

# FELIX DWINGER

## CONTACT

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## ACADEMIC POSITION

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

Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

2015–2016                UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM, GERMANY

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

## 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 · 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 & their effects on political institutions, identity formation, representation, & outcomes with a focus on less democratic contexts & processes of democratic backsliding.

#### WORKING PAPERS

2026 Rooted in Repression: A Theory of Propaganda

2025 Purges & Reputation

2020 Political Parties as Democratic Checks

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

2026 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.

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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.

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## 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 (2024-2026) Co-founder of the IAST Political Economy research team (approved funding: €84.000; funding period: 3 years) 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)

## HONOURS & AWARDS

2019	Helge Ax:sson Johnson Foundation's Scholarship
2019	Kungliga Vitterhetsakademien's Scholarship
2018	Adlerbertska 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

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

2024	What's the Point of a Protest? Featured in the <a href="#">Crossing Channels Podcast</a> at the Bennett Institute for Public Policy (Cambridge University) & the IAST, May 6, 2024.
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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](#).

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2021-2022            **UNIVERSITY OF OSLO, NORWAY**

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

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 THESIS · Sara Salomonsson · Pass · University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
- UNDERGRADUATE THESIS · Suzan Mohmoud · Pass · University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

#### 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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office, R, STATA

**LANGUAGES**

GERMAN · Mother tongue.

ENGLISH · Fluent in speaking, reading, & writing.

FRENCH · Advanced in speaking, reading, & writing.

**REFERENCES**

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