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CURRENT POSITION

- Since 04/2022 **University of Trier**
Assistant Professor for Empirical Democracy Research
- Since 07/2022 **Trier Institute for Research on Parties and Democracy (TIDuP)**
Board member

EDUCATION

- 10/2015 - 03/2020 **Humboldt University of Berlin**, Doctorate
Thesis on “Retrospective pledge voting: how voters punish government parties for breaking their pledges.”
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Heike Klüver and Prof. Dr. Bernhard Weßels
Grade: Summa cum laude
- 10/2012 - 09/2015 **University of Potsdam**
Master of Arts Political Science
- 10/2008 - 09/2012 **Technical University of Dresden**
Bachelor of Arts Political Science and Philosophy
- 02/2011 - 07/2011 **Sciences Po Lyon, France**
Visiting student
- 07/2007 **Einstein Gymnasium, Neuenhagen**
Abitur

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 04/2020 - 04/2022 **Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)**
Postdoc Fellow at the Research Department B ‘European Political Systems and their Integration’
- 10/2015 - 03/2020 **WZB Berlin Social Science Center**
Research Fellow at the DFG research project “Manifesto Research on Political Representation” (MARPOR)
Principal investigator: Prof. Dr. Bernhard Weßels
- 01/2015 - 10/2015 **WZB Berlin Social Science Center**
Student Research Assistant at MARPOR
- 10/2013 - 01/2015 **University of Potsdam, Chair of Comparative Political Science**
Student research assistant at the DFG research project “Analysis of the Coordination Regimes in Parliamentary Democracies”, Prof. Dr. Steffen Ganghof
- 04/2013 - 12/2014 **University of Potsdam, Chair of Sociology of Gender**
Student research assistant at ANR / DFG research project “The Metamorphosis of (Gender) Equality”, Prof. Dr. Theresa Wobbe
- 05/2014 - 07/2014 **DWR Eco**, Internship at an agency for strategic communications, political positioning and the development of new business areas in the cleantech sector, Berlin

- 03/2013 - 05/2013 **Republik Movidia**, Internship at an agency for political communication, Berlin
- 05/2014 - 07/2014 **Maison Heinrich Heine**, Internship at the German cultural institute at the Cité Universitaire, Paris
- 06/2011 - 03/2012 **Technical University of Dresden, Chair of Comparative Politics**
Student research assistant at the DFG research project “Transcendence and Common Sense as Resources for the Construction of Political Order”, Prof. Dr. Werner J. Patzelt
- 09/2010 - 12/2010 **Technical University of Dresden, “Hannah Arendt Institute for Research on Totalitarianism” (HAIT)**
Student research assistant for the republication of “Totalitarian democracy” written by Jacob L. Talmon, Prof. Dr. Uwe Backes
- 2008 - 2009 **Technical University of Dresden, CATI-Labor**, Interviewer (telephone and face-to-face)
- 09/2007 - 07/2008 **Au-Pair** in Paris

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 09/2020 Didactic training: Webinar Interaction and Collaboration, University of Lucerne
- 11/2019 Didactic training: Creative methods of teaching, HU Berlin
- 02/2018 Workshop: Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis using Quanteda, WZB
- 07/2017 Essex Summer School, Course: Designing, Conducting, and Analysing Social Science Experiments in the Field, Surveys, and the Laboratory, University of Essex
- 09/2016 Workshop: Visualisation in Stata, WZB
- 08/2016 ECPR Summer School ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Course: Process Tracing Methodology II Evidence and Empirical Testing in Practice, Central European University in Budapest

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Matthieß, Theres (2022): Retrospective pledge voting and mistrusting citizens: Evidence for the electoral punishment of pledge breakage from a survey experiment, *Electoral Studies*.

Matthieß, Theres (2020): Retrospective pledge voting: A comparative study of the electoral consequences of government parties pledge fulfilment, *European Journal of Political Research*.

Matthieß, Theres (2019): Equal Performance of Minority and Majority Coalitions? Pledge Fulfilment in the German State of NRW, *German Politics*.

