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Research Interests

Inequality; Welfare States; Interaction of Party Ideology and Economic Pressures in Shaping Policy Output and Outcomes; Online Crowd-coding; Political Systems

Appointments

- 07/2020 – **Research Group Leader**, Varieties of Egalitarianism, **University of Konstanz**
- 09/2019 – 08/2020 **John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow**, Center for European Studies, **Harvard**
- 03/2018 – 04/2019 **Postdoc Project**, Berlin Social Science Center **WZB** (double affiliation)
- 09/2014 – 08/2019 **Assistant Professor**, Political Science Department, **Aarhus University**

Parental & sick leave Apr. 2017 – Sept. 2017, May 2020 – Jun. 2020

Academic Education

Ph.D. acquired 8/2017

- 10/2010 – 08/2014 **Humboldt University Berlin** and Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences: Ph.D. defense topic “Does Ideology still matter?”, Supervisors: E. Immergut, B. Weßels
- 08/2012 – 12/2012 **Duke University**: Ph.D. Courses on Parties, Political Economy, and Inequality
- 08/2007 – 06/2008 **Gothenburg University**: Graduate Courses with a Comparative Politics Focus
- 10/2004 – 09/2010 **University of Greifswald**: Magister in Political Science, History, Communication

Additional Training

- 08/2016 – 01/2017 **Teaching for Assistant Professors**, 4-modules on teaching methods (Aarhus)
- 07/2012 Berlin Summer School: **Concept-Building, Causation, Micro-Macro-Linkages**
- 08/2011 Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Ljubljana: **Time Series Analysis**
- 08/2010 Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Ljubljana: **Multiple Regression**
- One day workshops **Text analysis with Python** (Harvard 2020), **Process Tracing** (Oldenburg 2010)

Grants and Prizes

09/2022	100,000€	(Mis)Perception and (Non)Politicization of Wealth Inequality (Konstanz)
07/2020	1,537,000€	Emmy-Noether Group : Varieties of Egalitarianism. Mapping the Politics of Inequality with Online Crowdcoding, German Research Foundation (DFG)
09/2019	75,000US\$	John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow , Center for European Studies, Harvard
10/2018	5,000DKK	Best Postdoc-Paper at Danish Political Science Association Meeting 2017 (DJØF-Forlag prisen), Award received at the 2018 meeting, for “Online Crowdsourcing Parties’ Concepts of Equality”, later on published in EJPR
03/2018	36,500€	WZB Berlin Social Science Center A.SK Fellowship “awarded in honor of academic work focusing on economic and government reform”
03/2014	5,500US\$	Princeton University EUROFORT Travel Grant for research at the Swedish Center for Social Research (SOFI) in Stockholm and at Princeton University
08/2012	35,000US\$	Duke University Taylor Cole Fellowship (covering living expenses, tuition fees, health insurance for a term at Duke’s political science Ph.D program)
10/2010	45,000€	Doctoral Scholarship , Excellence Initiative, German Research Foundation

Previous Projects

03/2018 – 04/2019	“Equality of What”, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB) Feasibility studies on how to online-crowdcode parties’ (in-)equality positions
09/2014 – 02/2018	“Universalism and the Welfare State”, Aarhus University With: Prof. Kees van Kersbergen (PI), Prof. Carsten Jensen, Dr. Anthony Kevins
03/2014 – 04/2014	“Dilemmas of Inclusion”, Princeton University RA, Archival research on party strategies for Prof. Rafaela Dancygier, Ph.D.
09/2011 – 07/2012	Berlin Summer School “Linking Theory and Empirical Research”, WZB/BGSS Organization and moderation of panel “Welfare and Social Inequality”
11/2006 – 06/2010	CWED 2 and other Projects of Prof. Delftef Jahn, University of Greifswald, RA, i.a. for “Comparative Welfare Entitlement Dataset 2” , with Scruggs and Kuitto

