

Curriculum Vitae

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Research interests

political institutions; institutional change; legislative research; coalition politics; empirical democratic theory; judicial politics; rational choice theory

Academic positions

Since 2016 Professor of Empirical Political Science (W2), University of Bamberg, Department of Social Science, Economics and Business Administration
Since 2016 Faculty, Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGSS), University of Bamberg
2011-2016 Research Group Leader and Research Fellow, University of Konstanz, Department of Politics and Public Administration & Zukunftskolleg (on leave summer term 2013)
2015-2016 Principal Investigator, Graduate School Decision Sciences, University of Konstanz
2013-2014 Visiting Professor at the Department of Government, University of Vienna
2013 Acting Professor (W3) for Comparative Politics, University of Konstanz
2012-2013 Visiting Professor at the Department of Government, University of Vienna
2004 -2011 Lecturer, University of Mannheim, Chair for Political Science III (Comparative Politics)
2009-2011 Project Director, University of Mannheim, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research
2001-2004 Student assistant, University of Mannheim, Chair for Political Science III
2001 Teaching assistant and grader, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Political Science
1999-2000 Student assistant, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, University of Mannheim

Degrees and academic studies

2013 University of Konstanz
Habilitation and *venia legend* in Political Science
Habilitation Thesis: MPs, Parties and Institutions. Rational Choice Institutional Studies of Parliamentary Behavior in European Democracies
2009 University of Mannheim
Doctorate in Political Science (Dr. rer. soc.).
Dissertation: Parlamente als Wahlorgane. Parlamentarische Wahlbefugnisse und ihre Nutzung in 25 europäischen Demokratien (*summa cum laude*; advisors: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang C. Müller; Prof. Dr. Franz Urban Pappi)
2008 Hochschuldidaktikzentrum Baden-Württemberg
Baden-Württemberg Zertifikat für Hochschullehre, courses on teaching methods and didactics, 20 ECTS
1998-2004 University of Mannheim
Magister Artium (M.A.) in Political Science, Medieval and Modern History, and Public Law (with distinction, grade 1,0)
2000-2001 Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD (USA)
visiting graduate student at the Department of Political Science

Grants and stipends

2016 Heisenberg Stipend, German Research Foundation, 3 years: approx. €170.000 (declined after accepting a professorship at the University of Bamberg)

- 2014-2015 Research project "The politics of ministerial jurisdictions", Young Scholar Fund (competitive internal research grants) at the University of Konstanz, 1 year: approx. €11.500.
- 2014-2015 Research project „Parliamentary voting in the Frankfurt Assembly“, Zukunftskolleg at the University of Konstanz, 1 year: approx. €5.000 (Co-PI with Michael Herrmann).
- 2012-2014 Research project „Parliamentary voting behavior in the German Bundestag“, Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, 2 years; approx. € 70.000 (Co-PI with Thomas Saalfeld and Stefanie Bailer)
- 2011-2014 Research project "Parliamentary Rules and Institutional Design", DFG (German Research Foundation), 3 years: approx. € 430.000 (PI)
- 2012-2014 Research project „The Motivation of Federal Constitutional Judges between Law and Politics“, Zukunftskolleg at the University of Konstanz, 2 years: approx. € 4.000 (Co-PI with Susumu Shikano and Philip Leifeld)
- 2011-2012 Research project "Explanations of Votes in the German Bundestag", Zukunftskolleg at the University of Konstanz, 2 years: approx. € 9.000 (PI)
- 2008 DFG Travel Grant (for participation at the Annual Convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 3-6): € 880
- 2000-2001 Graduate stipend of the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) for Graduate studies at the Johns Hopkins University
- 2000-2004 Monthly stipend of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation

