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ACADEMIC POSITION

2023- INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN TOULOUSE (IAST),
TOULOUSE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (TSE), FRANCE

Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

EDUCATION

2016-2023 UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN

Ph.D. from the Department of Political Science.
Title: PLAYING THE ENEMY: INFORMATION, DECEPTION, & DICTATORIAL SURVIVAL
Supervision committee: Ellen LUST (Chair) · Anders SUNDELL · Milan SVOLIK

Fall 2019/20 UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ, GERMANY

Guest Doctoral Researcher in the Department of Politics & Public Administration.

Spring 2019 YALE UNIVERSITY, CT

Visiting Assistant Researcher in the Department of Political Science.

2016-2017 STOCKHOLM SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, SWEDEN

External student enrolled in Political Economics and Public Choice.

2013-2015 HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY, GERMANY

Master of Arts
Major: Political Science · Minor: Economics

2011 STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY, SOUTH AFRICA

International student enrolled in the undergraduate programme · *Cum Laude*
Major: Political Science · Minors: History, Afrikaans

2009-2013 UNIVERSITY OF REGENSBURG, GERMANY

Bachelor of Arts
Major: Political Science · Minors: Economics, Public Law.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Elite political dynamics and their effects on political institutions and outcomes with a focus on less democratic contexts & processes of democratic backsliding.

WORKING PAPERS

- 2025 Rooted in Repression: A Theory of Propaganda
- 2025 Purges & Reputation
- 2020 Political Parties as Democratic Checks

WORK IN PROGRESS

- 202x Service upon Request? Evidence from Question Times in Zimbabwe
- 202x Shaping Identities to Undermine Democracy
- 202x War against Democracy: Shared Identities, Democratization, & International Conflict
- 202x Representation & Protests in Electoral Autocracies: Evidence from Zimbabwe

DATASETS

- 2016 Parliament Election Study 2014, Manifesto Project.
Cologne: GESIS Data Archive, ZA5162 Data File Version 1.0.0, doi:10.4232/1.5162.
Authors: Hermann SCHMITT, Daniela BRAUN, Sebastian A. POPA, Slava MIKHAYLOV, Felix DWINGER
- 2015 European Parliament Election Study 1979–2009, Manifesto Project.
Cologne: GESIS Data Archive, ZA5102 Data File Version 1.0.0, doi:10.4232/1.5102.
Authors: Daniela BRAUN, Hermann SCHMITT, Sebastian A. POPA, Slava MIKHAYLOV, Felix DWINGER

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- 2024 What's the Point of a Protest?
Featured in the [Crossing Channels Podcast](#) at the Bennett Institute for Public Policy (Cambridge University) & the IAST, May 6, 2024.
- 2024 Belief in Society: Why Do Things Fall Apart?
Contribution to the [IAST Magazine](#), December 2024.

2024 Political Economy at IAST & TSE

Featured in a video promoting Political Economy at IAST & TSE on [You Tube](#).

HONOURS & AWARDS

2019	Helge Ax:sson Johnson Foundation's Scholarship
2019	Kungliga Vitterhetsakademien's Scholarship
2018	Adlerbergska Foundation's Scholarship
2018	Lundgrens Foundation's Scholarship
2018	US EITM Stipend
2017	SND Travel Scholarship
2017	Grants Committee of the Philosophical Faculties' Scholarship
2017	ECPR Grant
2012	DAAD Short-term Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

<i>Reviewer</i>	American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Governance, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Political Studies Review.
<i>Administration</i>	Leader of the IAST Political Economy research team (2024-) Co-organizer of the IAST Annual Retreat (Fall 2023)
<i>Conferences</i>	Co-organizer of the IAST Interdisciplinary Workshop on Identity & Politics (Spring 2024) Co-organizer of the IAST Workshop on the Political Economy of Autocratic Politics & Democratic Backsliding (Spring 2025)
<i>Seminars</i>	Co-organizer of the IAST General Seminar Series 2024-2025 Co-organizer of the IAST & TSE Political Economy & Economic History Working Group (2023-2024)

WORK EXPERIENCE

2021-2022 UNIVERSITY OF OSLO, NORWAY

Research assistant in the project on the *Emergence, Life, and Demise of Autocratic Regimes*.

2015–2016 UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM, GERMANY

Predoctoral researcher at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES). Organization and realization of the 2014 wave of the *Euromanifesto Project*.

2013–2015 UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM, GERMANY

Research assistant at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES).

2012 EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Yaoundé, Cameroon · Internship · Oct.–Dec. 2012

2012 ARNOLD-BERGSTRAESSER-INSTITUTE

Freiburg, Germany · Internship · Aug.–Oct. 2012

2010–2011 UNIVERSITY OF REGENSBURG, GERMANY

Student assistant at the chair for Comparative Politics (Eastern Europe).

2007–2008 PARITAETISCHER WOHLFAHRTSVERBAND, GERMANY

Voluntary work in the social sector as an employee of the *Paritaetischer Wohlfahrtsverband Landesverband Bayern* in Coburg, Germany.

