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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 20 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 2024. 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

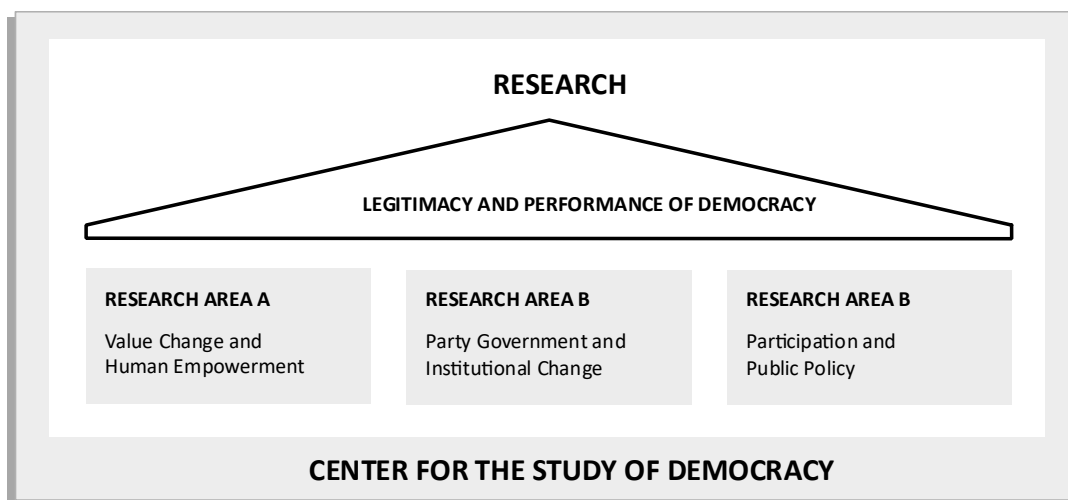
- conducting research projects on legitimacy and performance of democracy on a cross-national, as well as a national and local level
- hosting international conferences and workshops on cutting-edge themes in democracy research as well as research methods
- conducting and coordinating international primary 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



Twenty years after its foundation, a total number of 19 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 20 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)**

The Gender-Governance Link: Gender Equality and Public Goods Provisions

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 2022

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 20 years, more than 200 *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 20 years, 19 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**)

In 2024 the Center hosted the prestigious *56th ECPR Joint Sessions Workshops* with 480 participating members in 30 workshops. During this conference, Professor Liesbet Hooghe, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, presented the distinguished ECPR-Stein Rokkan Lecture in the field of Comparative Politics.



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 15 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 2024 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, *40 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, *seven 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

Ferdinand Müller-Rommel	(2004-present)	Research Area B
Uwe Thaysen	(2004-2007)	Research Area B
Thomas Saretzki	(2004-2023)	Research Area C
Vello Pettai	(2008-2010)	Research Area B
Florian Grotz	(2008-2013)	Research Area B
Dawid Friedrich	(2009-present)	Research Area C
Christian Welzel	(2010-present)	Research Area A
Sebastian Elischer	(2012-2015)	Research Area B
Vera van Hüllen	(2013-2020)	Research Area C
Jens Newig	(2013-present)	Research Area C
Marion Reiser	(2014-2018)	Research Area B
Sybille Münch	(2015-2022)	Research Area C
Belén Gonzalez	(2019-2023)	Research Area B
Michael Koss	(2019-present)	Research Area B
Tobias Lenz	(2020-present)	not classified
Sarah Engler	(2022-present)	Research Area B
Astrid Seville	(2023-present)	Research Area C
Natasche Zaun	(2023-present)	Research Area C
Lukas Hackelberg	(2024-present)	not classified

II. Major publications (up to 10!) while working at the Center (Professors only)

Ferdinand Müller-Rommel (2004-present)

2023, Prime Ministers in Europe. Changing Career Experiences and Profiles. *London: Palgrave/Macmillan* (with Michelangelo Vercesi & Jan Berz).

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

2020, Oxford Handbook of Political Executives. *Oxford: Oxford University Press* (ed with R. Andeweg, R. Elgie, L. Helms & J. Kaarbo)

2017, Prime Ministerial Careers in the European Union: Does Gender make Difference? in: *European Politics and Society*, (18) 2, 245-262 (with M. Vercesi).

2012, Party Government in New Democracies. *London: Routledge* (with H. Keman) (paperback edition 2014)

2010, Political Institutions and Policy Performance: A Comparative Analysis. In: *Journal of Public Policy*, (30) 1, 22-43. (with D. Jahn)

2008, Prime Ministerial Staff in Central Eastern European Democracies. In: *East European Politics*, (24) 2, 256-271.