Awards and nominations

- 2015 „Best Paper of the Past 20 Years“ Award of the Journal of Legislative Studies for the article "Party Unity in Parliamentary Democracies. A Comparative Analysis", Journal of Legislative Studies 12 2, 2006.
- 2011 Nominated for the "DVPW Dissertationspreis" 2011.
- 2010 Nominated for the "Wissenschaftspreis des Deutschen Bundestages" by the School of Social Sciences at the University of Mannheim for the dissertation "Parlamente als Wahlgorgane".
- 2010 Nominated for the ECPR Jean Blondel PhD Price by the University of Mannheim for the dissertation "Parlamente als Wahlgorgane".
- 2009 Nominated for the Fritz-Thyssen-Award for the best paper published in leading German-language social science journals by the editors of the *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* for the article "Prinzipal Parlament".
- 2008 Nomination for the State Teaching Award Baden-Württemberg by the Department of Social Sciences at the University of Mannheim.
- 2004 Lorenz von Stein Award 2003 for the best master's thesis in political science, sociology and social psychology at the University of Mannheim for the thesis "Fraktionskohäsion in parlamentarischen Demokratien".

Publications

Monograph

Sieberer, Ulrich, 2010, *Parlamente als Wahlgorgane. Parlamentarische Wahlbefugnisse und ihre Nutzung in 25 Europäischen Demokratien*, Baden-Baden: Nomos.

Journal articles (* = blind peer reviewed)

- Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2016, Lehren aus Weimar? Die erste Geschäftsordnung des Deutschen Bundestages von 1951 zwischen Kontinuität und Wandel, *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen* 47 (1), 3-25, doi: 10.5771/0340-1758-2016-1-3.
- Bergmann, Henning/Bailer, Stefanie/Ohmura, Tamaki/Saalfeld, Thomas/**Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2016, Namentliche Abstimmungen im Deutschen Bundestag, 1949-2013, *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen* 47 (1), 26-50, doi: 10.5771/0340-1758-2016-1-26.

- ***Sieberer, Ulrich**/Meißner, Peter/Keh, Julia F./Müller, Wolfgang C., 2016, Mapping and Explaining Parliamentary Rule Changes in Europe: A Research Program, *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 41 (1), 61-88, doi: 10.1111/lsq.12106.
- ***Sieberer, Ulrich**/Müller, Wolfgang C., 2015, Aiming Higher. The Consequences of Progressive Ambition among MPs in European Parliaments, *European Political Science Review*, First View, doi: 10.1017/S1755773915000260.
- ***Sieberer, Ulrich**/Müller, Wolfgang C., 2015, Explaining Reforms of Parliamentary Minority Rights. A Theoretical Framework with Case Study Application, *West European Politics* 38 (5), 997-1019, doi: 10.1080/01402382.2015.1045321.
- ***Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2015, Die Politik des Ressortzuschnitts zwischen Koalitionsarithmetik und thematischer Profilierung. Eine koalitionspolitische Erklärung für Kompetenzänderungen der Bundesministerien, 1957-2013, *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 56 (1), 77-103, doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5771/0032-3470-2015-1-77>.
- ***Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2015, Using MP Statements to Explain Voting Behavior in the German Bundestag: An Individual-level Test of the Competing Principals Theory, *Party Politics* 21 (2), 284-294, doi: 10.1177/1354068812472584. [Online First Version with same doi from 2013]
- ***Sieberer, Ulrich**/Meißner, Peter/Keh, Julia F./Müller, Wolfgang C., 2014, Konzeptionalisierung und Messung formalen Institutionenwandels: Das Beispiel parlamentarische Regeln, *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft* 8 (3-4), 237-262, doi: 10.1007/s12286-014-0216-7.
- ***Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2013, Elections in Western European Parliaments, *European Journal of Political Research* 52 (4), 512-535, doi: 10.1111/1475-6765.12007.
- ***Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2012, Checks or Toothless Tigers? Powers and Incentives of External Officeholders to Constrain the Cabinet in 25 European Democracies, *Government and Opposition* 47 (4), 517-543, doi: 10.1111/j.1477-7053.2012.01373.x.
- ***Sieberer, Ulrich**/Müller, Wolfgang C./Heller, Maiko I. 2011, Reforming the Rules of the Parliamentary Game: Measuring and Explaining Changes in Parliamentary Rules in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland, 1945-2010, *West European Politics* 34 (5), 948-975, doi: 10.1080/01402382.2011.591079.
- ***Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2011, The Institutional Power of Western European Parliaments. A Multidimensional Analysis, *West European Politics* 34 (4), 731-754, doi: 10.1080/01402382.2011.572389.
- ***Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2010, Behavioral Consequences of Mixed Electoral Systems. Deviating Voting Behavior of District and List MPs in the German Bundestag, *Electoral Studies* 29 (3), 484-496, doi: 10.1016/j.electstud.2010.04.012.
- ***Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2008, Prinzipal Parlament. Die Bedeutung europäischer Parlamente als Wahlorgane, *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 49 (2), 251-282, doi: 10.1007/s11615-008-0099-9. [nominated for the Fritz-Thyssen-Preis 2009 by the editors]
- *Becher, Michael/**Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2008, Discipline, Electoral Rules, and Defection in the Bundestag, 1983-1994, *German Politics* 17 (3), 293-304, doi: 10.1080/09644000802300510.
- ***Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2006, Party Unity in Parliamentary Democracies. A Comparative Analysis, *Journal of Legislative Studies* 12 (2), 150-178, doi: 10.1080/13572330600739413. [recipient of the "Best JLS Paper of the Past 20 Years Award" in 2015]
- ***Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2006, Agenda Setting in the German Bundestag. A Weak Government in a Consensus Democracy, *German Politics* 15 (1), 49-72, doi: 10.1080/09644000500534972.
- Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2006, Strategische Zurückhaltung von Verfassungsgerichten. Gewaltenteilungsvorstellungen und die Grenzen der Justizialisierung, *Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft* 16 (4), 1299-1323, doi: 10.5771/1430-6387-2006-4-1299.
- *Kaiser, André/Lehnert, Matthias/Miller, Bernhard/**Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2002, The Democratic Quality of Institutional Regimes. A Conceptual Framework, *Political Studies* 50 (2), 313-331, doi: 10.1111/1467-9248.t01-1-00372.

