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Appointments

University of Cologne, Germany
Professor of Political Economy (t) 2022-
Department of Political Science, 2022-
Department Chair, 2023-

Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, United States
Associate Professor of Political Science (t), 2016-2021
Director of Environmental Policy Major, 2020-2021
Research Fellow, Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, 2020-2021

University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
Research Fellow, Swiss Institute for International Economics and Applied Economic Research, 2016-
SNSF Research Professor of Political Science, 2012-2016
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2012-2016

ETH Zurich, Switzerland
Center for Comparative and International Studies
Institute for Environmental Decisions
Senior Researcher, 2011-2012
Postdoctoral Researcher, 2008-2010

Education

Habilitation (*venia legendi* in Political Science), ETH Zurich, 2012

Ph.D. Political Science (*summa cum laude*), University of Konstanz, 2008

M.A. Political Science (minors: Business Management and Public Law), University of Freiburg, 2004-2005

Graduate Exchange Student, University of Essex, 2003-2004

B.A. (*Zwischenprüfung*) Political Science (minors: Business Management, Public Law, and Philosophy), University of Freiburg, 2000-2003

Research and Teaching Interests

Political Economy, Political Behavior

Climate Politics, Economic Policy

Survey Methods, Experiments and Causal Inference, Time Series Analysis

Publications

Articles in Refereed Journals

31. "Measuring Time Preferences in Large Surveys" (with Amalie Jensen, Jordan H. McAllister, and Kenneth F. Scheve), *Political Science Research and Methods* (2024) 12 (2): 426-434.

30. "Ready When the Big One Comes? Natural Disasters and Mass Support for Preparedness Investment" (with Massimo Mannino), *Political Behavior* (2023) 45: 1045-1070.

29. "Can Policy Responses to Pandemics Reduce Mass Fear?" (with William O'Brochta and Margit Tavits), *Journal of Experimental Political Science* (2023) 10 (3): 343-353.

28. "Improving Public Support for Climate Action Through Multilateralism" (with Elisabeth van Lieshout and Kenneth F. Scheve), *Nature Communications* (2022) 13: 6441.

27. "Retrospection, Fairness, and Economic Shocks: How Do Voters Judge Policy Responses to Natural Disasters?" (with Massimo Mannino), *Political Science Research and Methods* (2022) 115 (2): 260-278.

26. "Why Austerity? The Mass Politics of a Contested Policy" (with Kirk Bansak and Yotam Margalit), *American Political Science Review* (2021) 115 (2): 486-505.

25. "Electoral Reforms and the Representativeness of Turnout" (with Lukas Schmid), *Political Science Research and Methods* (2021) 9 (3): 485-499.

24. "Constant Carbon Pricing Increases Support for Climate Action Compared to Ramping Up Costs Over Time" (with Elisabeth van Lieshout and Kenneth F. Scheve), *Nature Climate Change* (2020) 10 (11): 1004-1009.

23. "Left-Right Ideology and the Debate over International Bailouts: The Case of Grexit" (with Kirk Bansak, Jens Hainmueller and Yotam Margalit), *Journal of Politics* (2020) 82 (2) 509-528.

22. "Reforms and Redistribution: Disentangling the Egoistic and Sociotropic Origins of Voter Preferences" (with Roman Liesch), *Public Opinion Quarterly* (2020) 84 (1): 1-23.

21. "Inequality and Redistribution Behavior in a Give-or-Take Game" (with Roman Liesch and Kenneth F. Scheve), *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (2018) 115 (14): 3611-3616.

20. "Interests, Norms and Support for the Provision of Global Public Goods: The Case of Climate Cooperation" (with Federica Genovese and Kenneth F. Scheve), *British Journal of Political Science* (2019) 49 (4): 1333-1355.

19. "Compulsory Voting, Habit Formation, and Political Participation" (with Dominik Hangartner and Lukas Schmid), *Review of Economics and Statistics* (2018) 100 (3): 467-476.

18. "Policy Design and Domestic Support for International Bailouts" (with Jens Hainmueller and Yotam Margalit), *European Journal of Political Science* (2017) 56 (4): 864-886.

17. "Who Cooperates? Reciprocity and the Causal Effect of Expected Cooperation in Representative Samples" (with Kenneth F. Scheve), *Journal of Experimental Political Science* (2017) 4 (3): 206-228.

16. "Does Compulsory Voting Increase Support for Leftist Policy?" (with Dominik Hangartner and Lukas Schmid), *American Journal of Political Science* (2016) 60 (3): 752-767.

15. "What Is Litigation in the World Trade Organization Worth?" (with Thomas Sattler), *International Organization* (2015) 69 (2): 375-403.

14. "Reality Bites: The Limits of Framing Effects in Salient Policy Decisions" (with Jens Hainmueller, Dominik Hangartner, and Marc Helbling), *Political Science Research and Methods* (2015) 3 (3): 683-695.

13. "All Policies Are Glocal: International Environmental Policymaking with Strategic Subnational Governments" (with Johannes Urpelainen), *British Journal of Political Science* (2015) 54 (3): 559-582.

12. "Preferences for International Redistribution: The Divide over the Eurozone Bailouts" (with Jens Hainmueller and Yotam Margalit), *American Journal of Political Science* (2014) 58 (4): 835-856.

