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## 🔍 Research & teaching interests

Topics: Political behaviour, political communication, public opinion, European politics, crisis governance  
Methods: Surveys, (natural) experiments, advanced quantitative text analysis

## 🏛️ Academic positions & experience

### Current

**University of Cologne, Department of Political Science** Cologne (DE)  
*Doctoral Researcher* 10/2022–present  
Member of the Chair for European and Multilevel Politics, involved in:  
• ERC project *Democracy without Majorities: Political Representation under Minority Rule* (**MINORITYRULE**)  
• EU Horizon project *Observatory for Political Texts in European Democracies* (**OPTED, WP5**)  
• Teaching (BA & MA level), Bachelor's thesis supervision, and academic self-administration

### Previous

**Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Geschwister-Scholl-Institute** Munich (DE)  
*Visiting Scholar* 10/2024–11/2024  
Hosted by the Chair of Political Systems and European Integration (Prof. Dr. Klaus Goetz).

**GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences** Mannheim (DE)  
*Specialist for Data Management and Analysis* 10/2021–09/2022  
Member of the German Longitudinal Election Team, involved in:  
• VW Foundation project *Threat to Democracy? Conspiracy Theories and their Impact on Voting Behavior* (**DemThreat**)  
• Outreach & Knowledge Transfer for the German Longitudinal Election Study (**GLÉS**)

**Ghent University, Department of Public Governance and Management** Ghent (BE) / remote  
*Research Intern* 11/2020–05/2021  
INAPP project *Policy Interventions under Globalization and Technological Change*

**University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research** Amsterdam (NL)  
*Research Assistant* 10/2019–04/2021  
Assistant to Prof. Dr. Theresa Kuhn, Challenges to Democratic Representation Research Group

**Humboldt University Berlin, Department of Social Sciences** Berlin (DE)  
*Research Assistant* 11/2017–08/2019  
Assistant to Prof. Dr. Heike Klüver, Chair of Comparative Political Behavior

## 🎓 Education

University of Cologne, Cologne Graduate School Cologne (DE)  
**Doctoral Study Program in Social Sciences** 10/2022–present  
Thesis title: *Politics under Pressure: Crisis Governance, Decision-Making, and Public Responses*  
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Sven-Oliver Proksch & Prof. Dr. Alexia Katsanidou

University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research Amsterdam (NL)  
**Master of Science Social Sciences Research** 09/2019–08/2021  
GPA: 8.61 (excellent, highest distinction)  
Thesis: *Regional Inequality and European Fiscal Solidarity in Times of Crisis: How Regional Wealth and Covid-19 Impact Shape Public Support for EU Risk Sharing*

Humboldt University Berlin, Department of Social Sciences Berlin (DE)  
**Bachelor of Science Social Sciences** 10/2016–07/2019

GPA: 1.4 (excellent)

Thesis: *Position Taking in EU Parliament Speeches after the 2004 Enlargement: Adaptive Behavior of Newcomers measured through Legislative Speech*

Maastricht University, Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience  
**Bachelor of Science Psychology**

Maastricht (NL)  
09/2015–08/2016

## Awards & Grants

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**Faculty of Management, Economics, and Social Sciences, University of Cologne**

*Junior Teaching Award (2,000€)*

01/2026

Awarded by the Faculty Board based on outstanding student evaluations for the course *European Politics in Times of Crisis*

**Reinhard Selten Institute (ECONtribute Cluster of Excellence)**

*Selten Grant (2,000€)*

10/2024

Project: *Emergency Politics in the European Union*

## Teaching

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**University of Cologne**

*Advanced Survey Methods and Challenges to Democracy (M.Sc.)*

Summer 2025 & 2026

Survey methods (sampling, measurement, vignette & conjoint experiments, AI conversational interviewing, preregistration, ethics, analysis) and implementation in Qualtrics

**University of Cologne**

*Tutorial Coordination: Foundations of European Politics (B.A.)*

Summer 2025 & 2026

Recruiting, supervising and instructing a team of tutors; Organizing the content and structure of the tutorials (14 Groups) as part of the lecture "Foundations of European Politics" (Prof. Dr. Sven-Oliver Proksch)

**University of Cologne**

*Digitalization & AI – Shaping the Future of European Politics and the Way We Study It (B.A.)*

Winter 2025/26

Course on EU digital governance and regulation (AI Act, DSA), AI-assisted quantitative & qualitative research methods, and foresight methods

**University of Cologne**

*European Politics in Times of Crisis (B.A.)*

Summer & Winter 2024/25

Courses on crisis governance and rhetoric in the EU; include applied introductions to R

## Thesis supervision & mentorship

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**University of Cologne**

*Supervision of B.A. theses (7 theses)*

*Supervision of M.Sc. theses (1 thesis)*

*Mentor & reference for BA students (3 students)*

2024–2026

## Publications

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**Journal articles (peer reviewed)**.....

- [1] **Hetzer, Lukas**; Burgoon, Brian (2024). **Regional crises and European fiscal preferences: how regional Covid-19, economic downturn, and migration shape support for EU risk sharing**. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 31(10), 3093–3127.

**Working papers**.....

- [1] Anonymized for peer review  
*Under Review | European Journal of Political Research*
- [2] **Hetzer, Lukas**. Exploiting Emergencies? Crisis Rhetoric, Time Pressure, and Authority Expansion in EU Policy-Making.  
• Invited for contribution to JEPP special issue.
- [3] **Hetzer, Lukas**; Lenz, Alexa. The Efficiency–Deliberation Trade–Off of Crisis Politics: Evidence from Parlia-

mentary Legislative Activity in Germany.