Contributions to edited volumes

- Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2015, Hire or Fire? The Link between Cabinet Investiture and Removal in Parliamentary Democracies, in: Bjorn Erik Rasch/Shane Martin/José Antonio Cheibub (eds.): *Parliaments and Government Formation: Unpacking Investiture Rules*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 309-330.
- Müller, Wolfgang C./**Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2014, Parliamentary Rules and Procedures, in: Shane Martin/Thomas Saalfeld/ Kaare Strøm (eds.): *The Oxford Handbook of Legislative Studies*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 311-331.
- Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2011, Selecting Independent Variables. Competing Recommendations for Factor-Centric and Outcome-Centric Research Designs, in: Thomas Gschwend/Frank Schimmelfennig (eds.), *Research Design in Political Science. How to Practice what they Preach*, Basingstoke: Palgrave, 163-182 (slightly revised version for paperback edition)
- Hönnige, Christoph/**Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2011, Germany: Limited Government Agenda Control and Strong Minority Rights, in: Bjorn Erik Rasch/George Tsebelis (eds.), *The Role of Governments in Legislative Agenda Setting*, London: Routledge, 21-37.
- Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2009, Können ja – Wollen nein? Die Anreize externer Amtsträger zur Beschränkung der Regierung, in: Helmar Schöne/Julia von Blumenthal (eds.), *Parlamentarismusforschung in Deutschland. Ergebnisse und Perspektiven 40 Jahre nach Erscheinen von Gerhard Loewenbergs Standardwerk zum Deutschen Bundestag*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 301-322.
- Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2007, Selecting Independent Variables. Competing Recommendations for Factor-Centric and Outcome-Centric Research Designs, in: Thomas Gschwend/Frank Schimmelfennig (eds.), *Research Design in Political Science. How to Practice what they Preach*, Basingstoke: Palgrave, 163-182.
- Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2007, »Aber könnte es nicht auch sein dass...?« Die Auswahl unabhängiger Variablen in X-zentrierten und Y-zentrierten Forschungsdesigns, in: Thomas Gschwend/Frank Schimmelfennig (eds.), *Forschungsdesign in der Politikwissenschaft. Probleme – Strategien – Anwendungen*, Frankfurt: Campus Verlag, 253-279.
- Müller, Wolfgang C./**Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2005, Party Law, in: Richard S. Katz/William Crotty (eds.), *Handbook of Party Politics*, London: Sage Publications, 435-445.

