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Academic Positions

GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Team Training

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER & SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR

Mannheim, Germany

07/2026 - today

Chair of Political Science, Political Psychology, University of Mannheim

DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

Mannheim, Germany

04/2022 - 08/2025

Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, University of Mannheim

DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

Mannheim, Germany

12/2021 - 08/2024

Chair of Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences, University of Mannheim

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Mannheim, Germany

12/2019 - 10/2021

Swiss Environmental Panel, ETH Zurich

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Zurich, Switzerland

02/2020-04/2020

Education

University of Mannheim

PHD POLITICAL SCIENCE

Mannheim, Germany

09/2022 - 03/2026

- 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
- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Harald Schoen
- Grade: 0.6

University of Barcelona

VISITING PHD RESEARCHER

Barcelona, Spain

02/2025 - 05/2025

University of Mannheim

M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE

Mannheim, Germany

09/2019 - 11/2021

University of Oslo

M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE

Oslo, Norway

01/2021 - 06/2021

Eberhard-Karls-University Tübingen

B.A. PHILOSOPHY (MINOR POLITICAL SCIENCE)

Tübingen, Germany

09/2016 - 09/2019

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Klara Müller** & Alejandro Fernández-Roldán. 2026. “How snap election calls shape vote intention uncertainty”, *Electoral Studies* 103: 103121. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2026.103121>.
- 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 Neunhoeffler, 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 Neunhoeffler, 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 **Accounting for Compositional Bias in Unexpected Event During Survey Designs**
(Working Paper: https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/bz65p_v1)
- In prep **Reassessing Predictors of Vote Choice and Electoral Turnout: The Role of Attitude Strength** (with Harald Schoen)
- Political Drivers of Survey Nonresponse: The Role of Attitudes and Local Political Context** (with Joel Ardiaca Arnau)
- The German Snap Election and the Challenge of Compositional Bias in Unexpected Event Designs**

Presentations

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- EPSA **2024, 2025**
- EPOP **2023, 2025**
- ECPR **2024**
- PSA **2024**
- WAPOR **2023**

INVITED TALKS

- May 2026 **When Events Change Samples: Identifying Observable and Unobservable Sources of Bias in Quasi-Experimental Designs**
GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Lecture Series, Cologne
- 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

- 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), University of Mannheim

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

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| 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, European Journal of Political Research, International Journal of Public Opinion Research

Skills

Software	R, RMarkdown, Stata, MPlus, Python, Qualtrics, $\text{\LaTeX}$
Languages	German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)