

# Nicolai Berk

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## Stipends & Scholarships

### Scholarship for Graduates DAAD

2018 and 2019  
€ 22,870 in total

### Scholarship of Merit University of Vienna

2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018  
€ 3,050 in total

### Non-EU Exchange Scholarship University of Vienna

2016  
€ 2,500

### Individual travel grant University of Amsterdam

2019  
€ 450

## Substantive Interest

- Party Competition
- Political Communication
- Radical-right Rhetoric
- Framing Effects

## Quantitative Skills



- Web Scraping
- Automated Text Analysis



- Visualisation
- Teaching resources
- Data Wrangling
- Measurement Models



- Data Wrangling
- Advanced Regression Techniques

## Referees

Assoc.-Prof. Dr. Gijs Schumacher  
University of Amsterdam

Univ.-Prof. Markus Wagner, PhD  
University of Vienna

## Higher Education



### PhD Candidate

Sep 2020 – today    Humboldt University Berlin  
Dissertation on framing in party competition  
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Thomas Meyer



### Master of Science in Social Sciences (Research), *cum laude*

Sep 2018 – Aug 2020    University of Amsterdam     $\bar{x}$  8.9/89%  
Thesis on the measurement of rhetorical similarities  
Supervisor: Assoc.-Prof. Dr. Gijs Schumacher



### Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, *cum laude*

Oct 2014 – Apr 2018    University of Vienna     $\bar{x}$  1.17/96%  
Thesis on the electoral effects of right-wing accommodation  
Supervisor: Carolina Plescia, PhD

## Positions

### Student Assistant

September 2018 – August 2020    University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
• Student Assistant to Assoc.-Prof. Dr. Gijs Schumacher.  
• Automated collection of data: video, text, facial expressions, and voice pitch.  
• Preparation of undergraduate methods course using `r/sweave` and `r/exams`.

### Student Assistant

March 2017 – April 2018    University of Vienna, Austria  
• Student Assistant to Univ.-Prof. Markus Wagner, PhD.  
• Data collection, data cleaning, implementation of pilot studies using Qualtrics.  
• Contributing to the Austrian National Election Study (AUTNES).

## Academic Work

### SMLSE - Supervised Machine Learning Similarity Estimate

[Working paper on the measurement of rhetorical similarity in political speech](#)

March 2020 – today    University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

### Die Nationalratswahl 2017 unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der Silberstein-Affäre

[Forthcoming book chapter in: "Blauer Band" \(Eds. B. Weßels & H. Schoen\), co-authored with Julia Partheymüller and Jakob-Moritz Eberl](#)

October 2018 – November 2019

### Mainstream parties' strategies and radical right success in Germany

[Presentation of an ongoing project at the Hot Politics Lab](#)

October 2019    University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

### The causal effect of challenger party entrance on political trust

[Paper presentation at the Summer School of the ECPR SG Political Parties](#)

August 2019    University of Aarhus, Denmark

### "Silberstein und Kern - hat der Skandal der SPÖ geschadet?"

[Coauthored blog-post on a scandal in the Austrian Lower House Election 2017; also covered in article by Austrian daily newspaper "Der Standard".](#)

March 2018    University of Vienna, Austria

### AUTNES Online Panel Study 2017

[Dataset based on online-panel with six waves and over 4000 respondents; responsible for data cleaning, manual coding and preparation of questionnaires.](#)

April 2017 - March 2018    Austrian National Election Study (AUTNES)