11. "Mass Support for Global Climate Agreements Depends on Institutional Design." (with Kenneth F. Scheve), *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (2013) 110 (34): 13763-13768.

10. "The Green Side of Protectionism: Environmental Concerns and Three Facets of Trade Policy Preferences" (with Thomas Bernauer and Reto Meyer), *Review of International Political Economy* (2012) 31 (1): 170-183.

9. "Not Always Second Order: Subnational Elections, National-level Vote Intentions, and Volatility Spillovers in a Multi-level Electoral System", *Electoral Studies* (2012) 31 (1): 170-183.

8. "How Lasting Is Voter Gratitude? An Analysis of the Short- and Long-term Electoral Returns to Beneficial Policy" (with Jens Hainmueller), *American Journal of Political Science* (2011) 55 (4): 852-868.

7. "Eliciting Substance from 'Hot Air': Financial Market Responses to EU Summit Decisions on European Defense" (with Gerald Schneider), *International Organization* (2010) 64 (2): 199-223.

6. "Forecasting European Union Politics: Real-time Forecasts in Political Time Series Analysis" (with Dirk Leuffen), *European Union Politics* (2010) 11 (2): 309-327.

5. "Capitalizing on Partisan Politics: Expected Government Partisanship and Sector-Specific Redistribution in Germany, 1991-2005" (with Roland Füss), *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking* (2010) 42 (2-3): 203-235.

4. "Changing Economic Openness for Environmental Policy Convergence: When Can Bilateral Trade Agreements Induce Convergence of Environmental Regulation?" (with Jale Tosun), *International Studies Quarterly* (2009) 53 (4): 931-953.

3. "The Political Sources of Systematic Investment Risk: Lessons from a Consensus Democracy", *Journal of Politics* (2009) 71 (2): 661-677.

2. "When Traders Enjoy Less Policy Risk: Divided Government, Economic Policy Change, and Stock Market Volatility in Germany, 1970-2005" (with Roland Füss), *Swiss Political Science Review* (2008) 14 (2): 287-314.

1. "Partisan Politics and Stock Market Performance: The Effect of Expected Government Partisanship on Stock Returns in the 2002 German Federal Election" (with Roland Füss), *Public Choice* (2008) 135 (3-4): 131-150.

Books

2. 2009: "Regierung, Rendite, Risiko. Die politische Ökonomie des Aktienmarktes in Deutschland." Wiesbaden: VS Verlag

1. 2009: "Krieg, Kooperation, Kursverlauf: Die Internationale Politische Ökonomie von Finanzmärkten." Wiesbaden: VS Verlag. Co-authored with Gerald Schneider and Christian Fahrholz

Policy Briefs, Review Articles and Contributions to Edited Volumes

4. "Majorities prefer constant carbon costs over increasing cost schedules even if costs are high" (with Kenneth F. Scheve and Elisabeth van Lieshout), in: *Nature Climate Change* 2021 (11): 909-910.

3. "Tanzt auch die Politik auf dem Börsenparkett? Wahlen, Parteipolitik und die Entwicklung von Aktienmärkten." In: *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft* (2009) 2: 133-162.

2. "Gesetzgebungs- oder Justizstaat? Zum (Macht-)Verhältnis zwischen Bundesverfassungsgericht und Parlamentsgesetzgeber am Beispiel der aktuellen grundrechtsdogmatischen Entwicklung." In: *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* (2006) 36: 282-305. Co-authored with Alexis von Komorowski

1. "Wahlkreisarbeit zahlt sich doppelt aus – Zur Wirkung des Amtsinhaberstatus einer Partei auf ihren Zweitstimmenanteil bei den Bundestagswahlen 1949 bis 1998." In: Behnke, Joachim/Bräuninger, Thomas (eds.) (2006): Jahrbuch für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie. Band 4. VS Verlag. Opladen: 11-45. Co-authored with Jens Hainmüller and Holger Lutz Kern

Submissions and Work in Progress

"Not Everyone's a Robin Hood: Altruism, Envy, and the Political Demand for Redistributive Tax Policy" (with Taishi Muraoka and Guillermo Rosas), revise and resubmit at *American Journal of Political Science*

"Most Europeans Support Significant Climate Investment over Carbon Tax Recycling" (with Phillip Genschel, Paul Michel, and Laura Seelkopf), revise and resubmit at *Nature Communications*

"Preferences over Legislative Representation in Eight Democracies" (with Simon Lüchinger, Lukas Schmid, and Joshua Weidmann), revise and resubmit at *American Political Science Review*

"Not in My Basement: How Cost Perceptions and Reform Narratives Undermine Clean-Energy Transitions" (with Nils Blossey and Paul Michel), under review

"Taking Sides: Mass Preferences over Support for Countries at War" (with Kirk Bansak, Nils Blossey, and Yotam Margalit)

"Foreign Policy Interests and International Disaster Assistance" (with Jeffrey Ziegler)

"Machines at Play: Rhetoric, Communication, and Cooperation among AI Agents" (with Stefan Bechtel, Nils Blossey, and Paul Michel)

"Dialing Up the Empathy: Using AI Chatbots in Qualitative Surveys" (with Aaron Cannon, Michael Hess, and Joshua Weidmann).

