

# Christopher Wratil

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ACADEMIC POSITION

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**John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow**, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University 09/2018 –

**Associate Member**, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne 09/2018 –

**Thyssen Postdoc Fellow**, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics & Cologne Graduate School, University of Cologne 12/2016 – 08/2018

- Project title: *'Measuring and Explaining Governments' Ideal Points in European Union Economic and Social Policy-Making'*
- Mentor: Prof. Sven-Oliver Proksch

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. in Political Science/European Studies**, London School of Economics and Political Science, European Institute, awarded with no corrections 10/2013 – 02/2017

- Dissertation title: *'Governing Europe for the People? Citizen Representation in European Union Policy-Making'*
- Supervision: Prof. Sara B. Hobolt, Dr. Sara Hagemann

**Visiting Ph.D. Student**, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin 02/2016 – 04/2016

- Supervision: Prof. Mark A. Kayser

**M.Phil in Politics**, University of Oxford, St. Antony's College 2009 – 2011

- Thesis title: *'Building Europe for the People? The Impact of Public Opinion*

<i>on Governments' Preferences in EU Constitution-Making'</i> (Grade: 79)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervision: Prof. Pablo Beramendi, Prof. Sara B. Hobolt</li> </ul>	
<b>B.A. in Political Science</b> , Free University of Berlin	2006 – 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thesis title: <i>'European Integration Theory and the Werner Plan'</i> (Grade: 1,0)</li> <li>Supervision: Prof. Tanja A. Börzel</li> </ul>	
<b>Visiting Student</b> , University of Warwick	2008 – 2009
<b>B.A. in Philosophy &amp; Economics</b> , University of Bayreuth, without graduation	2005 – 2006
<b>German 'Abitur' graduation</b> , (Grade: 1,0; achieved by 0.7% of the students)	2005
<b>Skipped 10th grade</b>	2003

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Project Manager with Bertelsmann Foundation</b> , Gütersloh & Brussels	2012 – 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed new academic expert survey for Sustainable Governance Indicators (<a href="http://www.sgi-network.org">www.sgi-network.org</a>)</li> <li>Developed new activities on democracy &amp; inequality</li> <li>Designed new project on monitoring EU member states' social policies</li> </ul>	
<b>Management Consultant with The Boston Consulting Group</b> , Hamburg & Berlin	2011 – 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worked with clients in the financial, insurance and media industries</li> </ul>	

## GRANTS

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<b>Fritz Thyssen Foundation project grant</b> <i>'Rebels in Representative Democracy: The Appeal and Consequences of Political Defection in Europe'</i> (total project sum: ~180.000 €), co-investigator, grant recipient: Sven-Oliver Proksch	10/2018 – 09/2020
<b>Fritz Thyssen Foundation postdoc project grant</b> <i>'Measuring and Explaining Governments' Ideal Points in European Union Economic and Social Policy-Making'</i> (total project sum: ~€81,860)	12/2016 – 11/2018

## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

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<b>Best Article Award 2018</b> , European Politics & Society Section of the American	06/2018
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Political Science Association, awarded for article 'Government Responsiveness in the European Union: Evidence from Council Voting' published in <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> (33 articles were nominated)	
<b>Nomination for 'German Study Prize'</b> (only Ph.D. thesis from political science nominated as one of the 11 best theses in the social sciences defended in 2017), Germany's biggest doctoral thesis award	05/2018
<b>John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship 2018/19</b> , Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (Harvard University) (60.000 \$)	03/2018
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the LSE 'Europe in Question' Discussion Paper Series Doctoral Paper Competition 2014-2015</b> (£500)	05/2015
<b>Ernst Haas Dissertation Fellowship</b> (\$1,200), European Union Studies Association	04/2014
<b>Ph.D. Scholarship of the UK Economic and Social Research Council</b> (~£23,000 per annum), awarded with <i>Advanced Quantitative Methods</i> enhancement	2013 – 2016
<b>Member of 'FutureLab Europe'</b> , European Policy Centre, Brussels (Connects young people with outstanding EU expertise with European decision-makers)	2013 – present
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the European Charlemagne Youth Prize</b> , awarded by the European Parliament and the 'Society for the Conferring of the International Charlemagne Prize' to European online magazine 'Europe & Me' ( <a href="http://www.europeandme.eu">www.europeandme.eu</a> ); co-founder and editor of the magazine	05/2011
<b>'Hölderlin scholarship'</b> (€15,000) & <b>'Overseas scholarship'</b> (~€8,000), German National Academic Foundation, for M.Phil at the University of Oxford	2009 – 2011
<b>Scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service</b> (~€7,000), for full academic session at University of Warwick	2008 – 2009
<b>Fellow at the 'Studienkolleg zu Berlin'</b> , Hertie Foundation, Berlin (International one-year study & practice programme on European questions)	2007 – 2008
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in the 'German Study Prize'</b> (€2,000), together with Tim Heemsoth (Germany's biggest student research competition)	05/2007
<b>Scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation</b> (~0,5% of German students receive this merit-based scholarship)	2006 – 2011
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in the History Competition of the German Federal President</b>	10/2005

