

## Curriculum Vitae Konstantin Vössing

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### Positions

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Since 10/2016	Associate Professor of Political Science. Humboldt University Berlin
09/2015 to 08/2016	Jean Monnet Fellow. Robert Schuman Center, European University Institute
09/2013 to 08/2014	John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow. Center for European Studies, Harvard University
10/2009 to 09/2016	Assistant Professor of Political Science. Humboldt University Berlin
09/2008 to 09/2009	Lecturer in International Studies. Department of Political Science, Ohio State University
06/2008 to 09/2008	Research Associate. Kirwan Institute, Ohio State University
04/2002 to 09/2008	Teaching and Research Associate. Department of Political Science, Ohio State University

### Education

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08/2008	PhD in Political Science. Ohio State University
04/2002 to 08/2008	Graduate Program in Political Science (specializations in Comparative Politics and Political Psychology) at Ohio State University
09/2001	MA in Political Science. Ohio State University
07/1999	BA equivalent in Political Science. University of Bonn, Germany
09/1996 to 09/2001	Student of Political Science, Sociology, History, and Law at University of Bonn (Germany), University of Reims (France), and Ohio State University (USA)

### Profile

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I study how political elites and ordinary citizens form preferences about controversial political issues, and how elites shape political views and the political behavior of citizens through mobilization, persuasion, and information provision. My research investigates both contemporary examples of political conflict, such as European integration, and historical cases, such as the formation of class politics. I approach these and other instances of political conflict from a comparative perspective, and I treat them as milestones of a long-term process of political development. To understand this process and its manifestations as distinctly political phenomena, I combine the comparative analysis of macro-historical developments and configurations with a micro-level psychological perspective that pays attention to both cognitive and motivational factors. My research engages the fields of Comparative Politics, EU studies, political development, public opinion, and political psychology. The geographical focus of my research is on Europe and the United States. Combining quantitative and qualitative approaches, the methods I use to carry out my research include experiments, comparative case studies, survey design and analysis, elite interviews, text analysis, and decision analysis.

## **Publications**

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### **Monographs**

Konstantin Vössing (2017) *How leaders mobilize workers: social democracy, revolution, and moderate syndicalism*. New York: Cambridge University Press

Konstantin Vössing (n.d.) *Justifying Europe: the accidental impact of political elites on public opinion about European integration* (in preparation)

### **Peer reviewed journal articles**

Konstantin Vössing and Till Weber (2017) Information behavior and political preferences. *British Journal of Political Science*. First View, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123416000600>

Konstantin Vössing (2015) Transforming public opinion about European integration: elite influence and its limits. *European Union Politics* 16 (2): 157-175

Konstantin Vössing (2014) Predictably exceptional. The formation of American labor politics in comparative perspective. *Party Politics* 20 (5): 767-777

Konstantin Vössing (2011) Social democratic party formation and national variation in labor politics. *Comparative Politics* 43 (2): 167-186

Konstantin Vössing (2005) Nationality and the preferences of the European public toward EU policy making. *European Union Politics* 6 (4): 447-469

Konstantin Vössing (n.d.) Competitive communication: how party cues and policy justifications determine policy support (under review)

Konstantin Vössing (n.d.) Issue-stretching. The effects of unsubstantiated political explanations on the explainer, the explained policy, and the democratic process (in preparation)

Konstantin Vössing (n.d.) Why do states become inclusive? The case of industrial workers and the long-term determinants of political concessions (in preparation)

Konstantin Vössing (n.d.) Formation experience and ideological flexibility of political parties: the constraining effect of members' programmatic attachments (in preparation)

### **Peer reviewed chapters**

Konstantin Vössing and Till Weber (2016) The company makes the feast. Party conflict and issue voting in multi-party systems. In André Blais, Jean-François Laslier, and Karine van der Straeten (eds.) *Voting Experiments*. New York: Springer; pp. 43-66

### **Other chapters in edited volumes**

Konstantin Vössing (forthcoming in 2017) Politikbegründungen, Politisierung und die öffentliche Meinung zur europäischen Integration [*Policy justifications, politicization, and European integration*]. In Lisa Anders, Henrik Scheller, and Thomas Tuntschew (eds.) *Parteien und die Politisierung der Europäischen Union*. DVPW Serie Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft [*Political parties and the politicization of the European Union*. *DVPW series Comparative Politics*]

