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Research Interests

Unequal Democracy; Politics of Inequality; Political Systems; Parties; Welfare States; Nexus of Problem Pressure, Ideology and Policy Change; TINA-Politics; Text as Data

Appointments

07/2020 – 12/2026	Research Group Leader , Varieties of Egalitarianism, University of Konstanz
10/2024 – 03/2025	Interim Professor , Comparative Analysis of Political Systems, Humboldt University
09/2019 – 07/2020	John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow , Center for European Studies, Harvard
03/2018 – 04/2019	ASK Fellow , independent project at Berlin Social Science Center WZB
09/2014 – 08/2019	Assistant Professor , Political Science Department, Aarhus University

Academic Education

10/2010 – 08/2014	Humboldt University Berlin and Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences: Ph.D., published 2017: <i>Government Ideology, Economic Pressure, and Risk Privatization</i>
08/2012 – 12/2012	Duke University : Ph.D. courses on Comparative Party Politics (Kitschelt), Political Economy of Inequality (Beramendi); Introduction to Political Economy (Munger)
08/2007 – 07/2008	University of Gothenburg : Courses: Comparative Politics, Quality of Government
10/2004 – 09/2010	University of Greifswald : Magister in Political Science, History, Communication

Additional Training

07/2023	Unconscious Bias/Diversity , voluntary Training for Group Leaders (<i>factor-D</i>)
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/Python (Harvard), Process Tracing (Oldenburg), Funding (DFG)

Grants and Awards

10/2026	800,000 €	Ineq_Invest on future-oriented policies, with CO-PIs Koos and Busemeyer (DFG)
07/2024	1,000 US \$	<i>Socio-Economic Review</i> Best Paper Prize , with Kevins and van Kersbergen (SASE)
09/2022	100,000 €	Seed funding for small projects, e.g. on asset price inflation (Young Scholar Fund)
07/2020	1,537,000 €	Emmy-Noether Research Group: Varieties of Egalitarianism, six years, (DFG)
09/2019	75,000 US \$	John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow, Center for European Studies (DAAD/Harvard)
10/2018	5,000 DKK	Best Postdoc-Paper at Danish Political Science Association Meeting 2017, Award for Online Crowdsourcing Parties' Concepts of Equality (DJØF-Forlag/DJØF Prize)
03/2018	36,500 €	A.SK Fellowship „awarded in honor of academic work focusing on economic and government reform” (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung and ASK)
01/2017	22,500 DKK	Seed funding for method to map political discourse (Aarhus University AU Ideas)
03/2014	5,500 US \$	Princeton University EUROFORT Travel Grant for archival work at the Swedish Center for Social Research (SOFI) in Stockholm and at/for Princeton University
08/2012	35,000 US \$	Taylor Cole Fellowship, for one term in Duke Ph.D. Program (Duke University)
10/2010	45,000 €	Doctoral Scholarship, Excellence Initiative, German Research Foundation (DFG)

Projects

10/2026	Ineq_Invest (Konstanz) Transformation Processes in Democracies. CO-PIs Sebastian Koos, Marius Busemeyer
07/2020 – 12/2026	Varieties of Egalitarianism (Konstanz) DFG Emmy Noether Group. I.a. with Jonathan Klüser, Leo Ahrens, Martin Haselmayer
09/2022 – 12/2024	Sleepwalking Into Hyper Inequality? (Konstanz) (Non)politicization of asset price inflation and wealth inequality, seed funding project
05/2019 – 08/2019	Political Communication of Parties Online (Aarhus) with Carsten Jensen: When/how do parties communicate concrete positions online?
03/2018 – 04/2019	Equality of What? (WZB) PI: Feasibility studies on how to online crowdcode parties' (in-)equality positions
09/2014 – 02/2018	Universalism and the Welfare State in Scandinavia (Aarhus) Postdoc: Solidarity, parties and policies. PI: Kees van Kersbergen, Carsten Jensen
03/2014 – 04/2014	Dilemmas of Inclusion (Princeton) Assistant: Archival research on SPD and inclusion of minorities. PI: Rafaela Dancygier

Selected Talks

03/2025	Gothenburg	<i>Democracy and the Broken Promise of Equality</i> [invite: Mikael Persson]
11/2023	Berlin	<i>How Parties Attract Votes but Amplify Cleavages</i> [invite: Hannah Schwander]
07/2023	Aarhus	<i>Parties and Inequality-Enhancing Policies</i> [invite: Carsten Jensen]
06/2023	Oxford	<i>The Right, Equal Rights, and Equality</i> [Oxford Univ., Nuffield College, David Rueda]

