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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.
- 03/2022 Academic Convenor of the ECPR Methods School, European Consortium for Political Research.
- 05/2023- Associated Researcher, Centro de Investigação e Estudos de Sociologia (CIES) at the University Institute Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL).

# ACADEMIC EDUCATION

12/2021 - 08/2024 Lecturer in Political Economy at the Department of Political Economy, King's College London.

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).

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

#### **POST-GRADUATION**

2008 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.

# 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**

- 2016 Koehler, Sebastian. "Why the UK must trigger Article 50 immediately". LSE European Politics and Public Policy Blog http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/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

## **GRANT APPLICATIONS IN PREPARATION**

Project title: "Making or Breaking the European Green Deal: Coalitions, redistribution, and political ambition" (with Alberto Vesperoni, KCL).

## **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**

- 2024 Pistikou, Victoria/Koehler, Sebastian. "Green prosperity within the EU. An assessment of European Intergovernmentalism and its impact on the Green Transition".
- 2024 Koehler, Sebastian/Calca, Patrícia. "Gender Quotas and the Strategic Incentives of Parliamentarians under Closed-List Electoral Systems".
- 2024 Calca, Patrícia/Donnay, Karsten/Koehler, Sebastian. "The Descriptive Representation of Women: District Magnitude, Gender Quotas and the Zipper Principle".
- 2024 Koehler, Sebastian/König, Thomas/Lu, Xiao. "Public Responsiveness and Responsibility for Supranational Fiscal Governance".
- 2024 Koehler, Sebastian. "Signaling to voters? Conceptual problems of testing signaling models in legislative studies".
- 2024 Koehler, Sebastian. "Access, Information and the Strategic Use of Committee Hearings".
- 2024 Koehler, Sebastian. "Strategic Diversion: Interest group competition and public communication strategies in EU lobbying".

#### Техтвоок

2024 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: July 2024.

## 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**

01/2017 - 12/2021	Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Center for Data and Methods at the Depart-
	ment of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz. Re-
	sponsibilities: 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, admis-
	sions.
08/2013-06/2014	Research and teaching assistant, Chair of Political Economy (Prof.
	Bräuninger, University of Mannheim). Responsibilities: Teaching of grad-
	uate and undergraduate seminars, assistance in administrative duties at
	the chair, research activities at the chair.

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 activ-
ities at the chair, supervision of B.A. dissertations.
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.
<b>o</b>
Teaching assistant, Chair of Political Science II (Prof. König), University of
Mannheim. Responsibilities: Teaching of undergraduate seminars, assis-
tance in administrative duties at the chair, research activities at the chair.
Research assistant, Chair of Political Science II (Prof. König), University of
Mannheim. Responsibilities: Teaching of undergraduate seminars, assis-
tance 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 2024 Term 2 2023/24 Winter term 2023/24 Term 1 2023/24 Term 1 2023/24 Term 1 2023/24	Statistics (University of Innsbruck) Climate Change Economics and Policy (King's College London) VU Advanced Methods (University of Innsbruck) Introduction to Climate Change Policy (King's College London) Statistics for Political Science (King's College London) Quantitative Methods for Political Economy (King's College London)
Spring 2023	Decisions, Games, and Negotiations (Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen)
Term 2 2022/23 Term 2 2022/23 Term 1 2022/23 Term 1 2022/23 Term 2 2021/22 Term 2 2021/22 Term 2 2021/22	Climate Change Economics and Policy (King's College London) Comparing Political Systems (King's College London) Statistics for Political Science (King's College London) Quantitative Methods for Political Economy (King's College London) Statistics for Political Science (King's College London) Institutions, Economics, and Change (King's College London) Comparing Political Systems (King's College London)
Spring 2022 Fall 2021	Decisions, Games, and Negotiations (Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen) Analyzing Politics: Strategy and Institutions (University of Konstanz)
Spring 2021	Game Theory and Decision Theory (Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen).
Spring 2021 Spring 2021 Fall 2020	Interest Group Politics (University of Konstanz). Causal Inference for Policy Evaluation (University of Konstanz). 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 Polit-
	ical 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 (Uni-
	versity 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 Eco-
	nomic 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 Mann-
	heim).
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 Mann-
	heim).
Spring 2011	Methods of International Relations (University of Mannheim).
Fall 2010	Theory and Practice of International Negotiations (University of Mann-
	heim).
Spring 2010	Conflict and Cooperation in International Relations (University of Mann-
	heim).
Fall 2009	۲۰۲۶ for Social Scientists (University of Mannheim).
Fall 2008	Globalization and International Trade Relations (University of Mannheim).

# **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

#### PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 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)

## **REVIEW ACTIVITY**

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

#### **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

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

# **SOFTWARE SKILLS**

R, Python, STATA, SPSS, Matlab; LibreOffice and MS Office; oTree, z-tree; GNU Linux.

## **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.