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Academic Positions

Chair of Political Science, Political Psychology, University of Mannheim *Mannheim, Germany*
DOCTORAL RESEARCHER *04/2022 - 08/2025*

Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, University of Mannheim *Mannheim, Germany*
DOCTORAL RESEARCHER *12/2021 - 08/2024*
- Project: GLES Long- and short-term panel studies

Chair of Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences, University of Mannheim *Mannheim, Germany*
RESEARCH ASSISTANT *12/2019 - 10/2021*

Swiss Environmental Panel, ETH Zurich *Zurich, Switzerland*
RESEARCH ASSISTANT *02/2020-04/2020*

Education

University of Mannheim *Mannheim, Germany*
PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE *09/2022 - present*
- Political Science track at the Center for Doctoral Studies in Social and Behavioral Sciences, Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences
- Title: Survey Response and Measurement Bias in Dynamic Political Settings
- Planned defense: March 2026
- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Harald Schoen

University of Barcelona *Barcelona, Spain*
VISITING PHD RESEARCHER *02/2025 - 05/2025*
- Supervisor: Prof. Jordi Muñoz, PhD

University of Mannheim *Mannheim, Germany*
M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE *09/2019 - 11/2021*
- Fields: Advanced Quantitative Methods, Political Behavior
- GPA: 1.2/ 1.0 (with distinction)

University of Oslo *Oslo, Norway*
M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE *01/2021 - 06/2021*
- Semester abroad

Eberhard-Karls-University Tübingen *Tübingen, Germany*
B.A. PHILOSOPHY *09/2016 - 09/2019*
- Minor in Political Science
- GPA: 1.4/ 1.0

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Klara Müller. 2025. "Survey Nonresponse After Elections: Investigating the Role of Winner-Loser Effects in Panel Attrition", *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 37(3): edaf031. https://doi.org/10.1093/ijpor/edaf031.

Lehrer, Roni, Oke Bahnsen, **Klara Müller**, Marcel Neunhoeffer, Thomas Gschwend, Sebastian Juhl. 2024. "Rallying around the leader in times of crises: The opposing effects of perceived threat and anxiety.", *European Journal of Political Research* 64: 697-718. https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12717.

Gschwend, Thomas, **Klara Müller**, Simon Munzert, Marcel Neunhoeffer, Lukas F. Stoetzer. 2022. "The Zweitstimme Model: A Dynamic Forecast of the 2021 German Federal Election", *PS: Political Science and Politics* 55(1): 85-90. https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096521000913.

Book Chapters

Schoen, Harald und **Klara Müller**. 2024. "Allein auf den Wahlkampf kommt es an? Eine Analyse der zeitlichen Lagerung von Wieder- und Wechselwahlentscheidungen zwischen den Bundestagswahlen 2017 und 2021". In: Schoen, H., Weßels, B. (eds.) *Wahlen und Wähler*. Springer VS, Wiesbaden.

Work in Progress

Under review	**How Snap Election Calls Shape Vote Intention Uncertainty** (with Alejandro Fernández-Roldán)
	The Role of Policy (In-)Congruence and Salience on Durable Voter Attachment: The Case of the German Greens Under a New Wave of Environmental Politicization (with Milena Rapp)
In prep	**Electoral Polling as a Public Service? An Analysis of Spain's CIS Performance in Pre-Election Estimates Over Time** (with Alejandro Fernández-Roldán)
	Reassessing Predictors of Vote Choice and Electoral Turnout: The Role of Attitude Strength (with Harald Schoen)
	Do Events Change Minds or Samples? A Framework for Identifying Compositional Bias in Event-Focused Causal Inference

Presentations

Conference Presentations

EPOP 2025	**How Snap Election Calls Shape Vote Intention Uncertainty** (with Alejandro Fernández-Roldán). 6th September, University of Exeter.
EPSA 2025	**Electoral Polling as a Public Service? An Analysis of Spain's CIS Performance in Pre-Election Estimates Over Time** (with Alejandro Fernández-Roldán). 28th June, University Carlos III of Madrid.
EPSA 2025	**How Snap Election Calls Shape Vote Intention Uncertainty** (with Alejandro Fernández-Roldán). 27th June, University Carlos III of Madrid.

