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CURRENT POSITIONS

Humboldt-University of Berlin

Research Associate & Lecturer, Chair of Political Sociology and Social Policy — Since April 2025
Acting Managing Director, Berlin Graduate School of Sciences — Since July 2025

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Academic

Goethe-University Frankfurt, Research Institute Social Cohesion

Research Assistant, Project: Political Conflict Regulation and Social Cohesion — Jul 2021 – Jun 2024

University of Mannheim

Lecturer — Feb 2023 – Aug 2023

Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich

Student Assistant, Chair for Empirical Theory of Politics — May 2020 – Jun 2021
Student Assistant, Chair of Empirical Political Research & Policy Analysis — Apr 2020 – Jun 2021
Student Assistant, University Library — Feb 2019 – Mar 2021

Other (Selected)

Author, Reporter and Camera Operator, Funk (ARD/ZDF) — 2018 & 2020

- Internet-Shutdowns in Togo (2018)
- How and if to talk to conspiracy theorists (2020)

Free Lance Journalist & Photographer, Weser-Kurier, Bremen — Jan 2015 – Jul 2018

EDUCATION

PhD Political Science — Jul 2021 – Dec 2025
University of Mannheim
The Democratic Consequences of Climate Attitudes & Concerns (Grade: Magna cum laude)

M.A. Political Science — Oct 2018 – May 2021
Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
Framing Morality Policies on an Individual Level (Grade: 1.56)

B.A. International Degree in Journalism — Oct 2014 – Jul 2018
University of Applied Sciences Bremen
Internet Shutdowns in Sub-Saharan Africa (Grade: 1.3)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

Menzner, J. & Lattmann, J. (2026): National, Partisan or Ideological Biases? How EU Officials' Characteristics can influence Infringement Proceeding Outcomes, *Journal of European Public Policy*, DOI.

Menzner, J. & Schweizer, D. (2026): The Underlying Structure of Political Support, *Politics & Governance*, DOI.

Menzner, J., Schmid, C. & Rettig, L. (2025): The Importance of Descriptive Representation & Cue-Taking in Free List Local Elections, *German Politics*, DOI.

Mettang, O., Euchner, E., Fischer, L. & Menzner, J. (2023): Securing Moral Authority: A Cross-National Analysis of Protestant Engagement in the Implementation of Morality Policies in Western Europe, *VOLUNTAS*, DOI.

Rudolph, L., Däubler, T. & Menzner, J. (2022): Offene Listen und die Wahl von Frauen zum Bundestag. Ergebnisse eines Survey-Experiments [The Potential of Open Lists for the Election of Women to the Bundestag], *PVS*, DOI.

Menzner, J. & Traunmüller, R. (2022): Subjective Freedom of Speech: Why Do Citizens Think They Cannot Speak Freely?, *PVS*, DOI.

Other

Menzner, J. & Traunmüller, R. (2023): Wie frei ist die freie Meinungsäußerung wirklich?, in: Lotter, M.-S. (Ed.), *Probleme der Streitkultur in Demokratie und Wissenschaft*, Nomos: Baden-Baden.

Bucher, H. et al. (2022): Concluding Remarks on the GLES Open Science Challenge 2021, *PVS*, DOI.

CURRENT RESEARCH

Under Review

Menzner: Citizens' Two-Sided Demand for Undemocratic Climate Governance (*R&R*)

Menzner, Isermann & Diener: Not Simply Simplified: Systematic Issue Emphasis in Easy-Read Manifestos (*R&R*)

Jochim & Menzner: The Price of Privileges: Corporate Tax Secrets and Democratic Satisfaction

Menzner & Schweizer: More Concerned, Less Satisfied? Climate Concern and Democratic Satisfaction Within and Between Citizens

Shuttleworth, Menzner & Schwander: Everyone Loves Democracy, But Who Wants to Protect It? Examining Support for Militant Democracy

Kayser, Leininger, Menzner, Sandu, Schwander & Tichelbaecker: Lonely on the Land: Surplus Males and Support for the Radical Right

Menzner & Veit: Uncovering Uneven Class Awareness: A Heteroskedastic Regression Approach to Subjective Class Placement (*Part of SI*)

In Progress

From Dissatisfaction to Disapproval? The Impact of Climate Concern on Democratic Satisfaction & Support

How Water Use Restrictions Impact Climate Concerns and State Evaluations *(with D. Abel)*

How Populists in Power Polarize *(with C. Schmid)*

Visibility at the Periphery: Regional Pride Events and Their Political Footprint *(with C. Wurthmann)*

Staying or Leaving: The Political Consequences of (Prevented) Residential Mobility *(with S. Hegewald & A. Leininger)*

DIFIS: 'Social Policy Dimensions of Climate Adaptation' *(PIs: H. Schwander, K. Zimmermann & V. Gengnagel).*

AWARDS / CALLS

2023 Fritz-Thyssen-Foundation Award for Essays in the Social Sciences (1st Prize)
Rudolph, Däubler, Menzner (2022): The Potential of Open Lists for the Election of Women to the Bundestag, PVS.

2022 SOEP Innovation Sample - Call for Module Submissions
The module *Climate Policy: Emotions, Attitudes & Trade-Offs* (with Schweizer, D.) is fielded in SOEP-IS 2023.

STIPENDS / GRANTS

Graduation Scholarship (2024–2025), University of Mannheim (9.555 €)

SUMMER SCHOOLS / METHODS TRAINING

Bayesian Analysis for the Social and Behavioural Sciences
Essex Summer School 2022, Dr. Richard Morey, (2 weeks / 35 hours)

Social Network Analysis with R
GESIS Fall Seminar in Computational Social Science 2021, Dr. Silvia Fierăscu, (5 days / 25 hours)

REVIEWER

Political Studies Review, **EJPR**

TEACHING

All courses taught in German.

