

# CV - Jens Wäckerle

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## Current Position

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### Chair for European Politics

*Doctoral Researcher*  
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics

**Cologne, Germany**  
*September 2017 - today*

### Cologne Center for Comparative Politics

*Project Administrator*  
"Curriculum 4.0", modernising methods teaching at the  
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics

**Cologne, Germany**  
*September 2020 - today*

## Education

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### Universität zu Köln

*PhD in Political Science*

**Cologne, Germany**  
*September 2017 - today*

- Topic: Women in Different Levels of Politics:  
The Importance of Female Representation for Voters, Parties and Legislatures
- 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 (MA Lecture in English)

*Course Instructor*

**University of Cologne**  
*Winter 2021/2022*

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

*Teaching Assistant to Sven-Oliver Proksch*

**University of Cologne**  
*Summer 2018–2021*

### 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*

## Publications

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- 2021:** Wäckerle, J. (2021). XXXXXXXX *Revise and Resubmit with Journal of Elections, Public Opinion Parties*
- 2021:** Wratil, C., Proksch, S. and Wäckerle, J. (2021). XXXXXXXX *Revise and Resubmit with American Political Science Review*
- 2021:** Wratil, C., and Wäckerle, J. (2021). XXXXXXXX *Revise and Resubmit with European Journal of Political Research*
- 2020:** Wäckerle, J. (2020). Parity or patriarchy? The nomination of female candidates in British politics. *Party Politics*, Online First. doi:10.1177/1354068820977242
- 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. doi:10.1145/3292522.3326013
- 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. doi:10.1017/pan.2018.62
- 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. doi:10.1111/lsq.12218

## Professional Experience

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<b>Political Research, TNS Infratest</b> <i>Intern</i>	<b>Berlin, Germany</b> <i>July-September 2016</i>
<b>Omnibus Unit, YouGov Deutschland AG</b> <i>Intern</i>	<b>Cologne, Germany</b> <i>January-April 2016</i>
<b>Political Department, German Embassy</b> <i>Intern</i>	<b>Washington DC, US</b> <i>August-October 2015</i>
<b>Chair for Political Science, Zeppelin University</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	<b>Friedrichshafen, Germany</b> <i>January-August 2015</i>
<b>Chair for Political Science, Zeppelin University</b> <i>Student research assistant</i>	<b>Friedrichshafen</b> <i>January-August 2013</i>
<b>Publixphere e.V.</b> <i>Intern</i>	<b>Berlin</b> <i>July-August 2012 and July-August 2013</i>
<b>Bureau of Dr. Franziska Brantner (MdEP), European Parliament</b> <i>Intern</i>	<b>Brussels</b> <i>February-March 2011</i>

## Awards

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- 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
- 2009:** Award for linking social engagement with professional performance – Schubart Gymnasium Ulm

## 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

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- 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
- BA, 2020:** Phänomen Europaskeptizismus: Was Europäer am Projekt Europa zweifeln lässt
- BA, 2020:** Von Santer bis Juncker: Bewertung der Politik der EU Kommissionspräsidenten in deutschen Medien
- BA, 2019:** Applause as a Substantive Indicator of Approval: Quantitative Evidence from the German Bundestag
- BA, 2019:** Subnationale politische Kultur in Deutschland - Eine empirische Untersuchung eines Mehrebenenmodells
- BA, 2018:** Attitudes Toward Domestic Politics, Immigration and Support for European Integration
- BA, 2018:** Finance Ministers or Coalition Compromise: What Shapes EU Tax Harmonisation

## Support for the Discipline

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- Reviewer:** American Political Science Review, Political Analysis, Political Research Quarterly, Legislative Studies Quarterly
- 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 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*

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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