Review articles

- Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2016, Review of Sven-Oliver Proksch and Jonathan B. Slapin, 2015, The Politics of Parliamentary Debate: Parties, Rebels, and Representation, *West European Politics* 39 (4), 903-904.
- Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2013, Review of Françoise Boucek, 2012, Factional Politics. How Dominant Parties Implode or Stabilize, *LSE Review of Books*, August 16, 2013, available online at <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2013/08/16/book-review-factional-politics-how-dominant-parties-implode-or-stabilize/>.
- Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2009, Review of Steffen Ganghof, Christoph Hönnige und Christian Stecker (eds.), 2008, Parlamente, Agendasetzung und Vetospieler. Festschrift für Herbert Döring, *German Politics* 18 (4), 599-600.
- Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2007, Review of Christoph Hönnige, 2007, Verfassungsgericht, Regierung und Opposition. Die vergleichende Analyse eines Spannungsdreiecks, *German Politics* 16 (4), 544-545.
- Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2006, Review of Gary Cox und Mathew McCubbins, 2005, Setting the Agenda. Responsible Party Government in the U.S. House of Representatives, *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 47 (3), 506-7.

Other publications

- Hierlemann, Dominik/**Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2014, *Sichtbare Demokratie. Debatten und Fragestunden im Deutschen Bundestag*. Gütersloh: Bertelsmann Stiftung, http://docs.dpaq.de/8306-final_bst_parlamentsstudie_sichtbare_demokratie_04_12_2014__2_.pdf.
- Hierlemann, Dominik/**Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2014, Bürger beteiligen! Ein alternatives Modell der Regierungsbefragung im Bundestag. *Einwurf 4/2014*, Gütersloh: Bertelsmann Stiftung,

http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/fileadmin/files/BSt/Publikationen/GrauePublikationen/EINWURF_04_2014.pdf.

Hierlemann, Dominik/**Sieberer, Ulrich**, 2014, Let Citizens Participate! An Alternative Model of Question Time in the German Bundestag. *Einwurf 4/2014*, Gütersloh: Bertelsmann Stiftung, http://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/fileadmin/files/BSt/Publikationen/GrauePublikationen/EINWURF_04_2014_Englisch.pdf.

Sieberer, Ulrich, 2012, MPs, Parties and Institutions. Rational Choice Institutional Studies of Parliamentary Behavior in European Democracies. Habilitation Thesis, University of Konstanz, School of Politics, Law, and Economics (consists of a new overview chapter and six previously published journal articles).

Sieberer, Ulrich, 2003, Fraktionskohäsion in parlamentarischen Demokratien. Master Thesis, University of Mannheim, School of Social Sciences.

Work in progress and working papers

Bonding in Pursuit of Policy Goals: New Evidence on Party Formation in Parliaments, journal article (with Michael Herrmann).

Measuring Reelection Prospects Across Electoral Systems: A General Approach Applied to the German Bundestag, journal article (with Michael F. Stoffel).

The Politics of Portfolio Design: A Theoretical Framework with Application to Germany, journal article.

Shadow Chairs as Monitoring Devices? A Comparative Analysis of Committee Chair Powers in Western European Parliaments, journal article (with Daniel Höhmann).

Explaining Institutional Reforms of Minority Rights in Western European Parliaments, 1945-2010, journal article (with Julia F. Keh, Peter Meißner and Wolfgang C. Müller).

Electoral Rules and Dissenting Votes in the German Bundestag, 1949-2013, journal article (with Tamaki Ohmura)

Parliamentary Voting in the Frankfurt Assembly, 1848-49 (with Michael Herrmann)

Linking Political Ideology and Legal Arguments. A Network Analysis of Dissenting Opinions on the German Constitutional Court (mit Sebastian Sternberg und Susumu Shikano).

Conference organization and other services on conferences

2016 Organizer of the international Workshop “The Politics of Portfolio Design”, University of Vienna, March 10-12, 2016 (with Thomas M. Meyer).

2014 Panel Chair and Discussant, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 28-31.

2014 Discussant, 2nd General Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, Vienna, June 26-28.

2013 Panel Chair and Discussant, ECPR General Conference, Bordeaux, September 4-7, 2013.

2013 Workshop Director for the Workshop “Understanding Parliamentarians: Goals, Motivations, and Behaviour” at the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops in Mainz, March 11-16 (with Shane Martin).

