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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, election forecasting, political participation and electoral studies more broadly.

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.
Erasmus semester at Sciences Po Paris, 09/2010 – 02/2011.

PUBLICATIONS Leininger, Arndt and Mark A. Kayser (2017) “Eine länderbasierte
Prognose zur Bundestagswahl 2017” in: *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*,
58(3), pp. 407-417. <https://doi.org/10.5771/0032-3470-2017-3>

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 and Lea Heyne (2017) “How representative are
referendums? Evidence from 20 years of Swiss referendums” in: *Electoral
Studies*, 48, pp. 84-97. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2017.05.006>

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

“Forecasting“, 22 pages – forthcoming in “*Handbuch Methoden der Politikwissenschaft*”, edited by Claudius Wagemann, Achim Goerres and Markus Siewert

“Die Erfolge der AfD und die Wahlbeteiligung: Gibt es einen Zusammenhang?” (with Stefan Haußner, University Duisburg-Essen), 28 pages – under review at *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsforschung*

“The Elusive Effect of Referendums on Democratic Satisfaction”, 55 pages

“Is there an economic vote in referendums? The case of the 2016 Italian constitutional referendum”, 28 pages, NIG 2017.

“The Consequences of Increasing Turnout in Low-Salience Elections: Evidence from Concurrent Elections in Germany” (with Lukas Rudolph, LMU Munich), 42 pages, EPOP 2017.

“Do Populist Parties Increase Turnout? Evidence from over 40 Years of Electoral History in 31 European Democracies” (with Maurits Meijers, Radboud University, Nijmegen), 51 pages, EPOP 2017.

“Popular Support for Direct Democracy in Europe: Critical but not Compensatory”, 55 pages, ECRP Graduate Conference 2016.

- “The Impact of Group Identity on Coalition Building” (with Denise Laroze, Universidad de Santiago and David Hugh-Jones, University of East Anglia), 57 pages, NYU CESS 2016.
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- “The effect of enfranchisement, temporary disenfranchisement and participation on youth turnout” (with Thorsten Faas, Free University of Berlin, Sigrid Roßteutscher, Goethe-University Frankfurt and Armin Schäfer, University of Osnabrück)
Three-wave panel study of 3500 adolescents in Schleswig-Holstein covering the state and federal election 2017 as well as municipal elections in 2018.
- “Critical or instrumental democrats? Germans’ conceptions of democracy a quarter century after reunification” (with Claudia Landwehr, University of Mainz)
- “Resilience and political participation” (with Claudia Landwehr, University of Mainz)
Survey experiment embedded in the Gutenberg Brain Study
- POPULAR SCIENCE
- “Zu jung zum Wählen?” (with Thorsten Faas, Sigrid Roßteutscher and Armin Schäfer), Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, 8 September 2017
- “Eine strukturelle Prognose für die Bundestagswahl 2017” (with Mark A. Kayser), Hertie School Debate, 14 June 2017
- “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 Mainz

Instructor, Political Economy of Elections (Master), 2017.

Lecturer, Statistik I [Stats I] (Bachelor), 2017.

Instructor, 'Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft' [Economy and Society] (Bachelor), 2016, 2017.

Instructor, 'Kleingruppe Statistik II' [Stats II lab] (Bachelor), 2016, 2017.

Vienna University of Economics and Business

Instructor, 2-day workshop "R Statistical Software in Action for Newcomers" (Postgraduate), 2016.

Hertie School of Governance

Instructor, 2-day workshop "Introduction to R" (Master), 2017.

Co-Instructor, Statistics II: Time Series, Panel Data and Limited Dependent Variables (with R) (Master), 2016.

Instructor, Research Design (Master), 2015.

Teaching Assistant, Applied Quantitative Methods (Master), 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 (Bachelor), 2013.

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Science (Bachelor), 2013.

COMPUTING
AND NATURAL
LANGUAGES

R, Stata, Python, L^AT_EX, HTML, CSS, Markdown

German (mother tongue), English (C2), French (B2)

CONFERENCES

2017 DVPW AK Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie (HET) [working group on decision theory], DVPW Sektion Methoden [section on political methodology], EPOP, EPSA, Netherlands Institute of Government (NIG)

2016 3-Länder-Tagung, DVPW AK HET, DVPW AK Wahlen [German Political Science Association's working group on elections], ECPR, ECPR Graduate Student Conference, EPSA, MPSA, Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA)

2015 DVPW AK Wahlen, DVPW Sektion Methoden, ECPR Joint Sessions, EPOP, EPSA,

2014 DVPW AK Wahlen, ECPR, ECPR Graduate Student Conference

2013 3-Länder-Tagung

SUMMER
SCHOOLS AND

Oxford Spring School in Social Science Research Methods 2016
(Causal Inference, Data Visualisation, Spatial Data Analysis)

- WORKSHOPS 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* University of Greifswald, Latvian Institute of International Affairs in Riga, Central University of Finance and Economics in 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)
- MEMBERSHIP APSA, DVPW (German Political Science Association), EPSA, MPSA
- ADMINISTRATIVE **Hertie School of Governance**
BOARDS & PhD representative on the Alumni Council, 2017 – 2019
COMMITTEES member of the Academic Senate, 2012 – 2014.
- London School of Economics and Political Science**
 member of the Student Staff Liaison Committee of the Department of Government. 2011 – 2012.
- Freie Universität Berlin**
 Student delegate to the search committee “Juniorprofessorship European Integration”, 2009.
- CONSULTING **The Times** 2017
 Advised on implementing my webscraper for wahlrecht.de and poll aggregation model for The Time’s ‘poll of the polls.’
- YouGov Deutschland GmbH** 2017
 Advised on implementing YouGov’s MRP-based election poll, pioneered in the US and UK, in Germany.
- signalundrauschen.de** 2017
 Developed a webscraper for wahlrecht.de, polling aggregation models and a polls-based forecast. Advised on polling and statistics.
- 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, a “startsocial” stipend and an “Open Transfer” stipend. 2015 – today. www.correlaid.org

**EUROLAB at GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences,
Cologne**

Guest researcher. 12/2014

Deutscher Bundestag (German Parliament)

Parliamentary aide to Sven-Christian Kindler, Member of the German
Parliament, 2012 – 2013.

Environmental Policy Research Centre, Freie Universität Berlin

Student assistant. 2009 – 2010.

REFERENCES

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Frequent collaborator.