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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political economy: macroeconomic policy, social policy, economic crises, European integration  
Comparative politics: political parties, public opinion, political behavior, economic voting

## CURRENT POSITIONS

Senior Researcher in Comparative and International Political Economy, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG), Cologne

Teaching Associate, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne

## EDUCATION

European University Institute (EUI), Florence

- PhD in Social and Political Sciences, March 2019
  - 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, and 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

- Master of Arts in International Relations and International Economics, 2014
  - 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

European University Institute (EUI), Florence

- Doctoral Researcher, POLCON Project, September 2014 - February 2019
- PhD Researcher, SPS Department, September 2014 - March 2019

Hertie School of Governance, Berlin

- Visiting Fellow, Jacques Delors Institute, January - March 2019
- Visiting PhD Student, October - December 2018

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

## PUBLICATIONS

*Articles (peer-review):*

Björn Bremer, Donato di Carlo, Leon Wansleben. 2022. “The constrained politics of local public investments under cooperative federalism.” *Socio-Economic Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwac026>

Björn Bremer and Marius Busemeyer. 2022. “Fiscal policy preferences, trade-offs, and support for social investment” *Journal of Public Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0143814X22000095>

Björn Bremer and Line Rennwald. 2022. “Who still likes social democracy? The support base of social democratic parties reconsidered.” *Party Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13540688221093770>

Björn Bremer and Reto Bürgisser. 2022. “Public opinion on welfare state recalibration in times of austerity: Evidence from survey experiments.” *Political Science Research and Methods*. Online first. <https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2021.78>

Björn Bremer and Reto Bürgisser. 2022. “Do citizens care about government debt? Evidence from survey experiments on budgetary trade-offs and priorities.” *European Journal of Political Research*. Online first. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12505>

Abel Bojar, Björn Bremer, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Chendi Wang. 2022. “The effect of austerity packages on government popularity during the Great Recession.” *British Journal of Political Science* 52(1):181-199. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123420000472>

Lucio Baccaro, Björn Bremer, and Erik Neimanns. 2021. “Till austerity do us part? A survey experiment on support for the euro in Italy.” *European Union Politics* 22(3):401-423. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14651165211004772>

Björn Bremer, Swen Hutter, and Hanspeter Kriesi. 2020. “Dynamics of protest and electoral politics in the Great Recession.” *European Journal of Political Research* 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. “Social democracy.” In Neil Carter, Dan Keith, Gyda Sindre, and Sofia Vasilopoulou (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Political Parties*. London: Routledge.

Björn Bremer. 2022. “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.” November 4, *VoxEU.org*.

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

Nils Redeker and Björn Bremer. 2020. “Geduldig am Abgrund.” April 24, *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.” April 20, *Monkey Cage, Washington Post*.

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

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

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

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

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

Björn Bremer. 2017. “The crisis of the SPD: Where now for Germany’s social democrats?” September 28, *LSE EUROPP Blog*.

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

WORK IN  
PROGRESS

*Book manuscript:*

Austerity from the left: Social democratic parties in the shadow of the Great Recession (under contract with *Oxford University Press*)

*Under review:*

“Strategic interdependence and preferences for debt mutualization in the eurozone” (with Lucio Baccaro and Erik Neimanns)

“In this together? Support for European fiscal integration in the COVID-19 crisis” (with Theresa Kuhn, Maurits Meijers, and Francesco Nicoli)

“Manufacturing support for international cooperation: How parties can affect fiscal integration preferences” (with Maurits Meijers, Theresa Kuhn, and Francesco Nicoli)