Lektüreseminar: Klima und Konflikte in demokratischen Gesellschaften
Reading Seminar: Climate and Conflicts in Democratic Societies
Winter 2026/27, Humboldt-University of Berlin, M.A. (Evaluation: Ongoing)

Seminar: Vertrauen, Zufriedenheit & Legitimität - Politische Unterstützung im Wandel?
Trust, Satisfaction & Legitimacy – Political Support in Transition?
Summer 2026, Humboldt-University of Berlin, B.A. (Evaluation: 3.7 / 4.0, Response Rate: 25%)

Begleitseminar: Internationale und Vergleichende Politik - Gr.7
Tutorial Seminar: International and Comparative Politics
Summer 2026, Humboldt-University of Berlin, B.A. (Evaluation: 3.9 / 4.0, Response Rate: 43%)

Begleitseminar: Internationale und Vergleichende Politik - Gr.5
Tutorial Seminar: International and Comparative Politics
Summer 2026, Humboldt-University of Berlin, B.A. (Evaluation: 3.7 / 4.0, Response Rate: 36%)

Vertiefungsseminar: Klimawandel als politische Herausforderung
Specialization Seminar: Climate Change as a Political Challenge
Winter 2025/26, Humboldt-University of Berlin, B.A. (Evaluation: 3.9 / 4.0, Response Rate: 28%)

Begleitseminar: Internationale und Vergleichende Politik
Tutorial Seminar: International and Comparative Politics
Summer 2025, Humboldt-University of Berlin, B.A. (Evaluation: insufficient response rate)

Übung: Datenauswertung mit STATA

Tutorial: Data Analysis with Stata
Spring 2023, University of Mannheim, BA (Evaluation: 1.7 on a 1 (best) – 5 (worst) scale, Response Rate: 27%)

INVITED TALKS

How Growing Climate Concern Erodes Political Support
University of Basel Political Science Summer Colloquium (Prof. Stefanie Bailer)

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Lonely on the Land: Surplus Males and Support for the Radical Right
2026 Conference of DVPW Working Group Democracy Research in Berlin

Everyone Loves Democracy, But Who Wants to Protect It? Examining Support for Militant Democracy
2026 Session DVPW Working Group Democracy Research in Berlin; 2026 Berlin-Brandenburg Pol. Behaviour Workshop

An Undemocratic Climate? The Dual Threat of Concerns about Climate Change & Climate Action on Democratic Support
2026 EPSS in Belfast

The Underlying Dimensions of Political Support
2025 Annual Conference of Società Italiana Di Scienza Politica in Naples

The emotional drivers of climate action: How anxiety, anger and hope shape policy support
2025 Workshop "Anxiety and (policy) preferences in relation to climate change" at Institute of Economics, Kiel University

The Two-Sided Demand For Non-Democratic Climate Governance
2025 Session of DVPW Section Comparative Politics in Saarbrücken, 2025 Annual Conference of SISP in Naples

From Dissatisfaction to Disapproval? Studying the Impact of Climate Concern on Democratic Satisfaction & Support
2025 Session of DVPW Section Comparative Politics in Saarbrücken

The Partially Hidden Demand for Non-Democratic Climate (In-)Action
2024 Current Directions in Research on Political Support in Duisburg

The Cost of Speaking Freely in a Liberal Democracy
2024 EPSA in Cologne

Causal Paths from Issue Incongruence to Democratic Dissatisfaction
2024 ECPR in Dublin

A Case of Strategic Issue Emphasis: Comparing easy-read & regular manifestos with NLP
2024 Workshop "Current Perspectives on Party Competition" at MZES; 2023 CompText in Glasgow

Worried About Climate Change and Unsatisfied With Democracy?
2023 EPSA in Glasgow, 2023 Session of DVPW Working Group Environment in Münster

Does Political Polarization Harm Subjective Freedom of Speech?
2023 EPSA in Glasgow; 2022 Workshop "Polarization and Cohesion" at Research Institute Social Cohesion

SKILLS

Office Software:	MS-Office, Citavi, Mendeley, Endnote, Overleaf (LaTeX)
Data Analysis:	R, Stata
Survey Tools:	Qualtrics, Unipark
Multimedia:	Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Premiere Pro

LANGUAGES

German: Native Speaker
English: Fluent (C2)
Spanish: Basic

SOCIAL & ACADEMIC SERVICES

Humboldt-University of Berlin
Selection Committee Member for Karin-Lohr-Award — Since 2026

Rationale Altruisten Mannheim e.V.
Voluntary Treasury Auditor — Since 2024

University of Mannheim
PhD Student Representative in Senate Commission Gender Equality — Aug 2023 - Jul 2025
PhD Student Representative, CDSS & GESS Graduate School — Oct 2022 - Sep 2024

University of Applied Sciences Bremen
Part of Refugee-Initiative *Team Welcome* — 2025 - 2017
Student Representative, Board of Examiners — 2015 - 2018

FAILS / REJECTIONS

REJECT AFTER REVIEW: AJPS (2024), APSR (2024), Electoral Studies (2025), Political Behavior (2025), Political Communication (2025), PSRM (2025), CPS (2026)

DESK REJECT: WEP (2022, 2024), BJPS (2024, 2026), CPS (2025), EJPR (2025), PVS (2025), Nature Climate Change (2026), Nature Communications (2026), Politics, Groups & Identities (2026)

2026 GLEN Open Modules Call (German Longitudinal Environmental Study)
Climate & Democracy Module proposal REJECTED

2023 C-Dem Module Competition & 2024 SOEP Innovation Sample
Extensions of 2023 SOEP-IS Climate Trade-Off module (s.above) REJECTED