Grants and Awards

Grants (∼$2.54 million/EUR 2.29 million/CHF 2.44 million)

ECONtribute/German Research Foundation (DFG) Grant, "Rhetoric, Reputation, and Cooperation among AI Agents", 2025 ($11,000; EUR 10,000).

ECONtribute/German Research Foundation (DFG) Workshop Grant, "Political Behavior and Institutions", 2022 ($11,000; EUR 10,000). Together with Chitralekha Basu and Sven-Oliver Proksch

ECONtribute/German Research Foundation (DFG) Research Grant, Project "International Redistribution and Natural Disasters", 2022 ($11,000; EUR 10,000). Together with Jeffrey Ziegler

ECONtribute/German Research Foundation (DFG) Research Grant, Project "Austerity and the Origins of Public Debt", 2022 ($43,000 or EUR 40,000). Together with Kirk Bansak and Yotam Margalit

Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, Project "Inequality, Perceptions of Party Positions, and Public Policy Preferences", 2020-2021 ($12,000). Together with Guillermo Rosas and Taishi Muraoka

Weidenbaum Center Research Fellow Grant, Washington University in St. Louis, 2020 ($5,000)

Swiss National Science Foundation, "Turnout, Voter Myopia, and Support for Long-term Policy", Scientific Exchange Grant, 2019 ($19,600 or CHF 19,500). Together with Lukas Schmid

Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, Project "Short-Sightedness, Risk Aversion, and Long-Term Policy Investment", 2017-2018 ($6,000). Together with Kenneth F. Scheve

Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS), Project "Intertemporal Fairness in Global Climate Cooperation", 2016-2018 ($213'000 or CHF 209'498). Together with Kenneth F. Scheve and Charles Kolstad

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), Project "Mass Support for Financial Bailouts", 2013-2016 ($251'000 or CHF 245'900). Together with Jens Hainmueller and Yotam Margalit

HSG Research Funding, Project "The Effects of Compulsory Voting on Referendums", 2014-2015 ($97'000 or CHF 95'000). Together with Reto Föllmi, Dominik Hangartner, and Lukas Schmid

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Research Professorship (*SNF-Förderprofessor*), Project "The Politics of Natural Disasters", 2012-2016 ($1,338,313/CHF 1,224,349/EUR 1,135,565)

Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS) Research Grant, Project "Individual Preferences for International Environmental Cooperation", Principal Investigator, 2011-2013 ($277'500 or CHF 271'380). Together with Kenneth F. Scheve

ETH Zurich Cooper Fund Research Grant, Project "Exploring Support for International Bailout Packages", 2011 ($14'300 or CHF 14'000). Together with Jens Hainmueller and Yotam Margalit

ETH Independent Investigators' Research Award (ETHIIRA), Project "The Effectiveness of International Environmental Regimes", grant supporting highly innovative projects in the area of high-risk/high reward research, 2010-2013 ($194'200 or CHF 190,000). Together with Thomas Bernauer and Jürg Vollenweider

WZB Research Grant, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, 2010 ($35'800/CHF 35'000/EUR 27,000). Together with Jens Hainmueller, Dominik Hangartner and Marc Helbling

CIS and D-GESS Conference Grant ($2'560 or CHF 2'500), 2010

SAGW Travel Grant (CHF 1'200), 2010

German Academic Scholarship Foundation (*Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes*), Travel Grant, 2007 ($1'670 or EUR 1'500)

ECPR Mobility Grant, 2006 ($560 or EUR 500)

German Academic Scholarship Foundation, PhD Scholarship, 2005-2008 ($46'880 or EUR 42'000)

Summer Research Fellowship, University of Oxford, 2003

Awards and Decorations

Latsis Prize of the University of St.Gallen. For internationally excellent research across all disciplines by a scholar below the age of 40, 2013

ETH Zurich Award for Excellence in Research, 2009

Dissertation Prize of the German Political Science Association (DVPW). For the best dissertation in political science that makes an important contribution to scientific knowledge, 2009

Südwestmetall Best Dissertation Award. Awarded for the best dissertation in political science, economics, business administration, law, engineering, or computer sciences, University of Konstanz, 2009

Military decorations include Disaster Relief Operation Medal of the German Ministry of Defense and the State of Saxony, 2002

Teaching

Graduate Teaching

Causal Inference in Political Science, University of Cologne, Summer 2026,

Governing for the Long-Term, University of Cologne, Winter 2026/27, Winter 2025/26,

Climate Politics, University of Cologne, Summer 2026, Winter 2025, Winter 2024, Winter 2023, Winter 2022

Political Economy: Behavior and Institutions, University of Cologne, Summer 2024

Globalization and Democracy (L32 Pol Sci 548), Washington University in St. Louis, Fall 2016, Spring 2020, Spring 2021

Global Climate Policy, Internal Medicine Residency Program, School of Medicine, Washington University in St. Louis, Summer 2020

Experimental and Causal Inference Designs, Graduate Student Workshop, McGill University and Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, Montreal, Fall 2018

Professionalization Seminar for Graduate Students, Research in Political Science (L32 Pol Sci 552), Washington University in St. Louis, Fall 2017, Spring 2018

