

## Dr. Benedikt Bender

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Research Interests	Political Economy, Welfare States, Organized Interests, Comparative Methods
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## Employment & Academic Positions

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since 01/2020	Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecture Institut of Political Science Chair in Qualitative Empirical Research Methods	Goethe-University Frankfurt/Main
01/2020- 09.2022	Postdoctoral Researcher, Project: “Govrus - Variations of Governance in hybrid Regimes: Business, State and Civil Society in Russia” - Funded by German Research Foundation (DFG)	Institute for Eastern European Studies, Free University Berlin
01/2020- 07/2022	Fellow, SFB 884 „The Political Economy of Reforms“, Project A6: “Welfare State Support from below: linking individual interests and organized interests in Europe” - Funded by German Research Foundation (DFG)	University of Mannheim, Collaborative Research Center
01/2020- 09.2021	External Fellow	MZES
2015 & 2019	-----Parental leave-----	
08/2016- 12/2019	Doctoral Researcher, Project: “Crisis Corporatism or Corporatism in Crisis? Social Concertation and Social Pacts in Europe” - Funded by German Research Foundation (DFG)	Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)
09/2014- 12/2019	Lecturer, School of Social Sciences Chair Macrosociology	University of Mannheim
09/2014- 12/2019	Research-Participation, SFB 884 „The Political Economy of Reforms“. Project A6: Welfare State Support from below: linking individual interests and organized interests in Europe - Funded by German Research Foundation (DFG)	University of Mannheim, Collaborative Research Center

## Scholarships

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2012	Full study grant by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)	
2010	Study grant by the European Union (Erasmus Program)	

## Education

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2015-2020	PhD in Sociology (Social Science) Titel of the PhD Thesis: „Politisch-ökonomische Konfliktlinien im sich wandelnden Wohlfahrtsstaat. Eine Inhaltsanalyse von Pressemitteilungen zur Arbeitsmarkt- und Sozialpolitik deutscher Gewerkschaften und Unternehmerverbände von 2000 bis 2014“ Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Bernhard Ebbinghaus (University of Mannheim) Prof. Dr. J. Timo Weishaupt (University of Göttingen) Prof. Dr. Katja Möhring (University of Mannheim / Bamberg University)	University of Mannheim
2012-2014	Master of Arts Sociology with minor Political Science Titel of the Master Thesis: „Individualisierungstendenzen und Sozialintegration: Schwindet die integrative Kraft organisierter Interessen? Ein europäischer Ländervergleich über das Engagement in intermediären Organisationen.“ Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Kohl (University of Heidelberg) Prof. Dr. Bernhard Ebbinghaus (University of Mannheim)	University of Heidelberg
2008-2012	Bachelor of Arts Social Work Titel of the Bachelor Thesis: „Die Realisierung der sozialen Gerechtigkeit in der Sozialen Marktwirtschaft“. Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Gisela Kubon-Gilke (EH Darmstadt), Prof. Dr. Dr. Juhani Laurinkari (University of Eastern Finland)	University of Applied Sciences Darmstadt
2005-2007	Subject-specific university matriculation (Fachhochschulreife) Fachoberschule für Technik, Berufskolleg Oberberg	Dieringhausen/ Gummersbach
Until 06.2001	Middle Maturity (Fachoberschulreife) Erich Kästner School & Janusz-Korczak-School	Morsbach

## Employment, Non-Academic

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2005-2004	Automobile Industry Laboratory & Production (Prototype Design & Test)	IBS-Filtran, Morsbach
2004-2001	Automobile Skill-Craft Car Mechanic, Apprenticeship	Zielenbach, Morsbach

## Internships, Non-Academic

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08/2011	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Department Labour Market and Social Security	Wiesbaden
10/2010- 04/2011	Employment Center, City of Offenbach Unemployment counselling and job placement	MainArbeit, Offenbach
04/2010- 06/2010	The Martin Luther Memorial Evangelical Centre for Diaconia and Education Foundation Counselling and caring for children with disabilities	Wroclaw/Poland