2013 Panel Chair and Discussant, Annual Convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 11-14, 2013.

2011 Organizer and Program Chair of the interdisciplinary conference “Science is Our Passion” of the Zukunftskolleg of the University of Konstanz held at Villa Vigoni, Lovenjo di Menaggio (Italy), July 24-27, 2011 (with Helen Gunter).

Invited talks and conference presentations (Selection)

2015 “Shadowing with glass figures? A comparative analysis of committee chair powers in Western European democracies”, Paper presented at the workshops “Institutional Determinants of Legislative Coalition Management”, Tel Aviv University, November 16-19, 2015 (with Daniel Höhmann).

2015 “The Politics of Portfolio Design: A Theoretical Framework with Application to Germany”, Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association, Vienna, June 25-27, 2015.

- 2015 "Lehren aus Weimar? Die erste Geschäftsordnung des Deutschen Bundestages von 1951 zwischen Kontinuität und Reform", Paper presented at the workshop „Herausforderungen des Parlamentarismus im 19. und 21. Jahrhundert“, LMU Munich, Center for Advanced Studies, June 11-12, 2015.
- 2014 "Explaining Institutional Reforms of Minority Rights in Ten Western European Parliaments, 1945-2010", Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 2014 (with Julia F. Keh, Peter Meißner, and Wolfgang C. Müller).
- 2014 "When do single member districts increase voting dissent under mixed electoral systems? A longitudinal study of voting behavior in the German Bundestag, 1949-2013" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 2014.
- 2014 "Chancellor Dominance or Coalition Arithmetic? Political Explanations for jurisdiction shifts between Federal Ministries in Germany, 1957-2013", Talk at the Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Mai 27, 2014.
- 2014 „Kanzlerprivileg oder Koalitionsarithmetik? Politische Erklärungsversuche für Veränderungen im Zuschnitt der Bundesministerien, 1957-2013“, Talk at the University of Konstanz, May 9, 2014.
- 2014 „Parliamentary Voting in the Frankfurt Assembly“, Talk at the meeting of the scientific advisory board of the Zukunftscolleg at the University of Konstanz, March 28, 2014 (with Michael Herrmann)
- 2014 „Wider den Mythos institutioneller Stabilität: Institutionenreformen in europäischen Parlamenten“, Talk at the University of Hamburg, January 17, 2014.
- 2014 „Kanzlerprivileg oder Koalitionsarithmetik? Politische Erklärungsversuche für Veränderungen im Zuschnitt der Bundesministerien, 1957-2013“, Talk at the University of Potsdam, January 16, 2014.
- 2013 „Redesigning Parliament. Mapping Parliamentary Rule Changes in the German Bundestag since 1949“, Paper presented at the ECPR General Conference, Bordeaux, 4.-7. September 2013.
- 2013, „Explaining Institutional Change in European Parliaments. A Theoretical Framework“, Paper presented at the Workshop „Explaining Legislative Organization in European Democracies“, University of Oxford, June 24-25, 2013 (with Wolfgang C. Müller).
- 2013, „Hat Karlsruhe wirklich das letzte Wort? Die These von der Justizialisierung der Politik und ihre Grenzen“, Talk at the University of Konstanz, June 12, 2013.
- 2013, "Und sie ändern sich doch... Die Konzeptionalisierung und Messung von Institutionenwandel am Beispiel parlamentarischer Regeln". Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the DVPW Section Methods, Konstanz, May 3-4, 2013 (with Peter Meißner, Julia F. Keh, and Wolfgang C. Müller).
- 2013, "Who Benefits From Parliamentary Rule Change? Majority and Minority Rights in Western European Parliaments". Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 11-14, 2013 (with Julia F. Keh, Peter Meißner, and Wolfgang C. Müller).
- 2013, "Aiming higher: The consequences of progressive ambition among European MPs". Paper presented to the Workshop "Understanding Parliamentarians: Individual Goals and Behaviour in European Legislatures", ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Mainz, March 11-16, 2013 (with Wolfgang C. Müller).
- 2012 "Playing by the Rules or Changing Them? Explaining Institutional Reforms in European Parliaments". Talk at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, University of Mannheim, November 5, 2012.
- 2012, "Beyond Institutional Stability. Mapping Changes in Parliamentary Rules across European Democracies". Paper presented at the General Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments "Parliaments in Changing Times", Dublin, June 24-27, 2012 (with Peter Meißner, Julia F. Keh, and Wolfgang C. Müller).
- 2012, "Who Benefits From Parliamentary Rule Change? Majority and Minority Rights in Western European Parliaments". Paper presented to the Workshop "Minority Rights and Majority Rule in European Legislatures", ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Antwerp, April 10-15, 2012 (with Julia F. Keh, Peter Meißner, and Wolfgang C. Müller).
- 2011, "'I can(not) follow my party because...'. Using MP statements to explain party unity and intra-party groups in the German Bundestag". Paper presented to the Workshop "Cohesion, Discipline and

