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CURRENT POSITION

Ph.D. Student

University of Zurich, Department of Political Science
Structured Doctoral Program Political Science

05/2018 – present
Zurich, Switzerland

- Research focus on political behavior, party competition, the study of political language and text, and computational political science
- General interest in social science research methods, applied machine learning, natural language processing, and annotation modeling
- Dissertation project examines when, how and why of political actors use populist and especially anti-elite rhetorics in contexts of electoral competition
- Main contributions of dissertation research include the development of a novel, scalable method to measure anti-elite rhetoric in political communication that combines crowd-sourced human annotation, natural language processing and machine learning techniques, and an application of this method to social media data to study parties' anti-elite strategies

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Data Analyst

German Social Democratic Party, Federal Party Executive
Section for Databased Campaigning/Analytics

03/2017 – 09/2017
Berlin, Germany

- Predictive modeling of membership enrollment data and electoral mobilization potentials
- Contributing to the development of the data collection and deployment pipeline underlying the party's door-to-door canvassing web application built to facilitate the targeted deployment of campaign volunteers
- Developing R Shiny and Tableau dashboards informing the Party Executive's decision making in the Federal Election campaign
- Developing web scraper and parser programs in R, shell script, and Python automating the collection and processing of third-party data
- Data Vault and 3NF SQL modeling

EDUCATION

M.A. International Relations	10/2014 – 04/2018
Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt University Berlin, and University of Potsdam	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>
Visiting student, Graduate Studies in Political Science	08/2015 – 05/2016
Duke University	<i>Durham, NC, USA</i>
B.A. Social Sciences	09/2011 – 09/2014
Humboldt University Berlin	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>
ERASMUS student, B.A. Peace and Development Studies	09/2013 – 01/2014
Uppsala University	<i>Uppsala, Sweden</i>

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Student Assistant	08/2016 – 03/2017
German Social Democratic Party, Federal Party Executive <i>Section for Databased Campaigning/Analytics</i>	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Collecting election-related data at the level of municipal precincts and mapping it to socio-economic data at the house block level to enable retrospective performance and prospective/predictive analysis of the parties electoral mobilization potential · Data Vault and 3NF SQL modeling · Developing R Shiny dashboards 	
Research Assistant	05/2015 – 10/2016
Humboldt University Berlin, Chair of Comparative Politics <i>NORFACE project "The Paradox of Health Care Futures HEALTHDOX"</i>	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Collecting and organizing data at the individual, regional, and national levels on attitudes towards the welfare state and indicators of health care systems, welfare state systems, inequality, governments' policy responsiveness, and quality of governance from different cross-national surveys and databases · Supporting the leading post-doctoral researcher of the project's Berlin branch with exploratory analysis and visualizations of this data 	
Research Assistant	02/2014 – 10/2016
Humboldt University Berlin, Chair of Comparative Politics <i>DFG project "The Impact of Electoral Vulnerability on Institutional Change"</i>	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Coordinating and contributing to the collection and cleansing of political event data from different primary sources · Programming and maintaining a 3NF SQL database to make consolidated data available to both project members and third-party researchers · Developing an R Shiny dashboard with the goals of showcasing the project's original data collection and making it accessible to project members and third-party researchers 	
Teaching Assistant/Tutor	10/2012 – 10/2013
Humboldt University Berlin, Chair of Empirical Social Research	<i>Berlin, Germany</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Teaching introductory courses accompanying the lecture on statistics and probability theory in the B.A. Social Sciences · Teaching data management, statistical computing, and multiple regression techniques using the statistics package STATA 	

LANGUAGES AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages	German (mother tongue), English (fluent)
Programming Languages	R, Python, SQL, shell/bash, JavaScript/ReactJS (novice)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Opportunity structures and parties' anti-elite strategies in multi-party competition

Joint paper project with Tarik-Abou Chadi, Pablo Barberá, and Whitney Hua

Presented at the *APSA Annual Meeting* (August 2020), the *LSE Populism: Causes and Responses Workshop* (September 2019), and the *Zurich Text-as-Data Workshop* (November 2019)

Is the adoption of dismissive stances vis-à-vis a far-right challenger driven by its use of anti-elite rhetoric?

Single-authored paper project

Drivers of anti-elite strategies in multiparty competition

Single-authored paper project

When enough is enough: An approach to deciding on the number of judgments per instance in crowd-sourced coding applications in political science research

Single-authored paper project

Presented at the *PoliTics Villa Garbald PhD and PostDoc Workshop* (Mai 2019)

Are political scandals driving parties' use of anti-elite rhetorics?

Single-authored paper project

Presented in the *Pre-Publication Seminar*, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich (Mai 2019)