## Stays abroad

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2010	Semester abroad (Erasmus Program) Faculty of Social Sciences (Sociology and Political Science)	University of Wrocław/Poland
2007-2008	Work and travel	Australia

## Refereeing for Academic Journals

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- [5] Business and Politics
- [4] European Journal of Industrial Relations
- [3] German Journal of Comparative Politics
- [2] International Journal of Sociology
- [1] Journal of Social Policy

## Publications

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- Monograph** (2020) Politisch-ökonomische Konfliktlinien im sich wandelnden Wohlfahrtsstaat.  
[1] Positionierung deutscher Interessenverbände von 2000 bis 2014. Wiesbaden: Springer-  
VS. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-31825-3>
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- Articles** (Peer-rev.) Forthcoming: Politische Konflikte in der Sozialpolitik zwischen 2017-2021 in  
[4] Deutschland: Eine Inhaltsanalyse von Plenardokumenten und Pressemitteilungen  
(with L.Malsch). Journal of Social Policy Research, accepted, February, 28, 2024.
- [3] 2023: Class Conflict or Consensus? Understanding Social Partner Positions on Social  
Policy Reforms. Journal of Social Policy.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0047279422000873>
- [2] 2023: What types of social policies does business want? Examining German employer  
associations' positions toward labor-protective and labor-activating social policies  
(with T.Paster). Business and Politics. <https://doi.org/10.1017/bap.2023.18>
- [1] 2022: Patterns in the Press Releases of Trade Unions. How to Use Structural Topic  
Models in the Field of Industrial Relations (with B.Bruinsma). German Journal of  
Industrial Relations. <https://doi.org/10.3224/indbez.v29i2.02>
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- Book chapters** Forthcoming: How Organized Interests Shape Labour Relations and Social Policies  
[5] (with B.Ebbinghaus). In Greve, Bent/ Amílcar, Moreira/ Gerven van, Minna (eds.):  
Handbook of the Political Economy of Social Policy. Edward Elgar

- [4] (2021): When governments include social partners in crisis corporatism: Comparing  
social concertation in Europe during the Great Recession (with B.Ebbinghaus). In:  
Ebbinghaus, Bernhard/ J. Timo Weishaupt (eds.): The Role of Social Partners in  
Managing Europe's Great Recession: Crisis Corporatism or Corporatism in Crisis?  
Routledge Studies in the Political Economy of the Welfare State.  
<https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003186144>

- [3] (2020) Social concertation in Europe during the Great Recession: A fsQCA-study of  
social partner involvement, p. 33-50 (with B.Ebbinghaus). In: Emmenegger, Patrick/  
Giger, Nathalie/ Careja, Romana (eds.): The European Social Model under Pressure.  
Wiesbaden: Springer-VS. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-27043-8\\_3](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-27043-8_3)

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[2] (2018) The Position of Organized Interests towards Labour Market Policies in Germany: A Content Analysis of Press Releases, p. 81-105 (with C.Buss). In: Ebbinghaus, Bernhard/ Naumann, Elias (eds.): Welfare State Reforms Seen from Below. Comparing Public Attitudes and Organized Interests in Britain and Germany. London: Palgrave Macmillan. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-63652-8\\_4](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-63652-8_4)

[1] Sozialstaatliche Alternativen. In: Kubon-Gilke, Gisela (ed.): Gestalten der Sozialpolitik. Theoretische Grundlegungen und Anwendungsbeispiele, Vol. 1, p. 610-630. Marburg: Metropolis. [ISBN 978-3-7316-1279-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-7316-1279-7)

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**Data-set** Reform Monitor on Political Conflict (ReMoPo): The ReMoPo dataset is based on a systematic text analysis of over 2100 press releases and several expert interviews on social policy and labour market reforms. ReMoPo includes trade unions, employer associations and political parties.