(€ 1,000), 1380 competition entries

## REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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- 2019 'Public Deliberations in the Council of the European Union: Introducing and Validating the DICEU Approach', in: *European Union Politics*, forthcoming. (with Sara B. Hobolt)
- 2019 'Representing the Compromise: How Institutions Serve Government Support Coalitions in European Union Policy-Making', in: *European Journal of Political Research*, forthcoming. (with Fabio Franchino)
- 2019 'Testing the Validity of Automatic Speech Recognition for Political Text Analysis', in: *Political Analysis*, forthcoming. (with Sven-Oliver Proksch and Jens Wäckerle)
- 2019 'Territorial Representation and the Opinion-Policy Linkage: Evidence from the European Union', in: *American Journal of Political Science*, 63:1, pp. 197-211.
- 2018 'Modes of Government Responsiveness in the European Union: Evidence from Council Negotiation Positions', in: *European Union Politics*, 19:1, pp. 52-74.
- 2018 'Dodging the Bullet: How Crises Trigger Technocrat-Led Governments', in: *European Journal of Political Research*, 57:2, pp. 450-72. (with Giulia Pastorella)
- 2017 'Government Responsiveness in the European Union: Evidence from Council Voting', in: *Comparative Political Studies*, 50:6, pp. 850-67. (with Sara Hagemann and Sara B. Hobolt)
- Winner of the APSA European Politics & Society Section 'Best Article Award' 2018*
- 2015 'Public Opinion and the Crisis: The Dynamics of Support for the Euro', in: *Journal of European Public Policy*, 22:2, pp. 238-256. (with Sara B. Hobolt)

## BOOK CHAPTERS, STUDIES & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- 2017 'A Populist Moment? Populist Attitudes of Voters and Non-Voters before the German Federal Election 2017', Gütersloh: Bertelsmann Foundation. (with Robert Vehrkamp)
- 2013 'Divided Democracy – Political Participation and Satisfaction with Democracy before the German Federal Elections 2013', Gütersloh: Bertelsmann Foundation. (with Thomas Petersen, Dominik Hierlemann, Robert Vehrkamp) [translated from German]
- 2012 'Heinrich Malzahn (1884-1957)', in: Mielke, Siegfried/Heinz, Stefan (eds.): *Officials of the German Metalworker Association in the Nazi State. Resistance and Prosecution*, Berlin: Metropolis Verlag, pp. 416-419. [translated from German]
- 2008 'Diagnosis Marginal Utility – The Compatibility of Work and Life from an Economic

Perspective Using the Example of Clinicians', in: German Study Prize (eds.): *Approaches, Models, and Ideas for the Compatibility of Work and Life*, Wiesbaden: VS Verlag, pp. 203-226. (with Tim Heemsoth) [translated from German]

2007 'The European Economic and Monetary Union and Functionalist Hypotheses. 'A natural candidate for spill-over' in the 1970s?', in: Börzel, Tanja A. (ed.): *Berlin Term Papers on European Integration*. [translated from German]

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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2019 'Popular Wisdom or Flimsy Excuse? The Impact of Representation Gaps on the Populist Vote'. (with Miriam Sorace)

2019 'Never Mind, I'll Find Someone Like Me: Exploring the Relationship between Perceived Representation and Populist Attitudes'. (with Bruno Castanho Silva)

2018 'Does Representation Matter for Public Legitimacy? Survey-Experimental Evidence from the European Union. (with Jens Wäckerle)

2018 'The Rhetoric of Intergovernmental Bargaining: Evidence from the European Union'. (with Sven-Oliver Proksch and Jens Wäckerle)

2018 'The Populist Marketplace: Unpacking the Role of "Thin" and "Thick" Ideology'. (with Fabian G. Neuner)

