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Fields of Interest: Comparative political behavior;  
Public opinion on climate policy; Survey methodology

## Current Positions and Affiliations

**Hertie School**, Berlin, Germany; Research Training Group “The Dynamics of Demography, Democratic Processes and Public Policy” (DYNAMICS):  
PhD researcher, 09/2022-present.

**German Bundestag**, MP Robin Wagener: Student Assistant, 11/2022-present.

## Previous Research Positions and Affiliations

**Hertie School**, Berlin, Germany:  
Research Associate to Prof. Mark Kayser (PhD), Projects in Applied Methods and Comparative Politics, 10/2022-06/2023.

**Kiel Institute for the World Economy**, Kiel, Germany:  
Research Assistant, Project: “Populism and the Failure of Elites – Electoral Breakthroughs of Populists and their Triggers since 1900”, 01/2020-04/2020.

## Education

**Sciences Po Paris, School of Public Affairs**, Paris, France:  
Master of Public Policy, Specialization: Economics, GPA: 16.7/20 (cum laude), 2020-2022.

**Tufts University, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy**, Medford MA:  
Exchange Student, 01/2022-05/2022.

**Freie Universität Berlin**, Berlin, Germany:  
B.A. in Political Science, GPA: 1.1/1.0, 2017-2020.

**Tallinn University**, Tallinn, Estonia:  
Exchange Student, GPA: 4.8/5, 08/2019-01/2020.

**HEC Paris**, Paris, France:  
Exchange Student, GPA: 3.4/4, 08/2018-01/2019.

## Scholarships

**Academic Merit Scholarship for a Master’s Abroad**  
German Academic Exchange Service, 2020-2022.

## Awards

**Winner of the FuturEU Student Competition 2021**  
Submission title: “How to match EU legislation with local realities – A legally enshrined position for the Committee of the Regions” [[Policy Brief](#)]

## Other Professional Experiences

**Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU**, Brussels, Belgium:  
Intern, Division for Relations with the European Parliament, 05/2022-07/2022.

**Follow The Vote**, Non-profit Start-up, voluntary work, remote:  
Political Expert for the development of a Voting Advice Application for the German Federal Election 2021, 01/2021-12/2021

**Other Professional Experiences (cont.)**

**United Nations Economic Commission for Africa**, Rabat, Morocco:

Intern, Project: “Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) as a tool in the post COVID-19 recovery”, 05/2021-07/2021

**German Embassy Pretoria**, Pretoria, South Africa:

Intern, Division for Food and Agriculture, 01/2019-04/2019

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