Democracy and Globalization, University of Lucerne, Summer 2017

Managing Economic and Environmental Resources (with Lukas Schmid), University of St.Gallen, 2015

Democracy and Globalization (with Lukas Schmid), University of St.Gallen, Spring 2014, Fall 2014

The Domestic Politics of International Relations, University of Geneva, 2014

The Politics of Global Environmental Resources, University of St.Gallen, 2013

Political Science Research Seminar, University of St.Gallen, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015

Politics, Markets, and the Environment, University of St.Gallen, 2013

International Economic Policy and Globalization, ETH Zurich, 2011/2012

International Political Economy, ETH Zurich and University of Zurich, 2009

Introduction to Time-Series Analysis Using STATA, University of Freiburg, 2008

Quantitative Methods in Political Science, University of Konstanz, 2007-2008

Data Analysis Using STATA, University of Konstanz, 2007-2008

Mathematical Concepts and Formal Modeling, Teaching Assistant, Course Instructor: Prof Rebecca Morton), ECPR Summer School, Ljubljana/Slovenia, 2006, 2008

Undergraduate Teaching

Public Policy: Globalization and Democracy, University of Cologne, Summer 2023, Summer 2024, Summer 2025, Summer 2026

Climate Politics (L32 Pol Sci 3103), Washington University in St. Louis, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Guest lecture on Global Climate Politics, Climate Change and Public Health, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Globalization and National Politics (L32 Pol Sci 4792/3772), Washington University in St. Louis, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021

International Politics, Prison Education Project, Missouri Department of Corrections and Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri Eastern Correctional Center, Fall 2018

International Politics (L32 Pol Sci 103B), Washington University in St. Louis, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018

Guest lectures on Sustainable Climate Policy and Climate Engineering, Spring and Fall 2017

International Economic Policy and Globalization, ETH Zurich, 2011

Introduction to International Political Economy, University of Lucerne, 2010

Introduction to Political Science, ETH Zurich and University of Zurich, 2008, 2009

Quantitative Political Analysis, University of Konstanz, 2007-2008

The Political Economy of Financial Markets, University of Konstanz, 2006

Introduction to Political Science, (Teaching Assistant, Course Instructor: Dr Christoph Haas), University of Freiburg, 2003, 2004

Advising of MA and BA students

Sustainability Exchange Symposium, Washington University in St. Louis, Expert Evaluator (2019, 2020)

Graduate Advising

Nils Blossey (2023-), Paul Michel (2022-), Jordan McAllister (2019-2022), Miguel Pereira (2017-2020), Jeong Hyun Kim (2017-18), Elena Labzina (2017-18), Jonathan Homola (2017-18), Dalston Ward (2017), Joan Barceló (2016-2019), Jeffrey Ziegler (2016-2019), Roman Liesch (2014-17), Massimo Mannino (2014-17), Georg D. Granic (2013), Jürg Vollenweider (2008-12)

Co-advising, mentoring, and dissertation committee member for about two dozens of graduate students and postdoctoral researchers in political science and economics

Professional Development (Pedagogy, Leadership, Research Ethics)

Effective Feedback and Personal Development Assessments, University of Cologne, 2023

Inclusive Excellence and Virtual Recruitment in Faculty Searches, Arts and Sciences Faculty Search Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis, 2021

Science of Learning: Using Retrieval Practice to Increase Student Learning, Washington University in St. Louis, 2021

Teaching with Zoom Polling, Washington University in St. Louis, 2021

Classroom Assessment Techniques, Washington University in St. Louis, 2021

Checking in With Students at Midterm, Washington University in St. Louis, 2021

Human Subjects Research Ethics Training: Ethics Oversight and History (Belmont Report, History and Ethical Principles, Federal Regulations, Consent, Privacy and Confidentiality, Research with Prisoners, Research with Children, Research in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, International Research, Internet-Based Research), Washington University in St. Louis, 2016

Human Subjects Research Ethics Training, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2010

Employment and Consulting

Faircoach, external consultant providing survey evidence on employee turnover and corporate leadership in the German economy, 2024

Ankura, Research Associate, external consultant and expert witness in legal proceedings requiring expertise in survey design and quantitative methods, 2017-2019

Advisum Turnaround and Management Consulting, Internship, 2004

Journalist, Freiburger Stadtkurier, Freiburg, 2001-2003

Reserve infantry officer, German Army. Promotions: Captain (2007), First Lieutenant (2001), Second Lieutenant (2000)

Reserve officer candidate (1998-2000), Infantry Batalion 292, German-French Brigade, German Army.

Expert Testimony and Consulting

Jul 19, 2018 – Deposition of Dr. Michael Bechtel in Jade Thomas, Ketrina Gordon, and Carey Hoffman v. Nestle USA, Inc. et al., in the Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC649863.

Jul 18, 2018 – Deposition of Dr. Michael Bechtel in Stephanie Escobar v. Just Born, Inc. et al., in the United States District Court Central District of California Western Division, Case No. 2:17-cv-01826-TJH-PJW.

May 7, 2018 – Expert Report of Dr. Michael Bechtel and Dr. Justin Lenzo in Jade Thomas, Ketrina Gordon, and Carey Hoffman v. Nestle USA, Inc. et al., in the Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC649863.

