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CURRENT POSITION

09/2024 - Lecturer in Comparative Politics at the School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University of London

12/2024 - Affiliate of the Centre for Excellence in Artificial Intelligence in Education, Queen Mary Academy, Queen Mary University of London.

05/2023 - Associated Researcher, Centro de Investigação e Estudos de Sociologia (CIES) at the University Institute Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL).

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

2014 Doctorate in Political Science (Dr. rer. soc.), Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim, Germany.
Title of thesis: Process uncertainty and interest group communication strategies.
Committee: Professor Dr. Thomas König (University of Mannheim, Political Science), Professor Dr. Thomas Bräuninger (University of Mannheim, Political Economy), Professor Dr. Hans Peter Grüner (University of Mannheim, Economics).

2008 Magister Artium (M.A.) degree, double major in Political Science and Economics, University of Mannheim, Germany.

POST-GRADUATION

2015 Post-Graduate Certificate of Teaching in Higher Education (PGCertHE) - Associate level

FIELDS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Substantive Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Public Policy, Legislative Politics, Lobbying.

Methods Research Design, Causal Inference, Experiments, Social Network Analysis.

Scholarship AI literacy, Skill training.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED

2018 Stockemer, Daniel/Koehler, Sebastian/Lentz, Tobias. “Data Access and Transparency: New insights from the political behavior literature.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 51 (4): 799–803.

2015 Koehler, Sebastian/König, Thomas. “Fiscal Governance in the Eurozone: How Effectively Does the Stability and Growth Pact Limit Governmental Debt in the Euro Countries?” *Political Science Research and Methods* 03(2): 329-352.

BOOKS

2019 Koehler, Sebastian. “Lobbying, Political Uncertainty and Policy Outcomes”. London & New York: Palgrave Macmillan. <https://www.palgrave.com/us/book/9783319970547>.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2014 Calca, Patrícia/Koehler, Sebastian. 2014. “Is this a path or a shortcut? Unemployment and Turnout in the Portuguese European Parliament Elections (1987-2014)”, In: Maria Fernanda Rollo, José Maria Brandão de Brito and Alice Cunha (eds.). Portugal and the Elections to the European Parliament. Almedina: Coimbra, pp.47-67 (in Portuguese).

2012 Calca, Patrícia/Koehler, Sebastian. “Presidential Speech-Making and Leadership Images in Times of Crisis: Bush vs. Obama”. in: Belim, Célia/Calca, Patrícia (eds.). 2012. *Image of U.S. Presidential Administrations: The Cases of George W. Bush and Barack Obama*. Maryland: Lexington Books.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND BLOG POSTS

2026 Featherstone, Chris/Briffa, Hillary/Plunkett, Anna/Koehler, Sebastian/Kirkham, Ksenia/Söylemez, Özge/Sagun Trajano, Karryl Kim/Lucas Knotter. “Keeping the human in the loop: Reassuring educators in the age of AI”. BISA blog. <https://www.bisa.ac.uk/articles/keeping-human-loop-reassuring-educators-age-ai>. 03 February 2026.

2016 Koehler, Sebastian. “Why the UK must trigger Article 50 immediately”. LSE European Politics and Public Policy Blog <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europblog/2016/06/27/uk-trigger-article-50-immediately/>. 27 June 2016.

2008 König, Thomas/Mäder, Lars/Koehler, Sebastian/Notte, Hanna. “Offtrack. Inflated claims of the car industry.” Report prepared for Greenpeace International.

