

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- Since 2013 PhD in Political Science,
Concentrations in Political Psychology and Methodology
(Stony Brook University)
- 2013 MA in Political Psychology
(Stony Brook University)
- 2008 MA in Political Science
Concentrations in Comparative Politics and International Law
(University of Vienna)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2009 – 2012 Pre-doc research associate in the Austrian National Election Study,
Project group 'The Demand Side'
- 2005 – 2009 Student Assistant at the Department for International Law and International
Relations (University of Vienna)

PUBLICATIONS

together with Zoe Lefkofridi and Markus Wagner (2014), Left-Authoritarians and Policy Representation in Western Europe: Electoral Choice across Ideological Dimension, West European Politics 37(1): 65-90.

together with Julian Aichholzer (2014), Forecasting Austrian National Elections: The Grand Coalition Model, International Journal of Forecasting 30(1): 55-64.

PHD THESIS ABSTRACT

The Structure of Political Attitudes in Western Europe.

(advisor: Professor Stanley Feldman)

Recent research on public opinion in West European countries suggests that voters organize their political beliefs along two ideological dimensions, an economic and a cultural dimension.

Summarizing voters' policy attitudes by continuous dimensions requires, however, that the issues that make up a dimension are highly correlated. As I show, however, political attitudes correlate on the contrary only very weakly in election surveys in West European countries. Thus, the question arises as to whether there are non-dimensional, alternative patterns to better describe public opinion. Drawing upon data from national election studies from the France, Germany, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Austria, I use latent class analysis to discern which issue positions frequently go together. I find four comparable issue packages across all countries which differ in systematic ways from the four segments of aligned voters we expect in a dimensional analysis. Understanding why voters are not aligned along the dimensions but assemble policy positions in systematic but non-dimensional ways, helps us learning about voters' motivations to adopt certain policy preferences. Also, grouping voters according to their actual issue packages reveals the close connection between socio-demographic characteristics and policy preferences better than a dimensional analysis can.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

The Structure of Political Attitudes in Western Europe. MPSA Annual Conference (Chicago) 04 / 2017, and EPSA Annual General Conference (Milano) 06 / 2017.

prepared together with Leonie Huddy, The Feminist Gap in American Politics. Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology (Warsaw) 07 / 2016, and Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia) 09 / 2016.

What You See Is What You Get - When Party Leaders Dissolve Voters. An analysis of party leader cross-pressured voters across Europe. MPSA Annual Conference (Chicago) 04 / 2013.

prepared together with Sylvia Kritzinger, Andre Freire and José Santana-Pereira, In the Long-run to the Short-term: Explanations of Voting Behaviour Shifting from Social to the Political Context. IPSA World Congress (Madrid) 07 / 2012.

Cross-pressured Partisans in Western Europe. OEGPW Austrian Political Science Day (Salzburg) 12 / 2011.

Cross-pressured Partisans. How Voters Make up their Minds when Parties and Issues Diverge. ECPR General Conference (Reykjavik) 08 / 2011.

prepared together with Zoe Lefkofridi and Markus Wagner, Left-Authoritarian Citizens in Europe: Seeking Policy Representation across Issue Dimensions? ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops (St. Gallen) 04 / 2011.

The Problem of Attitudinal Cross-Pressures. What Determines the Vote Choice when Partisanship and Issue Attitude are in Conflict? ECPR Graduate Conference (Dublin) 08 / 2010.

Measuring Social Capital and its Influence on Voting Behaviour at the Aggregate Regional Level. ESRA Biennial Conference (Warsaw) 07 / 2009.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2012 / 2013 Fulbright Scholarship.
2017 Teaching Award of the Political Science Dep., Stony Brook University.

TEACHING

Fall 2017 Introduction to Comparative Politics
Undergraduate course, Stony Brook University

Spring 2017 Intermediate Statistics for Political Psychology
Graduate course, Stony Brook University

Fall 2016 Political Psychology
Undergraduate course, Stony Brook University

Spring 2016 Intermediate Statistics for Political Psychology
Graduate course, Stony Brook University

Fall 2015 Introduction to Statistical Methods in Political Science
Undergraduate course, Stony Brook University

Fall 2011 Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences
Undergraduate course, University of Vienna

Fall 2010 Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences
Undergraduate course, University of Vienna

Fall 2009 Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences and Social Capital
Undergraduate course, University of Vienna