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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

EDUCATION

- 2015– **PhD Candidate**
Trinity College Dublin, Department of Political Science
Thesis: “The Coding, Communication, and Strategic Use of Election Pledges”
Supervisor: Prof. Gail McElroy
- 2017–2018 **Postgraduate Certificate in Statistics**
Trinity College Dublin, School of Computer Science and Statistics
- 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: Prospective and Retrospective Rhetoric: A New Dimension of Party Competition and Campaign Strategies.

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

Stefan Müller, and Tom Louwse: The Electoral Cycle Effect in Parliamentary Democracies.

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

Stefan Müller, and Michael Jankowski: Do Voters Really Prefer More Choice? Determinants of Support for Personalised Electoral Systems.

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](#) (under review at the *Journal of Open Source Software*).

Work in Progress

Stefan Müller: Reassessing and Improving an Established Concept Through Crowd-Sourced Text Coding: The Case of Election Pledges (ECPR SG Parliaments Conference 2017, PSAI 2017).

Stefan Müller: Which Election Promises Attract 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).

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

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

Carolina Plescia, Mariken van der Velden, and Stefan Müller: Who's Willing to Compromise? Investigating Party Rhetoric on Compromise and Voters' Response.

R Packages

[quanteda](#): Quantitative analysis of textual data (co-author)

[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 Arikan, 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, with Kohei Watanabe, Jan. 31, 2018.

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

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	General Conference of the European Consortium of Political Research, Hamburg
2018	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, Ireland
2017	Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, Basel
2017	Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association, Milan

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

MEMBERSHIPS

- European Political Science Association
- Society for Political Methodology

SERVICE

2017–	Reviewed manuscripts for: <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> ; <i>Representation</i> ; <i>Scandinavian Political Studies</i>
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)

Computing Knowledge

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

REFERENCES

Kenneth Benoit

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