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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 POSITION	Senior Researcher in Comparative and International Political Economy, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG), Cologne	
EDUCATION	European University Institute (EUI), Florence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PhD in Social and Political Sciences, March 2019<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 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, Herbert Kitschelt, Jonas Pontusson◦ Awarded the Linz-Rokkan Prize in Political Sociology 2020• Master of Research in Political and Social Sciences, 2015 Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, Washington <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master of Arts in International Relations and International Economics, 2014<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Concentrations: European Studies and International Economics◦ GPA: 3.94 (graduated with Honours) University of Oxford, St Edmund Hall, Oxford <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE), 2012<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Graduated with a First Class Honours Degree	
PREVIOUS POSITIONS	European University Institute (EUI), Florence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doctoral Researcher, POLCON Project, September 2014 - February 2019• PhD Researcher, SPS Department, September 2014 - March 2019 Hertie School of Governance, Berlin <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visiting Fellow, Jacques Delors Institute, January - March 2018• Visiting PhD Student, October - December 2018 University of Lucerne, Lucerne <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, January - July 2018 London School of Economics and Political Science, London <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visiting PhD Student, European Institute, September - December 2016 WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visiting Researcher, Research Unit “Democracy and Democratization”, June - Sept. 2016	
PUBLICATIONS	<i>Articles (peer-review):</i> Lucio Baccaro, Björn Bremer, and Erik Neimanns. Forthcoming. “Till austerity do us part? A survey experiment on support for the euro in Italy.” <i>European Union Politics</i> . Abel Bojar, Björn Bremer, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Chendi Wang. 2021. “The effect of austerity packages on government popularity during the Great Recession.” <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> . Online first. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123420000472 Björn Bremer, Swen Hutter, and Hanspeter Kriesi. 2020. “Dynamics of protest and electoral politics in the Great Recession.” <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> . 59(4):842-866. https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12375	

Björn Bremer, Philipp Genschel, and Markus Jachtenfuchs. 2020. “Juncker’s curse? Identity, interest and public support for the integration of core state powers.” *Journal of Common Market Studies*. 58(1):56-75. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.12980>

Björn Bremer and Sean McDaniel. 2020. “The ideational foundations of social democratic austerity in the context of the Great Recession.” *Socio-Economic Review*. 18(2):439-463. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwz001>

Björn Bremer. 2020. “The political economy of the SPD reconsidered: Evidence from the Great Recession.” *German Politics*. 29(3):441-463. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09644008.2018.1555817>

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-review):

Björn Bremer. Forthcoming. “Public preferences towards social investment: Comparing patterns of support across three continents.” 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*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Björn Bremer, Swen Hutter, and Hanspeter Kriesi. 2020. “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*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Björn Bremer and Julia Schulte-Cloos. 2019. “The restructuring of British and German party politics in times of crisis.” In Swen Hutter and Hanspeter Kriesi (eds.), *European Party Politics in Times of Crisis*. 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.

Book reviews:

Björn Bremer. 2019. *The Clientelistic Turn in Welfare State Policy-Making: Party Politics in Times of Austerity*, Evelyne Hübscher, London, ECPR Press / Rowman & Littlefield International Ltd. (2018). *Swiss Political Science Review*. 25(3):330-333. <https://doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12368>

Other:

Björn Bremer, Theresa Kuhn, Maurits Meijers, and Francesco Nicoli. 2020. “The EU can improve the political sustainability of Next Generation EU by making it a long-term structure.” 4 November. *VoxEU.org*

Björn Bremer and Philipp Genschel. 2020. “Corona solidarity.” 7 May. *EUIdeas Blog*.

Nils Redeker and Björn Bremer. 2020. “Geduldig am Abgrund.” 24 April. *Jacques Delors Institut Berlin, Policy Position*.

Lucio Baccaro, Björn Bremer, and Erik Neimanns. 2020. “Everyone thinks that Germans oppose ‘coronabonds’. Our research shows how they’re wrong.” 20 April. *Monkey Cage, Washington Post*.

Björn Bremer and Leon Wansleben. 2020. “Now is the moment to revive the fiscal contract.” 4 April. *Radix*.

Björn Bremer and Matthias Matthijs. 2020. “The coronavirus is reducing Merkel’s EU legacy to ashes.” 17 March. *Foreign Policy*

Björn Bremer and Philipp Genschel. 2019. “Sind die Wähler schuld an mangelnder europäischer Solidarität?” 18 November. *DVPW Blog*.

Björn Bremer. 2019. “Germany’s growth model under attack?” 11 June. *AICGS Blog*.

Björn Bremer. 2019. “Why Germany and the US should embark on a large-scale investment program now.” 3 April. *AICGS Blog*.

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? Social democratic parties in the shadow of the Great Recession

Under review:

“Do citizens care about government debt? Evidence from survey experiments on budgetary trade-offs and priorities” (with Reto Bürgisser)

“Public opinion on welfare state recalibration in times of austerity: Evidence from survey experiments” (with Reto Bürgisser)

“Fiscal policy preferences, trade-offs, and support for social investment?” (with Marius Busemeyer)

“Reassessing the “democratic constraint” of the Eurozone: Strategic interdependence and preferences for fiscal integration and disintegration” (with Lucio Baccaro and Erik Neimanns)

“Who still likes social democracy? The support base of social democratic parties reconsidered” (with Line Remwald)

Working papers:

“Public opinion towards growth models: Evidence from a new survey” (with Lucio Baccaro, Kostas Gemenis, and Erik Neimanns). Presented at the virtual SASE conference, 2020.

