Germany**

*September 2017 - February 2022*

- Topic: The Representation of Women in European Politics
- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Sven-Oliver Proksch

### University of Essex

*MSc in Public Opinion and Political Behaviour*

**Colchester, UK**

*2016–2017*

- Thesis: The Success of Women and Ethnic Minorities in British Politics.
- Supervisor: Prof. Jonathan Slapin

### Sciences Po

*Semester abroad*

**Paris, France**

*2013*

### Zeppelin University

*BA in Politics, Administration and International Relations*

**Friedrichshafen, Germany**

*2011–2016*

- Thesis: Geschlecht und Wahlerfolg: Ein Mehrebenenmodell des Wahlerfolgs von Frauen und Männern bei baden-württembergischen Landtagswahlen.
- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Joachim Behnke

## Teaching

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### Comparing European Democracies (Master Lecture in English)

*Course Instructor*

**University of Cologne**

*Winter 2023/2024*

### Introduction to Quantitative Methods (Master Lecture and Lab in English)

*Course Instructor*

**University of Cologne**

*Winter 2023/2024*

### Women in European Politics (Master Seminar in English)

*Course Instructor*

**University of Cologne**

*Winter 2023/2024*

### Women in European Politics (Bachelor Seminar in German)

*Course Instructor*

**University of Cologne**

*Summer 2022*

### Comparing European Democracies (MA Lecture in English)

*Course Instructor*

**University of Cologne**

*Winter 2021/2022*

### The dynamic architecture of European institutions (MA)

*Course Instructor*

**CIFE, Nice**

*Winter 2021/2022*

### Introduction to European Politics (Bachelor Lecture in German)

*Teaching Assistant for Sven-Oliver Proksch*

**University of Cologne**

*Summer 2018–2022*

**Women in European Politics (Bachelor Seminar in German)**

Course Instructor (together with Franziska Pradel)

**University of Cologne**

Winter 2019/2020

**Quantitative Text Analysis (Bachelor Seminar in English)**

Course Instructor

**Zeppelin Universität, Friedrichshafen**

Summer 2019

**Introduction to Machine Learning**

Teaching Assistant for Bruno Castanho Silva

**ECPR Summer School, Budapest**

Summer 2019

**Introduction to Machine Learning**

Teaching Assistant for Bruno Castanho Silva

**ECPR Winter School, Bamberg**

Winter 2018/2019

## Publications

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**2023:** Wäckerle, J. (2023). A Bill of their Own: Collaboration of Women in European Parliaments. *European Journal of Politics and Gender*, 6(3): 308-327

**2023:** Wäckerle, J. and Castanho Silva, B. (2023). Distinctive Voices: Political Speech, Rhetoric and the Substantive Representation of Women in European Parliaments. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 48(4): 797-831

**2023:** Wratil, C., and Wäckerle, J. (2023). Majority Representation and Legitimacy: Survey-Experimental Evidence from the European Union. *European Journal of Political Research*, 62(1): 285-307.

**2023:** Wäckerle, J. (2023). The end of the all-male party? Voter preferences for gender representation in political parties. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, 33(4): 726-745

**2023:** Wratil, C., Wäckerle, J. and Proksch, S. (2023). Government Rhetoric and the Representation of Public Opinion in International Negotiations. *American Political Science Review*, 117(3): 1105-1122

**2022:** Wäckerle, J. (2022). Parity or patriarchy? The nomination of female candidates in British politics. *Party Politics*, 28(1): 10-23.

**2019:** Mertens, A., Pradel, F., Rozyjumayeva, A., and Wäckerle, J. (2019). As the Tweet, so the Reply? Gender Bias in Digital Communication with Politicians. *Proceedings of the 10th ACM Conference on Web Science (WebSci '19)*. ACM, New York, NY, USA: 193-201.

**2019:** Proksch, S., Wratil, C., and Wäckerle, J. (2019). Testing the Validity of Automatic Speech Recognition for Political Text Analysis. *Political Analysis*, 27(3): 339-359.

**2019:** Proksch, S., Lowe, W., Wäckerle, J. and Soroka, S. (2019), Multilingual Sentiment Analysis: A New Approach to Measuring Conflict in Legislative Speeches. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 44: 97-131.