2007, Governing New European Democracies. *London: Palgrave/Macmillan* (with J. Blondel & D. Malova)

2005, Political Parties in the New Europe. *Oxford: Oxford University Press* (paperback edition) (with R. Luther)

2004, Party Government in Central Eastern European Democracies. In: *European Journal of Political Research*, (43) 6, 869-893. (with K. Fettelschoss und P. Harfst)

Uwe Thaysen (2004-2007)

2004, Die Konventsbewegung zur Föderalismusreform in Deutschland: Ein letztes Hurra des Landesparlamentarismus zu Beginn des 21. Jahrhunderts? In: Europäisches Zentrum für Föderalismus-Forschung Tübingen (ed.): *Jahrbuch des Föderalismus 2004*. Baden-Baden: *Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft*, 123–147.

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Thomas Saretzki (2004-2023)

2019, Evidence-based policy-making? Die Bedeutung wissenschaftlicher Erkenntnisse in politischen Prozessen, in: *Zeitschrift für Evidenz, Fortbildung und Qualität im Gesundheitswesen*, (144-145), 78-83

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

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- 2008**, Estonia, in: *European Journal of Political Research* (47), 934-940

Florian Grotz (2008-2013)

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Dawid Friedrich (2009-present)

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Christian Welzel (2010-present)

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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

Russell Dalton and Christian Welzel (eds.) (2014). *The Civic Culture Transformed. From Allegiant to Assertive Citizenship.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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

Christian Welzel and Christian Töni (2017). Survey Response and Observed Behavior: Emancipative and Secular Values Predict Prosocial Behaviors. In: *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*. (48) 4, 461-489.

The Gender-Governance Link: Gender Equality and Public Goods Provisions

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

Christian Welzel, Amy Alexander, and Ronald Inglehart (2016). Emancipating Sexuality: Breakthroughs into a Bulwark of Tradition. In: *Social Indicators Research* (129) 2, 909-935.

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

Major project related publication

Christian Welzel, Cool Water: The Geo-Climatic Origin of Western Exceptionalism. Basingstoke: Palgrave/Macmillan 2024 (with S.Kruse, L. Brunkert & S.A. Brieger)



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

Jean Blondel, Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, and Darina Malova (2007). *Governing New European Democracies. Basingstoke: Palgrave/Macmillan.*

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

Katja Fettelschoss, and Czaba Nikolenyi (2008). Selection and De-Selection of Ministers in Post-Communist Democracies, in: Keith Dowding and Patrick Dumont (eds.) *The Selection of Ministers in Europe: Hiring and Firing. London: Routledge*, 204-227

Katja Fettelschoss (2009) Politische Eliten und Demokratie. Professionalisierung von Ministern in Mitteleuropa. *Baden Baden: Nomos Verlag*

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

Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Philip Harfst and Henrike Schulze (2008). Von der typologischen zur dimensionalen Analyse parlamentarischer Demokratien. In: *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 49 (4), 669-694.

Detlef Jahn and Ferdinand Müller-Rommel (2010). Political Institutions and Policy Performance: A Comparative Analysis of Central Eastern Europe. In: *Journal of Public Policy* (30), 1, 23-44.

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.

Project director: Ralf Tils (Post-Doc at the ZDEMO)

Project duration: April 2006 to March 2009

Funding: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

Major project related publications

Tils, Ralf (2011): Strategische Regierungssteuerung. Schröder und Blair im Vergleich. Wiesbaden: VS-Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften.

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

Major project related publications

Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Holger Holger, und Friederike Heins (2010). *Verwaltungsmodernisierung in Niedersachsen. Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlag.*

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*

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 examined 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

Florian Grotz, Ferdinand Müller-Rommel et al (2021). How Political Careers Affect Prime Ministers Performance: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe. In: *Comparative Political Studies*, (54) 11, 1907-1938.

Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Michelangelo Vercesi, and Jan Berz (2022). Prime Ministers in Europe. Changing Career Experiences and Profiles. *London: Palgrave/Macmillan.*



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

Jens Newig and Timothy Moss (eds.) (2010). Multi-Level Water Governance: Coping with Problems of Scale. *Special Issue of Environmental Management*, 45 (7).

Jens Newig and Timothy Moss (2017). Scale in Environmental Governance. Moving from Concepts and Cases to Consolidation. In: *Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning* (19) 5, 473-479.

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

Jens Newig, Jens; Tomas M. Koontz (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.

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

Veit Ebermann (2020) Entwicklung von staatlichen Strategien zur Klimaanpassung. Eine rekonstruktive Untersuchung des politischen Prozesses in Niedersachsen, Wiesbaden: *Springer VS*.

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.(2019). Linking Modes of Research to their Scientific and Social Outcomes: Evidence from 81 sustainability-oriented research projects. In: *Environmental Science and Policy* (101), 147-155

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

Jens Newig, Jörn Fischer et al. (2019). Landscape-Scale Biodiversity Governance. In: *Environmental Policy and Governance* (29), 3, 170-184.

Jens Newig, Jörn Fischer et al. (2018): Rethinking Biodiversity Governance in European Agricultural Landscapes. In: *Land Use Policy* (77), 84-93.

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

Anna Siede and Sybille Münch (2022). An Interpretative Perspective on Co-Production in Supporting Refugee Families' Access to Childcare in Germany. In: *Policy and Politics* (online first)

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

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, Università 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)

VI Lectures of national and international visiting scholars

2024

*Dr. **Manès Weisskircher**, (Technische Universität Dresden)*

How do far-right politicians evaluate the benefits and risks of demonstrations?