2017 'Conflict and Responsiveness in EU Council Deliberations'. (with Sara B. Hobolt, under review with *Journal of European Public Policy*)

2017 'Operationalizing Multidimensional Representation'. (with Fabio Wolkenstein, under review with the *American Political Science Review*)

2016 'It's Popular to Be Populist! The Social Desirability of Populist Attitudes'. (with Fabian G. Neuner)

## **CONSULTANCY PROJECTS**

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'*Populism Barometer*', Bertelsmann Foundation (project sum to date, excl. survey 2015 – 2021 costs: €20,930)

- Preparation, questionnaire design and implementation of annual surveys on populist, anti-EU and anti-globalization attitudes of German voters (with Infratest Dimap)
- Preparation, questionnaire design and implementation of 12-country European elections study on populist attitudes (with YouGov for 2019 European Parliament elections)

- Analysis and design of conjoint, framing and item-count/list survey experiments

## TEACHING

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<i>'Advanced Quantitative Analysis: Experiments and Causal Inference'</i> , advanced graduate course, University of Cologne (student evaluation: 1.4 on scale from 1.0-5.0)	2018
<i>'Political Behaviour and Representation in Europe'</i> , advanced undergraduate course, University of Cologne (student evaluation: 1.6 on scale from 1.0-5.0)	2017 – 2018
<i>'Politics and Institutions in Europe'</i> , undergraduate course, LSE, Government Department (student evaluation: 1.5 on scale from 1.0-5.0)	2014 – 2015
<i>'What Kind of Europe? Crisis, Reform, and the International Role of the EU'</i> , LSE Summer School (student evaluation: 97% 'good/very good')	2014

## METHODS SKILLS & TRAINING

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<i>Bayesian Models for Social Sciences II: Advanced Topics</i> , ICPSR Summer School	2017
<i>Time Series Analysis II: Advanced Topics</i> , ICPSR Summer School	2017
<i>Text Analysis Workshop using QUANTEDA</i> , LSE Department of Methodology	2017
<i>EITM 'Theoretical Foundations of EITM'</i> , University of Mannheim	2016
<i>Factorial Survey Experiments</i> , Social Science Research Centre Berlin	2015
<i>Dimension Reduction in R</i> , Essex Summer School	2015
<i>Multivariate Analysis and Measurement</i> , LSE	2015
<i>Pooled Time-Series Cross-Sectional Analysis</i> , Essex Summer School	2014
<i>Bayesian Analysis in the Social Sciences</i> , Essex Summer School	2014
<i>Causal Inference for Experimental and Observational Studies</i> , LSE	2014
<i>Intermediate Social Statistics</i> , University of Oxford	2010 – 2011
<i>Quantitative Text Analysis</i> , ECPR Summer School, Ljubljana	2010
<i>Econometrics</i> , University of Warwick	2008 – 2009

## SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

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- Journal Referee: *Acta Politica, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative European Politics, Comparative Political Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Union Politics, Government and Opposition, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, Politics, Research and Politics, Review of International Organizations*
- Organization: Co-convener, 'Microfoundations of Politics' lecture and methods workshop series (2017), Cologne Center for Comparative Politics

## MISCELLANEOUS

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- Software: STATA, R, Microsoft Office
- Languages: English (*proficient*), German (*native*)
- National Media: Media coverage of study 'A Populist Moment?' with Bertelsmann Foundation (see above): 1,667 clippings in German media as well as television feature in *ARD Tagesthemen* on 25 July 2017.
- 'If Utopia Does Not Become Real Here, Where Else?', in: *NEON*, 11/2015. [translated from German]
- 'Survey on Greece: Knowledge Does Not Prevent Euroscepticism', in: *Spiegel Online*, 11.08.2015. [translated from German]
- 'Why Young Europeans Feel Neglected', in: *Süddeutsche Zeitung* (online), 09.05.2014. [translated from German]
- Blogs: Regular contributor to LSE's *EUROPP European Politics and Policy* blog
- Membership: American Political Science Association, European Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, University Association for Contemporary European Studies

## REFERENCES

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**Prof. Sara B. Hobolt**, Sutherland Chair in European Institutions, *London School of Economics and Political Science* (s.b.hobolt@lse.ac.uk)

**Prof. Sven-Oliver Proksch**, Professor for European Politics, *University of Cologne* (so.proksch@uni-koeln.de)

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