## Professional Experience

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**Chair for European Politics**

Post-Doctoral Researcher, ERC Project MinorityRule

Cologne Center for Comparative Politics

**Cologne, Germany**

July 2022 - October 2023

**Chair for European Politics**

Post-Doctoral Researcher

Cologne Center for Comparative Politics

**Cologne, Germany**

October 2021 - July 2022

**Chair for European Politics**

Doctoral Researcher

Cologne Center for Comparative Politics

**Cologne, Germany**

September 2017 - October 2021

**Cologne Center for Comparative Politics**

Project Administrator

"Curriculum 4.0", modernising methods teaching at the

Cologne Center for Comparative Politics

**Cologne, Germany**

September 2020 - September 2021

**Political Research, TNS Infratest**

Intern

**Berlin, Germany**

July-September 2016

**Omnibus Unit, YouGov Deutschland AG**

Intern

**Cologne, Germany**

January-April 2016

**Political Department, German Embassy**

*Intern*

**Washington DC, US**

*August-October 2015*

**Chair for Political Science, Zeppelin University**

*Teaching Assistant*

**Friedrichshafen, Germany**

*January-August 2015*

**Chair for Political Science, Zeppelin University**

*Student research assistant*

**Friedrichshafen**

*January-August 2013*

**Publixphere e.V.**

*Intern*

*July-August 2012 and July-August 2013*

**Berlin**

**Bureau of Dr. Franziska Brantner (MdEP), European Parliament**

*Intern*

**Brussels**

*February-March 2011*

## Awards

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**2022:** Junior Teaching Award (Course: Women in European Politics, Summer 2022) – University of Cologne, Germany

**2018:** Part of the winning team in the Dataset Challenge as part of the European Symposium on Societal Challenges in Computational Social Science – Cologne, Germany

**2016:** Best Bachelor Thesis Award – Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen

## Grants

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**2020:** ECPR Joint Sessions Conference Travel Grant – postponed due to Covid-19

**2019:** DAAD Conference Travel Grant – 1400 €

**2014:** Deutschlandstipendium (National Scholarship Program) – 3600 €

## Dissertation Supervisions (most recent two years)

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**MA, 2022:** Debating Climate Change: Party Competition and Shifting Narratives in German Parliamentary Debates – A Quantitative Text Analysis Approach

**BA, 2022:** Welchen Einfluss hat die nationale Kolonialvergangenheit auf die europäische Entwicklungspolitik im 21. Jahrhundert?

**BA, 2022:** Struggling with Europe - Labour's EU position and intra-party dissent from Blair to Corbyn

**BA, 2022:** „Wir machen zu 99.9% Pressearbeit für deutsche Medien“ – Eine Analyse zur Öffentlichkeit in Europa. Inwiefern unterscheidet sich die Öffentlichkeitsarbeit von EU-Parlamentarier:innen auf nationaler und europäischer Ebene?

**BA, 2022:** Wer wählt die Erstwahl? Eine Analyse sozioökonomischer und soziostruktureller Einflussfaktoren auf die Wahlteilnahme Erstwählender

**BA, 2022:** Welchen Einfluss haben gesellschaftliche Krisen auf die Gleichstellung von Frau und Mann? Eine Analyse politischer Diskursverschiebungen

**BA, 2021:** Erfolg trotz Rollenkonflikt? Der innerparteiliche Umgang mit weiblichen AfD-Kandidierenden

**BA, 2021:** Führt höhere politische Frauenrepräsentation zu mehr Gleichstellung? Eine vergleichende Analyse der Abtreibungsdebatte in Europa

**BA, 2021:** Mehr Frauen in der Politik: Wie politische Parteien die politische Teilhabe von Frauen fördern

**BA, 2021:** Perceived Representation and Legitimacy Deficits as a Catalyst for the Rise of Authoritarianism and Right-Wing Populism in the European Union

**BA, 2021:** Die Entwicklung nationalkonservativer und antieuropäischer Einstellungen in Europa am Beispiel von Polen und Kroatien

**BA, 2021:** Wie unterscheidet sich die Darstellung der Geschlechterrollen in den Wahlprogrammen der Parteien des Deutschen Bundestages voneinander und über den zeitlichen Verlauf und in welchem Verhältnis stehen

gesellschaftliche Werte dazu?

