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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Comparative Politics, Representation, Party Competition, Voting Behaviour, Public Opinion, Computational Social Science

## EDUCATION

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| 2015–     | <b>PhD Candidate</b><br>Trinity College Dublin, Department of Political Science<br>PhD Thesis: “Accountability and the Democratic Mandate: Analysing Pledges, Party Competition, and Media Coverage”<br>Supervisor: Prof. Gail McElroy |
| 2017–2018 | <b>Postgraduate Certificate in Statistics</b><br>Trinity College Dublin, School of Computer Science and Statistics   |
| 2014–2015 | <b>Master of Science in Politics and Public Policy</b><br>Trinity College Dublin, Department of Political Science  |
| 2011–2014 | <b>Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology</b><br>University of Bonn, Institute of Political Science and Sociology   |

## RESEARCH

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### Refereed Journal Articles

2018. Stefan Müller, and Tom Louwse. “[The Electoral Cycle Effect in Parliamentary Democracies.](#)” *Political Science Research and Methods* (online first).
2018. Kenneth Benoit, Kohei Watanabe, Haiyan Wang, Paul Nulty, Adam Obeng, Stefan Müller, and Akitaka Matsuo. “[quanteda: An R Package for the Quantitative Analysis of Textual Data.](#)” *Journal of Open Source Software* 3(30): 774.
2018. Stefan Müller, and Michael Jankowski. “[Do Voters Really Prefer More Choice? Determinants of Support for Personalised Electoral Systems.](#)” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* (online first).
2018. Shaun Bowler, Gail McElroy, and Stefan Müller. “[Voter Preferences and Party Loyalty under Cumulative Voting: Political Behaviour after Electoral Reform in Bremen and Hamburg.](#)” *Electoral Studies* 51: 93–102.
2018. Liam Kneafsey, and Stefan Müller. “[Assessing the Influence of Neutral Grounds on Match Outcomes.](#)” *International Journal of Performance Analysis in Sport* (online first).

## Under Review

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

## Work in Progress

Prospective and Retrospective Rhetoric: A New Dimension of Party Competition and Campaign Strategies.

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

Reassessing an Established Concept Through Crowd-Sourced Text Coding.

Media Coverage of Campaign Promises Throughout the Electoral Cycle.

Challenger Quality as a Moderator of the Incumbency Advantage in Personalized PR Systems (with Michael Jankowski).

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

Extending Crowd-Sourced Text Coding via Machine Learning (with Kenneth Benoit, Patrick Chester, and Michael Laver).

Who’s Willing to Compromise? Investigating Party Rhetoric on Compromise and Voters’ Response (with Carolina Plescia, and Mariken van der Velden).

## Other Publications

Kohei Watanabe, and Stefan Müller: *Quanteda Tutorials*. URL: <https://tutorials.quanteda.io>

## R Packages

`quanteda`: Quantitative analysis of textual data (co-author)

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

`newsmap`: Semi-supervised model for geographical document classification (co-author)

`readtext`: Import and plain and formatted text files (contributor)

## STIPENDS AND GRANTS

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### Stipends

2016–2019	Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, Irish Research Council
2015–2016	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

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### Teaching Assistance at Trinity College Dublin

Public Opinion (Undergraduate), Instructor: Lisa Keenan, 2018.

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

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

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

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

### Course Instructor

An Introduction to the Quanteda Package for Quantitative Text Analysis, Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin, 3 Dec. 2018.

Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis using R, Methods Center of the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS), 22–23 Nov. 2018 (scheduled).

Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis using Quanteda, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, with Kohei Watanabe, 31 Jan. 2018.

Data Wrangling and Visualisation Using R, Trinity Research in Social Science, 4 Dec. 2017.

### Teaching Qualifications and Awards

Winner of the Dermot McAleese Award for Teaching Excellence, Trinity College Dublin, 2018.

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

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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- 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

## SERVICE

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- 2017– Reviewed manuscripts for: *British Journal of Political Science*; *European Politics and Society*; *Representation*; *Scandinavian Political Studies*
- 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

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### Languages

German (native), English (fluent)

### Computing Knowledge

R, Stata, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, GitHub, CrowdFlower/Figure Eight

## REFERENCES

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### **Kenneth Benoit**

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Department of Methodology  
London School of Economics and Political Science  
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### **Shaun Bowler**

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Department of Political Science  
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