May 3, 2018 – Expert Report of Dr. Michael Bechtel and Dr. Justin Lenzo in Stephanie Escobar v. Just Born, Inc. et al., in the United States District Court Central District of California Western Division, Case No. 2:17-cv-01826-TJH-PJW.

April 9, 2018 – Expert Report of Dr. Michael Bechtel and Dr. Justin Lenzo in Evan Tsuchiyama v. Taste of Nature, Inc. et al., in the Superior Court for the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. BC651252.

March 5, 2018 – Expert Report of Dr. Michael Bechtel and Dr. Justin Lenzo in Ketrina Gordon v. Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. et al., in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, Case No. 2:17-cv-02664-DSF-MRW.

March 5, 2018 – Expert Report of Dr. Michael Bechtel and Dr. Justin Lenzo in Thomas Iglesias v. Ferrara Candy Co. et al., in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Case No. 3:17-cv-00849-VC.

Invited Talks and Conference Participation

11 Nov 2025, Democracy and Sustainability Speaker Series, Department of Political Science, University of Münster, "Not in My Basement: The Political Costs of Climate Reforms" (invited talk)

29 Apr 2025, Department of Political Science and Climate Politics Speaker Series, University of Chicago, "International Redistribution and Natural Disasters" (invited talk)

4 Apr 2025, "Dialing Up the Empathy: AI Chatbots and Qualitative Interviews in Mass Surveys", Individual Preferences over Democratic Innovations Workshop, University of Münster (paper presenter)

18 Mar 2024, Centre for Research on Social Dynamics and Public Policy, Bocconi University, "Explaining the Redistribution Gap: Tax Policy Design, Altruism, and Envy" (invited talk)

14 Mar 2024, Climate Politics Workshop, Bocconi University, " Individual Attitudes toward Multi-Level Climate Action in the European Union" (invited talk)

29 Feb 2024, Political Economy Lunch, Hertie School, Berlin, "Natural Disasters and International Redistribution" (invited talk)

14 Dec 2023, Political Science Speaker Series, University of Stuttgart, "Explaining the Redistribution Gap: Tax Reforms, Redistribution, and Inequality" (invited talk)

7 Sep 2023, International Relations Speaker Series, Harvard University, "International Redistribution and Natural Disasters" (invited talk)

17 Aug 2023, DAAD and University of Cologne, "Why Are We Underprepared? Democracy, Resilience, and Long-Term Policy Challenges, LEAD – Leadership for Africa Summer School 2023" (invited talk)

22-24 Jun 2023, EPSA Annual Conference, Glasgow, "International Redistribution and Natural Disasters" and "Explaining the Redistribution Gap: Tax Reforms, Redistribution, and Ideology" (paper presenter)

4 May 2023, Department of Economics, University of Freiburg, "Explaining the Redistribution Gap: Inequality, Tax Policy Design, and Ideology" (invited talk)

16 March 2023, Representation, Political Beliefs, and Behavior Workshop, University of Basel, "Representation, Public Policy, and Experiments" (invited talk)

8 Feb 2023, Political Representation and Behavior Workshop, University of Cologne "Explaining the Redistribution Gap: Inequality, Tax Policy Design, and Ideology" (invited talk)

22 Dec 2022, The Politics of Climate Change Workshop, University of Munich, "Improving Public Support for Climate Action Through Multilateralism" (invited talk)

27 Sep 2022, Department of Political Science, University of Muenster, "Explaining the Redistribution Gap: Inequality, Tax Policy Design, and Ideology" (invited talk)

22 Sep 2022, Cologne Political Science Workshop, University of Cologne, "Explaining the Redistribution Gap: Inequality, Tax Policy Design, and Ideology" (paper presenter)

7 Jul 2022, Annual Summer Conference on Economy and Society, Max Planck Institute, Keynote Lecture: "Why Are We Underprepared? Democracy, Resilience, and Long-Term Policy Challenges" (invited talk)

13 May 2022, Cluster of Excellence ECONtribute, University of Cologne, "Can Policy Responses to Pandemics Reduce Mass Fear?", Political Economy Workshop (paper presenter)

9 May 2022, Interdisciplinary Forum on Peace and Sustainability, University of Cologne, "Improving Public Support for Climate Action Through Multilateralism" (invited talk)

3 Mar 2022, Comparative Politics Seminar, Vanderbilt University, "Improving Public Support for Climate Action Through Multilateralism" (invited talk)

10 Nov 2021, Quantitative Political Economy Seminar, King's College London, "Improving Public Support for Climate Action Through Multilateralism" (invited talk)

28 Sep 2021, Global Research in International Political Economy Seminar, "Improving Public Support for Climate Action Through Multilateralism" (invited talk)

11 Dec 2020, University of Cologne, "Reciprocity, Multilateralism, and Support for Costly Climate Action" (invited talk)

27 Feb 2020, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, International Politics Speaker Series, "Why Austerity? The Mass Politics of a Contested Policy" (invited talk)

24 Jan 2020, Department of Socio-Economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business, "What Determines Climate Policy Preferences If Reducing Greenhouse-Gas Emissions Is A Global Public Good?" (invited talk)