BOOKS

Lehmann, Pola, Theres Matthieß, Sven Regel & Prof. Bernhard Weßels (2022): *Politikfelder, Koalitionspotentiale und Koalitionsrealität bei der Bundestagswahl 2021*, Bielefeld: transcript Verlag.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Matthieß, Theres & Robert Vehrkamp (2022): Bilanz der Großen Koalition von 2018 bis 2021: Versprechen, Umsetzung und Wahrnehmung des Regierungsprogrammes, in: Karl-Rudolf Korte et al. (Eds): *Die Bundestagswahl 2021: Analysen der Wahl-, Parteien-, Kommunikations- und Regierungsforschung*, Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

Matthieß, Theres and Sven Regel (2020): Wollen wir uns streiten? Zur Legitimität von Konflikt und Kooperation im Parlament, in: Kneip, Sascha; Wolfgang Merkel, and Bernhard Weßels (Eds): *Legitimitätsprobleme. Zur Lage der Demokratie in Deutschland.*, Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

Lehmann, Pola, Theres Matthieß and Sven Regel (2019): Rechts der anderen: Themen und Positionen der AfD im Parteienwettbewerb, in: Weßels, Bernhard and Wolfgang Schröder (Eds): *Smarte Spalter. Die AfD zwischen Bewegung und Parlament*, Bonn: Dietz Verlag.

Lehmann, Pola, Theres Matthieß and Sven Regel (2019): Die AfD-Programmatik auf Landesebene: Immer das Gleiche?, in: Weßels, Bernhard and Wolfgang Schröder (Eds): *Smarte Spalter. Die AfD zwischen Bewegung und Parlament*, Bonn: Dietz Verlag.

DATASETS

Matthieß, Theres (2020): Legislative pledge fulfilment in the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia (2005-2007, 2010-2012), Berlin: Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB).

Volkens, Andrea, Pola Lehmann, Theres Matthieß, Nicolas Merz, Sven Regel and Bernhard Weßels (2015-2020): The Manifesto Data Collection. Manifesto Project (MRG/CMP/MARPOR), Berlin: Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB).

Volkens, Andrea, Pola Lehmann, Theres Matthieß, Nicolas Merz, Sven Regel and Bernhard Weßels (2015-2020): Manifesto Corpus, Berlin: Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Vehrkamp, Robert and Theres Matthieß (2021): Besser als ihr Ruf. Halbzeitbilanz der Großen Koalition zur Umsetzung des Koalitionsvertrags 2018, Demokratiemonitor - WZB and Bertelsmann Stiftung.

Vehrkamp, Robert and Theres Matthieß (2019): Besser als ihr Ruf. Halbzeitbilanz der Großen Koalition zur Umsetzung des Koalitionsvertrags 2018, Demokratiemonitor - WZB and Bertelsmann Stiftung.

Vehrkamp, Robert and Theres Matthieß (2018): Versprochen wird nicht gebrochen, Einwurf - Bertelsmann Stiftung, 1.

Lehmann, Pola and Theres Matthieß (2017): Nation und Tradition. Wie die Alternative für Deutschland nach rechts rückt, WZB Mitteilungen, 156, 21-24.

UNDER REVIEW

Matthieß, Theres and Fraser McMillan (under review): Rewarded for Resistance? Opposition Parties and Retrospective Pledge Voting, Research & Politics.

Matthieß, Theres (under review): Retrospective pledge voting in a comparative perspective: how the political context shapes electoral punishment of pledge breakers, Oxford University Press.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Promissory representation and group politics: A survey experimental test on voters reactions to group targeted pledge performances (presented at the EPSA 2022). *In cooperation with Dr. Isabelle Guinaudeau, Science Po Paris, and Dr. Elisa Deiss-Helbig, University of Stuttgart.*

Who deserves? Explaining individual variations in the deservingness perceptions of social groups (presented at the ECPR 2022). *In cooperation with Dr. Isabelle Guinaudeau and Dr. Elisa Deiss-Helbig.*

When do citizens (not) prefer minority governments (presented at the EPSA 2022). *In cooperation with Prof. Dr. Christian Stecker, University of Darmstadt.*

No tolerance for parties breaking their promises? What citizens (do not) want from their parties (presented at the workshop 'The Promises of Democracy', Villa Vigoni 2022).