Teaching Experience

03/2022	Crowd-Sourced Text Analysis , Methods of Excellence/ MethodsNet Course
12/2021	Intro to Online-Crowdcoding, Methods Hub Training, for Ph.D. and Postdoc
10/2021 – 01/2022	The Politics of Inequality, MA
02/2017 – 07/2017	The Changing Politics of the Welfare State in Comparative Perspective, MA
09/2016 – 01/2017	Danish Politics and Welfare in Comparative Perspective, mostly BA
09/2016 – 01/2017	Why Does(n’t) Representative Democracy Work?, MA
02/2016 – 07/2016	Danish Politics and Welfare in Comparative Perspective, mostly BA

09/2015 – 01/2016	The Changing Politics of the Welfare State in Comparative Perspective, BA
08/2015 – 09/2015	The Changing Politics of the Welfare State in Comparative Perspective, MA
10/2005 – 07/2009	TA: Methods of Political Science, Introduction to Statistics, BA (in German)

Talks/Presentations mostly invited talks

09/2022	Montreal	1) Parties' non-responses to inequality 2) Neoliberal, meritocratic, "woke"? Mapping the Left's concepts of equality (with new data), 1970-2021 [APSA]
07/2022	Oxford	Party Responses to Economic Inequality [Nullfield College, University of Oxford, Inequality workshop, i.a. by Petrova, Engler, and Weisstanner]
12/2020	Konstanz	Varieties of Egalitarianism: Mapping the Politics of Inequality with Online Crowdcoding [CPPE Series on Comparative Politics and Political Economy]
03/2020	Cambridge	Equality of what? Equality concepts of parties in the United States, Germany and Denmark since 1980 [Weatherhead Center, Harvard]
02/2020	Cambridge	The Politics of Punitive and Enabling Workfare [With Anthony Kevins and Kees van Kersbergen, at The State and Capitalism Since 1800 , Harvard/CES]
03/2019	Korsør	How the Online Crowd and Experts Collaborate to Create Innovative Data [Danske Fag-, Forsknings- og Uddannelsesbibliotekers/Danish Research Library Association's vinterinterna, under Title "Focus on Open Science"]
05/2018	Aarhus	Can the Scandinavian Welfare States Remain the Champions of Social Investment? [Aarhus Matchpoints 2018 – New Solutions to Old Problems]
04/2018	Cologne	The Asymmetric Long-Term Electoral Consequences of Unpopular Reform: Why Retrenchment Really is a Losing Game for Left Parties [Cologne Center for Comparative Politics at Cologne University, invited by Ingo Rohlfing]
12/2017	Heidelberg	Primacy of Politics or Market-Conformist Democracy? New Avenues in the Study of Party Effects [Economics & Politics Seminar , invited by Jale Tosun]
10/2017	Berlin	Politics and Inequality [at the A.SK ceremony "in honor of work focusing on economic and government reform", Social Science Research Center/WZB]
03/2014	Stockholm	The Effect of Cabinet-Ideology on Welfare State Retrenchment in the OECD [SOFI – the Swedish Center for Social Research, invited by Kenneth Nelson]

Work in Progress

1. Changing public private trade-offs and their ideological determinants (with Sebastian Kohl, R&R)
2. Paternalism and the politics of punitive and enabling workfare (with Kevins, van Kersbergen, R&R)
3. Varieties of Egalitarianism (with Martin Haselmayer, Jonathan Klüser), WPs on 1) Party Effects on Inequality, 2) Unequal German Democracy 3) Party Responses to Inequality 4) Changing left Concepts of Equality, 1970-2021 (at MPSA, CES, DVPW, APSA (download new presentations [here](#)))
4. Danish Politics and Policies in Comparative Perspective (Introductory book, forthcoming, Springer)

Other Qualifications

Language	German (Native), English (Fluent), Danish (Reading and Listening: Good, Speaking and Writing: Basic), Basic Knowledge of Swedish, French, Latin
Software	Advanced: Stata, Excel, SPSS, Citavi, Edu-IT (Padlet, Blackboard); Basic: R

Reviewer (i.a.) for

Party Politics, Socio-Economic Review, Journal of European Public Policy, British Journal of Political Science, Palgrave Macmillan, Australian Journal of Political Science, Sociological Research and Methods, Social Policy and Administration, Social Forces, European Policy Analysis, West European Politics, Graduate School of the Social and Behavioural Sciences Konstanz, Politics and Policy, Aarhus University HR (external reviewer for candidate)

