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CURRENT POSITION

- Since 04/2022 **University of Trier**
Assistant Professor for Empirical Democracy Research
- Since 04/2020 **WZB Berlin Social Science Center**
Associated researcher, Research Unit 'Center for Civil Society Research'

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 Movida**, 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 (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 & Bernhard Weßels (forthcoming): Politikfelder, Koalitionspotentiale und Koalitionsrealität bei der Bundestagswahl 2021, tansprict Verlag.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Matthieß, Theres & Robert Vehrkamp (forthcoming): Bilanz der Groen 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*, Springer Verlag.

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, Government & Opposition.

Matthieß, Theres (under review): Fearing the day of reckoning? Experimental evidence for retrospective pledge voting, Electoral Studies.

Matthieß, Theres (under review): Keeping pledges at any costs? What citizens (do not) want from parties, British Journal of Political Science.

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

No tolerance for parties breaking their promises? What citizens (do not) want from their parties (presented at ECPR and EPSA 2021).

Retrospective and prospective issue responsiveness (presented at DVPW 2021). *In cooperation with Ass. Prof. Stefan Müller, University College Dublin.*

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.*

Voters' reactions to (unequal) group targeting by elected officials. Survey experimental evidence from Germany and France. *In cooperation with Dr. Isabelle Guinaudeau, University of Bordeaux, and Dr. Elisa Deiss-Helbig, University of Stuttgart*

When do citizens (not) prefer minority governments. *In cooperation with Prof. Stecker, University of Darmstadt.*

Losing benefits or Losing trust? Survey and experimental evidence on the main costs of pledge breaking. *In cooperation with Dr. Katrin Praprotnik, Danube University Krems in Austria.*

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 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' (principal investigators: Dr. Elisa Deiss-Helbig, Dr. Isabelle Guinaudeau and Dr. Theres Matthieß, 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) (part of the project team, principal applicant: Dr. Elisa Deiss-Helbig, 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
- 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

'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 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.

Presenter	<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>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

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

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, Party Politics, Representation, SN Social Sciences

MEMBERSHIPS

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

LANGUAGE SKILLS

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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