Experience or loyalty? Analysis of the effect of ministers' political and personal features on their ability to implement their parties' positions – a comparison between East and West European countries (presented at the Pledges Workshop 2021). *In cooperation with Ass. Prof. Petra Vodov, University of Hradec Krlov.*

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 10/2022 - 03/2023 Teaching Incentive Fund (TIF) from the University of Trier for the evolution of the methodological and statistical academic programme of the BA Political Science (in cooperation with Dr. Lasse Cronqvist, overall funding volume: 2,546 €)
- 06/2022 - 05/2025 ANR-DFG grant for the project 'Unequal mandate responsiveness? How electoral promises and their realizations target groups in France and Germany' (in cooperation with Dr. Elisa Deiss-Helbig and Dr. Isabelle Guinaudeau, overall funding volume: 509,119 €)
- 11/2021 Shortlist for the ECPR Jean Blondel Dissertation Prize
- 10/2021 - 10/2023 DFG grant for the project 'Group targeting in election pledges' (GROUPTA) (in cooperation with Dr. Elisa Deiss-Helbig and Dr. Isabelle Guinaudeau, funding volume: 295,467 €)
- 07/2021 Shortlist for the DVPW Dissertation Prize
- 06/2016 Berlin Digital Humanities Award 2016 for the Manifesto Corpus (with Pola Lehmann, Jirka Lewandowski, Nicolas Merz and Sven Regel)
- 03/2016 - 03/2022 Two DFG grants for the Manifesto Project: 3rd funding period 2016-2019 and 4th funding period 2019-2022 (co-writing of application, principal applicants: Dr. Andrea Volkens, Prof. Dr. Bernhard Weßels, overall funding volume: 2,455,423 €)
- 09/2012 - 06/2013 DAAD grant for the Dual Degree Master programme of Free University of Berlin and Science Po Paris (not taken up)
- 02/2011 - 07/2011 Erasmus grant for a semester abroad in Lyon, France

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

- Since 03/2017 **Coalition pledge fulfilment in Germany, Bertelsmann Stiftung**
Scientific supervisor of a study on coalition pledge fulfilment in Germany (since 2013), in cooperation with Dr. Robert Vehrkamp (Senior Advisor of the Program 'Future of Democracy', Bertelsmann Stiftung)

MEDIA

- News
- Interview: Ist das Rennen um den OB-Posten in Trier schon gelaufen?, SWR, 12.09.2022.
- So kann das Bündnis der Gegensätze funktionieren: Ein Vertrag und von Fall zu Fall Abstimmungen ohne Koalitionszwang, Der Tagesspiegel, 01.12.2021.
- Was bei Koalitionsverhandlungen hinter verschlossenen Türen geschieht. Krautreporter, 20.10.2021.
- Minderheitsregierung. Interview in der RNZ, 29.09.2021.
- Koalitionsverhandlungen: Wie die Parteien ihre Positionen stärken können. Forschung & Lehre, 29.09.2021.
- Wählerinnen und Wähler wünschen pragmatische Unterstützung einer möglichen Minderheitsregierung. idw – Informationsdienst Wissenschaft, 28.09.2021.
- 'GroKo-Bilanz: Ära Merkel endet in sozialdemokratischer Dominanz, Welt am Sonntag, 04.12.2020.
- Analyse zur Bundestagswahl - Was tun Parteien für bessere Bildungschancen? ZDF WISO, 23.08.2021.
- 'GroKo-Bilanz: Ära Merkel endet in sozialdemokratischer Dominanz, Welt am Sonntag, 04.12.2020.
- Faktencheck bei Maischberger: 'Hat die SPD einen Großteil ihrer Koalitionsziele durchgesetzt?', Das Erste, 19.02.2020.
- 'Voller Eigenlob - Halbzeitbilanz der GroKo', Heute Journal ZDF, 06.11.2019.
- Merkel's government delivers on promises, but voters aren't convinced, Deutsche Welle, 19.08.2019.
- El Gobierno alemán: una gran coalición que ejecuta, pese a su reputación, El Pas, 06.12.2019.
- Blogposts
- 'Regieren in Zeiten der Pandemie' (with Lars Bischoff and Dr. Robert Vehrkamp), Vielfalt leben – Gesellschaft gestalten, 09.12.2020.
- Koalitionsvertrag: lohnt sich das Ringen? (with Robert Vehrkamp), WZB Democracy Blog, 27.02.2018.
- Besser als die gefühlte Wahrheit. Ein Wahlprogrammanalyse von SPD und Union des Manifesto Projekts (with Pola Lehmann, Nicolas Merz and Sven Regel), WZB Democracy Blog, 21.09.2017.
- Nationalismus, gesellschaftliche Homogenität und Traditionalismus. Die programmatische Alternative für Deutschland? (with Pola Lehmann), WZB Democracy Blog, 08.08.2017.
- Podcasts
- 'Minderheitsregierung: zu instabil für Deutschland?', 1101 Berlin - Das Ziel heißt Bundestag, September 2021.
- 'Minderheitsregierungen', WZB Democracy Podcast, November 2017.
- 'Wie die Alternative für Deutschland nach rechts rückt' (with Pola Lehmann), WZB Democracy Podcast, October 2017.

