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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> Abel Bojar, Björn Bremer, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Chendi Wang. Forthcoming. “The effect of austerity packages on government popularity during the Great Recession.” <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> . 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> . Online first. 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. 2019. “The ideational foundations of social democratic austerity in the context of the Great Recession.” *Socio-Economic Review*. Online first. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwz001>

Björn Bremer. 2019. “The political economy of the SPD reconsidered: Evidence from the Great Recession.” *German Politics*. Online first. <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. Forthcoming. “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 and Philipp Genschel. “Corona solidarity.” 7 May. *EUIdeas Blog*.

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

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

Björn Bremer and Leon Wansleben. “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 2020. *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? Explaining the Fiscal Policies of Social Democratic Parties in Response to the Great Recession

Under review:

“Are citizens austerians? Evidence from survey experiments on budgetary trade-offs and priorities” (with Reto Bürgisser, revise and resubmit)

“The distributive preferences of Green Voters in times of electoral realignment” (with Hanna Schwander, revise and resubmit)

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

“Deservingness under constraints: Which social policies are prioritized in trade-off scenarios?” (with Marius Busemeyer)

“Is the euro up for grabs? Evidence from a survey experiment in Italy” (with Lucio Baccaro and Erik Neimanns)

Working papers:

“The electoral effects of social democratic austerity during the Great Recession”. Presented at the University of Amsterdam, November 2019.

“Who still likes social democracy? The support base of social democratic parties reconsidered” (with Line Rennwald). Presented at the University of Amsterdam, November 2019.

“Reassessing the democratic constraint: Strategic Interdependence and Voter Preferences about the Euro” (with Lucio Baccaro and Erik Neimanns). Presented at the virtual CES Conference 2020.

“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.

“Beyond dogma and dominance: A state-centered explanation for Germany’s investment gap” (with Donato di Carlo and Leon Wansleben). Presented at the virtual SASE conference, 2020.

Work in progress (selected):

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

“Viral solidarity? EU Solidarity and Risk-Sharing in the COVID-19 Crisis” (with Theresa Kuhn, Maurits Meijers, and Francesco Nicoli)

“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)

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Cologne, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, Cologne

- BA-level seminar: “The Politics of Macroeconomic Policies”, Spring 2020

University of Lucerne, Political Science Department, Lucerne

- MA-level seminar: “Comparative Political Economy: An Introduction”, Spring 2018

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

- MA-level seminar: “Comparative National Systems”, Spring 2014 (teaching assistant)

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 AND CERTIFICATES

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

“The electoral effects of social democratic austerity during the Great Recession”. Presentation at a workshop on “Social Democratic Parties in the 21st Century Caught between a Rock and a Hard Place?”, Amsterdam Centre for European Studies, Amsterdam, November 2019.

“Are voters austerians? Evidence from survey experiments on budgetary trade-offs and priorities”. Presentation at a workshop on “Social Inequality and Value Polarization: A Cross-

Country Perspective”, 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.” Presentation at the 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.” Presentation at a workshop on “(Yet another) Crisis of Social Democracy” organised by Silja Häusermann, Tarik Abou-Chadi, and Nadja Mosimann, Berlin, November 2019.

“The ideational foundations of social democratic austerity in the context of the Great Recession.” Presentation at the Summer School on Economics and Society, EUI, Florence, 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, Florence, 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, Konstanz, 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, 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, August 2017.

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

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

APSA Annual Meeting: 2016, 2017, 2019
 CES Conference: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 [virtual]
 Dreiländertagung: 2019
 ECPR General Conference: 2018
 ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops: 2017
 EPSA Conference: 2016
 IMEBESS Meeting: 2018
 MPSA Conference: 2018
 SASE Conference: 2020 [virtual]

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)
German Political Science Association (2020-present)

REFERENCES

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