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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political economy: politics of macroeconomic policy, economic crises, international economics
Comparative politics: political parties, public opinion, political behaviour, economic voting

CURRENT POSITIONS

PhD Candidate, Department of Political and Social Sciences, EUI, Florence
Doctoral Researcher, POLCON Project, EUI, Florence
Visiting Researcher, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin

EDUCATION

European University Institute, Florence

- PhD in Social and Political Sciences
 - Dissertation topic: “Austerity from the Left? Explaining the Fiscal Policies of Social Democratic Parties in Response to the Great Recession”
 - Committee members: Hanspeter Kriesi (supervisor), Dorothee Bohle, Hebert Kitschelt, Jonas Pontusson
 - Expected defence: March 2019
- Master of Research in Political and Social Sciences, 2015

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, Washington

- Master of Arts in International Relations and International Economics, 2014
 - Concentrations: European Studies and International Economics
 - GPA: 3.94 (graduated with Honours)

University of Oxford, St Edmund Hall, Oxford

- Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE), 2012
 - Graduated with a First Class Honours Degree

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

University of Lucerne, Lucerne

- Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, January - July 2018

London School of Economics and Political Science, London

- Visiting PhD Student, European Institute, September - December 2016

WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin

- Visiting Researcher, Research Unit “Democracy and Democratization”, June - Sept. 2016

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, DC

- Research and Teaching Assistant to Prof. Matthias Matthijs, 2013-2014
- Research Assistant to Prof. David Calleo, 2012-2013
- Research Assistant to Dr. Christopher S. Chivvis, 2012-2013

German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), Berlin

- Intern, June - August 2013

Center for Transatlantic Relations (CTR), Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC

- Research Assistant, 2012-2013

German Embassy in Nepal, Kathmandu

- Research Assistant, July - September 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Articles (peer-review):

Björn Bremer and Sean McDaniel. Forthcoming. "The ideational foundations of social democratic austerity" *Socio-Economic Review*.

Björn Bremer. Forthcoming. "The political economy of the SPD reconsidered: Evidence from the Great Recession." *German Politics*.

Björn Bremer. 2018. "The missing left? Economic crisis and the programmatic response of social democratic parties in Europe." *Party Politics*. 24(1):23-38. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068817740745>

Book chapters (peer-reviewed):

Björn Bremer and Julia Schulte-Cloos. Forthcoming. "The restructuring of British and German party politics in times of crisis". In Swen Hutter and Hanspeter Kriesi (eds.), *Transformative Elections? Restructuring the National Political space in Europe in Times of Multiple Crises*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Björn Bremer and Guillem Vidal. 2018. "From boom to bust: A comparative analysis of Greece and Spain." In Doxis Doxiadis and Aimee Placas (eds.), *Living under Austerity: Greek Society in Crisis*. New York: Berghahn Books.

Policy papers:

Guido Baldi, Björn Bremer, and Thore Schlaack. 2017. "International investments and current account imbalances: The importance of valuation changes". *DIW Roundup* 117, pp. 1-8.

Guido Baldi and Björn Bremer. 2015. "The evolution of Germany's net foreign asset position." *DIW Economic Bulletin*, 22+23/2015, pp. 303-309.

Stefan Bach, Guido Baldi, Kerstin Bernoth, Björn Bremer, Beatrice Farkas, Ferdinand Fichtner, Marcel Fratzscher, and Martin Gornig. 2013. "More growth through higher investment." *DIW Economic Bulletin*, 08/2013, pp. 5-16.

Other:

Björn Bremer. 2017. "The crisis of the SPD: Where now for Germany's social democrats?" 28 September. LSE EUROPP Blog.

Björn Bremer. 2017. "Hope for Europe's social democrats? Why Martin Schulz might reinvigorate the SPD but struggle to become chancellor." 10 February. WZB Democracy Blog.

WORK IN
PROGRESS*Book manuscript:*

Austerity from the Left? The Fiscal Policies of Social Democratic Parties in Response to the Great Recession

Under review:

"The effect of austerity packages on government popularity during the Great Recession" (with Abel Bojar, Björn Bremer, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Chendi Wang, revised and resubmitted).

"Dynamics of protest and electoral politics in the Great Recession: A comparative study of 30 European countries" (with Swen Hutter and Hanspeter Kriesi, revised and resubmitted).

"Electoral punishment and protest politics in times of crisis." In Hanspeter Kriesi, Jasmine Lorenzini, Bruno Wüest, and Silja Häusermann (eds.), *Contention in Times of Crises. Comparing Political Protest in 30 European Countries, 2000-2015* (with Swen Hutter and Hanspeter Kriesi, under review).

Working papers:

"European solidarity and the integration of core state powers" (with Philipp Genschel and Markus Jachtenfuchs). Paper for a special issue of the *Journal of Common Market Studies*.

“Public preferences towards fiscal policies: Evidence from survey experiments on budgetary trade-offs and priorities” (with Reto Bürgisser). Presented at the 2018 ECPR, Hamburg.

“Public opinion on welfare state recalibration in times of austerity: Evidence from survey experiments” (with Reto Bürgisser). Presented at MPSA Conference 2018, Chicago.

Björn Bremer. 2018. “Public Preferences Towards Social Investment: Comparing Patterns of Support Across the World.” In Julian Garritzmann, Silja Häusermann, and Bruno Palier (eds.), *The World Politics of Social Investment (Volume I): The Welfare State in the Century of Knowledge*.