*Prof. **Julie Kaarbo** PhD (University of Edinburgh)*

Breaking Bad: Leader Personality Change and Political Effects

*Prof. Dr. **Wolfgang Merkel**, (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB))*

Was heißt Resilienz der Demokratie und wie kann man sie stärken?

*Prof. Dr. **Armin Schäfer**, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, Mainz*

Losers' dissent. How election results shape populists' satisfaction with democracy

*Dr. **Anna-Sophie Heinze**, Universität Trier*

Mainstreaming und Normalisierung der AfD durch Mitte-Rechts-Parteien?

*Prof. Dr. **Andrea Römmele**, Hertie School Berlin*

Megatrends and Democracy

2023

*Dr. **Christian Gläsel**, Hertie School Berlin*

International Sports Events and Repression in Autocracies: Evidence from the 1978 FIFA World Cup.

*Prof. Dr. **Marianne Henke**, Hertie School Berlin*

The Psychology of Limited Nuclear War.

*Prof. **David M. Rowe** PhD, Fulbright Nato Security Fellow, Brussels*

Liberalism, Liberal Democracy, and the War in Ukraine

*Prof. Dr. **Simon Franzmann**, **Felicia Riethmüller**, University of Göttingen*

Symbolic or substantial? German subnational parties' use of group appeals

*Prof. Dr. **Sebastian Elischer**, University of Florida, **Gainesville***

U.S. Security Sector Assistance and Military Coups in Africa. Findings from a Mixed-Methods Approach

*Dr. **Endre Borbath**, Science Center Berlin (WZB)*

Environmental Mobilization in Europe

*Prof. **Kerstin Hamann** PhD, University of Central Florida, Orlando*

The Politics of Child Marriage in Europe and the US

*Prof. Dr. **Agnieszka Turska-Kawa**, University of Silesia, Katowice*

Exploring the Conspiratorial Mind.

*Prof. **Günes Murat Zezcur** PhD , Arizona State University*

Liminal Minorities: Religious Difference and Mass Violence in Muslim Societies

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*Dr. **Johannes Karremans**, European University Institut (EUI)*

Responsiveness and responsibility in governments' budgetary discourse: a comparative study

*Prof. **Thomas Koelble** PhD, Cape Town University, South Africa*

Poverty, Corruption and Democracy: the role of the 'political society' in South Africa

*Prof. Dr. **Richard Traunmüller**, Universität Mannheim*

The Rural-Urban-Divide in Europe

*Prof. Dr. **Christoph Hönnige** , Universität Hannover*

Courts under Pressure

*Prof. Dr. **Lora Viola**, Freie Universität Berlin*

The Closure of the International System: How Institutions Create Political Equalities and Hierarchies

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Elite Communication and Public Opinion in Global Governance.

*Prof. Dr. **Ann-Kristin Kölln**, University of Gothenburg*

Influential wings? Political parties' factional structures and their potential consequences in Europe

2020 & 2021

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

*Prof. Dr. **Axel Franzen**, University of Bern, Switzerland*

Kann man Klimaskeptiker zu mehr Umweltbewusstsein überzeugen?
Ein Experiment

*Prof. Dr. **Tina Freyburg**, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland*

Which Design of Global Governance Do Citizens Prefer? Experimental Evidence from European Democracies

2019

*Dr. **Stefanie Reher**, University of Strathclyde, UK*

How Do Voters Perceive Candidates with Disabilities?

*Dr. **Clara Maier**, Humboldt University Berlin*

Rechtsstaatlichkeit in Europa: Deutschland, Spanien und Italien im Vergleich

*Dr. **Ekaterina Lytkina**, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences*

The Impact of Perceived Relative Deprivation and Emotions on Populist Attitudes

*Prof. Dr. **Oliver Treib**, University of Münster*

Euroskeptizismus und das Zentrums-Peripherie-Cleavage in Europa: Befunde und demokratietheoretische Konsequenzen

*Prof. Dr. **Dirk Jörke**, TU Darmstadt*

Die Größe der Demokratie: Die räumliche Dimension von Herrschaft und Partizipation

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Assessing and Explaining Military Coup Outcomes after 1989.

*Prof. Dr. **Michael Baurmann**, University of Düsseldorf*

New ICTs as Antidote to Old Ignorance: Democratic Deliberation vs. Anti-Democratic Mobilization

*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

*Prof. Dr. **Robert Rohrschneider**, University of Kansas, USA*

Populism and Growing EU Skepticism

*Dr. **Anna Lührmann**, University of Gothenburg, Sweden*

Threat or Corrective to Democracy? Populism and Different Models of Democracy

*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*

*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

*Dr. **Damien Bol**, King's College London, UK*

What Do Humans Think about Politics? Creating a Global Benchmark

*Dr. **Sophie Panel**, SciencePo Bordeaux, France*

How Bad is Ethnic Voting for Democracy?