07/2022	Oxford	<i>Political Responses to Inequality</i> [Oxford Univ., Nuffield College, David Rueda]
12/2020	Konstanz	<i>Varieties of Egalitarianism</i> [Comparative Politics and Political Economy Seminar]
03/2020	Harvard	<i>Equality Concepts in the US, Denmark, and Germany</i> [Weatherhead Center]
02/2020	Harvard	<i>Paternalism, Neoliberalism, and Workfare Reform in 16 Countries. Evidence from a New Dataset</i> [State and Capitalism since 1800 , by Peter Hall and Kathy Thelen]
03/2019	Korsør	<i>How the Online Crowd and Experts Collaborate to Create Innovative Data</i> [Danske Fag-, Forsknings- og Uddannelsesbibliotekers, conference on topic Open Science]
05/2018	Aarhus	<i>Can the Scandinavian Welfare States Remain the Champions of Social Investment?</i> [public conference entitled Matchpoints 2018–New Solutions to Old Problems]
04/2018	Cologne	<i>The Asymmetric Long-Term Electoral Consequences of Unpopular Reform</i> [Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne, Ingo Rohlfing]
12/2017	Heidelberg	<i>Primacy of Politics or Market-Conformist Democracies? New Avenues in the Study of Party Politics</i> [Economics & Politics Seminar , Jale Tosun and Reimut Zohlnhöfer]
10/2017	Berlin/WZB	<i>Politics and Inequality</i> [at the A.SK ceremony “in honor of work focusing on economic and government reform”, Social Science Research Center/WZB]
03/2014	Stockholm	<i>Does Ideology Still Matter?</i> [Swedish Center for Social Research, Kenneth Nelson]

Other Qualifications

Language	German (Native Speaker), English (Fluent), Danish (Reading and Listening: Good, Speaking and Writing: Basic), French (Basic), Swedish (Beginner), Latin (Beginner)
Software	Stata, Excel, SPSS, Citavi, R, Python, SQL/SQLite, various Edu-IT tools

Service to the Profession

Reviews	ERC Proposals, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of Policy Analysis, European Journal of Political Research, Sociological Research and Methods, Journal of European Social Policy, Politics and Society, Socio-Economic Review, West European Politics, Party Politics, various book series and third-party funders
Service	Aarhus: Event committee, teaching planning, hiring evaluation; Konstanz: Project for extension proposal, Konstanz Methods of Excellence; HU Berlin: Professorium; workshops: The Right & (In)Equality (Konstanz 2023, with N. Gidron) , Symposium on Group Appeals in Politics at the Council for European Studies Conference 2026
Meetings	last 5 years: American Political Science Association 2021/22/23/24/25, European Political Science Association 2022/23/24/25, Council for European Studies 2022 and 2023, German Political Science Association 2024, German Political Science Association Political Econ. 2023/24/25, Danish Political Science Association 2021

Publications

Books

- 2026 **Lost in Transmission. Political Responses to Inequalities in Advanced Democracies.** Under contract with Cambridge University Press, series *European Politics*. [Abstract](#)
- 2019 **Das politische System Dänemarks: Politik, Wirtschaft und Wohlfahrtsstaat in vergleichender Perspektive (DK, GER, UK, SWE),** Springer VS, 159 pages. ([Link](#))
- [Review 1](#) (*Politische Vierteljahresschrift*)
- 2017 **Government Ideology, Economic Pressure, and Risk Privatization.** How Economic Worldviews Shape Social Policy in Times of Crisis. In Serie *Changing Welfare States*. Amsterdam University Press (Dec. 2025 new edition by Palgrave), 285 pages. ([Link](#))
- [Review 1](#) (*Journal of Social Policy*) | [Review 2](#) (*Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft*) | [Review 3](#) (*Contemporary Sociology*)

