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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Representation, Party Competition, Policy Analysis, Voting Behaviour, Public Opinion,  
Computational Social Science

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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01/2019– **Postdoctoral Researcher**  
University of Zurich, Department of Political Science

## EDUCATION

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09/2015– **PhD Candidate**  
Trinity College Dublin, Department of Political Science  
PhD Thesis: “Accountability and the Democratic Mandate:  
Analysing Pledges, Party Competition, Media Coverage, and Public Opinion”  
Supervisor: Gail McElroy

09/2017–05/2018 **Postgraduate Certificate in Statistics**  
Trinity College Dublin, School of Computer Science and Statistics

09/2014–08/2015 **Master of Science in Politics and Public Policy**  
Trinity College Dublin, Department of Political Science

10/2011–07/2014 **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology**  
University of Bonn, Institute of Political Science and Sociology

## VISITING POSITIONS

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08/2019–09/2019 **Visiting Research Fellow** (upcoming)  
Kobe University, Graduate School of Law

05/2018–06/2018 **Guest Researcher**  
EUROLAB at GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne

## RESEARCH

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### Peer-Reviewed 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* 18(6): 892–905.

## 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.

How the Incumbency Advantage is Moderated by Challenger Quality in PR Systems: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Irish Local Elections (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).

Preferences for Descriptive Representation: A Conjoint Experiment (with Michael Jankowski).

## Other Publications

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

## Software (R Packages)

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

`readtext`: Import and plain and formatted text files (co-author)

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

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

## FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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### Scholarships

2016–2019	Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, Irish Research Council
2017	Postgraduate Research Fellowship, Trinity Research in Social Science (TRiSS)
2015–2016	Postgraduate Ussher Fellowship, Trinity College Dublin
2011–2015	Undergraduate and Graduate Fellowship, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German Academic Scholarship Foundation)

### Travel Grants

2018	GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences: EUROLAB Grant
2018	Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin: conference participation grant
2017	Alan Turing Institute: student travel grant
2017	London School of Economics and Political Science: travel bursary

## TEACHING

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### Course Instructor at the University of Zurich

Representation, Party Competition, and Policy Analysis (Undergraduate), 2019 (Spring).

Quantitative Text Analysis (Postgraduate), 2019 (Spring).

### 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.

### Workshop 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.

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.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 01/2018–            **Documentation Manager and Training Advisor**  
Quanteda Initiative CIC
- 09/2015–12/2018   **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

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- 2019      Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago (upcoming)
- 2019      Manifesto Project User Conference, Berlin (upcoming)
- 2019      Dreiländertagung, Zurich (upcoming)
- 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, Git, GitHub, CrowdFlower/Figure Eight

## REFERENCES

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### **Kenneth Benoit**

Professor of Quantitative Social Research Methods  
Department of Methodology  
London School of Economics and Political Science  
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### **Shaun Bowler**

Distinguished Professor of Political Science  
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