

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### CONTACT

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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since 04/2022 **WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin, Germany**  
*Co-head of the Manifesto Project*  
Projects: Manifesto Project and until 09/2023 Observatory for Political Texts in European Democracies - A European Research Infrastructure (OPTED)

10/2019–03/2022 **WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin, Germany**  
*Post-doctoral researcher*  
Projects: Manifesto Research on Political Representation (MAR-POR) and Observatory for Political Texts in European Democracies - A European Research Infrastructure (OPTED)

09/2011–09/2019 **WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin, Germany**  
*Doctoral student*  
Project: Manifesto Research on Political Representation (MAR-POR)

03/2010–08/2011 **WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin, Germany**  
*Student assistant*  
Project: Manifesto Research on Political Representation (MAR-POR)

### EDUCATION

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09/2019 **Humboldt University Berlin, Germany**  
Doctoral degree (summa cum laude), Title: Political Parties as Agents of Deliberative Representation. How Parties Change Positions When Moving between the Electoral Arena and the Parliamentary Arena, defended 30.09.2019

- 10/2004–10/2010 **University of Potsdam, Germany**  
Diploma in Public Policy (Grade: 1.3), Thesis: The influence of European election campaigns on public opinion about the European Union – A comparative analysis of election posters from the European Parliament elections in 2004 and 2009 (Grade: 1.0)
- 08/2006–06/2007 **University of Copenhagen, Denmark**  
ERASMUS exchange programme

#### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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- 2022 Power Analysis, WZB
- 2021 RMarkdown: Writing Reproducible Research Papers with R, WZB  
Working with Spatial Data in R, WZB
- 2017 Text Analysis using R, LSE
- 2016 Introduction to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, WZB
- 2015 Rhetoric training, WZB
- 2014 Leadership training, WZB  
Introduction to R, WZB  
University didactic, WZB

#### AWARDS

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- “[Friends of the WZB Award 2022](#)”, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, *with Tobias Burst, Sarah Hagazy, Juliane Hanel, Christoph Ivanusch, Marvin Müller, Sven Regel, Leonie Schwichtenberg, Leila van Rinsum, and Lisa Zehnter*
- “[Dissertation Award Leibniz-Gemeinschaft 2021](#)”, Leibniz-Gemeinschaft
- “[Deutscher Studienpreis 2020](#)”, Körber-Stiftung, Finalist in the social science section
- “[APSA Society for Political Methodology’s 2016 Statistical Software Award](#)”, The Society for Political Methodology, American Political Science Association, *with Jirka Lewandowski, Sven Regel, and Nicolas Merz for the R-package manifestoR and the Manifesto Corpus*
- “[Berlin Digital Humanities Award 2016](#)”, Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, *with Jirka Lewandowski, Theres Matthieß, Nicolas Merz, Sven Regel, and Annika Werner for the Manifesto Corpus*

## PUBLICATIONS

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### BOOK

Lehmann, Pola, Theres Matthieß, Sven Regel, and Bernhard Weßels. 2022. “Die Ampelkoalition. Wie wird aus unterschiedlichen Zielen ein gemeinsames Regierungsprogramm?” Bielefeld: transcript Verlag.

### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Lehmann, Pola, and Lisa Zehnter. 2022. “The self-proclaimed defender of freedom - the AfD and the pandemic.” In *Government and Opposition*. Special Issue “The Populist Radical Right and the Pandemic”.

Lehmann, Pola, and Malisa Zora Zobel. 2018. “Positions and Saliency of Immigration in Party Manifestos. A Novel Dataset using Crowd Coding.” *European Journal of Political Research* 57 (4): 1056-1083.

Wagner, Aiko, Pola Lehmann, Sven Regel, and Henrike Schultze. 2014. “Räumliche Modelle des Repräsentationsgefühls. Vergleichende Analysen mit Fokus auf die Bundestagswahl 2009.” *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft* 8 (1): 29-56.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDITED VOLUMES

Lehmann, Pola. 2023. “Politische Repräsentation: Perfekte Kongruenz oder kleine und große Missstände - eine Frage der Perspektive.” In *Politische Akteure und Institutionen in Deutschland. Eine forschungsorientierte Einführung in das politische System*, Eds. Dorothee Riese, and Lisa Anders. Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 111-132.