TALKS ON INVITATION

'The role of coalition agreements in Germany', Lecture Series 'Monday Lectures on Research and Teaching', University of Trier, January 2023.

'How voters react to government parties (not) keeping their pledges', University of Gothenburg, March 2020.

'Promised and broken?', Round table at the Deutsches Historisches Museum (DHM) in Berlin – part of the lecture series 'Achtung Demokratie', April 2019.

'Operation Minderheitsregierung', SPD Göttingen, March 2018.

'Germany: Quo vadis?' Political Challenges Brown Bag Lunch, WZB Berlin, February 2018.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- Organiser
- Research colloquium of the Trier Institute for Democracy and Party Research" (TIDUP), October 2022-February 2023, Trier.
 - Panel 'The role of social groups in politics: what parties offer and how voters respond' at ECPR General Conference, August 2022, Innsbruck.
 - Research colloquia at the MZES, Research Department B, March–June 2021, Mannheim.
 - 5th Workshop on Research on Political Behaviour in Berlin and Brandenburg (with Heiko Giebler), WZB Berlin, January 2020, Berlin.
 - Text Analysis Workshop (with Pola Lehmann, Werner Krause, Sven Regel, and Bernhard Weßels), WZB Berlin, September 2019, Berlin.
 - The Manifesto User Conference 2019 (with Pola Lehmann, Werner Krause, and Sven Regel), WZB Berlin, March 2019, Berlin.
 - Panel 'Vertrauen - Währung stabiler Demokratien?' at Dreiländertagung, February 2019, Zurich (with Katrin Praprotnik).
 - The Manifesto Corpus Conference (with Pola Lehmann, Nicolas Merz, and Sven Regel), WZB Berlin, February 2018, Berlin.
 - Workshop on Party Mandate Fulfilment at the WZB, November 2016, Berlin.
 - Section 'Party Politics' at ECPR Graduate Conference, July 2016, Tartu (with Svenja Krauss).
 - The Manifesto Project User Conference (with Pola Lehmann, Nicolas Merz, Sven Regel and Annika Werner), WZB Berlin, June 2015, Berlin.

