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Introduction
The Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD) was founded in June 2004 by a small group of political scientists at Leuphana University who were actively enrolled in research on democratic politics. Over the past 17 years, the Center has grown steadily and became a nationally and internationally recognized research institute that has attracted top graduate students and many scholars from all over the world who have joined the CSD for long and short-term research visits. Today, the Center consists of eight full-time professors and nearly twenty graduate and post-graduate researchers.

This report captures the Center’s versatile research activities from 2004 to 2021. It documents the overall mission as well as the research program and the research areas, introduces the publications and the sizable number of externally funded projects, lists the activities in promoting junior researchers, and mentions the names of scholars who have over the years supported the Center with their scientific contribution. Thereby, this report is both a review of the past and a preview into the future of democracy research around the world.

Mission statement
The Center conducts interdisciplinary research and education on democratic processes from both a normative and an empirical perspective. It combines political science approaches with those of neighboring disciplines and thereby expands scholarly knowledge and public awareness about democracy and its consequences across politics and society, economics and the environment.

Research conducted at the CSD is not only relevant for the scientific discourse, but also holds valuable insights for politicians and civil society members. CSD’s researchers undertake constant efforts to diffuse their knowledge into society.
With this specific profile, the Center has launched the following activities:

- conducting research projects on legitimacy and performance of democracy on a cross-national, as well as a national and local level
- hosting international conferences and workshops on cutting-edge themes in democracy research as well as research methods
- conducting and coordinating international primary data collections, especially the World Value Survey and the database of Central and Eastern European political systems and governments
- sponsoring doctoral and postdoctoral research at the Center in the field of democratic institutions
- hosting frequent guest lectures of both renowned scholars as well as young researchers
- facilitating research and graduate training in the study of democracy as well as in research methods and data analysis by organizing PhD seminars and Summer Schools; participating in inter-university networks of graduate schools and institutes in Northern Germany.
- assisting to establish contacts between academia and policy-makers

**Research Program**

CSD’s main activities are directed towards expanding scholarly knowledge about democracy. The Center’s current research program was adopted in 2010 and focuses on questions relating to the tension between legitimacy and performance of democracies.

Research around this subject is organized within three research areas:

- Value Change and Human Empowerment
- Party Government and Institutional Change
- Participation and Public Policy
Twelve years after its foundation, a total number of 15 full-time professors and more than 40 doctoral and post-doctoral researchers have worked in one of the three research areas (for a list of all full-time professors see Annex I). During this time, the academic work of all CSD members became highly visible in the national and the international scientific discourse on democracy research. CDS members have, for instance, published their research in various high-ranking journals and with highly renowned national and international publishers such as Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Palgrave/MacMillan, Springer, and Nomos. Articles have appeared in prestigious peer-reviewed journals such as European Journal of Political Research, European Sociological Review, American Sociological Review, World Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Governance, Journal of Democracy, Democratization, Political Behavior, International Political Science Review, Environmental Politics, Comparative Politics, British Journal of Political Science, and Journal of European Public Policy (see for a list of major publications Annex II). The quality of CSD’s research activities is also reflected by the high amount of external funding secured by CSD members for all three research areas over the past 17 years.
Research Area A (Value Change and Human Empowerment) is directed by Prof. Christian Welzel and analyzes the civil-societal fundament of democracy, examining values, attitudes and behaviors that are preconditions for democratic institutions to flourish. It focuses on the interaction between values, culture and democracy. Central research questions include: What gives rise to ‘emancipative cultures’ that value freedom of choice and equality of opportunities? How do emancipative cultures transform civil society into an instrument of human empowerment? How does the human empowerment process affect the livability and florescence of democracy?

Over the past years, research in Unit A has been closely connected to the World Values Surveys (WVS). Monitoring the development of a large set of values and beliefs in more than 100 countries worldwide, the WVS is the most widely cited project among cross-national surveys. Since 2014, Professor Christian Welzel is elected Vice-President of the WVS. Research in Unit A particularly explores the effect emancipative values have on the emergence and stability of democratic regimes around the world.

Several projects in this research area are externally funded (for a description of these projects and a list of related major publications see Annex III). Among them are:

Political culture and political development
Project investigators: Russel J. Dalton (University of California, Irvine), Christian Welzel
Project duration: January 2009 to December 2013
Funding: Alexander-von-Humboldt-Stiftung

Value Orientations and Cooperation
Principal investigators: Christian Welzel and Christian Thöni (University of Lausanne)
Project duration: March 2013 to February 2016
Funding: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

Principal investigators: Christian Welzel, Amy Alexander (University of Gothenburg), Stephan Klasen (University of Göttingen)
Project duration: 2015 to 2016
Funding: Volkswagen Foundation

The Cool Water Effect: Why Human Civilization Turned towards Emancipation in Cold-Wet Regions
Principal investigator: Christian Welzel
Project duration: 2018 to 2023
Funding: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) (Reinhart Koselleck-Projekt)

Research Area B (Party Government and Institutional Change) is directed by Professor Ferdinand Müller-Rommel and examines formal and informal institutional settings and their impacts on the performance of party governments and democracy, as well as questions of institutional reform and change. Central research questions include: What is the impact of formal and informal institutional settings on the performance of party governments? What are the social and political preconditions for institutional reforms? What is the role and function of political leaders in representative democracies?

Much of the research in this unit has focused on the analysis of institutional changes in parliamentary democracies on regional, national and cross-national level, dealing, for example, with the institutionalization of political parties and party systems in Central and Eastern Europe and its effect on the changes in the structure and the working-mode of party government. Research has also focused on administrative reforms on regional level as well as on the comparative analysis of regional organizations in Africa. More recently, this unit has conducted research on the changing profile and performance of prime ministers in the institutional settings of European parliamentary democracies.

Among the externally funded research projects in this area are:
(for a description of these projects and a list of related major publications see Annex IV):

Governing New Democracies  
*Principal investigators:* Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Jean Blondel (European University Institute, Florence; Darina Malova (University of Bratislava)  
*Project duration:* 2002 to 2006  
**Funding:** The World Bank and Fritz Thyssen Foundation

Career Patterns of Ministers in Central Eastern Europe  
*Principal investigator:* Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Katja Fettelschoss  
*Project duration:* 2002 to 2007  
**Funding:** European Science Foundation (ESF)

Network of Knowledge on Central Eastern Europe  
*Principal investigator:* Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Holger Meyer  
*Project duration:* 2003 to 2005  
**Funding:** European Regional Development Fund

Patterns of democracy and capacity of political systems in Central and Eastern Europe  
*Principal investigators:* Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Detlef Jahn (University of Greifswald)  
*Project duration:* January 2004 to December 2007  
**Funding:** Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

Strategic control in party government systems  
*Project director:* Ralf Tils (Post-Doc at the ZDEMO)  
*Project duration:* April 2006 to March 2009  
**Funding:** Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

New County Laws on Regional Level: The Case of Lower Saxony  
*Principle investigators:* Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Holger Meyer  
*Project duration:* January 2006 to December 2008  
**Funding:** Office of the State Chancellor, Lower Saxony (Staatskanzlei Niedersachsen)
Modernization of Public Administration on Regional Level: The Case of Lower Saxony

*Principal investigators:* Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Holger Meyer  
*Project duration:* 2006 to 2008  
*Funding:* Ministry of the Interior, the State of Lower Saxony (Innenministerium Niedersachsen)

Salafism in the Sahel: State Strategies and Their Consequences

*Principal investigator:* Sebastian Elischer,  
*Project duration:* June 2014 to December 2015  
*Funding:* Gerda Henkel Stiftung

Career Profiles and Prime Ministerial Performance in Central and Eastern European Democracies

*Principal investigators:* Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Florian Grotz  
*(Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg)*  
*Project duration:* February 2018 to January 2020  
*Funding:* Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

**Research Area C (Participation and Public Policy)** is directed by Prof. Thomas Saretzki and examines the question of how the interaction of civil society and institutions translates into specific policies, focusing on issues of participation, representation and deliberation on both the national and the European level. Central research questions include: What old and new forms of democratic representation, participation and deliberation exist both within and beyond the nation state? How do actors formulate and pursue political strategies in democratic societies? How can we analyze, explain and evaluate the possibilities and limitations of participatory and deliberative approaches to democratic problem-solving and conflict resolution in differentiated policy fields?

One important topic of this research unit emphasized the issue of sustainable governance and environmental policy. Other research has dealt with the civil society, migration and democratic representation in the European Union.
Among the externally funded research projects in this research unit are:
(for a description of these projects and a list of major publications see Annex V)

Youth and Politics  
*Principal investigators:* David Friedrich, Andreas Lutter  
*Project duration:* 2012 to 2013  
*Funding:* Robert Bosch Stiftung

WaterScale – The Influence of Scales on Environmental Governance  
*Principal investigators:* Jens Newig, Timothy Moss (Humboldt Universität Berlin)  
*Project duration:* 2010 to 2013  
*Funding:* Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

EDGE – Evaluating the Delivery of participatory environmental Governance using an Evidence-based research design  
*Principal investigators:* Jens Newig, Edward Challies (University of Canterbury)  
*Project duration:* 2011 to 2016  
*Funding:* European Research Council (ERC Starting Grant)

Analysis of Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Development in Lower Saxony (A-CLIM)  
*Principal investigators:* Thomas Saretzki, Meinfried Striegnitz, Veit Ebermann  
*Project duration:* 2012 to 2014  
*Funding:* Ministry for Science and Culture of Lower Saxony

Modes of sustainability-related research in comparison (MONA): Modes of research and their impact on scientific and societal project outcomes – a comparative analysis of 100 third-party funded sustainability-related research projects  
*Principal investigators:* Jens Newig, Daniel J. Lang  
*Project duration:* 2013 to 2016  
*Funding:* Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
Rural development through governance of multifunctional agricultural land use (MULTAGRI). Subproject 5: Governance challenges to encourage landscape-scale uptake of appropriate management actions

*Principal investigators:* Jens Newig, Jörn Fischer, Alexandra-Maria Klein

*Project duration:* 2013 to 2016

**Funding:** European Commission under the 7th Framework Program

Integration through Trust. Access of Refugee Families to Early Education in the State of Lower Saxony

*Principal investigators:* Sybille Münch, Anna Siede

*Project duration:* 2019 to 2022

**Funding:** Volkswagen Foundation

Precarious Housing in Europe. Pushing for Innovation in Higher Education (PusH)

*Principal investigator:* Sybille Münch

*Project duration:* 2019 to 2022

**Funding:** EU Commission, DAAD within the framework of Erasmus+

Police, Politics, Polis – Dealing with Refugees in the City

*Principal investigators:* Sybille Münch, Leonie Jantzer, Michael Haus (University of Heidelberg), Georgios Terizakis (Hessian University of Police and Administration),

*Project duration:* 2021 to 2023

**Funding:** Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
Academic Cooperation
In order to ensure a high quality of research the Center facilitates academic exchange and cooperation with domestic and international scholars. One important element in this effort is the organization of the so-called ‘Tuesday Seminar’, a weekly research colloquium where members of the Center as well as scholars from national and international universities present their current research projects. Over the past 17 years, a number of 194 visiting scholars have presented lectures at the Center (for a list of these lectures see Annex VI).