ECPR 2024	**Understanding Survey Participation and Measurement Bias in Dynamic Political Environments: Evidence From a Natural Experiment.** 12th August, University College Dublin.
ECPR 2024	**Why Perceived Policy (In)congruence Matters for Durable Voter Attachment. The Case of the German Greens Under a New Wave of Environmental Politicization.** 12th August, University College Dublin.
EPSA 2024	**Understanding Survey Participation and Measurement Bias in Dynamic Political Environments: Evidence From a Natural Experiment.** 6th July, Cologne.
PSA 2024	**Understanding Survey Cooperativeness in Dynamic Political Environments: An Agent-Based Approach.** 26th March. University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.
PSA 2024	**Why Perceived Policy (In)congruence Matters for Durable Voter Attachment.The Case of the German Greens Under a New Wave of Environmental Politicization.** 26th March, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.
WAPOR 2023	**Election Outcomes as Drivers of Panel Attrition? Investigating Winner-Loser Effects in Post-Election Survey Participation.** 21st September, Paris-Lodron-University Salzburg.
EPOP 2023	**Political Events as Drivers of Survey Nonresponse? Effects of Election Outcomes on Individuals' Willingness to Participate in Surveys.** 8th September, University of Southampton.

Invited Talks

Oct. 2025	**Do Events Change Minds or Samples? A Framework for Identifying Compositional Bias in Event-Focused Causal Inference** Political Psychology Research Seminar, Political Studies Association UK
Mar. 2025	**How Snap Election Calls Shape Vote Intention Uncertainty: A Cross-Country Comparison** Democracy, Elections and Citizenship (DEC) Research Group Seminar, Autonomous University of Barcelona
Sept. 2021	**Leveraging Data Science to Forecast the 2021 German Federal Election** Hertie School Berlin

Teaching Experience

Fall 2024	**Moving in Ideological Space: How Ideology and Belief Systems Shape Political Behaviour** Introduction to Political Sociology (undergraduate level), University of Mannheim
Spring 2024	**Replication, Replication - Quantitative Analyses in R** (undergraduate level), University of Mannheim
Spring 2023	**Replication, Replication - Quantitative Analyses in R** (undergraduate level), University of Mannheim
Fall 2022	**How Does Ideology Shape Political Thinking and Behaviour?** Introduction to Political Sociology (undergraduate level)

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

2025   **PhD Completion Scholarship**
granted by the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim   *9,000 €*

Small Travel Grant
for presentation at EPSA 2025, Madrid, granted by the University of Mannheim (IDEUM)   *750 €*

Travel Grant
for research stay at the University of Barcelona, granted by the University of Mannheim (Women go abroad)   *3,500 €*

2024   **PhD Scholarship**
granted by the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim   *16,200 €*

CDSS Teaching Award 2023/2024
awarded by the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim   *500 €*

Small Travel Grant
for presentation at ECPR 2024, Dublin, granted by the University of Mannheim (IDEUM)   *750 €*

Small Travel Grant
for presentation at EPSA 2024, Cologne, granted by the University of Mannheim   *250 €*

Small Travel Grant
for presentation at PSA 2024, Glasgow, granted by the University of Mannheim (Women go abroad)   *1,350 €*

2022   **Franz-Urban-Pappi Award 2021/2022**
Best master thesis in Political Science, awarded by RAM e.V., University of Mannheim   *150 €*

Travel and Research Grant
granted by the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim   *1,600 €*

2021   **Erasmus+ stipend**
for semester abroad at University of Oslo

2020   **Associate Membership**
Center for Doctoral Studies in Social and Behavioral Sciences, Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim

Service & Memberships

2022-2024   **Mannheim Centre for European Social Research** Member of the Supervisory Board

Reviewer   The Journal of Politics, Electoral Studies

Skills

Software   R, Stata, MPlus, Qualtrics, LaTeX

Languages   German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)