- [4] Proksch, Sven-Oliver; **Hetzer, Lukas**; Wäckerle, Jens; Rath, Jasmin; Hoffmeyer-Zlotnik, Paula. Framing Minority Governments: How Strategic Narratives Shape Voter Evaluations.
- [5] Anonymized for peer review  
*Under Review | Research and Politics*
- [6] Riebe, Frauke; Wurthmann, Constantin; **Hetzer, Lukas**. Beyond Proximity: Representational Isolation and Emotional Response in Climate Politics.
  - *In print | Representation*
- [7] Anonymized for peer review  
*R&R | British Journal of Political Science*
- [8] Buzzelli, Gregorio; **Hetzer, Lukas**; Nicoli, Francesco; Sacchi, Stefano; Burgoon, Brian;. The Role of Identity Politics in Shaping Transnational Social Policy Responses to Transforming Labour Markets. Evidence from Linked Survey Experiments.
  - Invited for contribution to JEPP special issue.
- [9] Anonymized for peer review  
*Submitted | World Politics*
- [10] Schwalbach, Jan; **Hetzer, Lukas**; Rauh, Christian; Proksch, Sven-Oliver; Sebők, Miklós (2026). The ParLawSpeech Parliamentary Text Dataset.

### Book chapters

- [1] Blumenberg, Manuela; Bieber, Ina; **Hetzer, Lukas**; Pollak, Reinhard; Stroppe, Anne-Kathrin (2024). **Pandemie und Wahlverhalten**. In *Wahlen und Wähler: Analysen zur Bundestagswahl 2021*. Springer VS, 179–204.

### Edited volumes & contributions

- [1] Riebe, Frauke; **Hetzer, Lukas**; Wurthmann, Constantin (2022). **Die Bundestagswahl 2021: Perspektiven und Daten aus der deutschen Wahlstudie**. *easy\_social\_sciences* 67.
- [2] Rossmann, Joss; Wurthmann, Constantin; Riebe, Frauke; **Hetzer, Lukas**; Blumenberg, Manuela (2022). **Einführung: Die Bundestagswahl 2021: Eine außergewöhnliche Wahl in ungewöhnlichen Zeiten**. In *easy\_social\_sciences* 67, pp. 4–8.
- [3] Dippel, Alina S.; **Hetzer, Lukas**; Burger, Axel (2022). **Links oder rechts? Die ideologische Selbstverortung von Wähler:innen und ihre Wahrnehmung von Parteien in Deutschland**. In *easy\_social\_sciences* 67, pp. 19–29.

### Reports

- [1] Balduini, Sveva; Burgoon, Brian; Busemeyer, Marius; Gualtieri, Valentina; **Hetzer, Lukas**; Luppi, Matteo; Nicoli, Francesco; Sacchi, Stefano (2022). **Secular Economic Challenges and Public Support for Policy Interventions: Technological change and globalization in a randomized survey experiment in eight countries**. INAPP.

## Datasets

- [1] **ParLawSpeech** (2025). Schwalbach, Jan; **Hetzer, Lukas**; Proksch, Sven-Oliver; Rauh, Christian; Sebők, Miklós.

## Reviewer

(Web of Science) Reviewer for *Journal of European Public Policy* (2x), *European Union Politics* (2x), *Young Journal of European Affairs* (1x)

## Conference participations & presentations

### Invited talks

Amsterdam Center for European Studies (Prof. Kuhn), University of Amsterdam	2025
Chair of Empirical Theories of Politics (Prof. Knill), LMU Munich	2025
Text-as-Data Reading Group (TaDa) Speaker Series, online	2025
Chair of Political Systems and European Integration (Prof. Goetz), LMU Munich	2024

## Conferences

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EPSS European Political Science Society, Belfast (upcoming)	2026
CES Council for European Studies Conference, Dublin (upcoming)	2026
ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments (SGoP), Barcelona	2025
EPSA European Political Science Association Conference, Madrid	2025
CompText Interdisciplinary Conference on the Computational Text Analysis, Vienna	2025
DVPW Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft Conference, Göttingen	2024
EPSA European Political Science Association Conference, Cologne	2024
ECPR Standing Group on the European Union (SGEU), Lisbon	2024
CompText Interdisciplinary Conference on the Computational Text Analysis, Amsterdam	2024
EPSA European Political Science Association Conference, Glasgow	2023
CompText Interdisciplinary Conference on the Computational Text Analysis, Glasgow	2023
ECPR General Conference, Innsbruck	2022

## Workshops & colloquia

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JEPP Special Issue Workshop, LMU Munich (upcoming)	2026
Cologne–Zurich–Innsbruck Political Science Workshop, Tratzberg (upcoming)	2026
Political Science Speaker Series, University of Cologne	2025
Gesis Workshop on validation of Large Datasets, online	2025
Computational Social Science Doctoral Workshop, Sciences Po Paris	2024
Cologne–Zurich European Politics Workshop, Filzbach	2024
Cologne Center for Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of Cologne	2023
OPTED Workshop, University of Vienna	2023
JEPP Special Issue Workshop, University of Amsterdam	2023
Political Representation and Behavior Workshop, University of Cologne	2023
EUI–YouGov “Solidarity in Europe” Survey Data Dissemination Workshop, EUI Florence	2023
OPTED Workshop, VU Amsterdam	2022

## Volunteering work

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Election worker in German elections (federal- and state-level)	2025–present
Voluntary Social Year, Alzenau city administration; Organization of cultural events & cookbook project with refugees	2014–2015

## Additional skills

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### Languages

*English (native) · German (native) · Dutch (intermediate) · Italian (beginner)*

### Data analysis

*R (expert) · Python (advanced) · Stata (expert) · SPSS (basic)*

### Tools

*LaTeX / Overleaf · Qualtrics (advanced logic; JavaScript/HTML) · GitHub · Microsoft Office*