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EDUCATION

Humboldt University Berlin, Germany 2019 –
PhD in Political Science
Supervisor: Prof. Heike Klüver

London School of Economics, UK 2016 – 2017
MSc in Social and Cultural Psychology

University of Coimbra, Portugal 2012 – 2015
BA in Psychology
Exchange period at the University of Helsinki, Finland

WORKING PAPERS

Imperfect information and party responsiveness: Evidence from the Green Party in England

Do parties respond to voters' preferences? Scholars of party politics argue that parties are rational actors who adjust their positions and allocate their resources in order to maximise the likelihood of being elected. In this paper, I test this assumption by studying how changes in voters' preferences impact parties' strategies. Specifically, I study the effect of floods on the allocation of candidates by the English Greens. I make the argument that these events provide Green parties with a unique electoral opportunity: they put the issue of the environment on the agenda and create an incentive for protest vote. Combining geospatial data with election records, I use a difference-in-differences design and show that the experience of a flood does have an impact on voters' preferences, but does not have an effect on the party's allocation of candidates. I find support for a mechanism by which the party does not have the resources for or does not prioritise information on voters' preferences. These results are important to understand under what circumstances political elites respond to voters.

The political effects of female representation: Evidence from a regression-discontinuity design

Does the election of female politicians foster political participation among women? While it is often argued that representation can promote the participation of minorities and of women in particular, research on this has provided mixed results. In this paper, I contribute to this puzzle by using a regression-discontinuity design with close elections to test whether electing a female MP increases women's participation in local politics in the UK. I use panel surveys to explore the mechanisms driving my results. These results are particularly important for a better understanding of female and minority participation and thus have important implications.

Campaign finance laws and representation: Evidence from Citizens United (with Heike Klüver)

Do campaign donations limits affect the quality of representation? While there has been plenty of research on the effect of campaign donations on political outcomes and corruption, little is known about the effect of these on the quality of representation. In this paper, we address this gap by studying the effect of campaign donation limits on representation. Using difference-in-differences design and a novel dataset that matches state-level how legislators and their constituencies vote on the same amendments, we study effect of the Citizens United v FEC ruling on representation. Using data on campaign donations, we study the mechanisms underlying our findings. Overall, this study is important for a better understanding of the role of money in politics and of inequalities in representation.

The Electoral Consequences of New Political Actors (with Tom Arend and Fabio Ellger)

What are the consequences of new political actors? Recent research suggests that the emergence of radical right parties (RRPs) can defy long established democratic norms, with consequences for the behavior of both

voters and political elites. We study whether that is part of a broader pattern by which new actors challenge the political establishment, provoke electoral backlash and increase polarization. Using a difference-in-differences design, we leverage on the differential timing of parliamentary success of the Green Party of Germany to study this question. Our findings become particularly relevant in a time of polarization and fragmentation across Western democracies.

Radical right parties and government formation (with Heike Klüver and Jae-Jae Spoon)

Do radical right parties (RRPs) delay government formation? Recent research has studied the effect of parliamentary entry of RRPs on voter attitudes, polarization and party competition. Building on the literature on coalition formation, we argue that it is not sufficient to merely enter a parliament, but that RRPs can only delay government formation when they have sufficient bargaining power. Using a regression discontinuity design complemented with an event history analysis, we show that the mere entry of a RRP into parliament has no effect on government formation, but that RRPs can significantly delay the formation of a cabinet when they have sufficient bargaining power. Our findings are relevant for understanding the relationship between party competition, polarization and government formation.

Work in progress

The political consequences of nuclear energy policies (with Heike Klüver)
First analyses phase

Immigration Policy and Outgroup Hostility: Evidence from a natural experiment
Data collection phase

Relief Packages and Corruption (with Patrícia Calca)
Data collection phase

Teaching Experience

BA: Lecturer, *The Politics of the Environment.* 2021
BA level.
Humboldt University Berlin

Teaching Assistant for *Statistics I*, by Mark Kayser 2020
MA level. Student's evaluation: 9.2/10.
Hertie School, Berlin

Professional Academic Experience

Research Assistant 2018 – 2019
Weizenbaum Institute and Free University Berlin

Research Assistant 2015 – 2016
Os Malmequeres.
Project funded by the Portuguese National Rehabilitation Institute.

Research Intern 2015
Risk Observatory, Centre of Social Studies, University of Coimbra.

Additional Training

DYNAMICS Graduate School, Humboldt University Berlin 2019 – 2021
Population Forecast, by Gunnar Andersson.
Panel Data Analysis, by Hannes Kröger.
Programming Methods for Data Retrieval & Management, by Christopher Gandrud.
Introduction to Data Science, by Simon Munzert and Will Lowe.

Essex Summer School 2020
Mathematics, by Jessica Claridge.
Causal Inference and Policy Evaluation, by Adam Zelizer.

ECPR Summer School 2020
Big Data Collection and Management in R, by Matt W. Loftis.

ECPR Winter School 2019
Multilevel Regression Modelling, by Levente Littvay.
Maths Refresher, by Susumu Shikano.

GSERM Winter School in Empirical Research Methods 2019
Panel Data Analysis, by Christopher Zorn.

Weizenbaum Institute 2018
Social Media Analysis with R, by Maurice Vergeer.

GESIS Summer School in Survey Methodology 2018
Design and Implementation of Longitudinal Surveys, by Tarek Al Baghal and Alexandru Cernat

Awards and Honours

- Department Research Funding, Humboldt University Berlin 2021
- University of Oxford Travel Bursary 2018
- Young Digital Changers 2018
- LSE Cumberland Lodge Bursary 2017
- *Erasmus +* scholarship 2014
- University of Coimbra *3% Best Students* scholarship 2015

Conference Presentations

- MPSA 2021
- EPSA 2021
- APSA 2021
- Social Media & Society Conference 2019
- Internet, Policy and Politics Conference: Oxford 2018
- Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Conference: London 2018

Service to the discipline and Memberships

- Reviewer for Journal of Politics, New Media & Society,
  Journal of Social and Political Psychology, Politikon
- Students representative in PhD recruiting committee for DYNAMICS Graduate School,
  Humboldt University & Hertie School
- Member of EPSA, APSA and MPSA

Software Skills

Advanced: R, LaTeX, SPSS, NVivo, Qualtrics
Intermediate: Stata, QDA Miner
Basic: Python

Language Skills

Portuguese (native), English (professional), Spanish(intermediate), German and French (basic).

Other activitie

- Volunteer at a public institution for people with intellectual disabilities. 2010 –
- Participant at ReproducibiliTea Berlin, Germany. 2019 – 2020
- Portuguese national judo team member. National champion in 2011
  (U18, individual) and 2012 (U21, teams).
  Medallist National Championships from U15 to U21, individual and team.
  Medallist in international competitions and on the European U18 Circuit. 2009 – 2016
- Voter and Treasurer of the Direction Board of AAC Judo Club. 2013 – 2016
- Children's judo teacher (ages 4 to 10) at AAC and primary schools in Coimbra, Portugal. 2012 – 2015

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