AWARDED RESEARCH GRANTS

2022 Calca Patrícia/Koehler, Sebastian. POLE - Patterns of Legislative Effectiveness (Padrões de Eficácia Legislativo, Ref. 2022.07509.PTDC). Funded by the Portuguese Science Foundation (FCT - Fundação para a Ciência e a Technologia), Lisbon, Portugal. Amount awarded: 49,958.75 Euros. <https://ciencia.iscte-iul.pt/projects/patterns-of-legislative-effectiveness/1890>

WORK IN PROGRESS

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- 2024 Calca, Patrícia/Koehler, Sebastian. “Gender Quotas and Co-authorship Networks in Closed-List Proportional Systems”. <https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/THQV3>
- 2024 Koehler, Sebastian/Calca, Patrícia. “Crisis opportunities: Committees of inquiry as stepping stones for backbenchers”. <https://osf.io/dvw6u>
- 2024 Koehler, Sebastian/Calca, Patrícia. “Parties and Coalition Governance: How Electoral Uncertainty determines the Length and Timing of Coalition Agreements”. <https://osf.io/ja9bg>

WORKING PAPERS

- 2025 Koehler, Sebastian. ”Climate Change Policy Making in the United Kingdom”.
- 2025 Koehler, Sebastian. ”Embedding AI literacy in the Political Science Curriculum: Improving Skills and Reducing Academic Misconduct”.
- 2025 Pistikou, Victoria/Koehler, Sebastian. ”Green prosperity within the EU. An assessment of European Intergovernmentalism and its impact on the Green Transition”.
- 2025 Koehler, Sebastian/Calca, Patrícia. ”Gender Quotas and the Strategic Incentives of Parliamentarians under Closed-List Electoral Systems”.
- 2025 Koehler, Sebastian/König, Thomas/Lu, Xiao. ”Public Responsiveness and Responsibility for Supranational Fiscal Governance”.
- 2025 Koehler, Sebastian. ”Signaling to voters? Conceptual problems of testing signaling models in legislative studies”.

TEXTBOOK

- 2025 Koehler, Sebastian/Hamenstädt, Ulrich. ”Experiments in the Social Sciences: An Interdisciplinary Introduction”.

DATA SETS

- 2020 Koehler, Sebastian/Calca Patrícia, *Legislative Politics in Portugal* data set, v1.0. <https://legislativepolitics.eu>, expected publication: January 2026.

AWARDS

- 2010 Young Scholar Award of the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (GESS) and the Mannheim Center of European Social Research (MZES).

SCHOLARSHIPS

07/2016 MaRa Stay Scholarship, University of Mannheim

09/2010-11/2010 Scholarship of the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (GESS), University of Mannheim.

02/2009-01/2010 Scholarship of the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (GESS), University of Mannheim.

SMALL GRANTS

2018 Major Activity Grant of the European Consortium of Political Research. Awarded 2,500 Euros for the conference “Analyzing Strategic Interactions in Political Decision-Making”.

2019 Amount of 7,500 Euros awarded by the Young Scholar Fund (University of Konstanz) for the conference “Empirical Advances in the Study of Parliaments”.

2019 Amount of 6,894.02 Euros awarded by the International Office (University of Konstanz) for the conference “Empirical Advances in the Study of Parliaments”.

FORMER ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 03/2022 - 09/2025 Academic Convenor of the ECPR Methods School, European Consortium for Political Research.
- 12/2021 - 08/2024 Lecturer in Political Economy at the Department of Political Economy, King's College London.
- 01/2017 - 12/2021 Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Center for Data and Methods at the Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz. Responsibilities: Teaching of undergraduate and graduate classes, marking, supervision of BA and Master theses, research.
- 01/2017 - 08/2017 Visiting Fellow at the Department of Government at the London School of Economics and Political Science.
- 09/2014 - 12/2016 Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Department of Government at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Responsibilities: Teaching of graduate classes, marking, supervision and tutoring of students, admissions.
- 08/2013-06/2014 Research and teaching assistant, Chair of Political Economy (Prof. Bräuninger, University of Mannheim). Responsibilities: Teaching of graduate and undergraduate seminars, assistance in administrative duties at the chair, research activities at the chair.
- 01/2012-06/2014 Research and teaching assistant, Chair of Political Science II (Prof. König, University of Mannheim). Responsibilities: Teaching of undergraduate seminars, assistance in administrative duties at the chair, research activities at the chair, supervision of B.A. dissertations.