Papers

Year	Rank	Journal IF	
			R&R: Radical Right Parties, Economic Equality Positions, and the Socio-Economic Composition of Electorates in Western Europe. With Matthias Enggist.
2026	1/2	5.7	Equality Positions and Policies of Governments. How egalitarian parties pursue equality – yet evade redistribution. British Journal of Political Science . accepted. With Leo Ahrens.
2026	1/3	4.5	Winning with Equality: How left Parties Attract Votes <i>but</i> Amplify Electoral Cleavages. Journal of European Public Policy , Online First 01/17. With David Weisstanner and Carsten Jensen.
2026	1/3	5.9	Why Inequalities Persist. Parties' (Non)Responses to Economic Inequality, 1970–2020. American Political Science Review 120:1, 346-364 . With Martin Haselmayr and Jonathan Klüser. Interview at Deutschlandfunk .
2025	1/3	2.4	Blurring Lines. Economic Equality and Equal Rights Concepts of Center- and Far-Right Parties, Online First 5/16. Party Politics . With Martin Haselmayr and Jonathan Klüser.
2025	1/3	5.3	Social Progress at the Expense of Economic Equality? New Data on Left Parties' Equality preferences European Journal of Political Research 64:4, 2051-2062 . With Jonathan Klüser and Martin Haselmayr.
2025	1/4	1.9	Unequal German Democracy and the Rise of the 'Lifestyle-Left'? How Left Parties in Germany Conceive of Equality, 1970–2021. German Politics , Online First 3/12. With Jonathan Klüser, Simon Rittershaus and Martin Haselmayr.
2025	2/1	4.4	(When) Do Parties Affect Economic Inequality? A Systematic Analysis of 30 Years of Research. Perspectives on Politics 23:3, 944-963 . With Martin Haselmayr.
2024	1/2	3.0	Beyond Trade-offs: Exploring the Changing Interplay of Public and Private Welfare Provision in Old Age and Health in the Historical Long-run. Journal of European Social Policy 34:4, 373-388 . With Sebastian Kohl.

- 2024 1/3 5.0 Workfare and Attitudes toward the Unemployed: New Evidence on Policy Feedback from 1990 to 2018. [Comparative Political Studies 57:5, 818-850](#).
With Anthony Kevins and Kees van Kersbergen.
- 2023 1/3 4.1 The Paternalist Politics of Punitive and Enabling Workfare: 1980-2015. [Socio-Economic Review 21:4, 2137-2166](#). With Anthony Kevins and Kees van Kersbergen. **Best Paper 2024 Prize, granted by the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)**.
- 2022 1/2 4.0 Policy Signals in Party Communication: Explaining Positional Concreteness in Parties' Facebook Posts. [West European Politics. 46:5, 971-994](#). With Carsten Jensen.
- 2021 1/1 7.3 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](#).
- 2021 1/4 2.8 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 2/4 3.1 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 1/1 3.6 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 Award (DJØF Prize) 2018, Danish Political Science Association. Discussed in [DjØfbladet 10:2018, 48-51](#): Tusindvis af internetbrugere skal samle data til forskere.
- 2019 2/4 2.3 The Illusion of Class in Welfare State Politics? [Journal of Social Policy 48:1, 21-41](#). With Anthony Kevins, Carsten Jensen, Kees van Kersbergen.
- 2019 2/4 1.5 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 1/2 0.4 Problem Pressure and Social Policy Innovation: Lessons from 19th-Century Germany. [Social Science History 42:3, 495-515](#). With Anthony Kevins.
- 2018 1/1 1.9 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 1/4 1.6 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 1/2 2.9 When and Why Politicians do *not* keep their Welfare Promises. [European Journal of Political Research 56:2, 381-400](#). With Carsten Jensen.

Chapters

- 2025 Computational Social Science Approaches to Studying Welfare State Reforms. In: *Palgrave Handbook on Welfare State Reform*. Eds.: Bernhard Ebbinghaus and Moira Nelson. Palgrave. With Sebastian Stier and Jan Schwalbach.

- 2023 Ever the Committed Egalitarians – or the End of Scandinavian Exceptionalism? In: *No Normal Science! Festschrift for Kees van Kersbergen*. Eds.: Carsten Jensen, Barbara Vis and Christoffer Green-Pedersen. *Politica*. With Anthony Kevins.
- 2022 Honesty is the Best Policy. The (Hidden) Short- and Long-term Electoral Consequences of Pledge Breaking and Their Economic Scope Conditions. In: *Festschrift Detlef Jahn*. Eds.: Erik Baltz, Sven Kosanke and Susanne Pickel. Springer VS.
- 2022 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*. Eds.: Julian Garritzmann, Silja Häusermann and Bruno Palier. Oxford University Press. With Kees van Kersbergen.
- 2021 *Three Worlds of Social Policy Styles: Lasting Legacies or a Thing of the Past?* In: *Routledge Handbook of Policy Styles*. Eds.: Michael Howlett and Jale Tosun. With Jennifer Shore.

