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I am a post-doctoral research fellow at the University of Mainz. My areas of research are comparative politics and applied quantitative methods. I am interested in direct democracy, political participation and electoral studies.

CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz

Research fellow at the chairs for Public Policy and Methods, 08/2016 –

EDUCATION

Hertie School of Governance

PhD in Governance, 2017

1st Advisor: Prof. Mark Kayser, PhD; 2nd Advisor: Prof. Simon Hug, PhD (Université de Genève); 3rd Advisor: Prof. Dr. Bernhard Weßels (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin / Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Dissertation: *“Direct Democracy and Representative Government”*

London School of Economics and Political Science

MSc Political Science and Political Economy, 2012.

Freie Universität Berlin

B.A. Political Science, 2011.

PUBLICATIONS

Kayser, Mark A. and Arndt Leininger (2017) “A Länder-based Forecast of the 2017 German Bundestag Election” in: *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 50(3), pp. 689-692.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S1049096517000427>

Reported in Bloomberg, Politico and Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung among others.

Leininger, Arndt, Lukas Rudolph and Steffen Zittlau (2016) “How to increase turnout in low salience elections. Quasi-experimental evidence on the effect of simultaneous second-order elections on political participation” in: *Political Science Research and Methods*.

<https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2016.38>

Kayser, Mark A. and Arndt Leininger (2016) “A Predictive Test of Voters’ Economic Benchmarking: The 2013 German Bundestag Election” in: *German Politics*, 25(1), pp. 106-130.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09644008.2015.1129531>

Leininger, Arndt (2015) “Wissenschaftliche Wahlprognosen - Alternative oder Ergänzung zu Umfragen?” in: *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen*, 46(4), pp. 675-691.
<https://doi.org/10.5771/0340-1758-2015-4-675>

Kayser, Mark A. and Arndt Leininger (2015) “Vintage Errors: Do Real-Time Economic Data Improve Election Forecasts?” in: *Research & Politics*, 2(3). <https://doi.org/10.1177/2053168015589624>

Leininger, Arndt (2015) “Direct Democracy in Europe. Promises and Pitfalls” in: *Global Policy*, 6(S1), pp. 17-27.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/1758-5899.12224>

WORKING PAPERS

“The Impact of Group Identity on Coalition Building” (with Denise Laroze, University of Essex and David Hugh-Jones, University of East Anglia) – *under review*

“Popular Support for Direct Democracy in Europe: Critical but not Compensatory”

“The Elusive Effect of Referendums on Democratic Satisfaction”

“Die Erfolge der AfD und die Wahlbeteiligung: Gibt es einen Zusammenhang?” (with Stefan Haußner, University Duisburg-Essen)

“The Consequences of Increasing Turnout in Low-Salience Elections: Evidence from Concurrent Elections in Germany” (with Lukas Rudolph, LMU Munich)

“Is there an economic vote in referendums? The case of the 2016 Italian constitutional referendum”

POPULAR SCIENCE

“A far-right party just won seats in three German state parliaments. Here’s why.”, *The Monkey Cage*, 22 March 2016

“Voters seem to respond to the ‘reported’ rather than the ‘real’ economy”, *LSE Democratic Audit UK*, 9 September 2015

“Direct democracy is ill-fitted to engaging the politically disengaged, but popular with more active citizens”, *LSE Democratic Audit UK*, 30 July 2015

AWARDS AND
SCHOLARSHIPS

Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship
2016. Declined.

Junior Research Fellowship, Merton College, University of Oxford

2016. Shortlisted.

Doctoral scholarship, Heinrich Böll Foundation
2013 – 2016.

Student scholarship, Heinrich Böll Foundation
2009 – 2012.

TEACHING

Johannes Gutenberg University
Instructor, Statistik I [Stats I], 2017.
Instructor, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft [Economy and Society], 2016,
2017.
Instructor, Kleingruppe Statistik II [Stats II lab], 2016.

Vienna University of Economics and Business
Instructor, 2-day workshop “R Statistical Software in Action for
Newcomers”, 2016.

Hertie School of Governance
Instructor, 2-day workshop “Introduction to R”, 2017.
Co-Instructor, Statistics II: Time Series, Panel Data and Limited
Dependent Variables (with R), 2016.
Instructor, Research Design, 2015.
Teaching Assistant, Applied Quantitative Methods, 2013, 2014, 2015.

Essex Summer School
Teaching Assistant, Advanced quantitative data analysis (taught by
Vera Troeger, University of Warwick), 2015.

Freie Universität Berlin
Instructor, Playing Politics, 2013.
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Science, 2013.

COMPUTING
AND NATURAL
LANGUAGES

R, Stata, L^AT_EX, HTML, CSS, Markdown, knitr
German (mother tongue), English (C2), French (B2)

CONFERENCES

ECPR General Conference 2014, 2016.
ECPR Graduate Student Conference 2014, 2016.
ECPR Joint Sessions 2015
EPSA 2015, 2016.
MPSA 2016.
EPOP 2015.
Swiss Political Science Association Annual Convention 2016.
3-Länder-Tagung 2013, 2016.

- DVPW AK Wahlen [German Political Science Association's working group on elections] 2014, 2015, 2016.
DVPW AK Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie [... working group on decision theory] 2016.
DVPW Sektion Methoden [... section on political methodology] 2015.
- SUMMER SCHOOLS AND WORKSHOPS
- Oxford Spring School in Social Science Research Methods 2016 (Causal Inference, Data Visualisation, Spatial Data Analysis)
- Leuven-Montréal Winter School in Elections and Electoral Behavior 2015
- EITM Europe Summer Institute, University of Mannheim 2014
- ECPR Summer School (Political Game Theory, 2013; Experimental methods, 2011)
- INVITED TALKS
- 2017 Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing
2014 University of Mannheim
2012 Freie Universität Berlin
- REFEREE
- American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Regional & Federal Studies (verified by Publons)
- MEMBERSHIPS
- APSA, DVPW (German Political Science Association), EPSA, MPSA, Ballspielverein Borussia 09 e.V. Dortmund
- FURTHER EXPERIENCE
- CorrelAid**
Founding member and board member of a non-profit organization active in data science for social good which won the Telefonica Foundation's "Think Big Pro" award, the price of the Council of the University of Konstanz and a "startsocial" stipend. 2015 – today.
www.correlaid.org
- EUROLAB at GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne**
Guest researcher. 12/2014
- PhD representative**
member of the Academic Senate of the Hertie School of Governance, 2012 – 2014.
- Deutscher Bundestag (German Parliament)**
Parliamentary aide to Sven-Christian Kindler, Member of the German Parliament. 2012 – 2013.

**Student Representative for MSc Political Science and
Political Economy**

member of the Student Staff Liaison Committee of the Department of
Government, London School of Economics and Political Science. 2011 –
2012.

**Environmental Policy Research Centre, Freie Universität
Berlin**

Student assistant. 2009 – 2010.