10 Oct 2019, Department of Economics, University of Lucerne, "Inequality and Redistribution Behavior" (invited talk)

20-22 Jun 2019, EPSA Annual Conference, Belfast, "The Mass Politics of Austerity" and "Measuring Time Preferences in Mass Surveys" (paper presenter, panel chair, discussant)

13 Jun 2019, Department of Political Science, University of Salzburg, "Inequality and Redistribution Behavior" (invited talk)

21 May 2019, Department of Political Science, University of Stuttgart, "Inequality and Redistribution Behavior" (invited talk)

10 May 2019, Electoral Behavior Section (AK Wahlen), German Political Science Association, Mannheim, "Measuring Time Preferences in Mass Surveys" (paper presenter)

7 Dec 2018, CSDC Speaker Series, Montreal, "Inequality and Redistribution Behavior" (invited talk)

9 Nov 2018, Leitner Program in International & Comparative Political Economy, Yale University, "Inequality and Human Redistribution Behavior" (invited talk)

27 Oct 2018, "The Mass Politics of Environmental Policymaking" Workshop, Stanford University, "Patience and Public Opinion about Dynamic Policy Problems" (paper presenter)

23 Feb 2018, Environmental Studies Breakfast, Washington University in St. Louis, "Inequality and Human Redistribution Behavior" (invited talk)

9 Feb 2018, Annual NYU CESS Experimental Political Science Conference, New York University: "Inequality and Redistribution Behavior" (paper presenter)

31 Aug 2017, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco: "Distributive Politics, Fairness, and the Allocation of Disaster Relief" (paper presenter, panel chair)

2 Dec 2016, International Political Economy Speaker Series, Massachusetts Institute of Technology: "Interests, Norms, and Support for the Provision of Global Public Goods: The Case of Climate Cooperation" (invited talk)

11/12 Nov 2016, International Political Economy Society Conference, Duke University and the University of North Carolina: "Inequality Aversion and Support for Climate Cooperation" (paper presenter)

14 Oct 2016, Environmental Studies Breakfast Speaker Series, Washington University in St.Louis, "Norms, Interests, and Mass Support for International Climate Policy" (invited talk)

1 Jun 2016, Workshop on Global Tax Justice, University of Zurich, "Policy Design, Fairness, and Global Public Goods: The Case of Climate Cooperation" (invited talk)

29 Apr 2016, Comparative Politics Annual Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis (invited discussant)

12 Apr 2016, World Trade Institute, Berne, "Interests, Norms, and Mass Support for International Climate Policy" (invited talk)

21-22 Jan 2016, Annual Meeting of the Swiss Political Science Association, University of Basel, "The Ideological Basis of the Grexit Debate" and "Postal Voting, Turnout, and Electoral Choice in Direct Legislation" (paper presenter)

30 Nov 2015, Department of Political Science, University of Stuttgart, "The Ideological Basis of the Grexit Debate" (invited talk)

13-14 Nov 2015, IPES Annual Conference, Stanford University, "The Ideological Basis of the Grexit Debate" (paper presenter)

8 Oct 2015, SNIS Funding Workshop, Geneva, "Intertemporal Fairness in Global Climate Cooperation" and "Directing and (Successfully) Completing an SNIS-funded Project" (invited talk)

26 Jun 2015, EPSA Annual Conference, Vienna, "Norms, Interests, and Support for Global Climate Cooperation" and "Who Wants Greece to Leave? Mass Support for the Grexit in Europe" (paper presenter)

3-4 Jun 2015, Political Choice and Behavior Working Group, Annual Meeting, University of Stuttgart, "Public Goods, Reciprocity, and the Causal Effect of Expected Cooperation in Representative Samples" (paper presenter)

18 Jun 2015, Workshop "Political Economy of Reforms", University of Mannheim, "Norms, Interests, and Support for Global Climate Cooperation" (invited talk)

8 Apr 2015, Department of Political Science, University of Cologne, "Norms, Interests, and Support for Global Climate Cooperation" (invited talk)

18 Feb 2015, Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, "Exploring the Multidimensionality of Preferences for International Redistribution: The Case of the Eurozone Bailouts" (invited talk)

2 Feb 2015, Department of Political Science, University of Lucerne, "Wer unterstützt globale Klimakooperation? Eine experimentelle Untersuchung zur Bedeutung von Normen und Interessen" (invited talk)

14/15 Nov 2014, International Political Economy Society, Georgetown University (paper presenter)

9 Nov 2014, School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, University of California San Diego, "Exploring the Multidimensionality of Preferences for International Redistribution: The Case of the Eurozone Bailouts" (invited talk)

2014, "Dynamics of Collective Decisionmaking" Working Group, HWK Delmenhorst (invited talk)

2014, Department of Economics, University of St. Gallen (invited talk)

22 March 2014, Workshop "The Political Economy of the Euro Crisis", University of Zurich (invited talk)

2013, Economics and Politics Research Seminar, Department of Economics, University of Heidelberg (invited talk)

2013, Political Economy Speaker Series, Department of Economics, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (invited talk)

2013, International Political Economy Society, Claremont Graduate School (paper presenter)

2013, Comparative Politics Workshop, Stanford University (invited talk)