- Partisan Politics in European Legislatures", ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, St. Gallen, April 12-17, 2011.
- 2010, "Reforming the Rules of the Parliamentary Game: Measuring and Explaining Changes in Parliamentary Rules in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland, 1945-2010". Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the Section Comparative Politics of the DVPW, Duisburg, September 20-22, 2010 (with Wolfgang C. Müller and Maiko Heller)
- 2010, "Elections in Western European Parliaments: Explaining seemingly consensual decisions with a competition-based model". Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the DVPW Arbeitskreis Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie, Mannheim, July 9-10, 2010.
- 2010, "Elections in Western European Parliaments: Explaining seemingly consensual decisions with a competition-based model". Talk at the University of Cologne, April 26, 2010.
- 2010, "Was kann die analytische Politikwissenschaft zur Demokratieforschung beitragen? Systematische Überlegungen am Beispiel der Vetospielertheorie" Talk at the Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, March 18, 2010.
- 2009, "'Barking dogs do not bite'? Voiced discontent and deviant voting behavior in the German Bundestag". Paper presented at the 5th ECPR General Conference, Potsdam, September 10-12, 2009.
- 2009, "Engineering Parliamentary Rules. A Theoretical Framework and Macro Patterns in 20 European Democracies". Paper presented to the workshop "Institutional Design of Parliamentary Rules and Party Politics", ECPR Joint Sessions, Lisbon, April 14-19, 2009 (with Michael Becher and Wolfgang C. Müller).
- 2008, "The Role of European Parliaments in Choosing Officeholders Outside Cabinet. A Twenty-five Country Study". Paper presented at the 66th Annual National Convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 3-6, 2008.
- 2007, "Erklärungen zur Abstimmung im Deutschen Bundestag. Parlamentarisches Abstimmungsverhalten zwischen Individualisierung und Fraktionsdisziplin". Paper presented to the workshop „Legislativdaten“, Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Oktober 25-26, 2007 (with Michael Becher).
- 2007, "Parlamente als Wahlgorgane". Paper presented to the DVPW-workshop „Parlamentarismus im politischen System der BRD“, Bad Urach, June 1-3, 2007.
- 2007, "Erklärungen zur Abstimmung und innerfraktionelle Geschlossenheit im Deutschen Bundestag". Paper presented to the workshops „Mischwahlsystem und Politische Repräsentation“, Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, March 26, 2007.
- 2006, "Fraktionskohäsion in parlamentarischen Demokratien". Talk at the Universität of Potsdam, June 26, 2006.
- 2006, "Parlamente als Wahlgorgane. Eine vernachlässigte Facette parlamentarischer Macht". Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the DVPW Arbeitskreis Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie, Bad Bevensen, June 9-10, 2006.
- 2005, "Agenda Setting in the German Bundestag: a Weak Government in a Consensus Democracy". Paper presented to the workshop "The Role of Governments in Legislative Agenda Setting", ECPR Joint Sessions, Granada, April 14-19, 2005.

Media Presence and External Consulting

Extensive media coverage of our study “Sichtbare Demokratie” in TV, radio, print and online media (among others ZDF, SWR, Deutschlandradio, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Spiegel Online, Zeit Online), December 2014.
Interview with Deutschlandradio Wissen on the topic of seating orders in parliaments (June 24, 2012).
Interview with the Südkurier (newspaper) on political careers (September 20, 2013).
External Consultant of the Bertelsmann Stiftung in the program “The Future of Democracy) (since 2013).
External Consulting for the TV talkshow MEINUNGSPUNKT of the Bayerische Rundfunk on representative democracy in Germany (October 2013).