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**Other publications** (2017) Polnisches Puzzle. Organisation, Mitgliederentwicklung und politische Beteiligung von Gewerkschaften und Arbeitgeberverbänden aus vergleichender Perspektive. In: Deutsches Polen Institut/ Forschungsstelle Osteuropa an der Universität Bremen/ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde (eds): Polen-Analysen, Nr. 208, ISSN 1863-9712. <https://doi.org/10.31205/PA.208.01>

[3]

[2] (2017) Staatsbürgerrechte und gesellschaftlicher Zusammenhalt. Nach bürgerlichen und politischen Elementen müssen soziale folgen, um die Stabilität in Europa zu festigen. In: Bundesnetzwerk Bürgerschaftliches Engagement (eds): Soziale Bürgerrechte und demokratische Teilhabe in Europa. Berlin: Newsletter für Engagement und Partizipation in Europa, Nr. 1/31.01.2017.

[1] (2013) Gerechtigkeit als normativer Orientierungspunkt für Wissenschaften und Politik, (with G.Kubin-Gilke). Ed.: Forschungszentrum der Evangelischen Hochschule Darmstadt. Working Paper University of Applied Sciences Darmstadt. [ISSN 2193-6501](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-7316-1279-7)

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## Assessor for Funding Bodies

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Since 2017 Member of the Selection Committee by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation to award study grants (Auswahlkommission der Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)

## Service to the Profession

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Since 01/2020	Member of the Selection Committee for Master of Arts, Political Science and since 2022 also Comparative Democracy	Goethe-University Frankfurt/Main
2019-2016	Committee for the MZES Library	University of Mannheim
2018 & 2017	Organiser of two European Research Workshops "Social Concertation and Social Pacts in Europe" (04.-06.09.2018 & 05-07.10.2017)	University of Mannheim

## Conferences and Workshops (selected)

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2024	[22] Eco-social transition and energy justice in the EU ECPR General Conference	Dublin (Ireland)
(continued)	[21] Radical Europe: Violence, Emancipation & Reaction Conference of Europeanists (CES)	Lyon (France)

2023	[20]	Europe´s Past, Present, and Future: Utopias and Dystopias (CES)	Reykjavik (Iceland)
2022	[19]	The Future of Europe (Schweizer Bergakademie) • Requested as Speaker	Saas-Almagell (Switzerland)
	[18]	The Environment of Democracy (CES)	Lisboa (Portugal)
	[17]	Wer gewinnt, wer verliert? Zugespitzte Verteilungskonflikte in Zeiten multipler Krisen Annual Conference of the Political Economy Section of the German Association for Political Sciences	Berlin (Germany)
2021	[16]	E la nave va? Social Science perspectives on Germany, Italy and the European Union after a decade of crises	Italy (Villa Vigoni)
2020	[15]	Business in Politics and Society in Europe (CES)	Online Panel
2019	[14]	Social and political inequality? Interests representation in social policy” (DGS and DVPW)	Duisburg-Essen
	[13]	Fathomless Futures: Algorithmic and Imagined (SASE)	New York City
	[12]	Sovereignities in Contention: Nations, Regions and Citizens in Europe (CES)	Madrid
	[11]	Colloquium, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, Oxford University	Oxford University
	[10]	SAMF, Young Scholars Workshop	Berlin
2018	[9]	Inequality and Welfare State. Annual Conference of the Social Policy Section, German Sociological Association (DGS)	Cologne
2018 & 2017	[7 & 8]	Social Concertation and Social Pacts in Europe (Project Workshops)	Mannheim
2017	[6]	Interest Group Politics and Policy-Making in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century. European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)	Bremen (BIGSSS)
2016	[5]	Arbeit und Soziale Sicherheit	Duisburg-Essen
2015	[4]	Wandel der Arbeit und Arbeitsgesellschaft: „Gute Arbeit für alle“	Berlin
	[3]	Sozialstaatliche Interessenvertretung: Wandel der Akteurskonstellationen	Kassel
2014	[2]	Public attitudes towards and socio-political actors’ positions on labour market policies in Europe	Mannheim
2012	[1]	Vitalpolitik, Inklusion und sozialpolitische Implikation. Theoretische Reflexion und sozialpolitische Implikation	Darmstadt