Outreach

- 03/2026 [Interview and Background Info on Danish Politics and the Folketing election for TAZ](#)
- 08/2025 <https://www.deutschlandfunknova.de/beitrag/studie-zeigt-partei-wahlprogramme-ignorieren-ungleichheit> Interview on [APSR paper](#).
- 07/2025 A Long and Winding Road. Mapping the Political Roots of Persistent Economic Inequality. In [equality Magazin Summer 2025](#), page 36-37.
- 09/2024 [Wagenknechts Kritik in der Analyse](#). Aktuelle Meldungen, Universität Konstanz, [Informationsdienst Wissenschaft](#), covered for instance in: Staatsanzeiger BW.
- 06/2024 Preparation of Deutschland Spricht '24, www.zeit.de/serie/deutschland-spricht.
- 03/2021 Background information and quotes for the article [Den Wohlfahrtsstaat bewahren](#). Hessisch-Niedersächsische Allgemeine Zeitung, March 26, p.19
- 05/2019 Explaining Other People's Stances on Inequality. *Socialpolicyblog.com*. ([Link](#))
- 03/2019 Talk: "How the Online Crowd and Experts Collaborate to Create Innovative Data", at annual meeting of the Danske Fag-, Forsknings- og Uddannelsesbiblioteker 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 Persists. Social Investments in Scandinavia Enjoy Broad Political Support], *WZB-Mitteilungen Nr. 161*.
- 05/2018 Can the Scandinavian Welfare States Remain the Champions of Social Investment? [Public Talk, Outreach Conference [Matchpoints – New Solutions to Old Problems](#)]
- 02/2017 Adviser and Interviewee for an ORF Documentary on Pension Politics in Denmark, Germany, and Austria: [[Arbeiten bis zum Umfallen](#). Pensionssysteme im Wandel].
- 09/2013 [Wider den Zynismus](#) – Wieso man Wahlprogramme ernst nehmen sollte [Why Election Programs Should be Taken Seriously] Democracy & Democratization Blog.
- 10/2013 [Political Parties and Democratic Linkage](#): How Parties Organize Democracy, by Russell Dalton, David Farrell, and Ian McAllister. Review in *Berlin Book Reviews*.

Courses and Impact-Evaluation (WS 24/25 Interim Professor, HU Berlin)

Year	Type	Title	University	Students	ECTS	Level	Exams	Impact*
10/2024 – 02/2025	Colloquium	Vergleichende Analyse politischer Systeme	HU Berlin	7	5	BA, MA	Presentation	
10/2024 – 02/2025	Seminar + Application	When do Parties keep their Promises?	HU Berlin	35	10	BA	Paper	1.5/6
10/2024 – 02/2025	Seminar	Gesellschaft und Demokratie in Deutschland	HU Berlin	40	5	BA	Presentation	3.8/4 higher = better
10/2024 – 02/2025	Seminar	Unequal Democracy	HU Berlin	25	5	MA	Paper	2.0/6
03/2024	<i>Methods NET komex</i>	Crowdcoding, Text analysis	Konstanz	5	7	PhD	Paper	1.0/5
10/2022 – 02/2023	<i>Seminar</i>	The Politics of Inequality	Konstanz	12	7	MA, PhD	Paper	1.7/5
03/2022	<i>Methods NET komex</i>	Crowdcoding, Text analysis	Konstanz	10	7	PhD	Paper	1.0/5
10/2021 – 02/2022	Seminar	The Politics of Inequality	Konstanz	14	7	MA	Paper	1.2/5
12/2021	Introduction	Crowdcoding	Konstanz	9	-	all		4.7/5 higher = better
09/2016 – 01/2017	Seminar	Danish Politics and Welfare in Comparative Perspective	Aarhus	36	10	BA	Oral	3.6/5 higher = better
09/2016 – 01/2017	Seminar	Why/How Does Representative Democracy Work?	Aarhus	15	10	MA	Take home	3.5/5 higher = better
02/2016 – 07/2016	Seminar	Danish Politics and Welfare in Comparative Perspective	Aarhus	11	10	BA	Oral	4.2/5 higher = better
08/2015 – 09/2015	Seminar	Politics of the Welfare State in Comparative Perspective	Aarhus	11	10	MA	Oral and Synopsis	3.9/5 higher = better
03/2009 – 07/2009	Tutorial	Introduction Statistics (for Prof. Detlef Jahn)	Greifswald	25	5	BA	Multiple Choice	1.4/8

Seminars in Aarhus consist of 15 sessions of 2.5h and mix lecture and seminar. Syllabi as PDFs: [Crowdcoding](#), [Politics of Inequality](#), [Changing Politics of the Welfare State](#), [Danish Politics](#), [Representative Democracy](#) * Standard item: "I assess the overall outcome of the course", 1 = no outcome, 2 = limited outcome, 3 = some outcome, 4 = significant outcome, 5 = very significant outcome. All courses in Konstanz evaluated above average. [Syllabi for the Humboldt courses Election Promises, Gesellschaft und Demokratie, Unequal Democracy are here.](#)