09/2010-12/2011	Research assistant (Project B3.19), Mannheim Center for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim. Responsibilities: Teaching of undergraduate seminars, research activities at the project.
02/2010-08/2010	Teaching assistant, Chair of Political Science II (Prof. König), University of Mannheim. Responsibilities: Teaching of undergraduate seminars, assistance in administrative duties at the chair, research activities at the chair.
07/2008-01/2009	Research assistant, Chair of Political Science II (Prof. König), University of Mannheim. Responsibilities: Teaching of undergraduate seminars, assistance in administrative duties at the chair, research activities at the chair.

RESEARCH VISITS

2016 Research visit to University of Mannheim, 28 June-31 July 2016.

2010 Research visit to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS), New York University, New York, USA (Fall Term). Academic host: Prof. Rebecca Morton.

ACADEMIC TEACHING

Spring Term 2026	Political Economy (University of Innsbruck, online)
Spring Term 2026	Statistics (University of Innsbruck, online)
Spring Term 2026	POL272 Quantitative Methods for Social Science Research (QMUL)
Spring Term 2026	POL284 Comparative Politics (QMUL)
Spring Term 2026	POL105 Political Analysis (QMUL)
Fall Term 2025	Statistics (University of Innsbruck)
Fall Term 2025	POL350 Analysing Public Policy (QMUL)
Fall Term 2025	POL284 Comparative Politics (QMUL)
Fall Term 2025	POL105 Political Analysis (QMUL)
Spring Term 2025	Political Economy (University of Innsbruck, online)
Spring Term 2025	POL272 Quantitative Methods for Social Science Research (QMUL)
Spring Term 2025	POL284 Comparative Politics (QMUL)
Spring Term 2025	POL105 Political Analysis (QMUL)
Fall Term 2024	Statistics (University of Innsbruck)
Fall Term 2024	POL350 Analysing Public Policy (QMUL)
Fall Term 2024	POL309 Making Democracy Work (QMUL)
Fall Term 2024	POL284 Comparative Politics (QMUL)
Fall Term 2024	POL105 Political Analysis (QMUL)
Spring Term 2024	Statistics (University of Innsbruck, online)
Term 2 2023/24	Climate Change Economics and Policy (King's College London)
Winter term 2023/24	VU Advanced Methods (University of Innsbruck, online)
Term 1 2023/24	Introduction to Climate Change Policy (King's College London)
Term 1 2023/24	Statistics for Political Science (King's College London)
Term 1 2023/24	Quantitative Methods for Political Economy (King's College London)

Spring 2023	Decisions, Games, and Negotiations (Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen)
Term 2 2022/23	Climate Change Economics and Policy (King's College London)
Term 2 2022/23	Comparing Political Systems (King's College London)
Term 1 2022/23	Statistics for Political Science (King's College London)
Term 1 2022/23	Quantitative Methods for Political Economy (King's College London)
Term 2 2021/22	Statistics for Political Science (King's College London)
Term 2 2021/22	Institutions, Economics, and Change (King's College London)
Term 2 2021/22	Comparing Political Systems (King's College London)
Spring 2022	Decisions, Games, and Negotiations (Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen)
Fall 2021	Analyzing Politics: Strategy and Institutions (University of Konstanz)
Spring 2021	Game Theory and Decision Theory (Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen).
Spring 2021	Interest Group Politics (University of Konstanz).
Spring 2021	Causal Inference for Policy Evaluation (University of Konstanz).
Fall 2020	Legislative Politics: Understanding Strategic Interaction in Law-Making (University of Konstanz).
Fall 2020	The Political Economy of Electoral Accountability (University of Konstanz).
Fall 2020	Decision-making in the European Union (ETH Zurich, Switzerland).
Summer 2020	Interest Group Politics (University of Konstanz).
Summer 2020	Policy Evaluation (University of Konstanz).
Spring 2020	Game Theory and Decision Theory (Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen).
Fall 2019	Public Choice (University of Konstanz).
Summer 2019	Political Economy (University of Konstanz).
Summer 2019	Interest Group Politics (University of Konstanz).
Fall 2018	Legislative Politics (University of Konstanz).
Fall 2018	Public Choice (University of Konstanz).
Fall 2018	Experiments in the Social Sciences (University of Lucerne, Switzerland).
Fall 2018	Decision-making in the European Union (ETH Zurich, Switzerland).
Summer 2018	POL-12200 Statistics [Lecture] (University of Konstanz).
Spring 2018	Decision-making in the European Union (University of Basel, Switzerland).
Winter 2017	Political Institutions: Analysis and Comparison (University of Konstanz).
Winter 2017	Legislative Politics (University of Konstanz).
Winter 2016	Experimental Political Science (University of Konstanz).
Summer 2017	Interest Group Politics (University of Konstanz).
Winter 2016	The Political Economy of the Eurozone (University of Konstanz).
Michaelmas 2016	GV478: Political Science and Public Policy (London School of Economics and Political Science).
Lent 2016	GV225: Public Choice and Politics (London School of Economics and Political Science).
Michaelmas 2015	GV478: Political Science and Public Policy London School of Economics and Political Science).
Michaelmas 2014	GV478: Political Science and Public Policy (London School of Economics and Political Science).
Spring 2014	Methods of Comparative Politics II: Comparative Political Economy (University of Mannheim).
Spring 2014	Thesis Colloquium for B.A. students (University of Mannheim).
Fall 2013	The Art and Science of Diplomacy - Analyzing International Negotiations (University of Mannheim).
Fall 2013	Graduate Course: MET910a Tutorial Game Theory (Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim).
Spring 2013	Methods of International Relations (University of Mannheim).

