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CURRENT POSITION

University of Cologne since October 2023
Doctoral Researcher, Department of Political Science
Political Economy Lab

EDUCATION

Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Sciences October 2023 - Present
Doctoral Study Programme in Social Sciences, University of Cologne Cologne

- Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Michael M. Bechtel
- Working Title: "Economic Origins of Electoral Conflict"

University of Amsterdam September 2022 - August 2023
Master of Science Political Science Amsterdam

- Specialization Track: Comparative Politics (GPA: 9.23/10, *with distinction*)
- Master Thesis: "Domestic Protection in World Markets: International Trade and Welfare State Development since the Nineteenth Century"

University of Münster October 2018 - September 2021
Bachelor of Arts Political Science and Economics Münster

- Specialization in Comparative Politics and Macroeconomics (GPA: 1.5)
- Bachelor Thesis: "Political Inequality in the Macroeconomic Policies and Electoral Participation in Developed Democracies"

PUBLICATIONS

Blossey, Nils (2025): Austerity and Social Spending: Estimating the Long-Run Effects of Fiscal Adjustment. *British Journal of Political Science* 55:e107. doi:10.1017/S0007123425000018

RESEARCH FIELDS

Electoral Politics, Historical Political Economy, Fiscal Policy, Welfare States, Redistribution, Survey Experiments

CURRENT PROJECTS

- From Wealth to Welfare: How Economic Elites Made Inequality Work (*Under Review*)
- *with Lukas Haffert and Lukas F. Stoetzer*: Coal Rush: The Built Legacy of the Industrial Revolution and the Rise of the Radical Right (*Under Review*)

- *with Paul Michel and Michael M. Bechtel*: Not in My Basement: The Political Consequences of Climate Reforms
- *with Adrian Schröder*: Household Responses to Fiscal News Shocks
- Welfare and Voting: Evidence from the Weimar Republic
- *with Lukas Haffert*: Diversity and Socialism: Evidence from the Ruhr Diaspora

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies April 2022 - September 2023
Cologne
Research Assistant

- Research Group Political Economy (Prof. Dr. Lucio Baccaro) for Dr. Erik Neimanns
- Tasks: Data collection, preparation, and analysis in R

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies January 2022 - April 2022
Cologne
Research Intern

- Internship with Dr. Erik Neimanns
- Paper preparation: "From Media-Party Linkages to Ownership Concentration Causes of Cross-National Variation in Media Outlets' Economic Positioning"

University of Münster June 2020 - March 2022
Münster
Research Assistant

- Research Assistant at the Chair of International Politics and Sustainable Development (Prof. Dr. Doris Fuchs)
- Tasks: Literature reviews and qualitative data analysis

Institute for Socioeconomics, University Duisburg-Essen February 2021 - March 2021
Duisburg
Research Intern

- Internship with Prof. Dr. Paul Marx
- Tasks: Literature reviews on political socialization and data collection

City of Krefeld January 2020 - March 2022
Krefeld
Student Intern

- Internship at the Municipal Integration Office Krefeld
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis of refugee survey

Westdeutsche Zeitung Krefeld February 2016 - March 2019
Krefeld
Freelance Journalist

- Culture and sports section

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- DVPW Political Economy 2025: "Not in My Basement" September 2025
- APSA 2025: "Coal Rush" September 2025
- EPSA 2025: "Coal Rush" July 2025
- SPSA 2025: "Social Protection and the Vote Against Democracy" January 2025
- EPSA 2024: "Deindustrialization and Electoral Realignment" July 2024
- In_equality Conference Konstanz 2024: "Wealth Inequality and Income Redistribution" April 2024
- Young ECONtribute Workshop: "Wealth Inequality and Income Redistribution" December 2023

TEACHING

- Quantitative Methods Laboratory (Graduate) 2024/5
- Research Design (Undergraduate) 2025
- Research Design (Graduate) 2025/6

GRANTS

- C-SEB Junior Starting Grant 2024 (4,000 Euros)

REVIEWING

Journal of the European Economic Association, Nature Communications

AWARDS

- German Academic Scholarship Foundation September 2022 - August 2023
- Best Bachelor Thesis in Political Science, University of Münster August 2021

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Languages German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (upper intermediate), French (intermediate), Dutch (intermediate)