The Center also provides academic standing on top quality level by organizing the annual Hans-Dieter Klingemann Lecture for which renowned scholars in the field of research on democracies are invited. With this lecture, the Center expresses its gratitude to Hans-Dieter Klingemann who launched the Center as an external advisor to Leuphana university. Over the past 17 years, many distinguished scholars have lectured in this series (for a list of these scholars see Annex VII).

The Center also promotes academic exchange by organizing national and international conferences, workshops and PhD Summer Schools, including smaller events with regional outreach such as the annual workshops for PhD researchers from Northern German universities, but also larger events. Since 2004, the Center has organized 42 conferences, workshops and PhD Summer School (for a list of these activities see Annex VIII).

Promoting junior researchers
The Center strongly promotes the academic training of junior researchers. It provides its doctoral students with an excellent scientific environment. All doctoral researchers at the Center have to attend a partially structured PhD program, offered by the Leuphana Graduate School. Researchers need to participate in
interdisciplinary courses on the Philosophy of Science and on the Practice of Science & Ethics. As member of the Graduate School, they also get access to a variety of scholarships to cover their living expenses and their research activities.

In addition to their professional training in the Leuphana Graduate School, the Center has designed various other efforts to promote young researchers. Every year, the Center organizes PhD seminars and doctoral training workshops within the framework of the ‘Northern German Network for Democratic Research’ (NND). Founded in 2008, this network consists of political science departments from the Universities of Bremen, Greifswald, Hamburg, Hannover and Lüneburg. Over the past 13 years, all training workshops have taken place at the Center. They are open to doctoral researchers from the collaborating partner institutions, who are not only invited to present and discuss their research designs and their preliminary findings, but also learn more about the practical aspects of ‘doing a PhD’ and about the academic life in the political science discipline.

In addition to these annual doctoral workshops, the Center has organized several international summer schools bringing together leading scholars in the field of democracy research and PhD researchers from all around the world. From 2005 to 2007, the Center hosted the annual PhD summer schools of the ECPR Standing Group on Central and East European Politics. Each year, the program provided a group of 20-25 junior researchers with the opportunity to deepen their knowledge on the school’s central theme, ‘Governance and Democracy in Central Eastern Europe’. Between 2007 and 2015, the Center has cooperated with ‘Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences’ (BIGSSS), a joint program of Jacob University and University of Bremen funded by the German Research Foundation within the framework of the German Excellence Initiative. The cooperation includes course teaching of CSD members at BIGSSS, particularly in the fields of
democracy studies and comparative politics. From 2013 to 2015, the Center has also hosted the annual ECPR summer school on ‘Political Parties and Democracy’, focusing on the role of parties in ‘old’ and ‘New’ European democracies, but also in other regions of the world. The two-week program featured presentations of PhD researchers mostly from European countries. Courses were taught by a team of international experts in the field of party research.

In 2016, the Center has received substantial funding from the State Ministry for implementing a structured PhD program entitled ‘Democracy under Stress’. Within this program 14 doctoral fellowships were offered, each lasting for at least three years. In terms of content, the program focuses on new political, economic, ecological, and cultural challenges that modern democracies are currently facing (‘stress factors’). It encountered how democracies have perceived, dealt with, and solved these challenges in view of the existing tension between political legitimacy and restricted performance. Furthermore, it looked into the implications that different modes of problem-handling had for the ‘survival chances’ of democracy. This twofold research agenda was studied in three areas that represent the core functions of democracies: participation, representation, and inclusion. The first field of study examined how citizens in democratic societies perceive current societal challenges in light of increasing ‘emancipative’ value orientations and how these perceptions are translated into political behavior (participatory democracy). In the second field of study, doctoral researchers analysed the representative capacity of political intermediary organizations as well as political institutions within and outside the nation state (representative democracy). By means of selected policy fields (e.g., environmental, climate, science and media policy) the third field of study looked into the issue of how new forms of political participation interact with traditional institutions, actors, and processes of representative democracy (inclusive democracy). This PhD program terminated in 2021.
Overall, between 2008 and 2021 approximately 140 PhD researchers participated in the regional PhD training workshops of the NND. Another 150 PhD researchers from around the world participated in six ECPR Summer Schools that were organized at the Center between 2005 and 2015. Overall, 33 PhD researchers have successfully finished their dissertation at the Center and moved on to positions in research, public administration and non-profit organizations (see Annex IX). Moreover, six post-doctoral researchers have achieved the qualification of Habilitation while working at the Center (see Annex X).
## Annex

### I. Duration of full-time Professors working at the Center

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<td>Uwe Thaysen</td>
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II. Major publications (up to 10!) while working at the Center (Professors only)

Ferdinand Müller-Rommel (2004-present)

2021, How Political Careers affect Prime-Ministerial Performance, in: Comparative Political Studies, (online first) (with Florian Grotz, Corinna Kröber & Jan Berz)


Uwe Thaysen (2004-2007)


Thomas Saretzki (2004-present)


2018, Participatory Governance of Science, in: Hubert Heinelt (Hg.): Handbook on Participatory Governance, Cheltenham, UK/Northampton, MA, USA: Edward Elgar Publisher, 157-184

2012, Legitimation problems of participatory processes in technology assessment and technology policy, in: Poiesis & Praxis, (9) 1/2, 7-26

2011, Der Klimawandel und die Problemlösungsfähigkeit der Demokratie, in: Suzanne S. Schüttemeyer (Hg.): Politik im

**2010**, Umwelt- und Technikkonflikte, Wiesbaden: VS-Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften (Hg. zusammen mit Peter H. Feindt)

**2010**, Strategie als Herausforderung für die deliberative Demokratietheorie, in: Joachim Raschke/Ralf Tils (Hg.): Strategie in der Politikwissenschaft. Konturen eines neuen Forschungsfelds, Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, 121-150


**Vello Pettai (2008-2010)**


Florian Grotz (2008-2013)
Herrmann, in: Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen (42) /2, 426–432 (with Joachim Behnke).


Dawid Friedrich (2009-present)

2016, The Representative Turn in EU-Studies. Abingdon: Taylor and Francis (edited with S.Kröger)


Christian Welzel (2010-present)
2021, Why the Future is Democratic, in: Journal of Democracy (32) 2, 132-144.
2016, Misconceptions of Measurement Equivalence: Time for a Paradigm Shift, in: Comparative Political Studies (49) 8, 1068-1094 (with R. Inglehart)
2011, How General is Trust in ‘Most People’? Solving the Radius of-Trust Problem.” American Sociological Review (76) 4, 786
Sebastian Elischer (2012-2015)
2015, Autocratic Legacies and State Management in Islamic Activism in Niger. In: African Affairs (114), 577-597

Vera van Hüllen (2013-2020)
2015, EU Democracy Promotion and the Arab Spring: International Cooperation and Authoritarianism. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan,
2015, Governance Transfer by Regional Organizations: Patching Together a Global Script., Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan (edited together with T. Börzel)
2013, The ’Arab Spring’ and the Spiral Model. In: Thomas Risse, Stephen Ropp, Kathryn Sikkink (eds.): The Persistent Power of
Jens Newig (2013-present)

2021, Success of collaboration for sustainable agriculture: a case study meta-analysis, in: *Environment, Development and Sustainability*, (23) 10, 14619-14641 (with S. Velten & N.W. Jager).

2021, Demarcating transdisciplinary research in sustainability science – Five clusters of research modes based on evidence from 59 research projects, in: *Sustainable Development* (online first) (with S. Jahn, D. Lang, J. Kahle & M. Bergmann)


2017, Scale in environmental governance: moving from concepts and cases to consolidation, in: *Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning* (19) 5, 473-479 (with T. Moss)


2016, Globalization’s limits to the environmental state? Integrating telecoupling into global environmental governance, in: *Environmental Politics* (25) 1, 136-159 (with A. Lenschow & E. Challies)
Routledge Handbook of global Environmental Politics. London:
Routledge, 439-452 (with E. Challies)

2013, Multilevel Governance, Policy Implementation and
Participation: The EU’s Mandated Participatory Planning
Approach to Implementing Environmental Policy, in: Journal of
European Public Policy 21 (2), 248–267 (with T. Koontz)

Marion Reiser (2014-2018)

2018, Political candidates’ attitudes towards group
representation. In: The Journal of Legislative Studies (24) 3,
272-297 (with Hilde Coffé)

2018, Contagion Effects by the AfD? Candidate Selection in
Germany. In: Coller, Xavier/Codero, Guillermo/Jaime-Castillo,
Antonio M. (Hrsg.): The Selection of Politicians in Times of Crisis.
Routledge Publisher, 81-97.