2013, "Dynamics of Collective Decisionmaking" Working Group, University of Konstanz (invited talk)

2013, Workshop on "The Politics of Sovereign Debt", Dublin City University (invited talk)

2013, Political Science and Political Economy Workshop, LSE (invited talk)

2013, Research Seminar, University of Oxford – Nuffield College (invited talk)

2012, Higher School of Economics – National Research University, Moscow (invited talk)

2012, Department of Political Science, University of Konstanz (guest lecture)

2012, International Political Economy Society Conference, University of Virginia (paper presenter)

2012, Department of Political Science and Institute for International, Comparative, and Area Studies, University of California, San Diego, International Relations Speaker Series (invited talk)

2012, Comparative Politics and International Relations Workshop, University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Political Science and Burkle Center for International Relations (invited talk)

2012, Political Economy Section, DVPW, Annual Meeting, University of Tübingen (paper presenter, discussant, panel chair)

2012, Study Group "Dynamics of Collective Decisionmaking", HWK Delmenhorst (invited talk)

2012, Department of Economics, University of St. Gallen (invited talk)

2011, Political Economy Seminar, University of Essex (invited talk)

2011, Political Economy Section, German Political Science Association, University of Bamberg (paper presenter, panel chair, discussant)

2011, EPSA Annual Conference, Dublin (paper presenter)

2011, Economics and Institutional Change Research Seminar, IMT – Institute For Advanced Studies Lucca (invited talk)

2011, Conference on International Environmental Policymaking and Agreements, organized by Giovanni Maggi, Helen Milner, Kenneth F. Scheve, and Bard Harstad, Yale University (invited participant)

2011, Swiss Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Basel (workshop organizer, paper presenter)

2011, 4th Conference on the Political Economy of International Organizations, Zurich (paper presenter, discussant)

2010, IPES Conference, Harvard University (paper presenter)

2010, Political Economy Workshop, New York University (invited talk)

2010, Joint Research Colloquium, Department of Economics and Governance/Department of Finance, EBS University, Wiesbaden (invited talk)

2010, Political Economy Section, German Political Science Association, ETH Zurich (paper presenter, discussant)

2010, Rational Choice Section, German Political Science Association, Mannheim (paper presenter)

2010, Research Seminar Speaker Series, IBEI – Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (invited talk)

2010, Political Economy Workshop, University of Lucerne (invited talk)

2010, Swiss Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Geneva (paper presenter, discussant)

2009, IR Workshop, Department of Political Science and Leitner Program in International & Comparative Political Economy, Yale University (invited talk)

2009, Political Economy Speaker Series, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (invited talk)

2009, IPES Conference, Texas A&M University (paper presenter)

2009, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (invited talk)

2009, CIS Colloqium, ETH Zurich and University of Zurich

2009, Political Economy Section, German Political Science Association, Kiel (paper presenter)

2009, ECPR General Conference, Potsdam (paper presenter, panel chair, discussant)

2009, Rational Choice Section, German Political Science Association, Berne (paper presenter)

2009, Working Group "Development and Environment", Swiss Political Science Association, ETH Zurich and University of Zurich (paper presenter)

2009, Natural and Social Science Interface (NSSI) Factory, ETH Zurich (paper presenter)

2009, Electoral Behavior Section (AK Wahlen), German Political Science Association, Frankfurt (paper presenter)

2009, 2nd Conference on the Political Economy of International Organizations, Geneva (paper presenter)

2008, "Experimental Political Science" Workshop, Hanse Wissenschaftskolleg, Delmenhorst (invited participant, discussant)

2008, "Political Institutions in the European Union: Theoretical and Empirical Innovations in Current Research" Workshop, Konstanz (paper presenter, discussant)

2008, Political Economy Section, German Political Science Association, Kassel (paper presenter)

2008, "Verein für Socialpolitik", Annual Meeting, Munich (paper presenter, discussant)

2007, ECPR General Conference, Pisa (paper presenter, panel chair, discussant)

2007, "Political Events, Financial Markets, and Trade" Workshop, Konstanz (paper presenter)

2006, ECPR Graduate Conference, Essex (paper presenter and panel chair), 2006

2006, Political Methodology Section, German Political Science Association, Hamburg (paper presenter)

2006, "Rational Choice and the Study of Politics" Workshop, Grenoble (paper presenter)

Service

Discipline

About 200 referee reports for academic journals: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Economics and Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *European Union Politics*, *German Economic Review*, *German Politics*, *Global Environmental Politics*, *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics*, *International Interactions*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Jahrbuch für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Nature Climate Change*, *Policy Sciences*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Communication*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Science*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States*, *Scandinavian Political Studies*, *Public Choice*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Risk, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy*, *Research and Politics*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Review of International Studies*, *Scandinavian Political Studies*.