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| Presenter | <p>ECPR (Panel: The role of social groups in politics: what parties offer and how voters respond), August 2022, Innsbruck.</p> <p>EPSA (Panels: Coalitions and Minority Governments; Retrospective Voting and Accountability), June 2022, Prague.</p> <p>Workshop on The Promises of Democracy (organised by Prof. Claudia Landwehr & Prof. Armin Schäfer), Mai 2022, Villa Vigoni, Italy.</p> <p>Online Workshop of the Comparative Party Pledges Project (organised by Prof. Robert Thomson), December 2021, Virtual Conference.</p> <p>ECPR General Conference (Panel: Advances in Research on Parties Election Pledges), August/September 2021, Virtual Conference.</p> <p>EPSA (Panels: Political Representation; Winning Votes), June 2021, Virtual Conference.</p> <p>ECPR General Conference (Panel: Election Pledges, the Mass Media, and Electoral Outcomes), August 2020, Virtual Conference.</p> <p>Political Behavioural Workshop - Berlin and Brandenburg (Panel: Responsiveness and Representation), June 2019, Potsdam.</p> <p>EPSA (Panel: Election Pledges and Voters), June 2019, Belfast.</p> <p>The Manifesto User Conference 2019 (Panel: Representation), March 2019, Berlin.</p> <p>EPSA (Panel: Electoral Effects of Party Competition), June 2018, Vienna.</p> <p>Political Behavioural Workshop - Berlin and Brandenburg (Panel: Governments, Parties and Candidates), November 2017, Berlin.</p> <p>Workshop on Party Mandate Fulfilment at the WZB, November 2016, Berlin.</p> <p>ECPR Graduate Conference (Panel: Representation and responsiveness), July 2016, Tartu.</p> |
| Discussant | <p>ECPR (Panel: The role of social groups in politics: what parties offer and how voters respond), August 2022, Innsbruck.</p> <p>EPSA (Panel: Economic voting), June 2022, Prague.</p> <p>Online Workshop of the Comparative Party Pledges Project (organised by Prof. Robert Thomson), December 2021, Virtual Conference.</p> <p>ECPR General Conference (Panel: Advances in Research on Parties Election Pledges), August/September 2021, Virtual Conference.</p> <p>EPSA (Panel: Winning Votes), June 2021, Virtual Conference.</p> <p>ECPR General Conference (Panel: Election Pledges, the Mass Media, and Electoral Outcomes), August 2020, Virtual Conference.</p> <p>Political Behavioural Workshop - Berlin and Brandenburg (Panel: Responsiveness and Representation), June 2019, Potsdam.</p> <p>The Manifesto Corpus Conference (Panel: Extending the Manifesto Corpus), WZB Berlin, February 2018.</p> <p>Workshop: Quantitative Text Analysis in Manifesto Research, WZB Berlin, July 2016.</p> <p>ECPR Graduate Conference (Panel: Party System: Stability and Emergence?), July 2016, Tartu.</p> |

COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATION

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| Since 03/2022 | Appointed member of committee of the committee of the graduate center of the University of Trier (GUT) |
| 09/2020 - 02/2022 | Elected representative of the researchers at the MZES (department AB-B) |
| 05/2020 - 02/2022 | Appointed member of the MZES library committee |
| 06/2019 - 03/2020 | Appointed member of the WZB Search Committee 'Director in the Field of Democracy Research' |
| 03/2019 - 03/2020 | Elected member of the WZB academic council |
| 07/2015 | Organisation of a trip for young scientists at the WZB ('NaWi-Fahrt') |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Winter 2022/2023 | BA Lecture and Seminar: Methods and Statistics in Political Science, University of Trier, Language: German |
| Summer 2022 | BA Seminar and Practical Exercise: The role of Election Pledges in a Comparative Perspective, University of Trier, Language: German |
| Winter 2020/2021 | BA Course: Political Participation, University of Mannheim, Language: German |
| Summer 2021 | BA Course: Measuring party preferences: from electoral programmes to positions, University of Mannheim, Language: English |
| Winter 2020/2021 | BA Course: Introduction to Scientific Writing, University of Mannheim, Language: German |
| Winter 2018/2019 | BA Course: Democratic Representation, Humboldt-University of Berlin, Language: German |
| Winter 2015/2016 | Presentation of the Manifesto Project's methodology at various classes at the HU Berlin |

REVIEWER

American Journal of Political Studies, Australian Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Science, East European Politics and Society, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, Journal of European Public Policy, Party Politics, Representation, SN Social Sciences

MEMBERSHIPS

Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)
European Political Science Association (EPSA)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

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| German: | Native |
| English: | Professional working proficiency |
| French: | Advanced proficiency |
| Italian: | Elementary proficiency |

COMPUTING SKILLS

Statistics: R, STATA
Other: L^AT_EX, Git, MS Office

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