*Prof. Dr. **Hendrik Wagenaar**, King's College London, UK*

Compromised Democracy: Citizen Participation in the Age of Finance Capitalism

Lars Döpking, M.A., Hamburg Institute of Social Research(HIS)

Transformation des Steuerstaats – Transformation der Demokratie?

Prof. Dr. **Sam Friedman**, London School of Economics, UK

The Class Ceiling: Why it Pays to be Privileged

Dr. **Alexandros Tokhi**, Social Science Research Center Berlin

Rethinking Democratic Commitment to International Human Rights
Treaties

Dr. **Christian von Soest**, GIGA Hamburg/Berlin

Why authoritarian regimes in Africa commit to continental democracy
provisions

Dr. **Johannes Gerschewski**, Humboldt University Berlin

Why and how to measure legitimacy in autocracies?

Dr. **Marlon Barbehön**, University of Heidelberg

Zu komplex, zu ungewiss, zu schnell für die Demokratie? Alternativen
zur Beschleunigungstheorie

Prof. Dr. **Peter Feindt**, Humboldt University Berlin

A social contract for the Agricultural sector as reflexive governance:
Conceptual and methodological considerations

2018

Prof. Dr. **Steven van Hauwaert**, University of Mainz

Immigration opinions and responsiveness: Causes and Consequences

Dr. **Jolanda van der Noll**, Fern-Universität Hagen

Opposing (Muslim) Religious Practices: Personal or Moral Norm
Violations?

Patricia Rodi, University of Edinburgh, UK

Populist political communication going mainstream? Populism in the
discursive and communicative strategies of the British parties

Prof. Dr. **Gerd Pickel**, University of Leipzig

Religion, fehlendes Sozialkapital und Populismus – unerwartete
Stressfaktoren für die Demokratie?

Dr. **Dannica Fleuß**, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg

Measuring Democratic Deliberation at the Macro Level

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

PD Dr. **Silke Ötsch**, University of Liechtenstein

Democracy and social exclusion

Dr. **Oliviero Angeli**, TU Dresden

Migration and democratic inclusion

*Prof. Dr. **Nikita Dhawan**, International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture (GCSC), University of Gießen*

Feminist perspectives of democratic inclusion

*Prof. Dr. **Rainer Bauböck**, EUI, Florence, Italy.*

Principles of inclusion

*Dr. **Marlene Mauk**, University of Mainz*

Citizen Support for Democratic and Autocratic Regimes

*Prof. Dr. **Francesco Marangoni**, University of Siena, Italy*

Yes to economic solidarity...but outside the EU: Mass and elite attitudes on European economic governance

*Dr. **Anna Lührmann**, University of Gothenburg, Sweden*

Undermining Democracy

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Political representation in liberal democracies

*Prof. Dr. **Thomas Poguntke**, University of Düsseldorf*

Presidentialization in liberal democracies

*Prof. Dr. **Wolfgang Merkel**, Humboldt-University Berlin*

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*Dr. **Norma Osterberg-Kaufmann**, Humboldt University Berlin*

Measuring the Meaning of Democracy – Gridding and Methods of Differentiation in a Singapore Case Study

*Prof. Dr. **Carl Dahlström**, University of Gothenburg, Sweden*

Organizing Leviathan: Politicians, Bureaucrats and Government Performance

2017

*Prof. Dr. **Björn Egner**, TU Darmstadt*

Local political elites in Europe: party ideology and ideology self-assessment from a comparative perspective

*Dr. **Andreas Bågenholm**, University of Gothenburg, Sweden*

Why Voters Support Corrupt Parties: Evidence from the 2017 QoG Regional Survey

*Dr. **Diego Garzia**, University of Lucerne, Switzerland*

Personalization of Politics between Partisan Dealignment and Media Change

*Prof. Dr. **Keith Dowding**, Australian National University, Canberra*

Promotion in Executive Office: Comparison of Men and Women in Westminster Cabinets

*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

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

Dem Deutschen Volke? Die ungleiche Responsivität des Bundestags

*Dr. **Sebastian Bukow**, University of Düsseldorf*

Karriereambitionen von Ratsmitgliedern in deutschen Großstädten

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

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The Evolution of Legislative Democracy and Political Parties in Western Europa

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Deplorable Democracy: Race and the Limits of the American Experiment

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*Prof. Dr. **Susanne Pickel** and Prof. Dr. **Andreas Blätte**, University of Duisburg-Essen*
Responsivität in der Einwanderungsgesellschaft. Die Drift zwischen Bürgern und Politikern

2016

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

The Politics of Environmental Performance

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

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

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The 'Dictator's Endgame': Analyzing Military Behavior in Nonviolent Anti-Incumbent Mass Protests

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Reciprocity in Israel and Palestine

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Die drei Welten demokratischen Handelns - und die Relevanz von Wissensordnungen

*Prof. Dr. **Tiffany Barnes**, University of Kentucky, USA*

Defending the Realm: The Appointment of Female Defense Ministers Worldwide

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

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The State of Democracy in Latin America