2017, Kommunalpolitik. Wiesbaden: Springer VS (with Everhard
Holtmann & Christian Rademacher).

2017, Zeitaufwand für das kommunalpolitische Ehrenamt. Eine
Mehrebenenanalyse zu kontextuellen und individuellen
Einflussfaktoren auf den Zeitaufwand ehrenamtlicher
Kommunalpolitiker. In: Tausendpfund, Markus/Vetter Angelika
(Hrsg.): Politische Einstellungen von Kommunalpolitikern im

2014, Still want to Party? An assessment of Party Politicization in
Directly Elected Mayoral Authorities in England and Germany’s
North-Rhine Westphalia, in: Public Money and Management,
34(5), 339-346 (with Karin Bottom).

2014, The Universe of Group Representation in Germany:
Analyzing Formal and Informal Party Rules and Quotas in the
Process of Candidate Selection. In: International Political Science
Sybille Münch (2015-2022)


2018, Handbook of European Policies: Interpretative Approaches to the EU. (edited with Hubert Heinelt)


2015, Urban problem discourses: understanding the distinctiveness of cities, in: Journal of Urban Affairs (37) 1, 1-16 (with M. Barbehön, P. Gehring, A. Grossmann, M. Haus & H. Heinelt)

Belén Gonzalez (2019-present)

2021, Media Freedom and the Excalation of State Violence, in: Political Studies (online-first) (with S. Carey & C. Mitchell)


2021, Accounting for numbers: Group characteristics and the choice of violent and nonviolent tactics, in: Economics of Peace
and Security Journal (16) 1, 5-25 (with M. Dahl, S.Gates & K.S. Gleditsch)
2021, Grist to the mill of subversion: strikes and coups in counter insurgencies, in: European Journal of International Relations (26) 4, 1032-1060 (with C. Glässel and A. Scharpf)

Michael Koss (2019-present)
2021, Legislative Democracy in the Bundestag After Reunification, in: German Politics (online first)
2020, Politicized Transnationalism, in: Politics and Governance (8) 1, 95-106 (with A. Seville)

Tobias Lenz (2020-present)
2021, Interorganizational Diffusion in International Relations. Oxford University Press
2021, Environmental Commitments and Rhetoric over the Pandemic Crisis: Social Media and Legitimation of the AIIN, the EAEU and the EU, in: Post Communist Economics, (with S.Hall & A. Obydenkova (online first)
2021, Measuring Institutional Overlap in Global Governance, in: Review of International Organizations (with Y.Z, Hafttel (online first)

III. Externally funded research projects in area A (abstracts)

Political culture and political development
The aim of this project was to conceptualize a key transformation in the civic culture and civil society of postindustrial societies: the transition from a traditional model of “allegiant democratic citizens” to a new model of “assertive democratic citizens.” Using data from the Global Democracy Barometers and the World Values Surveys, the empirical implications of the “assertive citizen model” were tested on a worldwide comparative scale, using multi-level models to examine how a society’s cultural legacy, (un)democratic history, and economic development vary the prevalent model of democratic citizenship and hence the character of civil society.

Project investigators: Russel J. Dalton (University of California, Irvine), Christian Welzel
Project duration: January 2009 to December 2013
Funding: Alexander-von-Humboldt-Stiftung

Major project related publications

Value Orientations and Cooperation
The project analyzes the link between individuals’ value orientations and their cooperative behavior. Involving the conduct of 2,000 face-to-face interviews, it takes place within the framework of the sixth round of the World Values Survey (WVS). Apart from continuing an important time series, the sixth WVS in Germany puts a new focus on the relationship between values and cooperation which connection is rarely analyzed. For this reason, the sixth round of the WVS invited respondents to participate in an online version of a standard cooperation game that has been tried and tested in behavioral economics. The aim is to find out how certain values that have been on the rise in Germany and other
postindustrial societies affect cooperation and what external conditions ease the translation of these values into cooperation. 

Principal investigators: Christian Welzel and Christian Thöni (University of Lausanne)

Project duration: March 2013 to February 2016

Funding: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

Major project related publications


This project combines empirical perspectives in political science, gender studies, and economics to contribute to the emerging literature on the linkages between gender equality and good governance across the globe and over time. This literature has established strong linkages between various aspects of gender equality and good governance. To give just a few examples, nations’ levels of female education have been linked to economic growth, and the higher value citizens attach to gender equality has been linked to nations’ democratic accountability. However, while the literature on links between one aspect of gender equality and one aspect of good governance is growing, there is so far no integrated approach that takes a comprehensive look at the gender equality – good governance link.

Principal investigators: Christian Welzel, Amy Alexander (University of Gothenburg), Stephan Klasen (University of Göttingen)

Project duration: 2015 to 2016

Funding: Volkswagen Foundation

Major project related publications

The Cool Water Effect: Why Human Civilization Turned towards Emancipation in Cold-Wet Regions

Since Jared Diamond, there is a burgeoning literature on the long-term drivers of Western civilization's emancipatory dynamic. Contributing to this scholarship, this project intends to elaborate on an under-theorized observation: most long-term drivers cited in the literature are confounded with a particular geo-climatic configuration – the Cool Water (CW-) condition, that is, the combination of cold seasons with continuous rain. Taking this observation as the point of departure, the project suggests three propositions. First, the CW-condition embodies the seed of emancipatory dynamics because it endows people with vital grass-roots autonomies, like autonomy in water access, food production and household formation. Second, the seed began to germinate as more complex social organizations – from private corporations to voluntary associations to state administration – formed: in the presence of grass-roots autonomies, social organization evolves through emancipatory struggles in which groups claim freedoms, which then become increasingly firmly encultured. Third, accelerating globalization is transplanting emancipatory struggles into world regions without the CW-condition, thus loosening geography's grip on social choice. This project is global in coverage and long-term in its temporal orientation. It uses data that capture conditions along a sequence of historical layers, from the eve of the colonial, industrial and information ages until today. Overall, the goal of this project is two-fold: First, further developing the theoretical arguments of the three main propositions. Second, consolidating and expanding the already existing, albeit preliminary evidence.
Principal investigator: Christian Welzel
Project duration: 2018 to 2023
Funding: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) (Reinhart Koselleck-Projekt)

**Major project related publication**

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IV Externally funded research projects in Research Area B (abstracts)

**Governing New Democracies**
The project comparatively analyzed the internal characteristics of cabinet decision-making in ten Central Eastern European countries between 1990 and 2003. On the basis of 320 interviews with former ministers who participated in these decision-making processes, the study examined the role of procedures and rules, parties, civil servants, individual ministers, the finance minister and above all prime ministers on the nature of cabinet decision-making. It contributed to an empirical comparative framework on
streamlining decision-making processes in cabinet governments. The key finding of the study was that Central Eastern European countries have implemented a cabinet system that compares well with governmental systems of Western Europe.

**Principal investigators:** Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Jean Blondel (European University Institute, Florence; Darina Malova (University of Bratislava)

**Project duration:** 2002 to 2006

**Funding:** The World Bank and Fritz Thyssen Foundation

**Major project related publications**


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**Career Patterns of Ministers in Central Eastern Europe**

This project was embedded into a larger European research network which aimed to create a database on the socio-structural background and the career patterns of all cabinet ministers in ten Central and Eastern European Countries after the transition to democracy.

**Principal investigator:** Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Katja Fettelschoss

**Project duration:** 2002 to 2007

**Funding:** European Science Foundation (ESF)

**Major project related publications**


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**Network of Knowledge on Central Eastern Europe**

This ‘applied’ empirical project has created a databank on expert knowledge about EU member states in Central and Eastern Europe on regional level (State of Lower Saxony). It systematically collected and linked information on existing competences in private business, scientific and cultural institutions. The databank has aggregated major experiences that different business and
administrative actors have made with their partners in the new democracies. The results of this project were publicly available to political decision-makers in the region.

*Principal investigator:* Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Holger Meyer  
*Project duration:* 2003 to 2005  
*Funding:* European Regional Development Fund

**Patterns of democracy and capacity of political systems in Central and Eastern Europe**

This quantitative-comparative project relates ‘patterns of democracy’ with the social, economic and ecological policy performance of party governments in ten Central Eastern European countries during the first decade after the regime transition in 1990/91. Based on the ‘institutions-do-matter’ hypothesis the aggregate data analysis empirically verifies that the performance of democracy is directly linked to the performance of governmental policy output. This finding is even true when controlling for factors such as ‘communist legacy’ and trends of ‘international globalization’.

*Principal investigators:* Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Detlef Jahn (University of Greifswald)  
*Project duration:* January 2004 to December 2007  
*Funding:* Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

**Major project related publications**


**Strategic control in party government systems**

Conducting pioneering research in the field of political strategies, this project developed a concept of strategic management in the context of party government systems and empirically applied it to a comparative study of strategic government control in Great Britain and Germany.
New County Laws on Regional Level: The Case of Lower Saxony
This ‘applied research project’ has evaluated the implementation of new administrative laws in the State of Lower Saxony that were designed to reduce administrative costs and to accelerate administrative decision-making.

Principal investigators: Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Holger Meyer
Project duration: January 2006 to December 2008
Funding: Office of the State Chancellor, Lower Saxony (Staatskanzlei Niedersachsen)

Modernization of Public Administration on Regional Level: The Case of Lower Saxony
This project empirically analyzed and evaluated the impact of an administrative reform in Lower Saxony, abolishing certain proceedings of opposition to administrative decisions.

