

## Curriculum Vitae

Christoph M. Abels

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**Education**

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- 09/2017 – to date **PhD in Governance** / Hertie School / Berlin  
// Research on fake news, social media and disinformation  
// Supervisors: Prof. Alina Mungiu-Pippidi & Prof. Stephan Lewandowsky
- 09/2015 – 09/2017 **Master of Public Policy** / Hertie School / Berlin  
// Thesis: “The Candidate Authenticity Score: An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Measurement of Authenticity in the Context of Political Campaigns”
- 10/2010 – 03/2015 **B. Sc. Psychology** / University of Hagen / Hagen

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**Academic Positions**

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- 01/2020 – to date **Hertie School** / Research Associate / Berlin  
// Teaching assistant to Prof. Mungiu-Pippidi
- 01/2019 – 12/2019 **Dahrendorf Forum** / Research Associate / Berlin  
// Research on European foreign policy, especially soft and sharp power capabilities  
// Conceptualisation of two foresight workshops with interdisciplinary experts from academia, business and government in London and Washington, DC
- 09/2017 – 03/2019 **Hertie School** / Research Associate / Berlin  
// Research assistance for a volume on advances in corporate governance  
// Support with an application for an H2020 grant on trust in the EU
- 10/2016 – 09/2017 **Centre for International Security Policy (CISP)** / Research Assistant / Berlin  
// Research assistance for Prof. Wolfgang Ischinger
- 06/2013 – 09/2014 **University of Hagen** / Research Internship / Chair of Psychological Methodology, Diagnostics and Evaluation / Prof. Renner  
// Research on relationship between gratification delay and altruism
- 03/2012 – 09/2014 **University of Hagen** / Student assistant / Chair of Statistics and Quantitative Methodology

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## Professional Positions

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- 06/2016 – 08/2016 **Hering Schuppener** / Internship / Strategic Communications Consulting / Berlin
- 09/2015 – 10/2015 **RCKT. Rocket Communications** / Working Student / Communications / Berlin  
// Consulting work for digital transformation projects
- 01/2015 – 08/2015 **Rocket Internet SE** / Traineeship / Global Communications / Berlin  
// International communications consulting  
// Coordination of human resource activities after spin-off of RCKT.
- 10/2014 – 12/2014 **Ketchum Pleon** / Internship / Public Affairs / Berlin

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## Voluntary activities

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- 05/2016 – 06/2019 **Treasurer & Board Member** / Polis180 – Grassroots-Thinktank for Foreign and European Affairs
- 09/2015 – to date **Project Head** / Polis in Practice / Polis180 – Grassroots-Thinktank for Foreign and European Affairs
- 05/2014 – 05/2015 **Chairman** / General Student's Council (AStA) / University of Hagen
- 09/2012 – 05/2014 **Member** / General Student's Council (AStA) / Referent for university dialogue with focus on e-learning and international affairs
- 06/2012 – to date **Evaluator** / Student Accreditation Pool

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## Publications

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### Journal articles

- Abels, C. M.**, Anheier, H. K., Begg, I., & Featherstone, K. (2020). Enhancing Europe's global power: a scenario exercise with eight proposals. *Global Policy*, 11(1), 128-142.
- Abels, C. M.**, Anheier, H. K., Begg, I., & Featherstone, K. (2020). Enhancing Europe's global Power: A Rejoinder. *Global Policy*, 11(3), 395-399.
- Abels, C. M.** & Bobzien, L. (forthcoming). Heterogeneity in policy responses to the Covid-19 pandemic: a peril to European cohesion? *Global Perspectives*.

### Book chapters

- Anheier, H. K. & **Abels, C. M.** (2020). Corporate Governance in Comparative Perspective. In H. K. Anheier & T. Baums (Eds). *Advances in Corporate Governance: Comparative Perspectives* (pp. 1-9). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Anheier, H. K. & **Abels, C. M.** (2020). Corporate Governance: What are the issues? In H. K. Anheier & T. Baums (Eds). *Advances in Corporate Governance: Comparative Perspectives* (pp. 10-42). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Anheier, H. K. & **Abels, C. M.** (2020). Advances in Corporate Governance: Conclusion and Implications. In H. K. Anheier & T. Baums (Eds). *Advances in Corporate Governance: Comparative Perspectives* (pp. 292-300). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

### Policy papers

- Wachinger, M. & **Abels, C. M.** (2019). Standing Firm in Times of Populism. *Dahrendorf Forum Commentary*. Berlin: Dahrendorf Forum. Available at <https://www.dahrendorf-forum.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/standing-firm-in-times-of-populism.pdf>

Abels, C. M. (2020). *Vom Messenger verwirrt: Desinformation in Zeiten von COVID-19* [Confused by the Messenger: Disinformation in Times of COVID-19] (Polis Brief N°14). Berlin: Polis180. Available at <https://polis180.org/blog/2020/03/31/polis-brief-n-14-vom-messenger-verwirrt/>

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## Awards

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2020                      PhD Research Paper Award “The Great Questions of Our Times and the Future of the Liberal Order”, jointly with Licia Bobzien, issued by the Dahrendorf Forum

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## Grant Applications

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2020                      **FakeBlock: Browser-Plugin zum automatischen Erkennen (und Verstehen) von Fake News** [FakeBlock: Browser plug-in for the automatic recognition (and understanding) of fake news] / Polis180 / Berlin

- // Call by German Research Foundation (DFG)
- // Consortium consisted of Fraunhofer AISEC, Defudger, Polis180, Axel Springer Ideas Engineering, and Freie Universität Berlin
- // Work package on taxonomy of misinformation, ethical standards for the use of AI in the information sphere, persuasive detection approaches, and predicting and avoiding misinformation-related risks
- // Application successful

2019                      **Recapitalizing Trust in Europe (YouTrust)** / Hertie School / Berlin

- // Call by Horizon 2020 programme
- // Work package on trust concepts, measurement of trust indicators / proxies, and experimental online trust redress tool (the Ombudsman app)

**QUERY – Quantifiable User-Centred Privacy** / Polis180 / Berlin

- // Call by German Research Foundation (DFG)
- // Consortium consisted of Fraunhofer AISEC, Aircloak GmbH, Law & Innovation Data Governance GmbH, Polis180, and Max Planck Institute for Software Systems (associated partner)
- // Work package on cybersecurity in SMEs