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Digitalisierung und Demokratie

*Dr. **Lea Heyne**, University of Zurich, Switzerland*

Why critical is not the same as disaffected: Assessing citizens support for democracy

*Prof. Dr. **Marianne Kneuer**, University of Hildesheim*

Authoritarian Gravity Centers: A comparative perspective on promotion and diffusion of autocracy

*Prof. Dr. **Nils Bandelow**, TU Braunschweig*

Kann informelle Bürgerbeteiligung Konflikte um große Infrastrukturprojekte entschärfen? Vorläufige Ergebnisse von Befragungen zur Schiene Nord

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*Prof. Dr. **Carlos Gervasoni**, Universidad Torcuati Di Tella, Argentina*

Subnational Democracy in (Cross-National) Comparative Perspective

***Malte Pennkamp**, University of Halle-Wittenberg*

Anfänger im Expertenparlament - Neuparlamentarier im Lichte der Einarbeitung

*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?

*Prof. Dr. **Hans Jörg Trenz**, University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

The Spiral of Euroscepticism: Media negativity, framing and EU opposition

*Prof. Dr. **Simon Hix**, London School of Economics, UK*

After the National Elections: What Future for Britain in Europe?

*Prof. Dr. **Tanja Börzel**, Free University of Berlin*

Mehr Effektivität für weniger Demokratie? Warum Europäisches Recht immer weniger verletzt wird

*Prof. Dr. **Michael Zürn**, Social Science Research Center (WZB) Berlin*

Legitimationsprobleme im Früheuropäismus: Die Politisierung der EU in der Finanzkrise

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The Effect of Migration Policy on Support for a Political Candidate. Is it the Message, the Vocal Intonation or the Label?

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Gender and 'Just War': The Links between Interstate and Interpersonal Violence in Advanced Societies

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Europäische Integration: Die unvollendete Revolution

*Prof. Dr. **Thomas Christiansen**, Maastricht University, Netherlands*

Electing the Commission President: Intra-institutional Change and Inter-institutional Relations in the EU

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The Rise of Personal Leaders. Italy in comparative perspective

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Die arabische Welt im Umbruch: alte und neue Herausforderungen für die Europäische Union

*Dr. **Jolanda van der Noll**, Fern-Universität Hagen*

Anti-Muslim prejudice or protecting our values? Reactions to value-violating behaviour

***Florian Fischer**, University of Hannover*

Was ist Politische Bildung? Eine empirische Erhebung der Vorstellungen von Lehramtsstudierenden

*Prof. Dr. **Christoph Hönnige**, University of Hannover*

The German Constitutional Court: Conceptualizing an Innovative Database

*Dr. **Johannes Karremans**, European University Institute (EUI), Florence,*

Italy State interests versus citizens' preferences: on which side do parties stand?

*Prof. Dr. **Helle Porsdam**, University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

Human rights as cultural rights?

*Prof. Dr. **Andrea Lenschow**, University of Osnabrück*

Umweltintegration in harten Zeiten. Klimaintegration als Ausweg und nächste „große Idee“?

2014

Prof. Dr. Jens Steffek, TU Darmstadt

Internationales Recht und nationale Selbstbestimmung

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

Prof. Dr. Anja Jetschke, University of Göttingen

Der Internationale Strafgerichtshof

Dr. Jan Eichhorn, University of Edinburgh, UK

The campaigns are over – the work begins: The result of the Scottish

independence referendum and its consequences

Prof. Dr. Douglas Torgerson, Trent University, Canada

Democracy and Critical Policy Studies: What is the Connection?

Prof. Dr. Vello Pettai, University of Tartu, Estonia

The Ukraine Crisis: Are the Baltic States Next?

Dr. Eva-Clarita Pettai, University of Tartu, Estonia

Transitional and Retrospective Justice: Conceptual Differentiation and
Comparative Application

Dr. Anna Fruhstorfer, Humboldt University Berlin

Presidential Power between Constitution and Reality

Prof. Dr. Brigitte Geissel, University of Frankfurt (Main)

Verbessern demokratische Innovationen die Qualität von Demokratie?

Prof. Dr. Luca Verzicelli, University of Siena, Italy

The Difficult Road to Brussels: Elite Circulation between Domestic and
European Institutions

Dr. Marie Winckler, University of Marburg

Zum professionellen Umgang mit rechtsextremen Vorfällen in Schule
und Unterricht

Prof. Huan Quingzhi, Beijing University, China

Democracy and New Politics in Contemporary China

Dr. Bojana Kocijan, Central European University, Budapest,

Hungary Prime Ministerial Political Scandals in Central and Eastern
Europe

Prof. Dr. Detlef Jahn, University of Greifswald

Environmental Performance in Highly Industrialized Democracies

Prof. Dr. Antje Wiener, University of Hamburg

A Theory of Contestation: Filling the Legitimacy Gap in Global
Governance

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?