Principal investigators: Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Holger Meyer
Project duration: 2006 to 2008
Funding: Ministry of the Interior, the State of Lower Saxony (Innenministerium Niedersachsen)

Major project related publications

Salafism in the Sahel: State Strategies and Their Consequences
The literature on radical Islam stresses the significant role of the Salafi creed for the radicalization of Muslims worldwide. The project is interested in the causes and the consequences of the rise of Salafi activity in the Sahel zone. It distinguishes between three main Salafi factions: purist, political and jihadi Salafism. Political and jihadi Salafists are known to polarize young democracies and weak states. The project examines which faction has come to dominate in four countries including Niger, Mali, Mauritania and
Chad. In a second step the project accounts for the formation of different Salafi groups across countries. It is particularly interested in the effect of state strategies (exclusion, monitoring and inclusion) of Salafi associations.

*Principal investigator:* Sebastian Elischer,  
*Project duration:* June 2014 to December 2015  
*Funding:* Gerda Henkel Stiftung  

**Major project related publications**  
Sebastian Elischer (2020). Salafism and Order in Africa.  
*Cambridge: Cambridge University Press*

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**Career Profiles and Prime Ministerial Performance in Central and Eastern European Democracies**

This project examines the career profiles of prime ministers in the new democracies of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). More specifically, it seeks to explore a key question of comparative government research: in what way do career patterns of prime ministers affect their political performance? To answer this question, the project is subdivided into three milestones that are examines in three research modules. The first module sets up a multidimensional conceptualization, systematic survey and comparative description of the political performance of prime ministers in CEE. The main target of the second module is a systematic survey and comparative description of the career patterns of prime ministers in the eleven countries under investigation. The final module aims at a contextualized examination of the “individuals-do-matter” hypothesis that is most prominent in comparative political elite studies. More precisely, the project will systematically explore how the career profiles of CEE prime ministers affect their political performance.

*Principal investigators:* Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Florian Grotz (Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg)  
*Project duration:* February 2018 to January 2020  
*Funding:* Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

**Major project related publications**  
V. Externally funded research projects in Research Area C (abstracts)

Youth and Politics
This ‘applied’ research project was designed to encourage students in three secondary schools to understand their participation in politics not as bystanders in democracy, but as a part of the political discourse. Working on individual research questions, the high school students acquired knowledge about political problems.
and institutions, as well as about their own position in politics. These individual learning processes were supported by researchers from Leuphana University Lüneburg, giving them insights into social science research topics and methodology.

Principal investigators: Dawid Friedrich; Andreas Lutter  
Project duration: 2012 to 2013  
Funding: Robert Bosch Stiftung

**WaterScale – The Influence of Scales on Environmental Governance**

The achievement of environmental and sustainability goals is dependent on resolving multifaceted scalar problems: political-administrative levels of decision-making often do not match natural scale-levels and thus produce spill-offs. Analyzing the implementation of the EC Water Framework Directive, this project explores such problems of scale in environmental governance.

Principal investigators: Jens Newig, Timothy Moss (Humboldt Universität Berlin)  
Project duration: 2010 to 2013  
Funding: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

**Major project related publications**


**EDGE – Evaluating the Delivery of participatory environmental Governance using an Evidence-based research design**

EDGE aims to improve the state of scientific knowledge on whether and under what conditions participation actually improves policy delivery in environmental governance. With a combination of case survey, comparative case studies and field experimentation, the project will give the unique opportunity to stringently compare and assess these innovative methods of social enquiry under a single analytical framework. In doing so, EDGE will achieve a breakthrough in assessing what works (and does not work) in environmental governance.
Principal investigators: Jens Newig, Edward Challies (University of Canterbury)
Project duration: 2011 to 2016
Funding: European Research Council (ERC Starting Grant)

Major project related publications

Analysis of Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Development in Lower Saxony (A-CLIM)
Adaptation to climate change has emerged as a political issue in developed countries for some years. The German Land of Lower Saxony established a governmental commission involving interest groups, local and state government officials as well as climate scientists to develop recommendations for policy responses to climate change. A-CLIM analyses (I) how policy makers at the federal state level design and steer processes of science-based, cross-sectoral policy formulation and (II) which strengths and weaknesses with respect to policy coordination, knowledge integration and institutional settings appear during the political process.

Principal investigators: Thomas Saretzki, Meinfried Striegnitz, Veit Ebermann
Project duration: 2012 to 2014
Funding: Ministry for Science and Culture of Lower Saxony

Major project related publications

Modes of sustainability-related research in comparison (MONA): Modes of research and their impact on scientific and societal project outcomes – a comparative analysis of 100 third-party funded sustainability-related research projects
For about two decades, new modes of scientific research have been increasingly described under titles such as 'post-normal science', 'new modes of knowledge production' or 'transdisciplinarity'. Their
aim is to address socially relevant problems, to increase the social legitimacy of research through the participation of non-scientists, and to produce 'socially robust' knowledge. Central elements here are collaboration across disciplinary boundaries, orientation to real-world problems, and the participation of actors from politics, administration, business, and/or civil society in the research process. Research programs related to sustainability issues have particularly embraced these new research modes. MONA is the first comprehensive comparison of projects with different research modes and their outputs. It analyzes the effects that inter- and transdisciplinary modes of research have on the scientific output as well as on the practical relevance of research projects.

*Principal investigators:* Jens Newig, Daniel J. Lang  
*Project duration:* 2013 to 2016  
*Funding:* Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

**Major project related publications**

Jens Newig, Daniel Lang et al. (2021). Demarcating Transdisciplinary Research in Sustainability Science – Five Clusters of Research Modes based on evidence from 59 Research Projects. In: *Sustainable Development* (online first)

**Rural development through governance of multifunctional agricultural land use (MULTAGRI). Subproject 5: Governance challenges to encourage landscape-scale uptake of appropriate management actions**

The joint research project MULTAGRI investigates how governance of agricultural landscapes can promote rural development by harnessing landscape and biological diversity as assets that synergistically promote the production of public goods and sustained intensive agricultural production.  
*Principal investigators:* Jens Newig, Jörn Fischer, Alexandra-Maria Klein  
*Project duration:* 2013 to 2016  
*Funding:* European Commission under the 7th Framework Program  
**Major project related publications**
Integration through Trust. Access of Refugee Families to Early Education in the State of Lower Saxony”

This interdisciplinary joint research project “Integration through Trust” investigates access of refugee families to early childhood education and care (ECEC) in Lower Saxony. Thus, the project aims to contribute to a better understanding of the conditions of trustful access to ECEC in Lower Saxony and to promote such access. In terms of methodology, the project comprises a combination of qualitative and quantitative approaches, in particular interviews, participating observations and a written survey.

Principal investigators: Sybille Münch, Anna Siede

Project duration: 2019 to 2022

Funding: Volkswagen Foundation

Major project related publications


Precarious Housing in Europe. Pushing for Innovation in Higher Education (PusH)

The aim of the project is to investigate the increasing informal and precarious housing situations in Europe and to make the results useful for teaching and further education. The lack of adequate, affordable housing and the emergence of informal, illegal or precarious housing has long been addressed primarily with regard to the countries of the global South and slums or shanty towns there. However, forms of precarious housing - such as Roma settlements, tent cities of homeless people or the renting of individual beds to several people are spreading in many EU member states in times of tight housing markets. On the one hand, this threatens social inclusion in the EU, on the other hand, it also
hinders the mobility of EU citizens and the integration of people from third countries.

The project consists of seven partner institutions with expertise in housing policy in EU member states. Partners include the Universiteit Utrecht, Universita Iuav di Venezia, University of Durham, University of Continuing Education Krems, the Open Society Institute in Sofia, and the Centre for Economic and Regional Studies in Budapest.

Principal investigator: Sybille Münch  
Project duration: 2019 to 2022  
Funding: DAAD within the framework of Erasmus+

**Police, Politics, Polis – Dealing with Refugees in the City**

The project pursues the overarching question in which way police action takes on a particular logic in urban space and is embedded in a local-specific, urban-political and civil-society context. In the course of the project, police perceptions of the challenges and possibilities for action as well as the security strategies that are pursued in six larger cities will be developed. In a second step, these police perceptions and orientations for action will be interpreted in the local contexts. Finally, the project examines to what extent one can face a specific urban police behavior in dealing with refugees which may produce potential conflicts in an urban area.

Principal investigators: Sybille Münch, Leonie Jantzer, Michael Haus (University of Heidelberg), Georgios Terizakis (Hessian University of Police and Administration),

Project duration: 2021 to 2023  
Funding: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
Lectures of national and international visiting scholars

2020

No further international lectures in presence during 2020 and 2021 due to Covid 19

January 21, Prof. Dr. Axel Franzen, University of Bern, Switzerland
Kann man Klimaskeptiker zu mehr Umweltbewusstsein überzeugen? Ein Experiment

January 7, Prof. Dr. Tina Freyburg, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
Which Design of Global Governance Do Citizens Prefer? Experimental Evidence from European Democracies

2019

December 17, Dr. Stefanie Reher, University of Strathclyde, UK
How Do Voters Perceive Candidates with Disabilities?