PRESENTATIONS

- JULY 2025 · EPSA · Madrid, Spain.
- JUNE 2025 · POLITICAL ECONOMY WORKSHOP · Toulouse, France.
- OCT. 2024 · COMPARATIVE FORMAL THEORY CONFERENCE · London, UK.
- SEP. 2024 · APSA · Philadelphia, PA.
- JULY 2024 · EPSA · Cologne, Germany.
- MAY 2024 · INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOP ON IDENTITY & POLITICS · Toulouse, France.
- MAY 2024 · IAST-OXFORD-SCIENCESPo PE CONFERENCE · Toulouse, France.
- AUG.–SEP. 2023 · APSA · Los Angeles, CA (Cancelled).
- APR. 2023 · UNDEMOCRATIC POLITICS MINI-CONFERENCE · San Francisco, CA (Cancelled).
- MAY 2023 · FORMAL THEORY SOCIETY JSS · Online.
- APR. 2022 · MPSA · Chicago, IL (Online).
- JAN. 2022 · SPSA · San Antonio, TX (Cancelled).
- SEP. 2021 · APSA · Online (Cancelled).
- APR. 2021 · MPSA · Online.
- JAN. 2021 · SPSA · Online.
- OCT. 2020 · IR CAUCUS CONFERENCE · Freiburg, Germany (Cancelled).
- SEP. 2020 · PAPP SEMINAR · Gothenburg, Sweden (Online).
- AUG. 2020 · ECPR · Innsbruck, Austria (Online).
- JUNE 2020 · EPSA · Prague, Czech Republic (Online).
- JUNE 2020 · FORMAL THEORY SOCIETY JSS · Online.
- DEC. 2019 · WORKSHOP ON INEQUALITY IN AUTOCRACIES · Konstanz, Germany.
- AUG.–SEP. 2019 · APSA · Washington, DC.
- JULY 2019 · ECPR SUMMER SCHOOL ON PARLIAMENTS · Lisbon, Portugal.
- APR. 2019 · MPSA · Chicago, IL.

JULY 2018	· EITM US · Ann Arbor, MI.
AUG.–SEP. 2018	· APSA · Boston, MA (Cancelled).
APR. 2017	· MPSA · Chicago, IL (Cancelled).

SUPERVISION

POSTGRADUATE · Pass · University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
THESIS

UNDERGRADUATE · Pass · University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
THESIS

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025 Theories of Democratic Backsliding

Spring 2025 · Summer School in Quantitative Social Sciences, IAST & TSE, France.

2017 Democracy and Democratization

Spring 2018 · Teaching modules in postgraduate-level course, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

2017 Swedish Politics in a Comparative Perspective

Fall 2017 · Teaching modules in undergraduate-level course, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

2017 Swedish Politics in a Comparative Perspective

Spring 2017 · Teaching modules in undergraduate-level course, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

2016 Euromanifestos Coding Workshop

Jan. 2016 · Instructing coders how to code party manifestos using the *Euromanifestos Coding Routine*, University of Mannheim, Germany.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2025 TSE Internal Workshop

Toulouse, France · Nov 2025

Covered topic: Data analysis, machine learning, & webscraping with Python.

2024 TSE Internal Workshop

Toulouse, France · Dec 2024

Covered topic: Spatial visualization & data processing using QGIS.

2019 ECPR Summer School on Parliaments

Lisbon, Portugal · July–Aug 2019

Covered topics: Legislative Organization; Representation in the 21st Century; Formal Models in Legislative Studies; Delegation Theories & Parliamentary Democracy; Electoral Systems & Legislative Organization; Speechmaking in Legislatures & Text Analysis; European Parliament: Organization & Functions; Parties & Legislators; Experimental Research in Legislative Studies.

2018 Oslo Summer School

Oslo, Norway · July 2018

Covered topic: Qualitative Case Study Designs and Process Tracing.

2018 EITM US

Ann Arbor, Michigan · June–July 2018

Covered topics: Game Theory and Social Choice; Causal Inference; Text as Data and Machine Learning; Qualitative Research Designs.

2017 ICPSR

Ann Arbor, Michigan · June–Aug. 2017

Completed courses: Game Theory I: Introduction; Game Theory II: Advanced Topics; Introduction to Applied Bayesian Modelling I; Introduction to Applied Bayesian Modelling II: Advanced Topics.

2017 ECPR Winter School

Bamberg, Germany · March, 2017

Completed course: Introduction to Bayesian Inference.

2016 EITM Europe

Mannheim, Germany · June–July 2016

Completed courses: Refresher Course in Mathematics and R; Statistical Foundations; Theoretical Foundations.

COMPUTER SKILLS

BEGINNER · Python, osmium, QGIS

ADVANCED · L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office, R, STATA

LANGUAGES

GERMAN · Mothertongue.

ENGLISH · Fluent in speaking, reading, & writing.

FRENCH · Advanced in speaking, reading, & writing.

REFERENCES

References upon request.

January 6, 2026