Sebastian Jobelius, Reinhold Rünker, and Konstantin Vössing (1999) Einleitung [Introduction]. In Jobelius, Rünker, and Vössing (eds.) *Bildungsoffensive. Herausforderungen für das 21. Jahrhundert [Education reform. Challenges for the 21st century]*. Hamburg: VSA; pp. 10-15

Sebastian Jobelius and Konstantin Vössing (1999) Mut zur Kapitalbildung. Die Notwendigkeit einer kulturellen und sozialen Reform des Bildungswesens. [Have the courage to accumulate capital! The cultural and social reform of education]. In Jobelius, Rünker, and Vössing (eds.) *Bildungsoffensive. Herausforderungen für das 21. Jahrhundert [Education reform. Challenges for the 21st century]*. Hamburg: VSA; pp 110-127

Sebastian Jobelius, Reinhold Rünker, and Konstantin Vössing (1999) Anforderungen an eine Bildungsreform des 21. Jahrhunderts [The scope of education reform in the 21st century]. In Jobelius, Rünker, and Vössing (eds.) *Bildungsoffensive. Herausforderungen für das 21. Jahrhundert [Education reform. Challenges for the 21st century]*. Hamburg: VSA; 236-245

### **Edited volume**

Sebastian Jobelius, Reinhold Rünker, and Konstantin Vössing (eds.) (1999) *Bildungsoffensive. Herausforderungen für das 21. Jahrhundert [Education reform. 21st century challenges]*. Hamburg: VSA

### **Further publications**

Konstantin Vössing (2014) Parteien und Bürger: wer folgt wem? [Political parties and citizens: who follows whom?]. *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte* 64 (22-23): 40-45

Konstantin Vössing (2013) Sozialdemokratie und Europäische Integration [Social democracy and European integration]. *spw* 199: 31-37

Konstantin Vössing (2013) Gründungsphase und Wandel in der deutschen Sozialdemokratie [Formation experience and change in German social democracy]. *Forum* 34 (1): 37-40

Edgar Göll and Konstantin Vössing (2000) USA 2000: And the winner is... *spw* 116: 41-45

Sebastian Jobelius and Konstantin Vössing (1998) Gesellschaftliche Problemlösung durch Innovation im Bildungswesen [Social problems and innovation in education policy]. *spw* 102: 45-48

### **Grants and Awards**

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09/2015 to 08/2016     Jean Monnet Fellowship. Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies, European University Institute (EUI)

04/2015                 Research grant funding the development and maintenance of a web based tool for accessing, analyzing, and visualizing research data (DM-F15-08). Academic Senate, Humboldt University Berlin (30 000 Euro, 34 500 USD), co-investigator

09/2013 to 08/2014     John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship. Center for European Studies, Harvard University

06/2013                 Humboldt-Princeton Strategic Partnership Grant for research on “Fortress Europe: how the rest of the world shapes European integration” (112 212 Euro, 149 320 USD), co-investigator

12/2012	Research grant (VO 1990/1-1) from Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG [German equivalent of the National Science Foundation] for research on “The formation of public opinion about European integration” (82 900 Euro, 110 000 USD), principal investigator
04/2012	Research grant funding the establishment and equipment with infrastructure and staff of an experimental research lab (grant DM-F12-05). Academic Senate, Humboldt University Berlin (25 000 Euro, 33 500 USD), principal investigator
03/2012	Research grant. College of arts and sciences, Humboldt University Berlin (6 000 Euro, 8 040 USD), principal investigator
02/2012	Travel support grant. Deutscher Akademischer Auslandsdienst, DAAD [International academic service of German federal government]
01/2012	Travel support grant. Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University Berlin
10/2011	Research grant. Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University Berlin (6 000 Euro, 8 220 USD), principal investigator
02/2011	Travel support grant. Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University Berlin
09/2009	Henry Spencer Award for best dissertation during the academic year 2008/2009. Department of Political Science, Ohio State University
01/2009	Finalist for the APSA Gabriel Almond Award 2009 honoring the best dissertation in Comparative Politics
06/2007 to 09/2007	Survey Research Award Grant. College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ohio State University
09/2006 to 12/2006	Aumann Dissertation Grant. Ohio State University
04/2006	Graduate Associate Teaching Award 2006, Finalist. Ohio State University
09/2005	Spencer Teaching Award. Department of Political Science, Ohio State University
05/2004 to 08/2009	Official commendations for teaching excellence from the Political Science department at Ohio State University for all of my classes
09/2000 to 09/2001	Graduate School Fellowship. Ohio State University
09/1998 to 09/1999	Socrates Fellowship of the European Union for study abroad at the University of Reims
07/1997 to 09/2001	Undergraduate Studies Fellowship. Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Germany