December 3, Dr. Clara Maier, Humboldt University Berlin
Rechtsstaatlichkeit in Europa: Deutschland, Spanien und Italien im Vergleich

November 26, Dr. Ekaterina Lytkina, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences
The Impact of Perceived Relative Deprivation and Emotions on Populist Attitudes

November 19, Prof. Dr. Oliver Treib, University of Münster
Euroskeptizismus und das Zentrums-Peripherie-Cleavage in Europa: Befunde und demokratietheoretische Konsequenzen

November 5, Prof. Dr. Dirk Jörke, TU Darmstadt
Die Größe der Demokratie: Die räumliche Dimension von Herrschaft und Partizipation

October 29, Prof. Dr. Sebastian Elischer, University of Florida, USA

July 6, 2019, Prof. Dr. Michael Baermann, University of Düsseldorf
New ICTs as Antidote to Old Ignorance: Democratic Deliberation vs. Anti-Democratic Mobilization

July 6, Prof. Dr. Nils B. Weidmann, University of Konstanz / ETH Zurich
New ICTs as a Tool of Top-Down Control of Citizen Action and Civil Society
July 5, Prof. Dr. Robert Rohrschneider, University of Kansas, USA

Populism and Growing EU Skepticism
July 4, Dr. Anna Lührmann, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

Threat or Corrective to Democracy? Populism and Different Models of Democracy
July 2, Prof. Dr. Amy Alexander, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Does Gender Affect Attitudes towards Gender Equality among MPs? Cross-National Evidence from Surveys of Latin American MP
June 4, Dr. Michael Jankowski, University of Oldenburg

Who Should Run and Where? A Conjoint Experiment on Party Member Support for Candidate Nomination at the German State- and Federal-level
May 28, Dr. Damien Bol, King’s College London, UK

What Do Humans Think about Politics? Creating a Global Benchmark
May 14, Dr. Sophie Panel, SciencePo Bordeaux, France

How Bad is Ethnic Voting for Democracy?
May 7, Prof. Dr. Hendrik Wagenaar, King’s College London, UK

Compromised Democracy: Citizen Participation in the Age of Finance Capitalism
April 30, Lars Döpking, M.A., Hamburg Institute of Social Research (HIS) Transformation des Steuerstaats – Transformation der Demokratie?

The Class Ceiling: Why it Pays to be Privileged
April 2, Dr. Alexandros Tokhi, Social Science Research Center Berlin

Rethinking Democratic Commitment to International Human Rights Treaties
January 29, Dr. Christian von Soest, GIGA Hamburg/Berlin

Why authoritarian regimes in Africa commit to continental democracy provisions
January 22, Dr. Johannes Gerschewski, Humboldt University Berlin

Why and how to measure legitimacy in autocracies?
January 15, Dr. Marlon Barbehön, University of Heidelberg
Zu komplex, zu ungewiss, zu schnell für die Demokratie?
Alternativen zur Beschleunigungstheorie
January 8, Prof. Dr. Peter Feindt, Humboldt University Berlin
A social contract for the Agricultural sector as reflexive governance: Conceptual and methodological considerations

2018
December 18, Prof. Dr. Steven van Hauwaert, University of Mainz
Immigration opinions and responsiveness: Causes and Consequences
December 11, Dr. Jolanda van der Noll, Fern-Universität Hagen
Opposing (Muslim) Religious Practices: Personal or Moral Norm Violations?
December 4, Patricia Rodi, University of Edinburgh, UK
Populist political communication going mainstream? Populism in the discursive and communicative strategies of the British parties
November 27, Prof. Dr. Gerd Pickel, University of Leipzig
Religion, fehlendes Sozialkapital und Populismus – unerwartete Stressfaktoren für die Demokratie?
November 13, Dr. Dannica Fleuß, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg
Measuring Democratic Deliberation at the Macro Level: Addressing Conceptual and Methodological Challenges with a Systemic Framework
November 10, Prof. Dr. Lars Rensmann, University of Groningen, Netherlands
Populism and Exclusion: The Authoritarian and Nationalist Origins of the Radical Right Populist Counter-Revolution in Europe
November 10, PD Dr. Silke Ötsch, University of Liechtenstein
Democracy and social exclusion
November 9, Dr. Oliviero Angeli, TU Dresden
Migration and democratic inclusion
November 9, Prof. Dr. Nikita Dhawan, International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture (GCSC), University of Gießen
Feminist perspectives of democratic inclusion
November 8, Prof. Dr. Rainer Bauböck, EUI, Florence, Italy.
Principles of inclusion
October 30, Dr. Marlene Mauk, University of Mainz
Citizen Support for Democratic and Autocratic Regimes
May 22, Prof. Dr. Francesco Marangoni, University of Siena, Italy
Yes to economic solidarity...but outside the EU: Mass and elite attitudes on European economic governance

May 15, Dr. Anna Lührmann, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
Undermining Democracy: Episodes of Autocratization from 1900 to Today

February 8, Prof. Dr. Hilde Coffé, Free University of Brussels, Belgium
Political representation in liberal democracies

February 7, Prof. Dr. Thomas Poguntke, University of Düsseldorf
Presidentialization in liberal democracies

February 6, Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Merkel, Humboldt-University Berlin
Political representation in liberal democracies

January 30, Dr. Norma Osterberg-Kaufmann, Humboldt University Berlin
Measuring the Meaning of Democracy – Gridding and Methods of Differentiation in a Singapore Case Study

January 9, Prof. Dr. Carl Dahlström, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
Organizing Leviathan: Politicians, Bureaucrats and Government Performance

2017

December 12, Prof. Dr. Björn Egner, TU Darmstadt
Local political elites in Europe: party ideology and ideology self-assessment from a comparative perspective

December 5, Dr. Andreas Bågenholm, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
Why Voters Support Corrupt Parties: Evidence from the 2017 QoG Regional Survey

November 28, Dr. Diego Garzia, University of Lucerne, Switzerland
Personalization of Politics between Partisan Dealignment and Media Change

November 7, Prof. Dr. Keith Dowding, Australian National University, Canberra Promotion in Executive Office: Comparison of Men and Women in Westminster Cabinets

May 16, Prof. Dr. Craig Thomas, University of Washington, USA
How agent-based modeling can guide researchers and public managers in the development of design principles for collaborative governance

*May 9, Prof. Dr. Armin Schäfer, University of Osnabrück*

Dem Deutschen Volke? Die ungleiche Responsivität des Bundestags

*May 2, 2017, Dr. Sebastian Bukow, University of Düsseldorf*

Karriereambitionen von Ratsmitgliedern in deutschen Großstädten

*April 25, Julia Zilles, University of Göttingen*

Kampf gegen Windmühlen: Eine vergleichende Analyse von Bürgerprotesten gegen Windkraft in Deutschland

*April 18, Prof. Dr. Michael Koß, LMU Munich*

The Evolution of Legislative Democracy and Political Parties in Western Europa

*April 11, Prof's Dr. Monica Miller & Dr. Christopher Dirso, Lehigh University, USA*

Deplorable Democracy: Race and the Limits of the American Experiment

*January 24, Prof. Dr. Timm Beichelt, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)*

Politik und Emotionen

*January 17, PD Dr. Basil Bornemann, University of Basel, Switzerland*

Nachhaltigkeit und Demokratie

*January 10, Prof. Dr. Susanne Pickel and Prof. Dr. Andreas Blätte, University of Duisburg-Essen*

Responsivität in der Einwanderungsgesellschaft. Die Drift zwischen Bürgern und Politikern

2016

*December 14, Manfred Ertel, Spiegel-Verlag Rudolf Augstein, Hamburg*

. Investigativer Journalismus - wie wichtig sind Enthüllungsmen für die Demokratie?

*December 13, Prof. Dr. Detlef Jahn, University of Greifswald*

The Politics of Environmental Performance

*December 6, Prof. Dr. David Salomon, University of Hildesheim*

Politische Bildung in der Krise? Demokratietheorie und Zeitdiagnostik in politischen Lernprozessen

*November 11, Dr. Thomas Richter; GIGA Hamburg*

5 Years After: Post-Arab-Spring-Trajectories in the Middle East
October 20, Prof. Dr. Michael Bernhard, University of Florida, USA
Suicide by Competition? Authoritarian Institutional Adaptation and Regime Fragility

October 25, Prof. Dr. Aurel Croissant, University of Heidelberg
The ‘Dictator’s Endgame’: Analyzing Military Behavior in Nonviolent Anti-Incumbent Mass Protests

June 21, Dr. Ina Kubbe, University of Tel Aviv, Israel
Reciprocity in Israel and Palestine

June 28, Prof. Dr. Hubert Heinelt, TU Darmstadt
Die drei Welten demokratischen Handelns - und die Relevanz von Wissensordnungen

May 31, Prof. Dr. Tiffany Barnes, University of Kentucky, USA
Defending the Realm: The Appointment of Female Defense Ministers Worldwide

May 24, Dr. Ivan Stefanovski, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy. Raised on Streets? The Impact of Social Movements in Policy Outcomes in Southeast Europe

May 12, Prof. Dr. Mariana Llanos, GIGA, Hamburg
The State of Democracy in Latin America

April 26, Prof. Dr. Ingrid Schneider, University of Hamburg
Digitalisierung und Demokratie

January 26, Dr. Lea Heyne, University of Zurich, Switzerland
Why critical is not the same as disaffected: Assessing citizens support for democracy

January 12, Prof. Dr. Marianne Kneuer, University of Hildesheim
Authoritarian Gravity Centers: A comparative perspective on promotion and diffusion of autocracy

January 5, Prof. Dr. Nils Bandelow, TU Braunschweig
Kann informelle Bürgerbeteiligung Konflikte um große Infrastrukturprojekte entschärfen? Vorläufige Ergebnisse von Befragungen zur Schiene Nord

2015

December 8, Prof. Dr. Carlos Gervasoni, Universidad Torcuati Di Tella, Argentina
Subnational Democracy in (Cross-National) Comparative Perspective

November 10, Malte Pennekamp, University of Halle-Wittenberg
Anfänger im Expertenparlament - Neuparlamentarier im Lichte der Einarbeitung
October 22, 2015, Prof. Dr. Marlene Wind, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
Two or three speed Europe – and a new treaty for the eurozone?
What is the consequence of the financial crisis, and a possible Brexit?

October 13, Prof. Dr. Hans Jörg Trenz, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
The Spiral of Euroscepticism: Media negativity, framing and EU opposition

July 7, Prof. Dr. Simon Hix, London School of Economics, UK
After the National Elections: What Future for Britain in Europe?