*Prof. Dr. **Gary Schaal**, Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg* . Von der Logik der Demokratie zur Logik des Marktes? Neoliberales Denken in den Massenmedien 1949-2011

*Dr. **Tatiana Karabchuk**, Laboratory for Comparative Social Research Moscow, Russia*

Job Stability and Fertility: The Impact of Labor-Market Institutions across Europe

*Dr. **Marianne Beisheim**, Science and Politics Foundation (SWP), Berlin*

Nachhaltige Entwicklung für alle? Ziele, Institutionen und Partnerschaften in der UN-Nachhaltigkeitspolitik nach Rio+20

*Prof. **Rory Fitzgerald**, City University London, UK*

Acculturation amongst those moving from East to West: attitudes towards homosexuality in comparative perspective

*Prof. Dr. **Nicole Deitelhoff**, University of Frankfurt/M*

Der globale Wutbürger? Widerstand und Herrschaft in der internationalen Politik

2013

*Prof. Dr. **Nebojsa Blanus**, University of Zagreb, Croatia*

Political unconscious of Croatia and the EU: tracing the Yugoslav syndrome

*Prof. Dr. **Anna Geis**, University of Magdeburg*

Die Theorie des „demokratischen Friedens“ und ihre Kritiker

*Prof. Dr. **Frank Fischer**, Rutgers University, USA*

Deliberating nuclear safety

*Prof. Dr. **Thomas Risse**, Free University of Berlin*

Geht's auch ohne Staat? Regieren in Räumen begrenzter Staatlichkeit als Herausforderung für Global Governance

*Dr. **Benedetta Cotta**, European University Institute Florence, Italy*

Variation in the implementation compliance: an analysis of the waste-management policies in Hungary and Poland

*PD Dr. **Frieder Wolf**, University of Heidelberg*

Die Härtefallkommissionen der Bundesländer und die Vereinheitlichung des Asylrechts

*Prof. Dr. **Thomas Koelble**, University of Cape Town, South Africa*

Economic Development and the Nature of the Post-Colonial State

*Dr. **Diego Garcia**, European University Institute, Florence, Italy*

Personalization of politics and electoral change

*Prof. Dr. **Jean Blondel**, European University Institute Florence, Italy*

Faces of Presidentialism in the Contemporary World

*Prof. Dr. **Jessica Fortin-Rittberger**, University of Salzburg, Austria*

Measurements of Presidential Power

*Prof. **Serban Tanasa**, Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg,*

Russia Happier than thou

*Dr. **Christian von Soest**, GIGA, Hamburg*

Auswirkungen von Sanktionen auf Demokratisierung

*Prof. Dr. **Michael Minkenberg**, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt*

Religion, Staat und Demokratie in der westlichen Welt:

*Prof. Dr. **Gerd Meyer**, University of Tübingen*

Wer wagt, gewinnt? – Zivilcourage in Gesellschaft und Politik

***Miriam Hufnagl**, Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation*

Research ISI, Karlsruhe Strategische Politikgestaltung in der

Innovationspolitik

*Prof. Dr. **Marc Debus**, University of Mannheim*

Demokratische Responsivität? Länge und Inhalte von

Abgeordnetenreden im Deutschen Bundestag

2012

*Dr. **Till Weber** Humboldt University Berlin, Prof. Dr. **Florian Grotz** CSD*

When do new parties enter government? The case of Central and Eastern Europe

*Dr. **Sabine Bossert**, University of Lübeck*

Priorisierung in der Medizin: Potentiale und Grenzen deliberativer Bürgerbeteiligung

*Dr. Prof. **Sabine Kropp**, University of Administrative Sciences, Speyer*

Hierarchie und Netzwerke in den russischen Regionen. Governance unter den Bedingungen eines semi-autoritären Systems

*Prof. Dr. **Ronald Inglehart**, University of Michigan, USA*

Evolutionary modernization and cultural change

*Prof. Dr. **Bernard Grofman**, University of California, Irvine, USA*

Selection bias in the dependent variable(s) in political science research

*Prof. Dr. **Thomas Koelble**, University of Cape Town, South Africa*

The failure of decentralization in South Africa: complexity and unanticipated consequences

*Prof. Dr. **Zlatko Šabič**, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia*

International parliamentary institutions – a research agenda

*Prof. Dr. **Juliet Kaarbo**, University of Edinburgh, UK*

Personality and politics: prime ministers' beliefs and leadership styles

*Dr. **Lars Vogel**, University of Jena*

Zwischen Führung und Responsivität

*Prof. Dr. **Christoph Möllers**, Humboldt University Berlin*

Demokratische Legitimation in der EU

*Prof. Dr. **Jan Delhey**, Jacobs University Bremen*

Is trust in co-Europeans relevant for citizens' support for political integration?