Memberships and peer review activity

Deutscher Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (DVPW; sections on Rational Choice Theory, Methods of Political Science, and Comparative Politics)
European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR; standing groups on Parliaments and Political Parties)
European Political Science Association (EPSA)
American Political Science Association (APSA; sections on Legislative Studies, Political Organizations and Parties, and Representation and Electoral Systems)

Journal Reviewer for

American Journal of Political Science • American Political Science Review • British Journal of Political Science • British Journal of Politics and International Relations • Canadian Journal of Political Science • Comparative European Politics • Comparative Political Studies • Comparative Politics • European Journal of Political Research • European Union Politics • German Politics • Government and Opposition • Italian Political Science Review • Journal of Legislative Studies • Legislative Studies Quarterly • Parliamentary Affairs • Party Politics • Political Behavior • Political Studies • Politische Vierteljahresschrift • Psychological Reports • Scandinavian Political Studies • Swiss Political Science Review • West European Politics • Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft

Grant Reviewer for

German Research Foundation (DFG) • Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) • VW Foundation

Teaching experience

At the University of Bamberg

Die politikwissenschaftliche Analyse von Verfassungsgerichten [Judicial Politics] (B.A., Spring 2016)
Die Politik der Exekutive [Executive Politics] (B.A., Spring 2016)
Vergleichende Parlamentsforschung [Comparative Legislative Research] (M.A., Spring 2016)
Institutional Design and Institutional Change in Western Democracies (M.A. and Ph.D, Spring 2016)

At the University of Konstanz

Demokratietypen [Types of Democracy] (B.A., Spring 2013)
The U.S. Congress in Comparative Perspective (B.A., Spring 2013)
Die politikwissenschaftliche Analyse von Verfassungsgerichten [Judicial Politics] (B.A., Spring 2013)
Institutional Design and Change in Western Democracies (M.A., Spring 2013; M.A. and Ph.D, Fall 2015)
Institutional Design in Western Democracies (B.A., Fall 2012)
Politische Repräsentation: Theorie und Empirie [Political Representation: Theory and Empirics] (B.A., Fall 2013)
Die Politik der Exekutive in Deutschland und Europa [Executive Politics in Germany and Europe] (B.A., Spring 2014)
Vergleichende Parlamentsforschung [Comparative Legislative Research] (M.A. and Ph.D, Fall 2014)
Coalition Politics (M.A. and Ph.D, Spring 2015)
First advisor for the Ph.D dissertation of Julia F. Keh (defended 2015)
Advisor and grader for various final theses in the BA and MA programs.

At the University of Vienna

Institutional Design in Western Democracies (M.A. and Ph.D, Fall 2012)

Constitutional Courts as Political Actors? Judicial Politics in Europe and the United States (M.A. and Ph.D, Fall 2013)

At the University of Mannheim

Das politische System der BRD in vergleichender Sicht [German Politics in Comparative Perspective] (B.A., Fall 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)

Einführung in die empirische Demokratieforschung [Empirical Democratic Theory] (B.A., Spring 2005, 2006, 2007)

Demokratietypen [Types of Democracy] (B.A., Spring 2008, 2009, 2010)

Demokratietheorie [Democratic Theory] (B.A., Fall 2009, Fall 2010)

Parlamente in Westeuropa [Parliaments in Western Europe] (B.A., Spring 2004)

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The U.S. Congress in Comparative Perspective (in English; B.A., Spring 2007, 2009)

Verfassungsgerichte in westlichen Demokratien [Judicial Politics] (B.A., Spring 2006, 2008)

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Verfassungen und Verfassungspolitik [Constitutions and Constitutional Politics] (with Wolfgang C. Müller; M.A., Fall 2004)

Die politischen Systeme der neuen EU-Staaten und Beitrittskandidaten [The Political Systems of the New EU Member States and Candidates for Accession] (with Wolfgang C. Müller; M.A., Fall 2005, 2006)

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