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### Curriculum Vitae

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### Academic Positions

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**Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer** 04/2023 –

Institute of Political Science, Goethe University Frankfurt

**Assistant Professor** (Non-Tenure Track) 08/2020 – 03/2023

Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin, supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

**Research Fellow** (Pre- and Postdoc) 03/2019 – 06/2020

Leuphana University Lüneburg, at the German Research Foundation (DFG) project: “Career Profiles and Prime Ministerial Performance in Central and Eastern European Democracies”

**Research Associate** (Pre-doc) 04/2016 – 03/2019

at the Chair of Comparative Politics, held by Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Institute of Political Science, Leuphana University Lüneburg

### Education

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**Dr. rer. pol.**, Political Science, Leuphana University Lüneburg 06/03/2020

Grade: summa cum laude

Supervisor: Dr. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel

Examiners: Dr. Christian Welzel, Dr. Thomas Poguntke

**Doctoral Candidate**, Leuphana University Lüneburg 06/2016 – 03/2020

**Visiting PhD Student**, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, 02/2019 – 04/2019  
Host: Dr. Hanspeter Kriesi

**M.A. Public Economics, Law and Politics**, Leuphana University Lüneburg 10/2013 – 03/2016

**Erasmus+**, Jagiellonian University, Krakow 10/2014 – 02/2015

**B.A. Political Science**, University of Mannheim 09/2010 – 06/2013

### Research & Publications

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#### *Journal Articles*

7. **Berz, J.**, and Kroeber, C. (2023). Walking the line: Electoral cycles and the shift in legislative priorities among German Parliamentarians. **Electoral Studies**, 83. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2023.102595>

6. **Berz, J.**, and Jankowski, M. (2022). Local preferences in candidate selection. Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment among Party Leaders in Germany. **Party Politics**, 28(6): 1136-1149. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F13540688211041770>
5. Grotz, F., Müller-Rommel, F., **Berz, J.**, Kroeber, C., and Kukec, M. (2021). How Political Careers affect Prime-Ministerial Performance: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe. **Comparative Political Studies**, 54(11): 1907-1938. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0010414021997174>
4. **Berz, J.** (2020). All the Prime Minister's Glory? Leader Effects and Accountability of Prime Ministers in Parliamentary Elections. **Politics** 40(4): 444-459. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0263395720907054>
3. **Berz, J.** (2020). The effect of voters' economic perception, Brexit and campaigns on the evaluation of party leaders over time. **The British Journal of Politics and International Relations**, 22(2): 202-219. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1369148119886220>
2. **Berz, J.** (2019). Potent executives: the electoral strength of prime ministers in Central Eastern Europe. **East European Politics**, 35(4): 517-537. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/21599165.2019.1662400>
1. **Berz, J.** (2019). 14 Jahre Bundeskanzlerin Angela Merkel: Unterstützung durch Annäherung. **ZParl Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen** 50 (3): 545-556. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5771/0340-1758-2019-3-545>

#### Monographs

1. Müller-Rommel, F., Vercesi, M., and **Berz, J.** (2022). *Prime Ministers in Europe. Changing Career Experiences and Profiles.*, Palgrave Studies in Political Leadership Series, **Palgrave Macmillan**, ISBN: 978-3-030-90890-4. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-90891-1>

#### Original Datasets

2. Müller-Rommel, F., Vercesi, M., **Berz, J.** (2022). Prime Ministers in Europe. Changing Career Experiences and Profiles. Harvard Dataverse. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/QX26VI>
1. Grotz, F., Müller-Rommel, F., **Berz, J.**, Kukec, M., Kroeber, C. (2021). Expert survey on prime-ministerial performance in Central-Eastern Europe. GESIS Institute for Social Science. (Version: 1.0.0). DOI: <https://dx.doi.org/10.7802/1998>

#### Work in Progress and Under Review

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| Paper | <i>'Female Front-runner Entry and the Gender Gap in Voter Turnout. Findings from a Differences-in-Differences Design.'</i> |
| Paper | <i>'Better to Polarise than be Popular? When do Leaders increase their Party's Vote Share?'</i>                            |
| Paper | <i>'The Behavioural Consequences of missed Electoral Accountability. Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design.'</i> |

- Paper *'Random Crises and Government Accountability. When do Voters React Competently During Random Crises?'*
- Book Proposal *'Prime-Ministerial Performance in Central and Eastern Europe.'*, in preparation for submission to [Oxford University Press](#), together with Florian Grotz, Corinna Kroeber and Marko Kukec.

## Teaching Experience

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*Average student evaluation ratings in the last three years: 4.42 out of 5*

### Postgraduate level

- 'Heads of government in national and transnational politics', *Seminar*, Goethe University Frankfurt 2023 –
- 'Presidents and Prime Ministers: Executives in Government', *Seminar*, Trinity College Dublin, *Average student ratings: 4.6/5* 2023
- 'MSc Research Design', *Seminar*, Trinity College Dublin, *Average student ratings: 4.5/5* 2021
- 'International Politics', *Seminar*, Trinity College Dublin, *Average student ratings: 4.22/5* 2020, 2022

