

# Leonhard Schmidt | Curriculum Vitae

## EDUCATION

since September 2023

### **PhD Candidate**

Hertie School of Governance Berlin

**Topic:** The intersection of populist parties and protest in Europe

**First Supervisor:** Prof. Mark Kayser, PhD

October 2020 – July 2023

### **Master of Arts in Social Sciences**

Humboldt University Berlin

Main focuses: Populism, social movements, theories on radical democracy, political extremism and radicalization, political behavior, advanced quantitative methods

**Master thesis:** The effect of party-organized protest on electoral outcomes. An analysis of AfD-organized anti-containment protests during the Covid-19 crisis.

**Supervisors:** Prof. Dr. Heike Klüver, Dr. Sophia Hunger

October 2016 – September 2020

### **Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences**

Humboldt University Berlin

Main focuses: Empirical social research, right-wing populism, democratic backsliding, welfare state systems

**Bachelor thesis:** Mobilization through protest or belief? Why do former nonvoters vote for right-wing populist parties?

**Supervisors:** Prof. Dr. Thomas Meyer, Prof. Dr. Heike Klüver

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

April 2021 – August 2023

### **Student Assistant**

Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), Center for Civil Society Research, MOTRA project

Prof. Dr. Edgar Grande and Prof. Dr. Swen Hutter

Main tasks: Data coding for a protest event database, data collection, literature research

February 2020 – September 2021

### **Student Assistant**

Humboldt University Berlin, Institute for Social Sciences, Chair of Comparative Political Behavior

Prof. Dr. Heike Klüver

Main tasks: Collection and analysis of empirical data with a focus on coalition governments

April 2018 – March 2021

**Student Assistant**

Humboldt University Berlin, Institute for Social Sciences,  
Chair of Empirical Social Research  
Prof. Dr. Johannes Giesecke

Main tasks: Tutoring student research projects,  
organizational tasks, programming a telephonic survey and  
supporting the fieldwork

**INTERNSHIPS AND SEMESTERS ABROAD**

February 2022 – June 2022

**Erasmus semester**

Università di Bologna, Italy

January 2019 – March 2019

**Student internship**

German Bundestag, Berlin

Main tasks: Supporting research and communications for a  
member of parliament

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

German	Native speaker
English	C2 (proficiency)
Spanish	B2 (upper-intermediate)
Italian:	B1 (intermediate)
Russian	A1 (beginners)

**METHOD SKILLS**

Regression Analysis	Linear, Logistic, Multinomial, Multi-Level
Causal Inference	Difference in Differences, Unexpected Event During Survey Design, Twoway-Fixed-Effects-Models
Others	Sequence Analysis, Quantitative Text Analysis, Webscraping

**SOFTWARE SKILLS**

STATA	Proficiency level
R	Intermediate level
Survey programming (Unipark, Voxco, Design)	Proficiency level
Latex	Intermediate level