Referee for funding agencies and labs: Centre for Experimental Social Sciences (Nuffield College/University of Oxford), European Research Council (Starting Grant, Consolidator Grant, Synergy Grant), Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, National Science Foundation (NSF), Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), German Research Foundation (DFG), German Academic Scholarship Foundation (*Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes*)

Book manuscript reviewing for *Princeton University Press*

Cultural Reviewer and Local Context Advisor, IRB/Human Research Protection Office, Washington University in St. Louis, 2023

PhD Scholarship National Selection Committee, German Academic Scholarship Foundation (*Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes*), 2021, 2024, 2025

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Politics*, 2018-2020

"Super Reviewer", *American Journal of Political Science*, 2016

Workshop "The Mass Politics of Environmental Policymaking" Co-Organizer (with Kenneth F. Scheve) 2018, Stanford University

Panel Chair, Cologne Political Science Workshop 2022, University of Cologne

Panel Chair, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association 2017, San Francisco

Ethics Committee, Nuffield Centre for Experimental Social Sciences, 2016-

Spokesperson, Political Economy Section, German Political Science Association, 2009-2012

Section Chair (Workshop Director), ECPR Joint Sessions 2011, Section "The Political Economy of Financial Markets and Crises"

Workshop Chair, Joint Annual Meeting of the Austrian, German, and Swiss Political Science Associations 2011, Workshop "Integration, Cooperation, and the Environment" jointly organized by the "Development & Environment" working group of the SVPW and the Political Economy Section of the DVPW

Panel Chair, ECPR General Conference 2011, Reykjavik

Local Organizer, Annual Meeting of the Political Economy Section 2010, German Political Science Association, Zurich

Panel Chair (two panels), ECPR General Conference 2009, Potsdam

Panel Chair (two panels), ECPR General Conference 2007, Pisa

Departmental Service

Department Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Cologne, 2023-

Academic Director, MA Political Science, University of Cologne, 2023-2025

Tenure and Promotion Committee, Faculty of Management, Economics, and Social Science, University of Cologne, 2023-2025

Methods Search Committee, Department of Political Science and European Affairs, University of Cologne, 2022

Director of Environmental Policy Major, Washington University in St. Louis, 2020-2021

Undergraduate Curriculum Reform Committee, Washington University in St. Louis, 2020

Faculty Search Committee (IR/CP), 2020

Search Committee, International Relations/Comparative Politics, 2020

Digital Transformation Hiring Initiative Committee, 2020

Governance Committee on Departmental Governance Structures, Retention, Promotion as well as Gender and Diversity, Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 2018-19

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 2017, 2018, 2020

Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 2017, 2019-

International Relations Tenure Review Field Committee, Washington University in St. Louis, 2017, 2020-

International Relations Untenured Review and Promotions Committee, Washington University in St. Louis, 2019-

International Relations Search Committee, Washington University in St. Louis, 2018

Faculty Mentor for Postdocs in International Relations and Comparative Politics, Washington University in St. Louis, 2019-

Conference Funding Committee Chair, Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 2018

International Relations Field Chair, Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 2018

Postdoc Hiring Committee, Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 2018

Comparative Politics Tenure Review Field Committee, Washington University in St. Louis, 2017-

Ph.D. Qualifying Exam Committee, Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 2017

Professionalization Series of the Political Science Graduate Program, Washington University in St. Louis, 2017-2018

Washington University in St. Louis, Comparative Politics Ph.D. Exam Committee, 2016-

Washington-Illinois PhD Student Exchange (WISE), Director, 2016-2017

Research Committee, Department of Political Science, University of St.Gallen, 2013

Zurich Political Science Blog (ETH Zurich and University of Zurich), Author, 2010-2012

University Service

Senior Fellow and Cluster of Excellence Professor, "ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy", 2022-2025

Board Member, Cologne Graduate School of Management, Economics, and Social Sciences, University of Cologne, 2023-

Extended Board Member, Faculty of Management, Economics, and Social Sciences, University of Cologne, 2023-

Vice-Director of Graduate Studies in the Social Sciences, University of Cologne, 2023-

Faculty Council Member, Faculty of Management, Economics, and Social Sciences, University of Cologne, 2023-

First Generation Program, Faculty Advisor, University of Cologne, 2022-

Ethics Committee, Faculty of Management, Economics, and Social Sciences, University of Cologne, 2023-

Climate Change Program, Steering Committee, Washington University in St. Louis, 2020

First Generation and International Students Program, Faculty Advisor, Washington University in St. Louis, 2020-22

Institutional Review Board (Ethics Oversight), Advisory Board Member (Danforth Campus), Washington University in St. Louis, 2018-2020

Division of Computational and Data Sciences (DCDS), Washington University in St. Louis, Program Faculty Member/Faculty Advisor, 2017-2020

Weil Scholarship Mock Interview Committee, Washington University in St. Louis, 2021

Marshall Scholarship Mock Interview Committee, Washington University in St. Louis, 2020

Marshall Scholarship Internal Selection Committee, Washington University in St. Louis, 2021

Sustainability Program, Faculty Member, Washington University in St. Louis, 2017-2020

Rhodes Scholarship Internal Selection Committee, Washington University in St. Louis, 2017

Rhodes Scholarship Mock Interview Committee, Washington University in St. Louis, 2017

Teaching Quality Committee, Arts & Social Sciences, ETH Zurich, 2008-2009

Languages and Software

Languages

German: native

English: proficient

French: beginner

Italian: beginner

Software

Stata: proficient

LaTeX: proficient

Word, Excel, PowerPoint: proficient

Qualtrics: proficient

SPSS: intermediate

EViews: intermediate

R: working proficiency

Mathematica: working proficiency