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## CURRENT POSITION

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Since 11/2015 **WZB Berlin Social Science Center**  
Research Fellow at the DFG research project “Manifesto Research on Political Representation” (MARPOR)  
*Principal investigator:* Prof. Dr. Bernhard Weßels

## EDUCATION

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Since 01/2017 **Humboldt-University of Berlin**  
Ph.D candidate in Political Science  
*Topic:* Electoral consequences of party pledge fulfillment  
*Supervisor:* Prof. Dr. Heike Klüver

10/2012 - 10/2015 **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

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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

## PROJECTS

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- Since 06/2018 **Pledge fulfillment in Germany II, Bertelsmann Stiftung**  
Scientific supervisor of a study of pledge fulfillment in Germany (2017 - ), in cooperation with Dr. Robert Vehrkamp (Senior Advisor of the ‘Program Future of Democracy’, Bertelsmann Stiftung)
- 03/2017 - 02/2018 **Pledge fulfillment in Germany I, Bertelsmann Stiftung**  
Scientific supervisor of a study of pledge fulfillment in Germany (2013 - 2017), in cooperation with Dr. Robert Vehrkamp

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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- 02/2018 Workshop: Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis using Quanteda, WZB
- 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

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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*Matthieß, Theres (2018): Equal Performance of Minority and Majority Coalitions? Pledge Fulfilment in the German State of NRW, **German Politics***

## DATASETS

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*Volkens, Andrea, Pola Lehmann, Theres Matthieß, Nicolas Merz and Sven Regel (2015-2018): The Manifesto Data Collection. Manifesto Project (MRG/CMP/MARPOR), Berlin: Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB)*

*Volkens, Andrea, Pola Lehmann, Theres Matthieß, Nicolas Merz and Sven Regel (2015-2018): Manifesto Corpus, Berlin: Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB)*

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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*Matthieß, Theres: Electoral consequences of party pledge fulfilment, Paper presented at the EPSA Conference in Vienna, June 2018*

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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*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

## AWARDS

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06/2016 'Berlin Digital Humanities Preis 2016' for the Manifesto Corpus (with Pola Lehmann, Jirka Lewandowski, Nicolas Merz and Sven Regel)

## MEDIA

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Podcasts 'Minderheitsregierungen', WZB Democracy Podcast, November 2017  
'Wie die Alternative für Deutschland nach rechts rückt' (with Pola Lehmann), WZB Democracy Podcast, October 2017

Blogposts 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

## TALKS ON INVITATION

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'Operation Minderheitsregierung', SPD Göttingen, March 2018

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

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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Organiser 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

The Manifesto Project User Conference (with Pola Lehmann, Nicolas Merz, Sven Regel and Annika Werner), WZB Berlin, June 2015, Berlin

Section chair Section: Party Politics, ECPR Graduate Conference, July 2016, Tartu (with Svenja Krauss)

Presenter ECPR Graduate Conference (Panel: Representation and responsiveness), July 2016, Tartu

Workshop on Party Mandate Fulfillment at the WZB, November 2016, Berlin  
EPSA (Panel: Electoral Effects of Party Competition), June 2018, Vienna

Discussant            The Manifesto Corpus Conference (Panel: Extending the Manifesto Corpus),  
WZB Berlin, February 2018

Workshop: Quantitative Text Analysis in Manifesto Research, WZB Berlin,  
July 2016

ECPR Graduate Conference (Panel: Party System: Stability and Emergence?),  
July 2016, Tartu

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Winter 2018            BA Course: Democratic Representation, Humboldt-University of Berlin,  
Language: German

## REVIEWER

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Australian Journal of Political Science  
Representation

## MEMBERSHIPS

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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

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Statistics:             STATA, R

Other:                  MS Office, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

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