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Current positions and professional experience

Director of the Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGSS), 2010-

Professor of Political Science, University of Bamberg, Germany, 2009-

Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Reader and Professor of Political Science at the University of Kent, Canterbury, 1996-2009

Lecturer in Sociology, Dresden University of Technology, Germany, 1993-1995

Lecturer in Politics, University of Hull, United Kingdom, 1992-1993

Research Fellow in Sociology, University of the Federal Armed Forces, Munich, Germany, 1987-1991

Qualifications

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science, University of Munich, 1993 (summa cum laude, with Modern History and Communication Studies as minor subjects)

M.A. in Political Science, Modern History and Communication Studies, University of Munich, 1987 (with distinction)

Selected publications in English

Books

The Oxford Handbook of Legislative Studies. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2014 (co-edited with Shane Martin and Kaare W. Strøm, ISBN: 978-0-19-965301-0, 761pp.).

The Political Representation of Immigrants and Minorities: Voters, parties and parliaments in liberal democracies (co-edited with Karen Bird and Andreas M. Wüst). London: Routledge 2011 (=Routledge/ECPR Studies in European Political Science Volume 70; 284 pp., ISBN: 978-0-415-49272-0).

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

‘Minority-Ethnic MPs and the Substantive Representation of Minority Interests in the House of Commons, 2005-2011.’ *Parliamentary Affairs*, Vol. 66, No. 2 (2013), pp. 305-328 (with Daniel Bischof).

‘The Bundestag and German Citizens: More Communication, Growing Distance.’ *Journal of Legislative Studies*, Vol. 18, Nos. 3-4 (2012), pp. 313-332 (with Ralf Dobmeier).

‘Deliberate Delegation or Abdication? Government Backbenchers, Ministers and European Union Legislation.’ *The Journal of Legislative Studies*, Vol. 11, Nos. 3/4 (2005), pp. 343-371.

‘Members of parliament and governments in Western Europe: Agency relations and problems of oversight.’ *European Journal of Political Research*, Vol. 37, No. 3 (2000), pp. 353-376.

‘The West German Bundestag after 40 Years: The Role of Parliament in a "Party Democracy".’ In: *West European Politics*, Volume 13, No. 3 (1990), pp. 68-89.

‘Economic and Political Reactions to the World Economic Crisis of the 1930s in Six European Countries.’ In: *International Studies Quarterly*, Volume 32, No. 3 (1988) pp. 305-334 (with Ekkart Zimmermann).

Contributions to edited books

‘Economic Performance, Political Institutions and Cabinet Durability in 28 European Parliamentary Democracies, 1945-2011.’ In: Wolfgang C. Müller and Hanne-Marthe Narud (eds.): *Party Governance and Party Democracy*. New York: Springer 2013, pp. 51-79.

‘Veto players, agenda control and cabinet stability in 17 European parliaments, 1945-1999.’ In: Thomas König, George Tsebelis and Marc Debus (eds.): *Reform Processes and Policy Change: Veto Players and Decision-Making in Modern Democracies*. New York: Springer 2010, pp. 125-143.

‘Intra-party Conflict and Cabinet Survival in 17 West European Democracies, 1945-1999.’ In: Kenneth Benoit and Daniela Giannetti (eds.): *Intra-party Politics and Coalition Governments in Parliamentary Democracies*. London: Routledge 2008 (Routledge/ECPR Studies in European Political Science), pp. 169-186.

‘Institutions, Chance and Choices: The Dynamics of Cabinet Survival in the Parliamentary Democracies of Western Europe (1945-99).’ In: Kaare Strøm, Wolfgang C. Müller and Torbjörn Bergman (eds.): *Cabinets and Coalition Bargaining: The Democratic Life Cycle in Western Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2008, pp. 327-368.

‘On Dogs and Whips: Recorded Votes.’ In: Herbert Döring (ed.): *Parliaments and Majority Rule in Western Europe*. Frankfurt am Main/ New York: Campus/ St. Martin’s Press 1995, pp. 528-565.

Research grants and other external funding (as the PI or coordinator)

Grant by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) for the project ‘Anxieties of Democracy in Europe and North America’ (ANXIETIES, ‘Sorgen um die Demokratie in Europa und Nordamerika’, joint application with Professors Claudia Landwehr, University of Mainz, and Armin Schäfer, University of Osnabrück, 276,165 Euro, 2016-2019, SZ: SA 2160/5-1)

Research grant by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft for the ORA+ project ‘Pathways to Power: The Political Representation of Citizens of Immigrant Origin in Seven European Democracies’ (PATHWAYS, ‘Wege zur Macht: Die politische Repräsentation von Staatsbürgern mit Migrationshintergrund in sieben europäischen Demokratien’, 612.087 Euros, 2014-2017)

Coordinator and lead principal investigator of the University of Bamberg’s bid for the Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGSS) under the Excellence Initiative of the German federal and state governments (6,324,800 Euros, 2012-2017).

Research grant by the Fritz-Thyssen-Foundation for the project ‘Parlamentarisches Abstimmungsverhalten im Deutschen Bundestag’ (part of a collective bid with Professor Stefanie Bailer, ETH Zürich, and Dr. Ulrich Sieberer, University of Konstanz (Az 10.12.1.125, 66,000 Euros, 2012-2014).