## Further Training

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2016	Methods of Empirical Social Research: Regression Analysis with STATA II (Advanced Level)	Köln (GESIS)
	Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) (Basic Level)	University of Münster
	Case Studies and Process Tracing (Basic Level)	University of Münster
2015 – 2013	Reformation oder frühbürgerliche Revolution? Kirchen, sozial- und kulturgeschichtliche Perspektiven. Funded and organized by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation	Berlin Dresden Heidelberg

## Supervision of Master and Bachelor Students

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Since 2020	[8] M.A Level, first supervisor [4] M.A Level, second supervisor	Goethe-University Frankfurt/Main
Since 2015	[5] B.A. Level, first supervisor  [21] B.A. Level, first supervisor	Goethe-University  University of Mannheim

## Teaching, M.A. and B.A. Level

2024	Social-Ecological Transformation and Political Conflict	Goethe-University
[23]	B.A. Seminar: Advanced Research Application.	Frankfurt/Main
	[22] Growth & Welfare in Advanced Capitalist Economies. B.A. Introductory seminar, Block-Seminar (equivalent to 2h per week in term)	
2023-2024	Political Economy and the Structure of Welfare State	Goethe-University
[21]	Conflict M.A. Research-Seminar, 4h per week in term <b>Evaluation: 5,4</b> (Scale ranging from 6 (excellent) – 1 (failure))	Frankfurt/Main
2023	Growth & Welfare in Advanced Capitalist Economies.	Goethe-University
[20]	B.A. Introductory seminar, Block-Seminar (equivalent to 2h per week in term) <b>Evaluation: 5,6</b> (Scale ranging from 6 (excellent) – 1 (failure))	Frankfurt/Main
	[19] Politics and Policy-Making in Times of Crisis B.A. Pro-Seminar, 2h per week in term <b>Evaluation: 4,9</b> (Scale ranging from 6 (excellent) – 1 (failure))	
2022-2023	Political Economy and the Structure of Welfare State	Goethe-University
[18]	Conflict M.A. Research-Seminar, 4h per week in term <b>Evaluation: 5,6</b> (Scale ranging from 6 (excellent) – 1 (failure))	Frankfurt/Main
2022	Growth & Welfare in Advanced Capitalist Economies.	Goethe-University
[17]	B.A. Introductory seminar, Block-Seminar (equivalent to 2h per week in term)	Frankfurt/Main
(continued)	<b>Evaluation: 5,5</b> (Scale ranging from 6 (excellent) – 1 (failure))	

