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Education

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| 2018 – 2022 | Doctor rerum politicarum (Dr. rer. pol.) in Political Science
Free University of Berlin (advisors: Thomas Rixen and David Weisstanner)
Completed with distinction (grade: summa cum laude) |
| 2015 – 2018 | Master of Arts (M.A.) in Political Science
University of Bamberg (with distinction) |
| 2011 – 2015 | Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Political Science and Economics
University of Jena |
| 2001 – 2009 | General university entrance qualification
Gymnasium Hochrad, Hamburg |

Employment

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| Since 2023 | Cluster of Excellence “The Politics of Inequality”, University of Konstanz
Postdoc at Emmy Noether Group “Varieties of Egalitarianism” |
| 2020 – 2023 | Chair for International and Comparative Political Economy, Free University of Berlin
Predoc |
| 2018 – 2019 | Chair for Public Policy, University of Bamberg
Predoc at research project „Combating Fiscal Fraud and Empowering Regulators (COFFERS)” |
| 2016 – 2018 | Chair for Public Policy, University of Bamberg
Research assistant |
| 2016 – 2018 | Research Data Center, Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories
Research assistant |
| 2016 | Winter School in Methods and Techniques, Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences
Academic assistant |

Work interruptions

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| 2022 – 2023 | Parental leave
Six months, October 2022 – March 2023 |
| 2019 – 2020 | Parental leave
Six months, October 2019 – March 2020 |

Skills

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| Software | Stata, R, Excel, Word, Powerpoint, Citavi, LaTeX |
| Languages | German (mother tongue), English (fluent), Spanish (basic) |

Publications in academic journals

- Labor market risks and welfare preferences: a bounded rationality approach
Socio-Economic Review, 2023, DOI: [10.1093/ser/mwad034](https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwad034)
- The electoral consequences of welfare state changes: a sober look at theory and evidence (with Frank Bandau)
Journal of European Public Policy, 2023, 30(8): 1633-1656

A victim of regulatory arbitrage? Automatic exchange of information and the use of golden visas and corporate shells (with Lukas Hakelberg and Thomas Rixen)

Regulation & Governance, 2022, 16(3): 653-672

Unfair inequality and the demand for redistribution

Socio-Economic Review, 2022, 20(2): 463-487

New Room to Maneuver: National tax policy under the automatic exchange of information (with Fabio Bothner, Lukas Hakelberg, and Thomas Rixen)

Socio-Economic Review, 2022, 20(2): 561-583

The (a)symmetric effects of income and unemployment on popular demand for redistribution

West European Politics, 2022, 45(7): 1407-1432

Response to Reuven Avi-Yonah, Steven Dean and Cees Peters (with Lukas Hakelberg und Thomas Rixen)

Intertax, 2021, 49(6/7): 564-568

Transcending Tax Competition: How Financial Transparency Enables Governments to Tax Portfolio Capital (with Lukas Hakelberg and Thomas Rixen)

Intertax, 2021, 49(6/7): 549-554

The Big Bang: Tax Evasion after Automatic Exchange of Information under FATCA and CRS (with Fabio Bothner)

New Political Economy, 2020, 25(6): 849-864

The Impact of Partisanship in the Era of Retrenchment: Insights from Quantitative Welfare State Research (with Frank Bandau)

Journal of European Social Policy, 2020, 30(1): 34-47

Theorizing the Impact of Fairness Perceptions on the Demand for Redistribution

Political Research Exchange, 2019, 1(1): 1-17

Equity financing, labor market mobility and the Varieties of Capitalism: the mobilizing impact of stock markets

Comparative Governance and Politics, 2019, 13(3): 353-374

Other publications

Inequality and the demand for redistribution: six essays on the causes and consequences of policy preferences

Doctoral dissertation, Free University of Berlin, 2023

Capital Taxation and International Cooperation: The Causes and Consequences of the Automatic Exchange of Information (with Fabio Bothner, Lukas Hakelberg, and Thomas Rixen)

Brigitte Unger, Lucia Rossel, and Joras Ferwerda (eds.), *Combatting Fiscal Fraud and Empowering Regulators*, 2021, Oxford University Press

Selected work in progress

The electoral consequences of taxation in OECD countries (with Frank Bandau)

Under review

The quality of government conditions political disagreement over redistributive policies

Under review

Software

scatterfit – a Stata package for drawing scatterplots with overlaid fit lines

(<https://github.com/leojahrens/scatterfit>)

Conference and workshop presentations

The electoral consequences of taxation

Annual conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Glasgow, June 2023

Labor market risks and welfare preferences: a bounded rationality approach

Annual conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Glasgow, June 2023

The electoral consequences of taxation

Annual meeting of the DVPW Political Economy Section, Free University of Berlin, September 2022

Labor market risks and welfare preferences: a bounded rationality approach

Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), June 2022 (trip canceled due to Coronavirus infection)

The electoral consequences of welfare state changes: a sober look at theory and evidence
Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), June 2022 (trip canceled due to Coronavirus infection)

The electoral consequences of welfare state changes: a sober look at theory and evidence
28th International Conference of Europeanists, Council for European Studies, June 2022

The quality of government conditions political disagreement over redistributive policies
Academic Convention of the German Political Science Association (DVPW), September 2021

The quality of government conditions political disagreement over redistributive policies
International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP5), Barcelona, July 2021

The quality of government conditions political disagreement over redistributive policies
Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), June 2021

Can self-interest theories explain popular demand for redistribution? A causal inference approach
General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), August 2020

The Big Bang: Tax Evasion after Automatic Exchange of Information under FATCA and CRS
Tax Justice Network Conference, City, University of London, July 2019

Illegitimate Inequality and the Demand for Redistribution
International Political Economy Workshop, University of Frankfurt, June 2019

Illegitimate Inequality and the Demand for Redistribution
Annual meeting of the DVPW Political Economy Section, University of Konstanz, May 2019

New Room to Maneuver? National tax policy under the automatic exchange of information
International Tax Cooperation Conference, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, December 2018

Teaching

Introduction to statistics
Winter term 2020/21, summer term 2021, winter term 2021/22, summer term 2022, summer term 2023

The political economy of redistribution
Summer term 2020, winter term 2020/21, summer term 2022

Economic determinants of voting behavior
Winter term 2021/22, summer term 2023

Labor market and welfare policies
Winter term 2018/19, summer term 2021

Empirical applications of public policy theories
Summer term 2019

Fundamentals of academic work
Summer term 2019

Professional services

Reviewer for *Comparative Political Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Political Research Exchange*, and *Socio-Economic Review*.

Advanced training

Structural Equation Modeling
Five-day course at the Winter School in Methods and Techniques, 2021

Methods of Modern Causal Analysis Based on Observational Data
Five-day course at the Winter School in Methods and Techniques, 2019

Funding

Internal research fund, Free University of Berlin (10,000€)
Funding for the implementation of a survey experiment on tax policy preferences

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) (250€)
Grant for the participation in the ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques 2019

References

Prof. Dr. Thomas Rixen, Free University of Berlin (thomas.rixen@fu-berlin.de)

Prof. Dr. David Weisstanner, University of Lucerne (david.weisstanner@unilu.ch)

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