*Prof. Dr. **John Keane**, University of Sydney, Australia*

Monitoring democracy: a new perspective on contemporary trends

2011

*Prof. Dr. **Christoph H. Stefes**, University of Colorado, USA*

Explaining the stability of autocratic regimes – beyond elites and formal institutions

*Prof. Dr. **Daniele Caramani**, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland*

Discrepant electorates: the Inclusiveness of electorates and its impact on the representation of citizens

*Prof. Dr. **Jens Steffek**, TU Darmstadt*

Demokratie und Technologie im internationalen Regieren

*Dr. **Conor Little** & Dr. **Holger Döring**, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, and University of Bremen*

Ministerial career patterns in seventeen parliamentary democracies

*Prof. Dr. **Matthias Basedau**, GIGA, Hamburg*

Managing ethnic conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa (and beyond): prospects and limits of institutional engineering

*Dr. **Martha Worsching**, Loughborough University, UK*

Political participation of young people in Britain

*Prof. Dr. **Thomas Koelble**, University of Cape Town, South Africa,*

Democracy and State Capacity

*Prof. Dr. **Matthijs Bogaards**, Jacobs University Bremen*

Electoral systems and peace

*Dr. **Oleh Protsyk**, University of Flensburg*

Semi-presidentialism under post-communism

*Prof. Dr. **Jean Blondel**, European University Institute, Florence, Italy*

A plea for a genuine “micro political” analysis in political science

***Stefanie John**, University of Bochum*

Die deutschen Parteien im europäischen Mehrebenenstern: Konsistent zwischen Positionierung und politischem Handeln

2010

*Dr. **Johannes Oeschlies**, 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

*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

*Prof. Dr. **André Kaiser**, University of Cologne*

Föderalismus, Dezentralisierung und Performanz

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Möglichkeiten und Grenzen einer kontextspezifischen Theorie der politischen Führung

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Three images of democracy in the United States: unchecked, balanced and qualified

*Prof. Dr. **Frank Decker**, University of Bonn*

Direkte Demokratie auf der Landesebene

*Prof. Dr. **Michael Haus**, University of Kassel*

Die Mittelschicht als Opfer und Profiteur demokratischer Wohlfahrtstaatlichkeit

***Henrike Schultze**, Social Science Research Center (WZB) Berlin*

Koalitionsstabilität in Mittelosteuropa

*Prof. Dr. **Armin Schäfer**, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies,*

Cologne. Warum eine sinkende Wahlbeteiligung der Demokratie schadet

*Prof. Dr. **Dierk Borstel**, University of Bielefeld*

Kommunale Strategien gegen Rechts

2009

*Prof. Dr. **Daniel Bochler**, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary*

Representing inequalities: how can social conflict be radicalized through political institutions?

*Dr. **Lars Johannsen**, University of Aarhus, Denmark*

Corruption and democracy: recent research findings from post-communist countries

***Wolfgang Freter**, Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior,*

Entwicklung und den Stand rechtsextremistischer Aktivitäten in Niedersachsen

*Dr. **Fernando Casal Bértoa**, European University Institute, Florence, It*

Sources of party system institutionalization in new European democracies: Lessons from East Central Europe

*Prof. **Huan Quingzhi**, Shadong University, China*

Seeking for the right direction: political reform development in China after 30 years

*Prof. Dr. **Jean Blondel**, European University Institute, Florence, Italy*

Switzerland as a model for the EU

*Prof. Dr. **Jan-Hinrik Meyer-Sahling**, University of Nottingham, UK*

Post-accession sustainability of administrative reforms in new EU member states

*Dr. **Allan Sikk**, London School of Economics, UK*

Green without a tinge of red: the fall and rise of Estonian Greens

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Rechtswissenschaft als Europawissenschaft

2008

*Prof. **Leslie Holmes**, University of Melbourne, Australia*

Crime, organized crime and corruption in post-communist Europe and the CIS

*Dr. **Silvia Bolgherini**, Università di Napoli Federico II, Naples, Italy*

The impact of EU cohesion policy on member states

*Prof. Dr. **Kurt Richard Luther**, Keele University, UK*

Europeanization of national parties

*Prof. Dr. **Philippe C. Schmitter**, European University Institute, Florence, Italy*

Second thoughts on what democracy is... and is not

*Prof. Dr. **Andreas Busch**, University of Göttingen / Oxford University*

Privacy, politics and protest. What do we know?

*Prof. Dr. **Stefan Marschall**, University of Düsseldorf*

Zum parlamentarischen Frieden? Design und Ergebnisse des paks-Projekts an der Universität Düsseldorf

2007

***Holger Döring**, University of Konstanz*

Politische Repräsentation in Europa: Die parteipolitische Zusammensetzung der EU-Institutionen

*Prof. **Andrei Markovits**, University of Michigan, USA*

Sport und Politik

Alexandra Ionascu, *Free University of Brussels, Belgium*

Romanian political elites: When (and how) does the selection of minister's matter?

Prof. Dr. Joachim Raschke, *University of Hamburg*

Politische Strategien

Prof. Dr. Joachim Radkau, *University of Bielefeld*

Öko-Bewegung – Ein moderner Mythos?