### **Conference papers**

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Konstantin Vössing (2017) Talking back: policy justifications and counter-justifications. Conference “Rejected Europe, beloved Europe, cleavage Europe?”. Robert Schuman Center, European University Institute, Florence, May 18-19

- Konstantin Vössing (2017) Competitiveness of political communication and support for new policies. Annual MPSA conference. Chicago, April 7
- Konstantin Vössing (2016) Justifying policy choices in the shadow of political conflict: the effects of political messages and party cues on public opinion. Dreiländertagung der DVPW, ÖGPW und SVPW. Heidelberg, 30. September
- Konstantin Vössing (2016) The implications of bad policy justifications for European integration. *Eighth Annual Princeton Workshop on European Integration*. Princeton University, May 13
- Konstantin Vössing (2016) Issue-stretching and political preferences. *Second Gothenburg-Barcelona Workshop on Experimental Political Science*. Barcelona, May 4
- Konstantin Vössing (2016) Issue-stretching. The effect of unsubstantiated political explanations on the explainer, support for the explained policy, and the democratic process. *Annual MPSA conference*. Chicago, April 11
- Konstantin Vössing (2016) Policy justifications and public opinion. *EUI Political Behavior Colloquium*. Florence, March 18
- Konstantin Vössing (2015) Political explanations and policy support. *Annual MPSA conference*. Chicago, April 17
- Konstantin Vössing (2014) The effects of policy justification, party cueing, and policy reputation on policy support. *Sixth Annual Princeton Workshop on European Integration*. Princeton University, May 2
- Konstantin Vössing (2014) Personifying the European Union: entitativity, political conflict, and attitude formation. *Annual MPSA conference*. Chicago, April 5
- Konstantin Vössing and Till Weber (2014) Hide or seek. An experimental study about the effects of evading and acquiring information on vote choice. *Voting experiments workshop*. Université de Montréal, March 28-29
- Konstantin Vössing (2013) Policy justifications and public opinion about European integration. *New Research on Europe Workshop*. Center for European Studies at Harvard University, December 4
- Konstantin Vössing (2013) National variation in class politics and the success of interest mobilization. *New Research on Europe Workshop*. Center for European Studies at Harvard University, October 30
- Konstantin Vössing (2013) The effects of policy justification, partisanship, and policy reputation on policy support. *Annual MPSA conference*. Chicago, April 11
- Konstantin Vössing (2012) Mobilization strategies and mobilization success. The case of labor politics in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. *Annual MPSA conference*. Chicago, April 14
- Konstantin Vössing (2012) Experimentation and Comparative Politics. *Conference of the Methodology Section of the DVPW [German Political Science Association]*. Hamburg, February 11
- Konstantin Vössing (2011) The interaction of persuasion and national identification in shaping attitudes toward European integration. *Annual MPSA conference*. Chicago, April 2
- Konstantin Vössing (2009) National variation in citizen support for the emerging Euro-polity. Comparing the effects of national context and national identity. *General conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)*. Potsdam, September 12

- Konstantin Vössing (2009) The failure of American socialism as the rational response of labor elites to external constraints. *Annual MPSA conference*. Chicago, April 4
- Konstantin Vössing (2009) American political development and labor politics in comparative perspective. *Research in American Politics Workshop*. Ohio State University, February 18
- Konstantin Vössing (2008) External triggers and dispositions. The interaction of persuasion and national identity in shaping attitudes toward European integration. *Annual APSA conference*. Boston, August 28
- Konstantin Vössing (2008) Constraints, knowledge diffusion, and strategic choices. A comprehensive explanation for the formation of social democratic parties. *Annual MPSA conference*. Chicago, April 6
- Konstantin Vössing (2008) A new typology of labor politics and an explanation for social democratic party formation. *Comparative Politics Research Workshop*. Ohio State University, March 14
- Konstantin Vössing (2007) National variation in citizen support for the emerging Euro-polity. *Survey Research Award Colloquium*. Ohio State University, August 27
- Konstantin Vössing (2004) Nationality and the European Political Space. *Comparative Politics Research Workshop*. Ohio State University, June 4