*Working papers:*

- “Is the low tax doctrine rooted in public opinion? Evidence from four European countries” (with Reto Bürgisser)
- “Public opinion towards growth strategies: Evidence from a new survey” (with Lucio Baccaro, Kostas Gemenis, and Erik Neimanns)
- “Covid Keynesianism and its trade-offs: Evidence from a survey experiment” (with Lucio Baccaro)
- “Better off vs. left behind? Patterns of support for the euro in Italy and Germany” (with Lucio Baccaro and Erik Neimanns)
- “Party favoritism and local public investment: Quasi-experimental evidence from Germany” (with Robin Hetzel)
- “The distributive preferences of green voters in times of electoral realignment” (with Hanna Schwander)
- “Much ado about debt? Understanding how people reason about debt (un)sustainability” (with Charlotte Cavaille, Catherine de Vries, and Lisanne de Blok)
- “The electoral consequences of centrist policies: Fiscal consolidations and the fate of social democratic parties” (chapter for an edited book volume by Silja Häusermann and Herbert Kitschelt)

*Ongoing projects (selected):*

- “Quantitative easing and trust in central banks: Evidence from a natural experiment” (with Lucio Baccaro)
- “When central banking becomes costly: The politics of unconventional monetary policies and its trade-offs” (with Jeffrey Chwieroth)
- “What shapes public opinion towards Green central banking?” (with Jeffrey Chwieroth)
- “What explains support for wealth protection policies? Ethnicity, class, and inequality” (with Jeffrey Chwieroth and Andrew Walter)
- “Is the left more profligate than the right? Partisanship and public debt revisited”

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

University of Cologne, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, Cologne

- “Economic and Political Inequality”, Fall 2021 (Seminar, MA level)
- “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

LSE Research Support Fund and Systemic Risk Centre (with Jeffrey Chwieroth and Andrew Walter): €18,000 (2021)

Bocconi University (with Catherine de Vries, Charlotte Cavaille, and Lisanne de Blok): €9,195 (2020)

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

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

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

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

PhD Grant, European University Institute (2017-2018)

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 UWC Foundation to attend UWC Atlantic College (2007-09)

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

WORKSHOP  
PRESENTATIONS /  
INVITED TALKS

University of Konstanz, International Studies Seminar Series, January 2022

European Politics Online Workshop (EuroPOW), November 2021

Sciences Po Paris, September 2021

Vrije Universiteit Brussel, June 2021

Manchester Metropolitan University, December 2020

European Politics Online Workshop (EuroPOW), September 2020

Amsterdam Centre for European Studies, University of Amsterdam, November 2019

Laboratory for Comparative Social Research, Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, September 2019

European Governance Colloquium, Hertie School of Governance, February 2019

Wissenschaftskolleg Berlin, November 2019

Summer School on Economics and Society, EUI, July 2018

Comparative Politics and Public Policy Research Colloquium, EUI, February 2018

University of Konstanz, January 2018

Political Behaviour Group in Berlin & Brandenburg, Humbolt University, November 2017

Workshop on Rethinking Germany's Political Economy, San Francisco, August 2017

Sciences Po Paris, March 2017

LSE Political Economy Seminar, LSE, November 2016

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>APSA Annual Meeting: 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021</p> <p>CES Conference: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021</p> <p>Dreiländertagung: 2019</p> <p>DVPW General Conference: 2021</p> <p>ECPR General Conference: 2018</p> <p>ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops: 2017, 2020</p> <p>EPSA Conference: 2016, 2021</p> <p>IMEBESS Meeting: 2018</p> <p>MPSA Conference: 2018</p> <p>SASE Conference: 2020, 2021</p>
ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE	<p>Executive board member of the Political Economy Section (2021-), German Political Science Association (DVPW)</p> <p>Co-organizer, Max Planck Online Workshop in Comparative Political Economy (MAX CPE) (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-organizer, Comparative Political Economy Working Group (2015-2016), Department of Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute</p> <p>Co-organizer, Master Class on Time Series Analysis (2016), Department of Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute</p> <p>Co-organizer, 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 European Politics; Comparative Political Studies; European Journal of Political Research; European Sociological Review; Government and Opposition; Journal of Common Market Studies; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Journal of European Public Policy; Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy; New Political Economy; Political Studies; Party Politics, Socio-Economic Review; Swiss Political Science Review; West European Politics</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</p> <p>European Political Science Association</p> <p>Council for European Studies</p> <p>German Political Science Association</p>