Work in progress (selected):

“Fiscal preferences and support for the welfare state” (with Marius Busemeyer)

“Choosing between the apple and the pie: Social consumption and social investment preferences of the social democratic electorate in Western Europe” (with Hanna Schwander)

“Where have all the social democrats gone? The mobilising capacity of social democratic parties reconsidered” (with Line Rennwald)

“The impact of bank bailouts on government popularity during the Great Recession” (with Abel Bojar)

“Current account imbalances, foreign investments, and valuation changes” (with Guido Baldi)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

University of Lucerne, Political Science Department

- Lecturer in Comparative Political Economy, Spring 2018

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, DC

- Teaching Assistant in Comparative Politics, 2014

Noonkodin Secondary School, Monduli, Tanzania

- Politics and History Teacher, 2010

EXTRA TRAINING

EUI Teacher Training Course, June 2017

Second Lucerne Master Class, September/October 2015 (Wolfgang Streeck)

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis:

- Analysing Big Data, July/August 2015 (Chris P. Fariss)
- Mathematics for Social Scientists, July/August 2015 (Christopher Saker, Dan Brawn)

Lifewhat Summer School, July 2015

Other workshops:

- Machine Learning, May 2017 (Slava Mikhaylov)
- Introduction to Multi-Level Modeling, April 2016 (Héctor Cebolla Boado)
- Visualizing Data and Statistical Models, March 2016 (Richard Traummüller)
- Introduction to Panel Data Analysis, May 2015 (Martin Ehlert)
- Structural Equation Models, April 2015 (Tenko Raykov)
- Innovations in Quantitative Content Analysis, February 2015 (Swen Hutter, Wouter van Attefeldt, Peter Makarov)
- Categorical Data Analysis, January - March 2015 (Hannes Kröger)

AWARDS AND
CERTIFICATES

Peter Mair Memorial Award, European Politics & Society Section, APSA (2016)

Doctoral Scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD (2014-17)

Phi Beta Kappa, Johns Hopkins University (2014)

Graduate Scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD (2012-14)

SAIS Fellowship: Grant towards tuition fees (2012-14)

Scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation (2010-2014)

Open Scholarship, St Edmund Hall: Prize awarded for academic performance (2011/12)

Open Exhibition, St Edmund Hall: Prize awarded for academic performance (2010/11)

Scholarship of the Hans-Rudolf-Stiftung (2009-12)

Scholarship of the German Foundation UWC to attend UWC Atlantic College (2007-09)

Scholarship of the Anglo-German Club Hamburg (2007-09)

WORKSHOP
PRESENTATIONS /
INVITED TALKS

“Austerity from the left? The economic response of the social democratic parties to the Great Recession.” Presentation at a workshop on “(Yet another) Crisis of Social Democracy” organised by Silja Häusermann, Tarik Abou-Chadi, and Nadja Mosimann.

“The ideational foundations of social democratic austerity in the context of the Great Recession.” Presentation at the Summer School on Economics and Society, EUI, July 2018.

“Attitudes towards austerity: Explaining the public’s debt aversion in times of crisis.” Presentation at the Comparative Politics and Public Policy Research Colloquium by Professor Ellen Immergut and Professor Anton Hemerijck, EUI, 14 February 2018.

“Attitudes towards austerity: Analysing the public’s debt aversion during the Eurozone crisis.” Presentation at the working group of Professor Marius Busemeyer, University of Konstanz, 24 January 2018.

“Two worlds of dissatisfaction? Electoral punishment and protest politics in the Great Recession.” Presentation at the 1st Workshop of the Political Behaviour Group in Berlin and Brandenburg, Berlin, 2 November 2017.

“Austerity from the left: The fiscal policies of the SPD in response to the Great Recession.” Presentation at a workshop on Rethinking Germany’s Political Economy, San Francisco, 30 August 2017.

“Public preferences towards social investment: A multi-level analysis.” Presentation at the World Politics of Social Investment (WoPSI) Conference, Paris, 9-11 March 2017.

“Income, asset ownership, and preferences for redistribution: A comprehensive model.” Presentation at the LSE Political Economy Seminar, London, 16 November 2016.

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

APSA Annual Meeting: 2016, 2017

CES Conference: 2016, 2017, 2018

ECPR General Conference: 2018

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops: 2017

EPSA Conference: 2016

IMEBESS Meeting: 2018

MPSA: 2018

ACTIVITIES AND
SERVICE

Participant, A German-American Dialogue of the Next Generation: Global Responsibility, Joint Engagement (2018-2019), American Institute for Contemporary German Studies

Co-Organiser, Comparative Political Economy Working Group (2015-2016), Department of Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute

Co-Organiser, Master Class on Time Series Analysis (2016), Department of Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute

Co-Organiser, Distinguished Speaker Series on Europe and the Arab Spring (2013), School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

OTHER SKILLS

Computer Software: R, Python, Stata, MPlus, EViews, LaTeX, Microsoft Office, Mac OS X

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), French (basic), Italian (basic), Vietnamese (elementary)

PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (2016-present)
European Political Science Association (2016-present)
Council for European Studies (2017-present)
Midwest Political Science Association (2018-present)

REFERENCES

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