### **Invited talks**

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- 07/2017 “How politicians justify European integration” at the Berlin Summer School of Social Sciences. *July 24*
- 01/2017 Question and answer session for the association of foreign correspondents in Germany about the German social democrats in the 2017 federal elections. *January 24*
- 01/2017 “The quality of political explanations and political views” at the Social Science Center (WZB) Berlin. *January 10*
- 10/2016 “Issue-stretching and public opinion” at the research colloquium of the Kolleg-Forschergruppe “The transformative power of Europe,” FU Berlin, *October 31*
- 07/2016 “The theory and analysis of policy justifications” for the Berlin research week of HU Berlin and Princeton University. *July 18*
- 02/2016 “Political explanations and Euroscepticism” in the Speaker Series of the Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies (RSCAS). *Florence, February 24*
- 07/2015 “Constraints, choices, and leadership in political mobilization” at the Berlin Summer School of Social Sciences. *July 26*
- 06/2015 “Challenges of European integration” for the Spears School of Business, Oklahoma State University
- 04/2014 “Political elites and public opinion about European integration” at the American Council on Germany (ACG). *Boston, April 29*

- 11/2013 “What they say, who they are, or what they claim to be? How political elites influence public opinion” at the Princeton lunch speaker series of the European Union Program. *Princeton University, November 6*
- 11/2013 “The formation of labor politics in the 19th and 20th centuries” at the Center for Global Security and Governance, University of Aberdeen, Scotland. *November 12*

## Teaching

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### Humboldt University Berlin

#### Introduction to Comparative Politics and International Relations

Lecture for 150 undergraduate students providing an integrated survey of Comparative Politics and International Relations (Winter 2011-12, Winter 2017-18)

#### Research Design and Methods in Comparative Politics

Graduate seminar providing an introduction to research design and methods in Comparative Politics (Spring 2010)

#### Experiments in Political Science

Graduate seminar on the theory and practice of experimentation (Spring 2011, Winter 2011-12, Winter 2014-15)

#### Policy justifications and political preferences

Advanced undergraduate seminar about the impact of policy justifications used by political elites on political preferences in the mass public (Winter 2016-17, Spring 2017)

#### European Integration and Political Conflict

Advanced undergraduate seminar on the formation of public opinion toward European integration and the impact of European integration on political conflict (Spring 2013, Winter 2016-17, Winter 2017-18)

#### Europe: Unity and Diversity

Undergraduate seminar on European politics that combines a comparative perspective on European diversity with an analysis of European integration (Spring 2010)

#### Political Parties and Party Systems

Advanced undergraduate seminar on political parties and party systems, and their relation to democracy and political development (Winter 2010-11)

#### Electoral politics and European integration

Graduate seminar about the implications of European integration for voting behavior and party systems (Spring 2015)

#### The emergence of class politics

Advanced undergraduate seminar about the emergence of class politics and the implications for theories of political mobilization and political development (Spring 2015)

#### Readings on the strategic use of political rhetoric

Graduate seminar on political rhetoric and its strategic use in democratic politics (Winter 2016-17)

#### The politicization of regionalism

Graduate seminar on the politicization of regional integration in global perspective (Summer 2017)

## Introduction to Comparative Politics and International Relations

Introductory seminar providing an integrated survey of these two subfields of Political Science (Winter 2009-10, Winter 2010-11, Winter 2011-12, Winter 2012-13, Winter 2014-15, Winter 2017-18)

## Ohio State University

### Introduction to Comparative Politics (Political Science 100)

Survey of themes and approaches, combined with case studies of Britain, France, Germany, China, and Russia (Spring 2004, Summer 2004, Spring 2006, Winter 2008)

### Government and Politics in Modern Democracies (Political Science 535)

Advanced seminar on democratic political institutions and their effects on the nature of political conflict (Winter 2005, Spring 2005, Winter 2006, Spring 2007, Spring 2008)

### The Politics of European Integration (Political Science 528)

Advanced seminar on EU politics, history, policies, and institutions, as well as theories of European integration (Summer 2005, Autumn 2005, Summer 2006, Winter 2007, Autumn 2007)

### Introduction to Western Europe (International Studies 210)

Lecture for 50 to 150 students providing a survey of Western European political, socio-economic, and cultural history from the 11th century until today (Autumn 2008, Winter 2009, Spring 2009)

### Introduction to Globalization (International Studies 356)

Advanced seminar on the nature, history, origins, and repercussions of globalization (Spring 2008, Autumn 2008, Winter 2009, Spring 2009)