2022-2021 [16]	Political Economy and the Structure of Welfare State Conflict M.A. Research-Seminar, 4h per week in term <b>Evaluation: 5,6</b> (Scale ranging from 6 (excellent) – 1 (failure))	Goethe-University Frankfurt/Main
2021 [15]	Introduction in the Methods of Social Science (de: Methodeneinführungsvorlesung), 4h per week in term <b>Evaluation: 5,4</b> (Scale ranging from 6 (excellent) – 1 (failure))	Goethe-University Frankfurt/Main
[14]	Social and Labour Market Policy B.A. Introductory seminar, 2h per week in term <b>Evaluation: 5,4</b> (Scale ranging from 6 (excellent) – 1 (failure))	
2021-2020 [13]	Organized Interests and Comparative Political Economy M.A. Research-Seminar, 4h per week in term <b>Evaluation: 5,2</b> (Scale ranging from 6 (excellent) – 1 (failure))	Goethe-University Frankfurt/Main
[12]	Politics and Policy-Making in Times of Crisis M.A. Online-Seminar, 2h per week in term <i>No evaluation</i>	
2019 [11]	Religion and Welfare State in Europe B.A. Seminar Course, 2h per week in term <b>Evaluation: 1,1</b> (Scale ranging from 1 (excellent) – 6 (failure))	University of Mannheim
[10]	The Sociology of Labor Markets. Flexibilization and Segmentation in OECD countries Block-Seminar (equal to 2h per week in term) <i>No evaluation</i>	University of Mannheim
2018 [9]	Political Sociology of Interest Groups. Influence and Context B.A. Seminar Course, 2h per week in term <b>Evaluation: 1,6</b> (Scale ranging from 1 (excellent) – 6 (failure))	University of Mannheim
2017 [8]	Social Partnership and Social Dialogue in Europe. B.A. Seminar Course, 2h per week in term <b>Evaluation: 1,5</b> (Scale ranging from 1 (excellent) – 6 (failure)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentile rank, sociology: 89.61% (N=905)</li> <li>• Percentile rank, all courses: 83.84% (N=9863)</li> </ul>	University of Mannheim
[7]	Comparative European Societies B.A. Colloquium, Block-Seminar with individual meetings <i>No evaluation</i>	
2016 [6]	Research in Progress: Convergence or Divergence? Dualization and Flexibilisation Trends in Labour Market Policy – a Comparative Perspective B.A. Exercise Course, 2h per week in term <b>Evaluation: 1,2</b> (Scale ranging from 1 (excellent) – 6 (failure)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentile rank, sociology: 97.52% (N=767)</li> <li>• Percentile rank, all courses: 95.46% (N=9037)</li> </ul>	University of Mannheim
[5]	Comparative European Societies B.A.-Colloquium, Block-Seminar with individual meetings <i>No evaluation</i>	University of Mannheim
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2015	Introduction to Sociology	University of Mannheim
[4]	B.A. Exercise Course, 2h per week in term <b>Evaluation: 1,9</b> (Scale ranging from 1 (excellent) – 6 (failure)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentile rank, sociology: 63.04% (N=717)</li> <li>• Percentile rank, all courses: 54.73% (N=8777)</li> </ul>	
[3]	Research in Progress: Intermediary Organisations and Civil Society – an International Comparison B.A. Seminar Course, 2h per week in term <b>Evaluation: 1,7</b> (Scale ranging from 1 (excellent) – 6 (failure))	
[2]	Comparative European Societies B.A.-Colloquium, Block-Seminar with individual meetings <i>No evaluation</i>	
2014	Sociology of Poverty	University of Mannheim
[1]	B.A. Seminar Course, 2h per week in term <b>Evaluation: 1,8</b> (Scale ranging from 1 (excellent) – 6 (failure))	

## Engagement

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Since 2014	Organization and Interviewer of the Discussion Forum “Frankfurter Gespräche”	Frankfurt am Main, Haus am Dom ( <a href="#">Link</a> )
	Special Guests:	
[15]	<b>Prof. Dr. Andreas Voßkuhle</b> (University of Freiburg, former president of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany)	
[14]	<b>Margot Käßmann</b> (former lead, Evangelical Church in Germany), 2023	
[13]	<b>Irina Rastorgueva</b> (Autor Russlandsimulakrum), 2022	
[12]	<b>Mirko Drotschmann</b> alias MrWissen2Go, 2022	
[11]	<b>Marius Busemeyer</b> (University of Konstanz), 2021	
[10]	<b>Edgar Grande</b> (WZB Berlin Social Science Center), 2021	
[9]	<b>Volker Stanzel</b> (Ambassador (ret) and Senior Fellow German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), 2019	
[8]	<b>Gerald Knaus</b> (President European Stability Initiative), 2019	
[7]	<b>Marcel Fratzscher</b> (President German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) & Humboldt University Berlin), 2018	
[6]	<b>Sylvia Schenk</b> (Transparency International), 2018	
[5]	<b>Birgitta Wolff</b> (President Goethe-University Frankfurt), 2017	
[4]	<b>Michael Hüther</b> (Director Cologne Institute for Economic Research), 2017	
[3]	<b>Bekim Agai</b> (Goethe-University Frankfurt) 2016	
[2]	<b>Anne Bohnenkam-Renken</b> (Goethe-University Frankfurt) 2016	
[1]	<b>Jürgen Kaube</b> (Editor Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung) 2015	
2016-2010	Organisation and Lead Supervisor: Family-Care-Weekends by Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cologne	Cologne and surrounding area
2010-2004	Youth Supervisor: Family-Care-Weekends by Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cologne	Cologne and surrounding area



## **Memberships**

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- [3] Council for European Studies (CES)
- [2] German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)
- [1] German Sociological Association (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie)

## **Languages**

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- [3] English (fluent)
- [2] Polish (basic)
- [1] German (native)

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