Fall 2012	Theory and Practice of International Negotiations (University of Mannheim).
Spring 2012	Methods of International Relations-Principles of European Integration (University of Mannheim).
Spring 2012	Thesis Colloquium for B.A. students (University of Mannheim).
Fall 2011	Theory and Practice of International Negotiations (University of Mannheim).
Spring 2011	Methods of International Relations (University of Mannheim).
Fall 2010	Theory and Practice of International Negotiations (University of Mannheim).
Spring 2010	Conflict and Cooperation in International Relations (University of Mannheim).
Fall 2009	\LaTeX for Social Scientists (University of Mannheim).
Fall 2008	Globalization and International Trade Relations (University of Mannheim).

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 Ethical and Epistemological Issues in the Teaching of Politics, European Political Science Association, PSA Teaching and Learning Network, AI in the classroom
- 2024 European Political Science Association
- 2023 PolMeth Europe, European Political Science Association (EPSA)
- 2022 ECPR General Conference
- 2021 Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA), European Political Science Association (EPSA), ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, International Political Science Association (IPSA), ECPR General Conference
- 2020 Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA)
- 2019 Advances in the Empirical and Theoretical Study of Parliaments, KonstanZurich Workshop, ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments (Leiden), European Political Science Association (EPSA), Analyzing Strategic Interactions in Political Decision-Making (ECPR Standing Group Analytical Politics and Public Choice)
- 2018 European Political Science Association (EPSA), European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR).
- 2017 ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments.
- 2016 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Inaugural Conference of the Nottingham Interdisciplinary Center for Economic and Political Research (NICEP), European Political Science Association (EPSA).
- 2015 European Political Science Association (EPSA).
- 2013 American political Science Association (APSA), European Political Science Association (EPSA).
- 2012 Sixth Pan-European Conference on EU Politics (Tampere, Finland).
- 2011 American Political Science Association (APSA), European Consortium for Political research (ECPR).

CHAIR/CONVENOR

2020 Section Chair at the ECPR General Conference, 26-28 August 2020 in Innsbruck (Section: Advances in Analytical Politics and Public Choice)

2019 Academic convenor of the conference “Advances in the Empirical and Theoretical Study of Parliaments”, sponsored by the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments and the University of Konstanz, 26-28 September 2019, University of Konstanz.

2019 Academic convenor of the conference “Analyzing Strategic Interactions in Political Decision-making” sponsored by the ECPR Standing Group on Analytical Politics and Public Choice, 09-11 May 2019, CIES-IUL, Lisbon.