## Thesis advising

Adviser or committee member for 8 PhD dissertations, 9 MA theses, and 32 BA theses at HU Berlin

## Service

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07/2017	Discussant and research mentor at the Berlin Summer School of Social Sciences
03/2017	Panel chair and research mentor at the annual Gradnet Conference. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
Since 12/2016	Member of the Organizing Committee for the 25th Anniversary of the Institute of Social Sciences at Humboldt University Berlin
Since 10/2016	Member of the Faculty Committee. Institute of Social Sciences. Humboldt University Berlin
07/2016	Discussant and research mentor at the Berlin Summer School of Social Sciences
07/2015	Member of the selection committee for professorship in comparative political behavior. Humboldt University Berlin
07/2015	Discussant and research mentor at the Berlin Summer School of Social Sciences
03/2015	Panel chair and research mentor at the annual Gradnet Conference. European University Institute (EUI)



02/2014	Member of the Graduate Grants Committee. Center for European Studies, Harvard University
03/2013	Panel chair and research mentor at the annual Gradnet Conference. London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
07/2012	Local host for the annual conference of the Comparative National Elections Project (CNEP). Berlin, Germany
Since 04/2012	Mentor for international students through a program of “Deutscher Akademischer Auslandsdienst” [ <i>International academic service of German federal government</i> ]
Since 11/2011	Official Representative (OR) of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) at Humboldt University Berlin
10/2011 to 04/2012	Coordinator of the Comparative Politics Research Workshop at the Institute of Social Sciences. Humboldt University Berlin
Since 02/2011	Initiator and coordinator of an experimental subject pool and an experimental laboratory at the Institute of Social Sciences. Humboldt University Berlin
Since 04/2010	Member of expert committee on European integration. Friedrich Ebert Foundation
Since 04/2010	Member of expert committee on social democracy. Friedrich Ebert Foundation
Since 10/2009	Member of the Post Doc Committee. Institute of Social Sciences. HU Berlin
Since 08/2007	Discussant and panel chair on many occasions at APSA and MPSA conferences
Since 10/2005	Reviewer for Journal of Politics, Comparative Politics, European Union Politics, Electoral Studies, Journal of Common Market Studies, Electoral Studies, and Polity
01/1996 to 09/2001	Service in various functions for student organizations and university administration at local and national levels
07/1993 to 09/2004	Political and volunteer activities: organization of international programs, committee work, agenda and program development, electoral and issue campaigning

### **Interviews and commentary for the news media**

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Newspapers	Washington Post (USA), Asahi Shimbun (Japan), La Croix (France), El Mundo (Spain), Financial Times (UK), Le Temps (France), Politiken (Denmark), Les Echos (France), La Vanguardia (Spain)
Radio	MDR (Germany), RBB Berlin (Germany), Radio Eins RBB (Germany), Hessischer Rundfunk (Germany)
TV	ARD (Germany), ARD Morgenmagazin (Germany), Al Jazeera (International), Deutsche Welle (International), Česká Televize (Czech Republic), RAI (Italy), RTVI (Russia), RBB Berlin (Germany)

News agencies	Reuters
Topics	Political competition and party politics, social democracy in Germany and Europe, European integration, American politics, transatlantic relations, German politics

### **Other professional experience**

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08/2004 to 12/2004	Policy consultant for the national board of “Arbeiterwohlfahrt”, a provider of social programs and policy recommendations. Bonn, Germany
07/1997 to 12/2004	Associate at the Public Relations agency “Pleon Kohtes Klewes”. Bonn, Germany. Responsible for the design, implementation, and supervision of media content analyses and market research studies
10/1996 to 09/1998	Freelance journalist for the daily newspaper “Bonner Rundschau”. Bonn, Germany
08/1995 to 09/1996	Social worker during my mandatory term of “civilian service” for a local section of the charitable organization “Arbeiterwohlfahrt”. Höxter, Germany
06/1995 to 09/1996	Freelance journalist for the radio station “Radio Hochstift”. Paderborn, Germany
01/1993 to 09/1996	Freelance journalist for the daily newspaper “Neue Westfälische“. Höxter, Germany

### **Further expertise and interests**

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Membership	American Political Science Association (APSA), Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW), Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA)
Computing	MS Office, SPSS, STATA, Ramona (structural equation modeling), CEFA (exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis)
Languages	German (proficient), English (proficient), French (proficient), Italian (basic), Spanish (basic)

## References

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