June 30, Prof. Dr. Tanja Börzel, Free University of Berlin
Mehr Effektivität für weniger Demokratie? Warum Europäisches Recht immer weniger verletzt wird

June 25, Prof. Dr. Michael Zürn, Social Science Research Center (WZB) Berlin
Legitimationsprobleme im Früheuropäismus: Die Politisierung der EU in der Finanzkrise

June 23, Prof. Dr. Hilde Coffé, Victoria University Wellington, New Zealand
The Effect of Migration Policy on Support for a Political Candidate. Is it the Message, the Vocal Intonation or the Label?

June 16, Prof. Dr. Christopher Swader, Lund University, Sweden
Gender and 'Just War': The Links between Interstate and Interpersonal Violence in Advanced Societies

June 11, Prof. Dr. Jürgen Neyer, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)
Europäische Integration: Die unvollendete Revolution

June 9, Prof. Dr. Thomas Christiansen, Maastricht University, Netherlands
E lecting the Commission President: Intra-institutional Change and Inter-institutional Relations in the EU

May 26, Prof. Dr. Fortunato Musella, University of Napoli, Italy
The Rise of Personal Leaders. Italy in comparative perspective

May 21, Prof. Dr. Annette Jünemann, Helmut-Schmidt University Hamburg
Die arabische Welt im Umbruch: alte und neue Herausforderungen für die Europäische Union

May 19, Dr. Jolanda van der Noll, Fern-Universität Hagen
Anti-Muslim prejudice or protecting our values? Reactions to value-violating behaviour

May 12, Florian Fischer, University of Hannover
Was ist Politische Bildung? Eine empirische Erhebung der Vorstellungen von Lehramtsstudierenden
May 5, Prof. Dr. Christoph Hönnige, University of Hannover
The German Constitutional Court: Conceptualizing an Innovative Database
April 21, Dr. Johannes Karremans, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy
State interests versus citizens' preferences: on which side do parties stand?
January 15, Prof. Dr. Helle Porsdam, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
Human rights as cultural rights?
January 6, Prof. Dr. Andrea Lenschow, University of Osnabrück
Umweltintegration in harten Zeiten. Klimaintegration als Ausweg und nächste „große Idee“?

2014
December 4, Prof. Dr. Jens Steffek, TU Darmstadt
Internationales Recht und nationale Selbstbestimmung
November 25, Dr. Markus Siewert, University of Frankfurt (Main)
When Do Presidents Prevail and Fail within the Legislative Arena – Evaluating Presidential Success on the Substance of Legislation
November 20, Prof. Dr. Anja Jetschke, University of Göttingen
Der Internationale Strafgerichtshof
November 18, Dr. Jan Eichhorn, University of Edinburgh, UK
The campaigns are over – the work begins: The result of the Scottish independence referendum and its consequences
November 4, Prof. Dr. Douglas Torgerson, Trent University, Canada
Democracy and Critical Policy Studies: What is the Connection?
October 23, Prof. Dr. Vello Pettai, University of Tartu, Estonia
The Ukraine Crisis: Are the Baltic States Next?
October 21, Dr. Eva-Clarita Pettai, University of Tartu, Estonia
Transitional and Retrospective Justice: Conceptual Differentiation and Comparative Application
October 28, Dr. Anna Fruhstorfer, Humboldt University Berlin
Presidential Power between Constitution and Reality
July 15, Prof. Dr. Brigitte Geissel, University of Frankfurt (Main)
Verbessern demokratische Innovationen die Qualität von Demokratie?
June 17, Prof. Dr. Luca Verzicelli, University of Siena, Italy

The Difficult Road to Brussels: Elite Circulation between Domestic and European Institutions
June 11, Dr. Marie Winckler, University of Marburg

Zum professionellen Umgang mit rechtsextremen Vorfällen in Schule und Unterricht
June 10, Prof. Huan Quingzhi, Beijing University, China

Democracy and New Politics in Contemporary China
May 27, Dr. Bojana Kocijan, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

Prime Ministerial Political Scandals in Central and Eastern Europe
May 20, Prof. Dr. Detlef Jahn, University of Greifswald

Environmental Performance in Highly Industrialized Democracies
May 14, Prof. Dr. Antje Wiener, University of Hamburg

A Theory of Contestation: Filling the Legitimacy Gap in Global Governance
May 13, Prof’s Dr. Benjamin Radcliff & Dr. Alex Placek, University of Notre Dame, USA; Texas A&M, USA

The Political Economy of Human Happiness: How Public Policies Determine Quality of Life?
May 6, Prof. Dr. Gary Schaal, Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg

Von der Logik der Demokratie zur Logik des Marktes? Neoliberales Denken in den Massenmedien 1949-2011
April 22, Dr. Tatiana Karabchuk, Laboratory for Comparative Social Research Moscow, Russia

Job Stability and Fertility: The Impact of Labor-Market Institutions across Europe
January 30, Dr. Marianne Beisheim, Science and Politics Foundation (SWP), Berlin

Nachhaltige Entwicklung für alle? Ziele, Institutionen und Partnerschaften in der UN-Nachhaltigkeitspolitik nach Rio+20
January 21, Prof. Rory Fitzgerald, City University London, UK

Acculturation amongst those moving from East to West: attitudes towards homosexuality in comparative perspective
January 16, Prof. Dr. Nicole Deitelhoff, University of Frankfurt/M

Der globale Wutbürger? Widerstand und Herrschaft in der internationalen Politik
2013

December 3, Prof. Dr. Nebojsa Blanusa, University of Zagreb, Croatia
Political unconscious of Croatia and the EU: tracing the Yugoslav syndrome

November 12, Prof. Dr. Anna Geis, University of Magdeburg
Die Theorie des „demokratischen Friedens“ und ihre Kritiker

November 7, Prof. Dr. Frank Fischer, Rutgers University, USA
Deliberating nuclear safety: Between risk assessment and everyday reason

October 24, Prof. Dr. Thomas Risse, Free University of Berlin
Geht’s auch ohne Staat? Regieren in Räumen begrenzter Staatlichkeit als Herausforderung für Global Governance

October 15, Dr. Benedetta Cotta, European University Institute Florence, Italy
Variation in the implementation compliance: an analysis of the waste-management policies in Hungary and Poland

July 2, PD Dr. Frieder Wolf, University of Heidelberg
Die Härtefallkommissionen der Bundesländer und die Vereinheitlichung des Asylrechts

June 25, Prof. Dr. Thomas Koelble, University of Cape Town, South Africa
Economic Development and the Nature of the Post-Colonial State

June 18, Dr. Diego Garcia, European University Institute Florence, Italy
Personalization of politics and electoral change

June 18, Prof. Dr. Jean Blondel, European University Institute Florence, Italy
Faces of Presidentialism in the Contemporary World

June 4, Prof. Dr. Jessica Fortin-Rittberger, University of Salzburg, Austria
Measurements of Presidential Power

May 28, Prof. Serban Tanasa, Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, Russia
Happier than thou

May 7, Dr. Christian von Soest, GIGA, Hamburg
Auswirkungen von Sanktionen auf Demokratisierung

April 23, Prof. Dr. Michael Minkenberg, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)
Religion, Staat und Demokratie in der westlichen Welt: Herausforderungen von Pluralismus und Pluralisierung
April 16, Prof. Dr. Gerd Meyer, University of Tübingen
Wer wagt, gewinnt? – Zivilcourage in Gesellschaft und Politik
January 29, Miriam Hufnagl, Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI, Karlsruhe
Strategische Politikgestaltung in der Innovationspolitik
January 15, Prof. Dr. Marc Debus, University of Mannheim
Demokratische Responsivität? Länge und Inhalte von Abgeordnetenreden im Deutschen Bundestag

2012
December 4, Dr. Till Weber and Prof. Dr. Florian Grotz
Humboldt University Berlin; ZDEMO
When do new parties enter government? The case of Central and Eastern Europe
October 30, Dr. Sabine Bossert, University of Lübeck
Priorisierung in der Medizin: Potentiale und Grenzen deliberativer Bürgerbeteiligung
October 16, Dr. Prof. Sabine Kropp, German University of Administrative Sciences, Speyer
Hierarchie und Netzwerke in den russischen Regionen.
Governance unter den Bedingungen eines semi-autoritären Systems
July 10, Prof. Dr. Ronald Inglehart, University of Michigan, USA
Evolutionary modernization and cultural change
July 3, Prof. Dr. Bernard Grofman, University of California, Irvine, USA
Selection bias in the dependent variable(s) in political science research
June 19, Prof. Dr. Thomas Koelble, University of Cape Town, South Africa
The failure of decentralization in South Africa: complexity and unanticipated consequences
June 5, Prof. Dr. Zlatko Šabič, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
International parliamentary institutions – a research agenda
May 22, Prof. Dr. Juliet Kaarbo, University of Edinburgh, UK
Personality and politics: prime ministers’ beliefs and leadership styles
May 8, Dr. Lars Vogel, University of Jena
Zwischen Führung und Responsivität: Repräsentatives Handeln von Parlamentsabgeordneten in Deutschland
January 31, Prof. Dr. Christoph Möllers, Humboldt University Berlin

Demokratische Legitimation in der EU
January 24, Prof. Dr. Jan Delhey, Jacobs University Bremen
Is trust in co-Europeans relevant for citizens' support for political integration?
January 17, Prof. Dr. John Keane, University of Sydney, Australia
Monitoring democracy: a new perspective on contemporary trends

2011
November 22, Prof. Dr. Christoph H. Stefes, University of Colorado, USA
Explaining the stability of autocratic regimes – beyond elites and formal institutions
November 15, Prof. Dr. Daniele Caramani, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
Discrepant electorates: the Inclusiveness of electorates and its impact on the representation of citizens
November 8, Prof. Dr. Jens Steffek, TU Darmstadt

Demokratie und Technologie im internationalen Regieren
October 18, Dr. Conor Little & Dr. Holger Döring, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, and University of Bremen

Ministerial career patterns in seventeen parliamentary democracies
July 5, Prof. Dr. Matthias Basedau, GIGA, Hamburg
Managing ethnic conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa (and beyond): prospects and limits of institutional engineering
June 14, Dr. Martha Worsching, Loughborough University, UK