Knowledge Sharing

03/2021	Background information and quotes for the article “Den Wohlfahrtsstaat bewahren. Dänen gehen rigoros gegen Parallelgesellschaften vor” , print edition of Hessisch-Niedersächsische Allgemeine Zeitung, Politik, 26.3, p.19
03/2019	Talk: “How the Online Crowd and Experts Collaborate to Create Innovative Data”, Meeting of the Danske Fag-, Forsknings- og Uddannelsesbiblioteker (Danish Research Library Association) “Focus on Open Science”, in Korsør
11/2018	Interview on occasion of the DJØF Publishing Prize 2018 for “Crowdcoding of Parties’ Equality Concepts”, Djøfbladet 10/18 p.48-51; or online under djoefbladet.dk [Tusindvis af internetbrugere skal samle data til forskere]
09/2018	Ein Konsens, der noch hält. Soziale Investitionen haben in Skandinavien breite politische Unterstützung [A Consensus That Still Persists. Social Investments in Scandinavia Enjoy Broad Political Support], Berlin Social Science Center- <i>Mitteilungen</i> Nr. 161. With Kees van Kersbergen.
05/2018	Can the Scandinavian Welfare States Remain the Champions of Social Investment? [Public Talk at Matchpoints – New Solutions to Old Problems]
10/2017	Politics and Inequality [Talk for Broad Audience to Mark Receipt of the A.SK Price “in Honor of Work Focusing on Economic and Government Reform”]
02/2017	Adviser and Interviewee for an ORF Documentary on Pension Politics in Denmark, Germany, and Austria: Working until you Drop Dead. Pension Systems in Flux [Arbeiten bis zum Umfallen . Pensionssysteme im Wandel]
09/2013	Wider den Zynismus – Wieso man Wahlprogramme ernst nehmen sollte [Against the Cynicism – Why Election Programs Should be Taken Seriously]. Berlin Social Science Research Center, Democracy & Democratization. Link
11/2013	Radio-Interview with Voice of Russia: Party Strategies in the Coalition Talks

Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles

Year/author rank/impact

- 2022 1st/3 4.1 22. The Paternalist Politics of Punitive and Enabling Workfare: Evidence from a New Dataset on Workfare Reforms in 16 Countries, 1980-2015, *Socio-Economic Review*. Forthcoming. Harvard CES [State and capitalism version](#). With Anthony Kevins and Kees van Kersbergen.
- 2022 1st/2 4.0 21. Policy Signals in Party Communication: Explaining Positional Concreteness in Parties' Facebook Posts. *West European Politics*. [Published online June 30th](#). With Carsten Jensen.
- 2021 1st/1 7.3 20. The Asymmetric Long-term Electoral Consequences of Unpopular Reforms: Why Retrenchment Really is a Losing Game for Left Parties. *Journal of European Public Policy*, [28:9, 1494-1517](#). ("Alt-Metric" Score 150).
- 2021 1st/4 2.8 19. Political Parties and Social Groups: New Perspectives and Data on Group and Policy Appeals. *Party Politics*. [27:5, 983-995](#). With Anthony Kevins, Carsten Jensen, Kees van Kersbergen.
- 2020 2nd/4 3.1 18. Motive Attribution and the Moral Politics of the Welfare State. *Journal of Social Policy*. [49:1, 145-165](#). With Anthony Kevins, Carsten Jensen, Kees van Kersbergen.
- 2019 1st/1 3.6 17. Can the Online-Crowd match Real Expert Judgments? How Task Complexity and Coder Location Affect the Validity of Crowd-Coded Data. *European Journal of Political Research* [58:1, 236-247](#). Best Paper by a Young Scholar Presented the Danish Political Science Association Meeting 2017 (DJØF Prize); received 2018. Its relevance is discussed in *Djøfbladet* 10/2018 p.48-51 or under "[Tusindvis af internetbrugere skal samle data til forskere](#)"
- 2019 2nd/4 2.3 16. The Illusion of Class in Welfare State Politics? *Journal of Social Policy* [48:1, 21-41](#). With Anthony Kevins, Carsten Jensen, Kees van Kersbergen.
- 2018 2nd/4 1.5 15. Yardsticks of Inequality: Median Voter Preferences for Redistribution in Advanced Democracies. *Journal of European Social Policy* [28:4; 402-418](#). With Anthony Kevins, Carsten Jensen, Kees van Kersbergen.
- 2018 1st/2 0.4 14. Problem Pressure and Social Policy Innovation: Lessons from 19th-Century Germany. *Social Science History* [42:3, 495-515](#). With Anthony Kevins.
- 2018 1st/1 1.9 13. Conditional Solidarity: A Comparative Analysis of Government Egalitarianism and Benefit Conditionalization in Boom and Bust. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* [20:5, 451-468](#).
- 2017 1st/4 1.6 12. Peeping at the Corpus. What is Really Going on behind the Equality and Welfare Items of the Manifesto Project? *Journal of European Social Policy*, [27:5, 403-416](#). With Anthony Kevins, Carsten Jensen, Kees van Kersbergen.
- 2017 1st/2 2.9 11. When and Why Politicians do *not* keep their Welfare Promises. *European Journal of Political Research* [56:2, 381-400](#). With Carsten Jensen.