**BA, 2021:** Gender as a factor in the appointment process of committee seats in local councils in North Rhine-Westphalia

## Support for the Discipline

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**Reviewer:** American Political Science Review, Computational Communication Research, Comparative Political Studies, European Journal of Politics and Gender, European Journal of Political Research, European Union Politics, Government and Opposition, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Party Politics, Political Analysis, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Politics & Policy, The Journal of Legislative Studies

**Member of the Organising Committee:** Lecture Series at the Cologne Center for Comparative Politics: Microfoundations of Political Science 2017-2019

**Additional:** Member on the Expert Panel for the "Social Scientific Data Analysis" Master Program at Lund University

## Software

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**2018:** 'wersim: Simulating and Measuring Word Error'. R package.  
available at: <https://github.com/jenswaeckerle/wersim>

## Methods Training

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**GESIS Summer School in Survey Methodology** **Cologne, Germany**  
*August 2022*

- Designing, Implementing, and Analyzing Longitudinal Surveys

**GESIS Spring Seminar** **Cologne, Germany**  
*March 2019*

- Introduction to Bayesian Models for the Social Sciences
- Bayesian Multilevel Modelling

**PhD Coursework** **Cologne, Germany**  
*2017-2018*

- Advanced Quantitative Analysis: Experiments and Causal Inference
- Strategies of causal analysis and comparative research designs

**Essex Summer School** **Colchester, UK**  
*August 2017*

- Web Scraping and Data Management in R
- Quantitative Text Analysis

**Oxford Spring School in Social Science Research Methods** **Oxford, UK**  
*March 2017*

- Social Network Analysis
- Forecasting
- Spatial Analysis

**GESIS Summer School in Survey Methodology** **Cologne, Germany**  
*August 2014*

- Introduction to Research Data Management

- Introduction to Web Surveys

## Conference and Research Seminar Presentations

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### **American Political Science Association**

*Annual Meeting and Exhibition*

**Los Angeles, USA**

*September 2023*

- Political knowledge and perceptions of minority governments in Europe

### **European Political Science Association**

*Annual Conference*

**Glasgow, UK**

*June 2023*

- How Public Opinion Polarisation Shapes Conflict in International Negotiations: Evidence from debates in the Council of the European Union

### **Comptext**

*Annual Conference*

**Glasgow, UK**

*May 2023*

- How Public Opinion Polarisation Shapes Conflict in International Negotiations: Evidence from debates in the Council of the European Union

### **European Political Science Association**

*Annual Conference*

**Prague, Czechia**

*June 2022*

- Cross-Party Collaboration in Europe
- Setting the Agenda or Division of Labor? The Effect of Women Entering Politics on Policy Agendas

### **American Political Science Association**

*Annual Meeting and Exhibition*

**Online due to Covid-19**

*September 2021*

- Who Sits Where? The Member of Parliament Power Index and Committee Membership in 19 Countries

### **European Political Science Association**

*Annual Conference*

**Online due to Covid-19**

*June 2021*

- Who Sits Where? The Member of Parliament Power Index and Committee Membership in 19 Countries

### **ECPR Joint Sessions**

*Workshop*

**Online due to Covid-19**

*May 2021*

- Collaboration of Women in European Parliaments

### **Connected Politics Lab University College Dublin**

*Research Seminar*

**Online due to Covid-19**

*July 2020*

- Exogenous Shocks, Policy Responses and Legislative Debates

### **European Political Science Association**

*Annual Conference*

**Online due to Covid-19**

*June 2020*

- Collaboration of Women in European Parliaments

### **Zurich Text as Data**

*Workshop*

**Zurich, Switzerland**

*October 2019*

- Blending in or Standing out - Gender Polarization and the Substantive Representation of Women in European Parliaments

**American Political Science Association***Annual Meeting and Exhibition***Washington DC, United States***August 2019*

- Voters' perceptions of women's representation within political parties

**European Political Science Association***Annual Conference***Belfast, UK***June 2019*

- Does Representation Increase Public Legitimacy?  
Survey-Experimental Evidence from the European Union
- Voters' perceptions of women's representation within political parties

**Midwest Political Science Association***Annual Conference***Chicago, United States***April 2019*

- Minority Governments and Legislative Debate

**Euro CSS***2nd European Symposium on Societal Challenges in CSS***Cologne, Germany***December 2018*

- Gender Bias in Digital Communication

**European Political Science Association***Annual Conference***Vienna, Austria***June 2018*

- The Electoral Fortune of Women Candidates in British Politics

## Computer skills

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**Basic:** HTML, STATA, SPSS**Advanced:** R,  $\LaTeX$ 

## Languages

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**German:** Native speaker**English:** Fluent**French:** Basic*TOEFL iBT Score 111*

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