Political participation of young people in Britain
May 24, Prof. Dr. Thomas Koelble, University of Cape Town, South Africa, Democracy and State Capacity
May 17, Prof. Dr. Matthijs Bogaards, Jacobs University Bremen

Electoral systems and peace
April 5, Dr. Oleh Protsyk, University of Flensburg
Semi-presidentialism under post-communism
January 25, Prof. Dr. Jean Blondel, European University Institute, Florence, Italy

A plea for a genuine “micro political” analysis in political science
January 18, Stefanie John, University of Bochum
Die deutschen Parteien im europäischen Mehrebenenstern:
Konsistent zwischen Positionierung und politischem Handeln

2010
December 14, Dr. Johannes Oschlies, University of Tartu, Estonia
What kind of democracy are we living in? Normative attitudes
toward democracy among citizens and political elites in Estonia
and Eastern Germany
November 16, Dr. Amy Alexander, University of California, USA
Change in Women's Presence in Parliaments and Change in the
Perception of Women's Ability to Rule: A 25 Nation Comparison
July 6, Prof. Dr. André Kaiser, University of Cologne
Föderalismus, Dezentralisierung und Performanz
June 15, Dr. Henrik Gast, University of Regensburg
Möglichkeiten und Grenzen einer kontextspezifischen Theorie der
politischen Führung
June 1, Prof. Timothy Boylan, Winthrop University, USA
Three images of democracy in the United States: unchecked,
balanced and qualified
May 18, Prof. Dr. Frank Decker, University of Bonn
Direkte Demokratie auf der Landesebene
May 4, Prof. Dr. Michael Haus, University of Kassel
Die Mittelschicht als Opfer und Profitierer demokratischer
Wohlfahrtstaatlichkeit
January 26, Henrike Schultze, Social Science Research Center
(WZB) Berlin
Koalitionsstabilität in Mittelosteuropa
January 12, Prof. Dr. Armin Schäfer, Max Planck Institute for the
Study of Societies, Cologne
Warum eine sinkende Wahlbeteiligung
der Demokratie schadet
January 7, Prof. Dr. Dieter Borstel, University of Bielefeld
Kommunale Strategien gegen Rechts

2009
December 8, Prof. Dr. Daniel Bochsler, Central European
University, Budapest, Hungary
Representing inequalities: how can social conflict be radicalized
through political institutions?
December 1, Dr. Lars Johannsen, University of Aarhus, Denmark
Corruption and democracy: recent research findings from post-communist countries
November 12, Wolfgang Freter, Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior,
Entwicklung und den Stand rechtsextremistischer Aktivitäten in Niedersachsen
November 3, Dr. Fernando Casal Bértoa, European University Institute, Florence, It
Sources of party system institutionalization in new European democracies: Lessons from East Central Europe
June 30, Prof. Huan Quingzhi, Shadong University, China
Seeking for the right direction: political reform / development in China after 30 years
June 16, Prof. Dr. Jean Blondel, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
Switzerland as a model for the EU
May 26, Prof. Dr. Jan-Hinrik Meyer-Sahling, University of Nottingham, UK
Post-accession sustainability of administrative reforms in new EU member states
May 5, Dr. Allan Sikk, London School of Economics, UK
Green without a tinge of red: the fall and rise of Estonian Greens
January 22,
Prof. Dr. Ulrich Haltern, University of Hannover, Rechtswissenschaft als Europawissenschaft
2008
December 9, Prof. Leslie Holmes, University of Melbourne, Australia
Crime, organized crime and corruption in post-communist Europe and the CIS
June 17, Dr. Silvia Bolgherini, Università di Napoli Federico II, Naples, Italy
The impact of EU cohesion policy on member states
May 20, Prof. Dr. Kurt Richard Luther, Keele University, UK
Europeanization of national parties
May 6, Prof. Dr. Philippe C. Schmitter, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
Second thoughts on what democracy is... and is not...
April 29, Prof. Dr. Andreas Busch, University of Göttingen / Oxford University
Privacy, politics and protest. What do we know?

January 21, Sigmar Gabriel, Federal Minister of the Environment
Umweltpolitische Herausforderungen nach der Konferenz in Bali

January 8, Prof. Dr. Stefan Marschall, University of Düsseldorf
Zum parlamentarischen Frieden? Design und Ergebnisse des paks-Projekts an der Universität Düsseldorf

2007

December 4, Holger Döring, University of Konstanz
Politische Repräsentation in Europa: Die parteipolitische Zusammensetzung der EU-Institutionen

July 3, Prof. Andrei Markovits, University of Michigan, USA
Sport und Politik

June 12, Alexandra Ionascu, Free University of Brussels, Belgium
Romanian political elites: When (and how) does the selection of minister’s matter?

June 5, Prof. Dr. Joachim Raschke, University of Hamburg
Politische Strategien

May 25, Prof. Dr. Joachim Radkau, University of Bielefeld
Öko-Bewegung – Ein moderner Mythos?

2006

November 28, Prof. Dr. John Higley, University of Texas, USA
Elite foundations of liberal democracy

November 21, Prof. Dr. Richard Stöß, Free University of Berlin
Rechtsextremismus im Wandel

May 2, Dr. Oleh Protsyk, European Center for Minority Issues, Flensburg
Institutional sources of variation in democratic performance of the Western CIS countries

January 17, Dr. Guido Tiemann, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)
Wahlsysteme, Parteiensysteme und politische Repräsentationen in Osteuropa

2005

December 13, Prof. Dr. Michael Huelshoff, University of New Orleans, USA
Institutions, structure and political parties in new and old Democracies
December 6, Prof. Dr. Vello Pettai, University of Tartu, Estonia

The institutionalization of the political class in the Baltic States
November 22, Dr. Delia Schindler, University of Hamburg

Urban Governance. Wandel von Steuerungsmustern durch Netzwerke
October 28, Prof. Dr. Albert Janssen, Director of Parliament in Lower Saxony

Brauchen wir eine neue deutsche Verfassung?
June 22, Dr. Harry Boyte, University of Minnesota, USA

Sources of Democracy
June 21, Prof. Dr. Friedbert Rüb, University of Hamburg

Governance in der Demokratie. Ist der Begriff des Regierens antiquiert?
June 3, Prof. Dr. Jean Blondel, European University Institute, Florence, Italy

Governing the New Europe
April 26, Prof. Dr. Steffen Ganghof, Max Planck Institute / University of Cologne

Normative Modelle, institutionelle Typen und beobachtbare Verhaltensmuster: Ein Vorschlag zum Vergleich parlamentarischer Demokratien

2004

July 2, Prof. Dr. Markus Crepaz, University of Georgia, USA

The Impact of Collective and Competitive Veto Points on Public Expenditures
May 5, Sven Herlyn, Executive Vice President of NORD/LB (North German State Bank)

Die Nordoststrategie der NORD/LB im Kontext der EU-Osterweiterung
VII  Honorary Hans Dieter Klingemann lecture

2022 *Professor Daniel Ziblatt*, Harvard University
   The Future of Democracy

2021 and 2020  no lectures took place due to the covid 19

2019 *Professor Pippa Norris*, Harvard University, University of Sydney
   Backlash and the Rise of Authoritarian Populism

2018 *Professor Staffan I. Lindberg*, University of Gothenburg
   Varieties of Democracy: Has the Study of Democratization been misguided for 60 years?

2017 *Professor Daniele Caramani*, University of Zürich
   Nationalization, Europeanization, Globalization

2016 *Professor Eric Uslaner*, University of Maryland
   The Historical Roots of Corruption

2015 *Professor Simon Hix*, London School of Economics and Politics
   After the National Elections: What Future for Britain in Europe

2014 *Professor Robert Rohrschneider*, University of Kansas
   Polarization over Integration? The Stances of Political Parties on European Integration, 2008 – 2013

2013 *Professor Doh Shin*, University of California, Irvine
   Confucianism and Democratization in East Asia

2012 *Professor Bernard Grofman*, University of California, Irvine
   Electoral Engineering

2011 *Professor Wolfgang Merkel*, Social Science Research Center Berlin, WZB
   Ist die Krise der Demokratie ein Mythos?

2010 *Professor Hans Keman*, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
   In Search of Votes - Offices - Policy: Third Ways of Social Democracy

2009 *Professor Ronald Inglehart*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Value Change in a Global World. Can we believe our senses? How reliable and valid are the Large-N cross-national surveys?