Monographs

- forthcoming Consensual, Egalitarian, and Universalist? Danish Politics and Policies in Comparative Perspective (contrasted with GER, SWE, UK, cf. number 10)
- 2019 10. [Das politische System Dänemarks: Politik, Wirtschaft und Wohlfahrtsstaat in vergleichender Perspektive](#), Springer VS, 159 pages.
- [Review 1](#) (German, *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*)
- 2017 09. Government Ideology, Economic Pressure, and Risk Privatization. How Economic Worldviews Shape Social Policy in Times of Crisis. Amsterdam University Press, **peer reviewed** series *Changing Welfare States*, 284 pages.
- [Review 1](#) (English, in *Journal of Social Policy*)
 - [Review 2](#) (German, in *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft*)
 - [Review 3](#) (English, in *Contemporary Sociology*)

Book Chapters

- 2022 08. Honesty is the Best Policy. The (Hidden) Short- and Long-term Electoral Consequences of Pledge Breaking and Their Economic Scope Conditions. (Festschrift Detlef Jahn, Edited by Erik Baltz, Sven Kosanke, Susanne Pickel).
- 2022 07. Legacies of Universalism: Origins and Persistence of the Broad Political Support for Inclusive Social Investment in Scandinavia. In: *The World Politics of Social Investment II: The Politics of Varying Social Investment Strategies*, (Edited by Julian Garritzmann, Silja Häusermann, Bruno Palier). Oxford University Press. With Kees van Kersbergen.
- 2021 06. Three Worlds of Social Policy Styles: Lasting Legacies or a Thing of the Past? In: [Routledge Handbook of Policy Styles](#) (Edited by Michael Howlett and Jale Tosun). Chapter 8. With Jennifer Shore. Routledge (Handbook Series).

Other Publications

- 2019 05. Explaining Other People's Stances on Inequality. At: socialpolicyblog.com, May 2019. With Anthony Kevins, Carsten Jensen, and Kees van Kersbergen.
- 2018 04. [Ein Konsens, der noch hält. Soziale Investitionen haben in Skandinavien breite politische Unterstützung](#), Berlin Social Science Center (WZB). WZB-Mitteilungen Nr. 161. With Kees van Kersbergen.
- 2014 03. Dissertation: Does Ideology Still Matter? The Impact of Cabinet Ideology on Unemployment Insurance Retrenchment. Humboldt Universität zu Berlin.
- 2013 02. Wider den Zynismus – Wieso man Wahlprogramme ernst nehmen sollte. Social Science Research Center Berlin, *Democracy & Democratization*. [Link](#)
- 2013 01. Book Review: Political Parties and Democratic Linkage: How Parties Organize Democracy, by Russell J. Dalton, David M. Farrell, and Ian McAllister. *Berlin Reviews in Social Sciences*, Review Number 6. [Link](#)