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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative politics, representation, party competition, voting behaviour, public opinion, computational social science

EDUCATION

- 2015– **PhD Candidate and Teaching Assistant**
Trinity College Dublin, Department of Political Science
Thesis: “The Coding, Communication, and Public Perception of Election Pledges”
Supervisor: Prof. Gail McElroy
- 2014–2015 **Master of Science in Politics and Public Policy**
Trinity College Dublin, Department of Political Science
- 2011–2014 **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology**
University of Bonn, Institute of Political Science and Sociology

RESEARCH

Publications

Bowler, Shaun, Gail McElroy, and Stefan Müller (2018): “[Voter Preferences and Party Loyalty under Cumulative Voting: Political Behaviour after Electoral Reform in Bremen and Hamburg.](#)” *Electoral Studies* 51: 93–102.

Under Review

Stefan Müller, and Tom Louwse: Explaining Government Support Throughout the Legislative Cycle: A Comparative Analysis.

Shaun Bowler, Gail McElroy, and Stefan Müller: The Relationship Between Campaign Effort and Legislative Activity.

Work in Progress

Stefan Müller: Prospective and Retrospective Salience: A Novel Concept of Campaign Strategies and Policy Preferences (Manifesto Conference 2018, EPSA 2018).

– *Winner of the 2018 Manifesto Corpus Conference Best Paper Award*

Stefan Müller: Improving the Reliability and Efficiency of Extracting Election Pledges from Political Text: A Combination of Crowdcoding and Automated Sentence Classification (ECPR SG Parliaments Conference 2017, PSAI 2017).

Stefan Müller: Which Election Promises Gain Public Attention: A Comparative Analysis of Newspapers in Six Countries (ECPR 2018).

Stefan Müller, and Michael Jankowski: Challenger Quality as a Moderator of the Incumbency Advantage in Personalised PR Systems: Applying the Regression Discontinuity Design to Irish Local Elections (ECPR 2018).

Michael Jankowski, and Stefan Müller: Preferences for the Descriptive Representation of Women: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment.

Shaun Bowler, Gail McElroy, and Stefan Müller: Expectation of Coalition Formation in Multi-Party Settings: When Do Voters Get It Right? (EPSA 2018).

R Packages

[quanteda](#): Quantitative analysis of textual data (core contributor)

[quanteda.dictionaries](#): Dictionaries for text analysis and associated functions (co-author)

[readtext](#): Import and plain and formatted text files (contributor)

<https://tutorials.quanteda.io>: A step-by-step introduction to text analysis (with Kohei Watanabe)

STIPENDS AND GRANTS

Stipends

2016–2019	Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, Irish Research Council
2015–2018	Postgraduate Ussher Fellowship, Trinity College Dublin
2011–2015	Undergraduate and Graduate Fellowship, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German Academic Scholarship Foundation)

Grants

2018	EUROLAB Grant for stay in Cologne at GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences
2018	Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin – conference participation grant
2017	TRiSS Postgraduate Research Fellowship, Trinity Research in Social Science
2017	Alan Turing Institute – student travel grant
2017	London School of Economics and Political Science – travel bursary

TEACHING

Teaching Assistance at Trinity College Dublin

Research Methods for Political Science (Undergraduate), Instructor: Thomas Chadeaux, 2017/18.

Public Opinion and Political Participation (Undergraduate), Instructor: Gizem Arıkan, 2017/18.

Comparative Politics (Undergraduate), Instructor: Gail McElroy, 2015/16, 2016/17.

Quantitative Text Analysis (PhD Level), Instructor: Kenneth Benoit, 2018.

Course Instructor

Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis using Quanteda, WZB Berlin Social Science Center; one-day workshop with Kohei Watanabe, 2018.

Data Wrangling and Visualisation Using R, Trinity Research in Social Science; one-day workshop, 2017.

Teaching Qualifications

Certificate in Academic Teaching & Supporting Learning, Centre for Academic Practice and eLearning, Trinity College Dublin, 2016.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2015– **Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant**
Trinity College Dublin, Department of Political Science
- 02/2014–04/2014 **Intern**
Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik
- 07/2013–02/2014 **Student Assistant**
Bonner Akademie für Forschung und Lehre praktischer Politik
- 08/2012–07/2014 **Student Assistant**
University of Bonn, Institute of Political Science and Sociology

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Annual General Conference of the European Consortium of Political Research, Hamburg, Germany
- 2018 General Conference of the European Political Science Association, Vienna, Austria
- 2018 Manifesto Corpus Conference 2018, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin, Germany
- 2017 The Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, Dublin, Ireland
- 2017 Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, Basel, Switzerland
- 2017 Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association Milan, Italy

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2017 Bridging Disciplines in Analysing Text as Social and Cultural Data, Alan Turing Institute, London
- 2017 Text Analysis Using R, two-day workshop, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2015 Philosophical Problems of Statistics, Summer School of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation, Roggenburg

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

European Political Science Association; Society for Political Methodology
Political Studies Association of Ireland; ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments

SERVICE

- 2016–2018 **PhD representative**
Trinity College Dublin, Trinity Research in Social Science (TRiSS)
- 2014–2015 **Joint M.Sc. postgraduate student representative**
Trinity College Dublin, Department of Political Science

SKILLS

Languages

German (native), English (fluent)

Software

R, Stata, Python, SPSS, L^AT_EX, GitHub, CrowdFlower