“Fiscal federalism and the constrained partisanship of public investment” (with Donato di Carlo and Leon Wansleben). Presented at the virtual SASE conference, 2020.

“Viral solidarity? EU solidarity and risk-sharing in the COVID-19 crisis” (with Theresa Kuhn, Maurits Meijers, and Francesco Nicoli)

“The distributive preferences of green voters in times of electoral realignment” (with Hanna Schwander)

Work in progress (selected):

“Is the low tax doctrine rooted in public opinion? Evidence from four European countries” (with Reto Bürgisser)

“Are voters Keynesian, and if so, of what kind? Evidence from a survey experiment during the corona crisis” (with Lucio Baccaro and Erik Neimanns)

“Party cues and common European debt: A survey experiment” (with Theresa Kuhn, Maurits Meijers, and Francesco Nicoli)

“Unconventional monetary policies and anti-system attitudes and voting behaviour” (with Jeffrey Chwieroth)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Cologne, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, Cologne

- “Democratic Theory and Practice”, Spring 2021 (Lecture, MA level)
- “The Politics of Macroeconomic Policies”, Spring 2020 (Seminar, BA level)

University of Lucerne, Political Science Department, Lucerne

- “Comparative Political Economy: An Introduction”, Spring 2018 (Seminar, MA level)

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

- “Comparative National Systems”, Spring 2014 (Tutorials, MA level)

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 Traunmüller)
- 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, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (ACES) grant, University of Amsterdam (with Theresa Kuhn, Maurits Meijers, Francesco Nicoli): 35,000 EUR (2020)

Amsterdam Centre for Inequality Studies (AMCIS) grant, University of Amsterdam (with Theresa Kuhn, Maurits Meijers, Francesco Nicoli): 7,000 EUR (2020)

Linz-Rokkan Prize in Political Sociology, European University Institute (2020)

Research Infrastructure Investment Fund (RIFF), LSE Department of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science (with Jeffrey M. Chwieroth): 7,000 GBP (2020)

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

“Fiscal federalism and the constrained partisanship of public investment” (with Donato di Carlo and Leon Wansleben), Workshop on The Politics of Macroeconomic Policies, MPIfG, January 2021.

“Public opinion towards growth strategies: Evidence from a new survey”, Workshop on Trajectories of British and European Capitalisms, Manchester Metropolitan University, December 2021.

“Reassessing the “democratic constraint”: Strategic interdependence and preferences about the Euro in Italy and Germany” (with Lucio Baccaro and Erik Neimanns), European Politics Online Workshop (EuroPOW), September 2020.

“The electoral effects of social democratic austerity during the Great Recession”. Workshop on Social Democratic Parties in the 21st Century, Amsterdam Centre for European Studies, Amsterdam, November 2019.

“Are voters austerians? Evidence from survey experiments on budgetary trade-offs and priorities”. Workshop on Social Inequality and Value Polarization, Laboratory for Comparative Social Research, Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, September 2019.

“Austerity from the left? The economic response of the social democratic parties to the Great Recession.” European Governance Colloquium at the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, February 2019.

“Austerity from the left? The economic response of the social democratic parties to the Great Recession.” Workshop on Social Democracy, Wissenschaftskolleg, Berlin, November 2019.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

APSA Annual Meeting: 2016, 2017, 2019

CES Conference: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Dreiländertagung: 2019

ECPR General Conference: 2018

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops: 2017, 2020

EPSA Conference: 2016, 2021

IMEBESS Meeting: 2018

MPSA Conference: 2018

SASE Conference: 2020, 2021

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE	<p>Co-organiser, Max Planck Online Workshop in Comparative Political Economy 2021 (MAX CPE), Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies</p> <p>Co-organiser, The Politics of Macroeconomic Policies workshop (January 2021), Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies</p> <p>Participant, A German-American Dialogue of the Next Generation: Global Responsibility, Joint Engagement (2018-2019), American Institute for Contemporary German Studies</p> <p>Co-organiser, Comparative Political Economy Working Group (2015-2016), Department of Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute</p> <p>Co-organiser, Master Class on Time Series Analysis (2016), Department of Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute</p> <p>Co-organiser, Distinguished Speaker Series on Europe and the Arab Spring (2013), School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University</p>	
PEER REVIEWER	<p>American Journal of Political Research, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Sociological Review, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy, New Political Economy, Political Studies, Party Politics, Socio-Economic Review</p>	
OTHER SKILLS	<p>Computer Software: R, Python, Stata, MPlus, EViews, LaTeX, Microsoft Office, Mac OS X</p> <p>Languages: German (native), English (fluent), French (basic), Italian (basic), Vietnamese (elementary)</p>	
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	<p>American Political Science Association (2016-present)</p> <p>European Political Science Association (2016-present)</p> <p>Council for European Studies (2017-present)</p> <p>German Political Science Association (2020-present)</p>	
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