2018 Section Chair at the ECPR General Conference, 22-25 August 2018 in Hamburg (Section: Advances in Analytical Politics and Public Choice)

2010 Finding Thetas in Europe - Conference on Applied Bayesian Statistics and MCMC Methods in the Social Sciences, 08-09 April 2010, University of Mannheim, Germany. *Chair*.

OTHER CONFERENCE APPEARANCES

2017 Party Competition in European Multi-Level Systems, 23.-25. November 2017, MZES - University of Mannheim, Germany. *Discussant*.

2009 The George Tsebelis Conference: ‘Reform processes and policy change: How do veto players determine decision-making in modern democracies’. University of Mannheim, Germany. *Discussant*.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

SERVICE

Member of the Editorial board of SN Social Sciences since March 2020.

Convenor of the *Standing Group on Analytical Politics and Public Choice* since September 2015.

Member of the Committee on Research (AFF - Ausschuß für Forschungsfragen) at the University of Konstanz (11/2018-10/2021)

Member of the Examination Board of the MSc Programme in Social and Economic Data Science (SEDS) at the University of Konstanz (10/2018 - 10/2021).

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

Associate Fellow of *Advance HE* (formerly the Higher Education Academy)

Member of the ASPIRE network (Academic Scholarship in Politics and International Relations Education).

REVIEW ACTIVITY

American Political Science Review	European Journal of Political Research
Journal of Politics	European Union Politics
Political Science Research and Methods	West European Politics
Journal of Public Economic Theory	Research and Politics
Journal of Theoretical Politics	SN Social Sciences
Journal of Public Policy	New Political Economy
Journal of Experimental Political Science	Economic Systems
Journal of European Integration	Jahrbuch Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie
Journal of European Public Policy	

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

2023 Member of the Organizing Committee of the conference “PolMeth Europe 2023” at King’s College London, 19-20 June 2023.

2019 Organization of the conference “Advances in the Study of Parliaments” at the University of Konstanz, 26-28 September 2019.

2019 Organization of the conference “Analyzing Strategic Interactions in Political Decision-Making” at CIES-IUL, Lisbon, 09-11 May 2019.

2010 Organization of the international Summer School “EITM Europe Summer Institute 2010” at the University of Mannheim.

2010 Organization of the conference “Finding Thetas in Europe—Applied Bayesian Statistics and MCMC Methods in the Social Sciences”, 08/09 April 2010, at the University of Mannheim.

SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOLS

2010 CDSS Winter School 2009/2010, Mannheim. Course: *Analysis of Pooled Time Series Cross-Section Data*. Prof. Vera Tröger, University of Warwick.

2009 ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Ljubljana. Course: *Experimental Methods*, Prof. Rebecca Morton, New York University.

2009 EITM Europe Summer Institute 2009. Courses: *Theoretical and Methodological Foundations*, Prof. Randall Calvert and Prof. Andrew Martin, Washington University, St. Louis; *Random Utility Models*, Prof. Mark Fey, University of Rochester; *Operationalizing the Spatial Model*, Prof. Kevin Quinn, Harvard University.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German: Native speaker

English: Proficient in reading, writing, speaking, listening comprehension.

Portuguese: Intermediate proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening comprehension.

French: Basic skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening comprehension.

Farsi: Beginner

SOFTWARE SKILLS

R, Python, STATA, SPSS, Matlab; \LaTeX ; LibreOffice and MS Office; oTree, z-tree; GNU Linux; OBS studio, Jekyll, Hugo.

NON-SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

- 2009-2013 Conduction of Politics simulation courses on behalf of Eurosoc GmbH at Universities in Switzerland and Germany.
- 2003-2007 Development and conduction of social skills courses for delinquent teenagers on behalf of the Council of Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, Germany.
- 1998-2006 Member of the Pedagogical Council of Arbeiterwohlfahrt Rhein-Neckar. Activities: Development of pedagogical guidelines and courses for holiday camp staff, conduction of activities and seminars.
- 1996-2006 Holiday camp staff for Arbeiterwohlfahrt Rhein-Neckar e.V.: Organization and conduction of holiday camps for teenagers and children.