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CURRENT POSITIONS

Humboldt-University of Berlin

Research Associate & Lecturer, Chair of Political Sociology and Social Policy

Since April 2025

Acting Manager, 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

July 2021 - June 2024

University of Mannheim

Lecturer

February 2023 - August 2023

Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich

Student Assistant, Chair for Empirical Theory of Politics

May 2020 - June 2021

Student Assistant, Chair of Empirical Political Research & Policy Analysis

April 2020 - June 2021

Student Assistant, University Library

February 2019 - March 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

January 2015 – July 2018

EDUCATION

PhD Political Science

July 2021 – December 2025

University of Mannheim

The Democratic Consequences of Climate Attitudes & Concerns (Grade: Magna cum laude)

M.A. Political Science

October 2018 – May 2021

Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich

Framing Morality Policies on an Individual Level (Grade: 1.56)

B.A. International Degree in Journalism

October 2014 – July 2018

University of Applied Sciences Bremen

Internet Shutdowns in the Sub-Saharan (Grade: 1.3)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

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. and Traummüller, R. (2022): “Subjective Freedom of Speech: Why Do Citizens Think They Cannot Speak Freely?”, PVS, *DOI*.

Other

Menzner, J. & Traummüller, 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, J. (R & R): Citizens’ Two-Sided Demand for Undemocratic Climate Governance.

Menzner, J., & Lattmann, J.: National, Partisan or Ideological Biases? How EU Officials’ Characteristics can influence Infringement Proceeding Outcomes.

Menzner, J., Isermann, L. & Diener, J.: A Case of Strategic Issue Emphasis: Comparing easy-read & regular manifestos with NLP, *Preprint*

Menzner, J. & Schweizer, D.: How Growing Concerns Erode Satisfaction with Democracy, *Preprint*

Menzner, J. & Veit, F.: Uncovering Uneven Class Awareness: A Heteroskedastic Regression Approach to Subjective Class Placement

In Progress

Menzner, J.: From Dissatisfaction to Disapproval? The Impact of Climate Concern on Democratic Satisfaction & Support

Menzner, J. & Abel, D.: How Water Use Restrictions Impact Climate Concerns and State Evaluations

Shuttleworth, L., Menzner, J. & Schwander, H.: Everyone loves Democracy, but who wants to protect it? Examining Support for Militant Democracy

Schmid, C. & Menzner, J.: How Populists in Power Polarize

Menzner, J. & Traummüller, R.:The Cost of Speaking Freely in a Liberal Democracy

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

INVITED TALKS

How Growing Climate Concern Erodes Political Support

University of Basel Political Science Summer Colloquium (Prof. Stefanie Bailer)

TEACHING

Seminar: Vertrauen, Zufriedenheit & Legitimität - Politische Unterstützung im Wandel?

Summer 2026, Humboldt-University of Berlin

Begleitseminar: Internationale und Vergleichende Politik - Gr.7

Summer 2026, Humboldt-University of Berlin (Evaluation: Ongoing)

Begleitseminar: Internationale und Vergleichende Politik - Gr.5

Summer 2026, Humboldt-University of Berlin (Evaluation: Ongoing)

Vertiefungsseminar: Klimawandel als politische Herausforderung

Winter 2025/26, Humboldt-University of Berlin (Evaluation: 3.9 / 4.0)

Begleitseminar: Internationale und Vergleichende Politik

Summer 2025, Humboldt-University of Berlin (Evaluation: n.a.)

Übung: Datenauswertung mit STATA

Spring 2023, University of Mannheim (Evaluation: 1.8 / 5.0 (1.0 = best))

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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 (L^AT_EX)
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 August 2023 - July 2025
PhD Student Representative, CDSS & GESS Graduate School October 2022 - September 2024

University of Applied Sciences Bremen

Part of Refugee-Initiative *Team Welcome* 2025 - 2017
Student Representative, Board of Examiners 2015 - 2018

FAILS / REJECTIONS

2023 C-Dem Module Competition & 2024 SOEP Innovation Sample

Extensions of 2023 SOEP-IS Climate Trade-Off module (s.above) REJECTED

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

DESK REJECT: WEP (2022, 2024), CPS (2025), PVS (2025), PSRM (2025), Politics, Groups & Identities (2026)