**2008** Professor *Dirk Berg-Schlosser*, University of Marburg
Erfolg und Scheitern von Demokratien - Erfahrungen und Perspektiven

**2007** Professor *Christian Welzel*, Jacobs University Bremen
Ist Demokratie ein universell übertragbares Konzept?

**2006** Professor *Klaus von Beyme*, University of Heidelberg
Demokratie und Föderalismus

**2005** Professor *Manfred Schmidt* (University of Heidelberg)
Die Zukunft der Demokratie

**2004** Professor *Hans-Dieter Klingemann* *(Social Science Research Center Berlin, WZB)*
Die Entwicklung einer demokratischen politischen Kultur in Mittel- und Osteuropa
VIII Workshops, Conferences and Summer Schools

2019
June, 12th doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies

2018
June, Prime Ministers’ performance in Central and Eastern Europe (funded by the German research Foundation DFG)
June, 11th doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies

2017
June, 10th doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies
May, The Comparative Study of Democracy. Parties, Governments and Elites

2016
November, Außerschulische politische Jugendbildung und politische Erwachsenenbildung, in cooperation with the GPJE and University of Duisburg-Essen
June, 9th doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies
July, Opinion Leaders in Politics , in cooperation with Policy Lab (Leuphana student organization)
June, Political Executives in democratic and autocratic regimes

2015
September, PhD Summer School Training on Parties and Party Governments (funded by the European Consortium for Political Research ECPR)
June, 8th doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies
April, Political Communication and Interest Representation, in cooperation with Policy Lab (Leuphana student organization)

2014
September, PhD Summer School Training on Parties and Party Governments (funded by the European Consortium for Political Research ECPR)
June, 7th doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies
February, Party Politics and Democracy in Europe (funded by the German Research Foundation, DFG)

2013
November, Authoritarianism and Democratization in Africa (funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation)
October, Contestation of Hydraulic Fracking in Europe and the USA: Policies, Publics and Democracy
September, PhD Summer School Training on Parties and Party Governments (funded by the European Consortium for Political Research ECPR)
May, 6th doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies

2012
June, Doktorandinnen und Doktoranden Workshop der Sektion 'Vergleichende Politikwissenschafst der Deutschen Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)
May, 5th doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies

2011
April, 4th doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies
March, Mapping and Tracing Global Cultural Change (funded by the World Value Surveys)

2010
December, Party Government in the New Europe (funded by the European Science Foundation)
September, Representation in the European Union: Coping with Present Challenges to Democracy (funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation)
June, 3rd doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies
2009

December, Estonia: From Founding Elections to Democratic Consolidation (funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation)

July, Demokratische Regierungssysteme in Mittel- und Osteuropa (funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation)

June, 2nd doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies

February, Politische Strategie: Konturen eines Forschungsfelds, funded by the German Research Foundation, DFG)

2008

November, 1st doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies

September, Föderalismusreform in Deutschland- Zwischenbilanz und Ausblick

2007

October, Leistungsfähigkeit von Demokratien (funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)

September, 3rd PhD Summer School Training on Politics in Central and Eastern Europe (funded by the Deutsche Akademische Auslandsdienst, DAAD, and the European Consortium for Political Research, ECPR)

2006

September, 2nd PhD Summer School Training on Politics in Central and Eastern Europe (funded by the Deutsche Akademische Auslandsdienst, DAAD, and the European Consortium for Political Research, ECPR)

May, Democracy in Transition, in cooperation with the Transformation Research Initiative (TRI) (funded by the Daimler-Benz-Stiftung)

2005

November, Unsere Region im Austausch mit Osteuropa: Kompetenzen, Aktivitäten und Perspektiven (funded by the State Ministry of Lower Saxony)
September, 1st PhD Summer School Training on Politics in Central and Eastern Europe (funded by the Deutsche Akademische Auslandsdienst, DAAD, and the European Consortium for Political Research, ECPR)

June, Cabinet Decision-Making in Central Eastern Europe (funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation)

March, Ausländische Studierende und regionale Wirtschaft (funded by the EU region fund)

February, Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) workshop for PhD researchers

2004

December, Föderalismusreform in Deutschland: Auswirkungen auf die regionale und kommunale Ebene, (funded by the Niedersächsische Landeszentrale für Politische Bildung)

June, EU-Erweiterung mit oder ohne Türkei (funded by the EU ministry of the State of Lower Saxony)
IX Completed Doctoral Dissertations
(date of completion, name of researcher, name of first supervisor, title of dissertation)

**Juli 2021, Lea-Katharina Rzadtki (Prof. Dr. Sybille Münch)**
We are all activists‘ – A constructivist grounded theory exploration of solidarities in activism by, with and for refugees and migrants in Hamburg

**November 2021, Pavel Satra (Prof. Dr. Vera van Hüllen)**
To weaken, or to strengthen international human rights organizations?

**March 2021, Xavier Romero Vidal (Prof. Dr. Christian Welzel)**
The Marco Polity Revisited: The interplay between public opinion, policy and economics in European democracies

**February 2021, Tobias Schottdorf, (Prof. Dr. Thomas Saretzki)**
Individuelle und systemische Belastungen im flexiblen Kapitalismus - Demokratietheoretische Implikationen einer kritischen Theorie sozialen Stresses

**January 2021, Jakob Schwörer (Prof. Dr. Marion Reiser)**
Populisation of the political mainstream? The contagion effect of populist messages on mainstream parties' communication in Italy, Spain, Germany and Austria

**July 2020, Henrike Wehrkamp, (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)**
Leadership: Eine Frage der Persönlichkeit? Ein Vergleich des Führungshandelns von Bundeskanzlerin Angela Merkel angesichts der Währungs- und Migrationskrise

**March 2020, Jan Günter Berz, (Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)**
Prime Ministers and Democratic Elections. Electoral Behaviour and Prime Ministerial Accountability in Parliamentary Systems

**November 2019, Nina-Kathrin Wienkoop (Prof. Dr. Sebastian Elischer)**
Social movements as safeguards against democratic backslidings in Africa? A comparison of term amendment struggles in Burkina Faso and Senegal

**September 2019, Veit Ebermann (Prof. Dr. Thomas Saretzki)**
Entwicklung von staatlichen Klimaanpassungsstrategien. Gestaltung und Steuerung des politischen Prozesses in Niedersachsen

**July 2019, Lena Karin Wach (Prof. Dr. Dawid Friedrich)**
Der europäische Citoyen. Normative Figur und empirische Bedeutungsvielfalt im Kontext zivilgesellschaftlicher Partizipation
April 2019, Camilo Fidel Fautz (Prof. Dr. Thomas Saretzki)
Die Konstitution von Bürgerrollen in organisierten Beteiligungsverfahren zur Nanotechnologieentwicklung - ein Ländervergleich
May 2018, Stefan Kruse (Prof. Dr. Christain Welzel)
Civic engagement and the effectiveness of health aid
April 2018, Maria Ravlik (Prof. Dr. Christian Welzel)
Cross-National Evaluation of the Sources of Anti-Trafficking Enforcement
September 2017, Felipe Böttcher (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)
Subnationale Demokratiemuster in Asien und Lateinamerika
July 2015, Jessica Kunert (Prof. Dr. Florian Grotz)
MEPs on the Web. Transparency, Information and Representation on Personal Websites of Parliamentarians
June 2015, Dr. Sabine Bossert (Prof. Dr. Thomas Saretzki)
Deliberative Bürgerbeteiligung in der deutschen Debatte um Priorisierung in der medizinischen Versorgung. Eine explorative Analyse von Potentialen, Qualitätsanforderungen und Kontextbedingungen am Beispiel der Lübecker Bürgerkonferenz
December 2014, Henrike Knappe (Prof. Dr. Dawid Friedrich)
Democratic Practises in Transnational Civil Society Networks
Juni 2014, Esther Seha (Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)
Post-sozialistische Regierungssystemreform: Armenien, Kroatien, Russland und die Ukraine im Vergleich
Mai 2014, Kilian Seng (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)
Arbeitsmarktregime und Sprachverhalten
December 2013, Ina Kubbe (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)
The Determinants of Political Corruption in Comparative Perspective
July 2013, Charlotte Freund (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)
Bürgermeisterwahlkämpfe im Professionalisierungsdiskurs der Wahlkampfforschung.
July 2013, Henrike Englert (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)
Regierungsdauer und Regierungsende – Koalitionsregierungen in zehn parlamentarischen Demokratien in Mittel- und Osteuropa
November 2012, Julia Verlinden (Prof. Dr. Thomas Saretzki)
Erfolgsbedingungen und Restriktionen von Energieeffizienzpolitik – eine Analyse am Beispiel der Umsetzung der EU-Gebäuderichtlinie (Bereich Wohngebäude)

July 2012, Basil Bornemann (Prof. Dr. Thomas Saretzki)
Policy-Intergration und Nachhaltigkeit – theoretische Grundlegung und empirische Analyse integrativer Nachhaltigkeitspolitik am Beispiel der Nachhaltigkeitsstrategie der deutschen Bundesregierung

May 2012, Henry Arends (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)
Kommunalparlamente im Wandel? Verlust politischer Steuerungsfähigkeit im Rahmen interkommunaler Zusammenarbeit.

March 2012, Alexander Götz (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)
Verwaltungspolitik der Länder im Vergleich. Empirische Analyse zu Strukturreformen und ihren Personaleffekten

June 2008, Katja Fettelschoß (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)
Elitenwandel und gesellschaftlicher Wandel in post-sozialistischen Ländern

April 2008, Stefan Lage (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)
Die Bedeutung unternehmensexterner Akteure bei der Lösung von Problemen bei internationalen Wirtschaftstätigkeiten kleiner und mittlerer Unternehmen

February 2007, Thomas Hirsch (Prof. Dr. Uwe Thaysen)
Die Perzeption des Petitionsrechts und die Praxis in den Deutschen Landesparlamenten.
Eine Untersuchung zu Form, Inhalt und Funktionen von Petitionsberichten

February 2007, Sebastian Lovens (Prof. Dr. Uwe Thaysen)
Das Verhältnis zwischen Staat und Parteien anhand aktueller staatsrechtlicher Untersuchungen

November 2006, Philipp Harfst (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)
Wahlsystemwandel in Mittelosteuropa

February 2006, Helmut Klaus (Prof. Dr. Uwe Thaysen)
Der Dualismus Preußen versus Reich in der Weimarer Republik in Verwaltung und Politik

August 2004, Dr. Ralf Tils (Prof. Dr. Thomas Saretzki)
Politische Strategieanalyse. Ein Untersuchungsansatz und seine Anwendung auf Strategiekonzepte für die Umwelt- und Nachhaltigkeitspolitik

X. Completed Habilitation and successful evaluation of Junior Professors after three years (equivalent of Habilitation)

Ralf Tils  
Habilitation, 2011

Dawid Friedrich  
Evaluation Junior Professor, 2012

Sebastian Elischer  
Evaluation Junior Professor, 2015

Vera van Hüllen  
Evaluation Junior Professor, 2017

Sybille Münch  
Evaluation Junior Professor, 2019

Michelangelo Vercesi  
Habilitation, 2020

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