2006

Prof. Dr. John Higley, *University of Texas, USA*

Elite foundations of liberal democracy

Prof. Dr. Richard Stöss, *Free University of Berlin*

Rechtsextremismus im Wandel

Dr. Oleh Protsyk, *European Center for Minority Issues, Flensburg*

Institutional sources of variation in democratic performance of the Western CIS countries

Dr. Guido Tiemann, *European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)*

Wahlsysteme, Parteiensysteme und politische Repräsentationen in Osteuropa

2005

Prof. Dr. Michael Huelshoff, *University of New Orleans, USA*

Institutions, structure and political parties in new and old Democracies

Prof. Dr. Vello Pettai, *University of Tartu, Estonia*

The institutionalization of the political class in the Baltic States

Dr. Delia Schindler, *University of Hamburg*

Urban Governance. Wandel von Steuerungsmustern durch Netzwerke

Dr. Harry Boyte, *University of Minnesota, USA*

Sources of Democracy

Prof. Dr. Friedbert Rüb, *University of Hamburg*

Governance in der Demokratie. Ist der Begriff des Regierens antiquiert?

Prof. Dr. Jean Blondel, *European University Institute, Florence, Italy*

Governing the New Europe

Prof. Dr. Steffen Ganghof, *Max Planck Institute, University of Cologne*

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

2004

*Prof. Dr. **Markus Crepaz**, University of Georgia, USA*

The Impact of Collective and Competitive Veto Points on Public Expenditures

Lectures on research projects by members of the Department of Political Science/CSD



Public lectures

*May 2004, **Sven Herlyn**, Executive Vice President of NORD/LB (North German State Bank)*

Die Nordoststrategie der NORD/LB im Kontext der EU-Osterweiterung

*October 28 2005, Prof. Dr. **Albert Janssen**, Director of Parliament in Lower Saxony*

Brauchen wir eine neue deutsche Verfassung?

*January 21 2006, **Sigmar Gabriel**, Federal Minister of the Environment*
Umweltpolitische Herausforderungen nach der Konferenz in Bali

November 7 2023, **Sigmar Gabriel**, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs
and Vice-Chancellor of the FRG
Europa in unbequemen Zeiten

VII Honorary Hans Dieter Klingemann lecture

- 2024** Professor **Michael Bernhard**, *University of Florida*
Party System Institutionalization and the Durability of Competitive Authoritarian Regimes
- 2023** Professor **Andrew Moravcsik**, *Princeton University*
More Bark than Bite: Why Extreme Right Populist Parties Achieve so little in Foreign Policy
- 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 **Staffen 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 Politikwissenschaft 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

(year of completion, name of researcher, name of first supervisor)

2024

Alexander Leipold (Prof.Dr. Marion Reiser)

2023

Anna Siede (Professor Dr. Sybille Münch)

Niklas Krösche (Professor Dr. Tobias Lenz)

Felix Bräuning (Professor Dr. Thomas Saretzki)

2022

Anna Elisabeth Schmitz (Professor Dr. Christian Welzel)

Swentja Schirmer (Professor Dr. Tobias Lenz)

2021

Lea-Katharina Rzadtke (Prof. Dr. Sybille Münch)

Pavel Satra (Prof. Dr. Vera van Hüllen)

Xavier Romero Vidal (Prof. Dr. Christian Welzel)

Tobias Schottdorf, (Prof. Dr. Thomas Saretzki)

Jakob Schwörer (Prof. Dr. Marion Reiser)

2020

Henrike Wehrkamp, (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)

Jan Günter Berz, (Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)

2019

Nina-Kathrin Wienkoop (Prof. Dr. Sebastian Elischer)

Veit Ebermann (Prof. Dr. Thomas Saretzki)

Lena Karin Wach (Prof. Dr. Dawid Friedrich)

Camilo Fidel Fautz (Prof. Dr. Thomas Saretzki)

2018

Stefan Kruse (Prof. Dr. Christain Welzel)

Maria Ravlik (Prof. Dr. Christian Welzel)

2017

Felipe Böttcher (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)

2015

Jessica Kunert (Prof. Dr. Florian Grotz)

Sabine Bossert (Prof. Dr. Thomas Saretzki)

2014

Henrike Knappe (Prof. Dr. Dawid Friedrich)

Esther Seha (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)

Kilian Seng (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)

2013

Ina Kubbe (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)

Charlotte Freund (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)

Henrike Englert (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)

2012

Julia Verlinden (Prof. Dr. Thomas Saretzki)

Basil Bornemann (Prof. Dr. Thomas Saretzki)

Henry Arends (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)

Alexander Götz (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)

2008

Katja Fettelschoß (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)

Stefan Lage (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)

2007

Thomas Hirsch (Prof. Dr. Uwe Thaysen)

Sebastian Lovens (Prof. Dr. Uwe Thaysen)

2006

Philipp Harfst (Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel)

Helmut Klaus (Prof. Dr. Uwe Thaysen)

2004

Ralf Tils (Prof. Dr. Thomas Saretzki)

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

Belén Gonzales

Evaluation Junior Professor, 2023



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