

Curriculum vitae

**Simon Munzert**

**Personal:**

Citizenship: German

Date of birth: December 24, 1985

Title: Dr.rer.soc.

Marital status: In a partnership, one daughter (\*2014)

**Academic positions:**

Hertie School of Governance

Lecturer in Political Data Science, 2017–Present.

Humboldt University of Berlin

Postdoctoral research and teaching fellow, Department of Social Sciences, Chair of Comparative Political Behavior, 2017–2017.

University of Mannheim

Postdoctoral research fellow, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), 2016–2017.

Duke University

Visiting research fellow, Department of Political Science, 2014.

University of Konstanz

Research and teaching assistant, Chair for Survey Research (Peter Selb), 2011–2016.  
Parental leave October–December 2015.

Stipendiary, Center for Quantitative Methods and Survey Research, 2009–2011.

Project “Integrating Disparate Data into a Geographic Information System of the German Electoral Districts” (together with Peter Selb and Susumu Shikano).

Student assistant, 2006–2009. Work at the chairs of Wolfgang Seibel, Rainer Schnell, Thomas Bräuninger, Susumu Shikano, and Christoph Knill.

**Education:**

University of Konstanz

Ph.D., Political Science, Graduate School of Decision Sciences, University of Konstanz, 2015.  
Grade: summa cum laude. Thesis: *Contributions to the Measurement of Public Opinion in Subpopulations*. Committee: Peter Selb, Susumu Shikano, Michael D. Ward.

M.A., Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz, 2011.

Grade: 1.0; ranked 1st among 35 students. Thesis: *Political Representation Of Constituents’ Attitudes Towards Nuclear Power Phaseout. A Bayesian Hierarchical Approach Exploiting Sparse Survey Data And Geographic Information*.

Supervisors: Peter Selb, Susumu Shikano.



B.A., Political and Administrative Science, University of Konstanz, 2009.  
Grade: 1.5; ranked 5th among 61 students. Thesis: *Vote Overreporting. Ein einfaches Erklärungsmodell auf Basis der Wahlbeteiligung*. Supervisor: Peter Selb.

### **Awards & grants:**

2017. Daimler and Benz Foundation, Postgraduates and Junior Professors Fellowship Program. “Citizen and Elite Activity on the Wikipedia Market Place of Political Information.” Total amount: EUR 40,000.

2016. VolkswagenStiftung. “Paying Attention to Attention: Media Exposure and Opinion Formation in an Age of Information Overload.” Co-principal investigators: Dr. Pablo Barberá, Dr. Andrew Guess, Dr. JungHwan Yang. 2017–2019. Total amount: EUR 736,600.

2014. DFG / Excellence Initiative Research Fellowship at the Department of Political Science, Duke University (granted for five months). Total amount: EUR 6,750.

2014. ALLBUS Award for the best paper published using data from the German General Social Survey, awarded by GESIS–Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (together with Paul Bauer) for “Political Depolarization in German Public Opinion, 1980-2010”.

2014. Best Paper Award of the German Society for Electoral Studies (DGfW), together with Peter Selb, for “Estimating Constituency Preferences from Sparse Survey Data Using Auxiliary Geographic Information”.

2011. VEUK Award (Verein der Ehemaligen der Universität Konstanz) for best M.A. thesis.

2009–2011. Stipendiary at the Center for Quantitative Methods and Survey Research. Total amount: approx. EUR 24,000.

### **Invited talks & workshops:**

“International Research in Computational Social Sciences KickOff Workshop.” GESIS and VolkswagenStiftung Cologne, 2017.

“Election Forecasting with R.” Workshop, University of Konstanz, 2017.

“A Primer to Web Scraping with R.” AAPOR Webinar, 2017.

“A Primer to Web Scraping with R.” Two-day workshop, European University Institute, 2017.

“Jenseits der Glaskugel: Wissenschaftliche Vorhersagen zur Bundestagswahl 2017.” Talk at the Public Forum, Hertie School of Governance, 2017.

“Networks of Knowledge and the Study of Political Behavior.” Keynote speech, Graduate School of Decision Sciences, Konstanz, 2016.

“Examining a Most Likely Case for Strong Campaign Effects: Hitler’s Speeches and the Rise of the Nazi Party, 1927–1933.” Research colloquium, Mannheim, 2016.

“A Primer on Web Scraping with R.” One-day workshop, Joint Statistical Meetings, Chicago, IL, 2016.



