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Academic Positions

Chair of Political Science, Political Psychology, University of Mannheim DOCTORAL RESEARCHER	<i>Mannheim, Germany</i> 04/2022 - 08/2025
Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, University of Mannheim DOCTORAL RESEARCHER • Project: GLES Long- and short-term panel studies	<i>Mannheim, Germany</i> 12/2021 - 08/2024
Chair of Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences, University of Mannheim RESEARCH ASSISTANT	<i>Mannheim, Germany</i> 12/2019 - 10/2021
Swiss Environmental Panel, ETH Zurich RESEARCH ASSISTANT	<i>Zurich, Switzerland</i> 02/2020-04/2020

Education

University of Mannheim PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE • 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 • submitted, defense in March 2026 • Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Harald Schoen	<i>Mannheim, Germany</i> 09/2022 - present
University of Barcelona VISITING PHD RESEARCHER • Supervisor: Prof. Jordi Muñoz, PhD	<i>Barcelona, Spain</i> 02/2025 - 05/2025
University of Mannheim M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE • Fields: Advanced Quantitative Methods, Political Behavior • GPA: 1.2/ 1.0 (with distinction)	<i>Mannheim, Germany</i> 09/2019 - 11/2021
University of Oslo M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE • Semester abroad	<i>Oslo, Norway</i> 01/2021 - 06/2021
Eberhard-Karls-University Tübingen B.A. PHILOSOPHY • Minor in Political Science • GPA: 1.4/ 1.0	<i>Tübingen, Germany</i> 09/2016 - 09/2019

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., Weißels, 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)

Do Events Change Minds or Samples? A Framework for Identifying Compositional Bias in Event-Focused Causal Inference

Voting Decisions Under Compressed Timelines: How Media Discourse and Campaign Dynamics Shape Vote Choices after Snap Election Calls (with Alejandro Fernández-Roldán)

Reassessing Predictors of Vote Choice and Electoral Turnout: The Role of Attitude Strength (with Harald Schoen)

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

- Feb. 2026 **When Events Change Samples: Disentangling Causal Effects from Compositional Bias in Quasi-Experimental Designs**
Social Science Data Lab, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research
(recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYdDGgaI95w>)
- 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** 9,000 €
granted by the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim
- Small Travel Grant** 750 €
for presentation at EPSA 2025, Madrid, granted by the University of Mannheim (IDEUM)
- Travel Grant** 3,500 €
for research stay at the University of Barcelona, granted by the University of Mannheim (Women go abroad)
- 2024 **PhD Scholarship** 16,200 €
granted by the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim
- CDSS Teaching Award 2023/2024** 500 €
awarded by the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim
- Small Travel Grant** 750 €
for presentation at ECPR 2024, Dublin, granted by the University of Mannheim (IDEUM)
- Small Travel Grant** 250 €
for presentation at EPSA 2024, Cologne, granted by the University of Mannheim
- Small Travel Grant** 1,350 €
for presentation at PSA 2024, Glasgow, granted by the University of Mannheim (Women go abroad)
- 2022 **Franz-Urban-Pappi Award 2021/2022** 150 €
Best master thesis in Political Science, awarded by RAM e.V., University of Mannheim
- Travel and Research Grant** 1,600 €
granted by the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim
- 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, RMarkdown, Stata, MPlus, Python, Qualtrics, \LaTeX

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