### Undergraduate level

- 'Government and Party Systems in Central and Eastern Europe in Comparison', *Seminar*, Goethe University Frankfurt 2023 –
- 'Capstone Year Long Research Project (undergraduate dissertation colloquium)', *Average student rating: 4.19/5* 2022 – 2023
- 'Party Competition, Government Formation and Political Behaviour in Germany', *Seminar*, Trinity College Dublin, *Average student rating: 4.71/5* 2021 – 2022
- 'German Politics. Historic Developments and Contemporary Challenges', *Lecture*, Trinity College Dublin, *Average student rating: 4.04/5* 2021 – 2023
- 'Electoral Accountability in Parliamentary Systems', *Seminar*, Trinity College Dublin, *Average student ratings: 4.05/5* 2021 – 2022
- 'Party Competition and Government Formation in Germany and in European Comparison', *Seminar*, Trinity College Dublin, *Average student ratings: 4.67/5* 2020
- 'Personalisation and Voting Behaviour in International Comparison', *Seminar*, Leuphana University Lüneburg, *Average student ratings: 4.86/7* 2016 – 2019
- 'Introduction to Comparative Politics and Comparative Methods', *Tutorial*, Leuphana University Lüneburg 2016 – 2018

## Student Supervision

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Bachelor dissertations: 14 dissertations, at Leuphana University Lüneburg (2017 – 2020) and Trinity College Dublin (2022 – 2023)

Master dissertations: 6 dissertations, Trinity College Dublin, 2021 – 2023

PhD dissertations: Lucas Da Silva, Trinity College Dublin, 2021 – current

### **Grants & Award Grants**

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Principal Investigator, Provost's PhD Project Award, Trinity College Dublin, Title: 'Prime-Ministerial Power and the Contextual Dynamics of Voters' Responsibility Attribution in Coalition Governments' (2021–2025)	€114,000
PSAI PEC Travel Funding Support Scheme (2022)	€290
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Events & Projects Fund (2021)	€900
Arts and Social Sciences Benefaction Fund, Trinity College Dublin (2021)	€1,500
Junior Research Fund, Leuphana University Lüneburg (2019)	€1,200
Junior Research Fund, Leuphana University Lüneburg (2018)	€790
Junior Research Fund, Leuphana University Lüneburg (2017)	€1,500
Junior Research Fund, Leuphana University Lüneburg (2016)	€550
Erasmus+ Grant for studying at the Jagiellonian University Krakow (2014)	€1250

### **Conference Presentations**

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Annual Conference of the Political Science Association of Ireland ( <i>PSAI</i> )	2022
Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association ( <i>APSA</i> )	2022
Elections, Public Opinion and Parties PSA SG Annual Conference ( <i>EPOP</i> )	2022
European Consortium for Political Research ( <i>ECPR</i> ) <i>General Conference</i>	2022
Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association ( <i>EPSA</i> )	2022
Annual Conference of the Political Science Association of Ireland ( <i>PSAI</i> )	2021
Elections, Public Opinion and Parties PSA SG Annual Conference ( <i>EPOP</i> )	2021
Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association ( <i>EPSA</i> )	2021
Annual Conference of the Political Science Association of Ireland ( <i>PSAI</i> )	2020
European Consortium for Political Research ( <i>ECPR</i> ) <i>General Conference</i>	2020
Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association ( <i>EPSA</i> ) <i>Presentation canceled due to COVID-19 outbreak</i>	2020
4th North German Colloquium for the Social Sciences, University of Oldenburg	2020
European Consortium for Political Research ( <i>ECPR</i> ) <i>General Conference</i>	2019
Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association ( <i>APSA</i> )	2019
Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association ( <i>EPSA</i> )	2019
Arbeitskreis für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie der Deutschen Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft ( <i>DVPW</i> )	2019

<i>The 2017 General Election: One Year On</i> , Graduate Conference, University of Manchester	2018
2nd North German Colloquium for the Social Sciences, University of Bremen	2018
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions	2018
3rd Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections, KU Leuven	2017
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Graduate Student Conference	2016

### **Invited Talks**

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Travers Department of Political Science, University of California Berkeley	03/05/2021
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### **Outreach Activities**

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Media coverage: RTÉ, Al Jazeera English, Rombo Podcasts, Nordwest-Zeitung  
 Blog contributions: WZB Democracy Blog, DVPW Blog, Counting Counts Blog

### **Awards**

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Dirk Berg-Schlosser Award, Second Prize, awarded at the ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Central European University, Budapest	2017
Essay competition on 'EU Democracy', First Prize awarded by the Centre for the Study of Democracy, Leuphana University Lüneburg & Policy Lab e.V.	2014
President's Award for Voluntary Work, Leuphana University Lüneburg	2014

### **Service to Academia & Academic Governance**

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Referee for: The Journal of Politics, Party Politics, Political Studies, Government & Opposition, Representation, Austrian Science Fund (FWF)

Executive Committee Member of Trinity Research in Social Sciences (TRiSS), Trinity College Dublin	2021 – 2023
Coordinator of the Monday Interdisciplinary Seminar Series, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, Trinity College Dublin	2020 – 2023
Library commissioner for the Institute of Political Science, Leuphana University Lüneburg	2016 – 2019
Member of the Equal Opportunities Commission, Leuphana University Lüneburg	2016 – 2018
Member of the Permanent Committee for the Investigation of Allegations of Research and Academic Misconduct, University of Mannheim	2012 – 2013
Student representative, University Council, University of Mannheim	2011 – 2012
Vice-speaker of the Student Body, University of Mannheim	2011 – 2012

## **Professional Affiliations**

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European Political Science Association (EPSA)

German Political Science Association (DVPW)

Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP), PSA specialist group

Center for the Study of Democracy (ZDEMO), Leuphana University Lüneburg,  
Associated Member

## **Language & Computational Proficiencies**

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Languages: German (native), English (proficient), French (basic), Polish (basic),  
Spanish (basic)

Programming: R, Python, SQL, Stata, JavaScript

Markup:  $\LaTeX$ , HTML