“Empirical Economic and Social Research Workshop.” ZEW/MZES Mannheim, 2016.

“International Research in Computational Social Sciences.” GESIS Cologne, 2016.

“Messung öffentlicher Aufmerksamkeit mit Wikipedia-Zugriffsstatistiken.” Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen, 2015.

“Measuring Political Knowledge in Web-Based Surveys.” GESIS Mannheim, 2015.

“Introduction to Web Scraping with R.” Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, 2015.

“A Primer on Web Scraping with R.” Two-day workshop, University of Bamberg, 2015.

“Web Scraping with R.” Workshop, Duke University, 2014.

“Automatisierte Datenerhebung im World Wide Web mit R.” Three-day workshop, University of Bern, 2014.

“Introduction to Web Scraping with R.” Workshop on Automating Online Data Collection in R, University of Zurich, 2013.

“Sind Wähler wirklich wetterfühlig? Die Wahlbeteiligung bei den Bundestagswahlen unter der meteorologischen Lupe.” Lange Nacht der Wissenschaft, Konstanz, 2012.

“Introduction to R and Web Scraping.” Workshop on Automating Data Collection in R, Mannheim, 2012.

“Estimating Constituency Preferences from Sparse Survey Data Using Auxiliary Geographic Information.” Journée d’études: Assessing the Impact of Geography on the Vote, SciencePo Paris, 2012.

### **Conferences with presentations:**

Annual Conference of the DVPW Working Group on Elections: 2015

Annual Conference of the DVPW Working Group on Political Methodology: 2014, 2016 (co-organizer)

Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA): 2017 (discussant)

Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2014

Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA): 2011, 2013 (panel chair), 2015, 2017

General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA): 2012, 2013, 2014 (panel chair, discussant), 2016 (discussant), 2017

Annual Convention of the Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW): 2013 (discussant)

Webdatanet Conference: 2015 (roundtable organizer)

The Empiricist’s Challenge Conference: 2015

### **Service to the profession:**

Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Data*, *IC2S2 2017*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion and Parties*, *Knowledge and Information Systems*,



*Party Politics, Political Behavior, Political Science Research and Methods, Politische Vierteljahresschrift, Public Choice, Public Opinion Quarterly, Social Science Computer Review, Survey Research Methods, Swiss Political Science Review.*

Manuscript review for *John Wiley & Sons*.

Member of *American Political Science Association, European Survey Research Association, European Political Science Association, Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft.*

### **Survey project management:**

Paying Attention to Attention Panel Survey, German Panel component (“Politik und Medien”), 2017. Design and data processing.

Political Science and Public Administration Alumni Panel Survey, University of Konstanz, 2014/15. Design, programming and monitoring.

University of Konstanz Canteen survey, 2014. Design, programming and monitoring.

Journalist Expert Survey on the German Federal Election, 2013. Design, programming and monitoring.

Survey on Studies and Politics, University of Konstanz, 2012. Design, programming and monitoring.

Exit poll at Konstanz mayoral election, 2012. Design and field work, data processing.

### **Media attention:**

ARD Hauptstadtstudio Blog, 04 May 2017, “Wir wissen bereits, wer die Bundestagswahl gewinnt – vielleicht” by Marko Milovanovic.

Spektrum.de, 21 November 2016, “Wikipedia – Liebling der Wissenschaft” by Stefan Mey.

Slate.fr, 19 August 2016, “Hitler, cet orateur surestimé” by Jean-Marie Pottier.

Statistics Views, 15 December 2014, “Automated Data Collection with R: A Practical Guide to Web Scraping and Text Mining. An interview with co-author Simon Munzert.”

Südkurier, 27 August 2013, “Erste deutschlandweite Umfragen auf Wahlkreisebene.”

The Monkey Cage, 22 August 2013, “(Not Much) Political Polarization in Europe” by Larry Bartels.

The Monkey Cage, 25 July 2013, “Political Depolarization in Germany” by Andrew Gelman.

Südkurier, 8 July 2012, “Was die Forscher zur OB-Wahl sagen.”

Südkurier, 2 May 2012, “Wie das Wetter die Politik beeinflusst.”

### **Skills:**

Software: R, Stata, SPSS, LATEX, JAGS, WinBUGS, QuantumGIS, SQL; code repository and replication archive: [github.com/simonmunzert](https://github.com/simonmunzert)

Languages: German (native), English (fluent)

**References:**

Available upon request.

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