Lehmann, Pola. 2020. “Enacting the Citizens’ Preferences in Parliament. Representation as a Dynamic Process: Concept and Measurement” In *Demokratie im 21. Jahrhundert. Theorien, Befunde, Perspektiven*, Tutzinger Studien zur Politik, Eds. Ursula Münch, and Andreas Kalina. Baden-Baden: Nomos, 165-188.

Lehmann, Pola, and Claudia Ritzi. 2020. “Stärkt die direkte Demokratie die demokratische Legitimität?” In *Legitimitätskrise? Zur Lage der Demokratie in Deutschland*, Eds. Sascha Kneip, Wolfgang Merkel, and Bernhard Weßels. Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 317-340.

Lehmann, Pola, Theres Matthieß, and Sven Regel. 2019. “Rechts der anderen: Themen und Positionen der AfD.” In *Smarte Spalter. Die AfD zwischen Bewegung und Parlament*, Eds. Wolfgang Schröder, and Bernhard Weßels. Bonn: Dietz Verlag, 122-143.

Lehmann, Pola, Theres Matthieß, and Sven Regel. 2019. “Die AfD-Programmatik auf Landesebene – Immer das Gleiche?” In *Smarte Spalter. Die AfD zwischen Bewegung und Parlament*, Eds. Wolfgang Schröder, and Bernhard Weßels. Bonn: Dietz Verlag, 144-156.

- Lehmann, Pola, Sven Regel, and Sara Schlote. 2018. “Inequality in Political Representation: Is the Lower Social Stratum Worse Represented?” In *Democracy and Crisis: Challenges in Turbulent Times*, Eds. Wolfgang Merkel and Sascha Kneip. Cham: Springer International Publishing AG, 125–43.
- Lehmann, Pola, Sven Regel, and Sara Schlote. 2015. “Ungleichheit in der politischen Repräsentation: Ist die Unterschicht schlechter repräsentiert?” In *Demokratie und Krise: Zum schwierigen Verhältnis von Theorie und Praxis*, Eds. Wolfgang Merkel. Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 157–80.
- Lehmann, Pola, and Henrike Schultze. 2013. “Linking Data-Sets from Party to Individual Levels in order to Evaluate Congruence Measures Comparatively.” In *Mapping Policy Preferences from Texts III. Statistical Solutions for Manifesto Analysts*, Eds. Andrea Volkens, Judith Bara, Ian Budge, Michael M. McDonald, and Hans-Dieter Klingemann. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 254-276.

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Burst, Tobias, Pola Lehmann, Sven Regel, and Lisa Zehnter. 2021. “One Election, six Visions for Germany. The Parties’ Manifestos for the 2021 General Election”, Berlin: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.
- Lehmann, Pola. 2021. “König Oedipus, die Politik und das Theater.” In *Oedipus von Sophokles. Programmheft*. Deutsches Theater Berlin.
- Lehmann, Pola. 2021. “Das Ringen um die Lösung. Parteien im Spannungsverhältnis zwischen Dissens und Kompromiss.” *WZB-Mitteilungen* 172: 19-21.
- Lehmann, Pola, and Claudia Ritz. 2020. “Vertrauensfördernde Maßnahmen gesucht. Wie direkte Demokratie die Politik beleben kann” *WZB-Mitteilungen* 167: 37-39.
- Lehmann, Pola, and Theres Matthieß. 2017. “Nation und Tradition. Wie die Alternative für Deutschland nach rechts rückt.” *WZB-Mitteilungen* 156: 21–24.
- Lehmann, Pola, and Malisa Zora Zobel. 2017. “Textanalyse mithilfe der Crowd. Ein Werkstattbericht.” *WZB-Mitteilungen* 155: 10–13.
- Bießmann, Felix, Pola Lehmann, Daniel Kirsch, and Sebastian Schelter. 2016. “Predicting political party affiliation from text.” In *PolText 2016: The International Conference on the Advances in Computational Analysis of Political Text: Proceedings of the Conference*. Sponsored by the European Social Fund, Operational Programme Efficient Human Resources 2014–2020, Zagreb: University of Zagreb, 14–19. <https://ub-madoc.bib.uni-mannheim.de/41552>.
- Lehmann, Pola, and Malisa Zora Zobel. 2016. “Die Rede von der Krise. In welche Muster politische Parteien Flüchtlinge einordnen, bestimmt das Klima der Debatten.” *WZB-Mitteilungen* 151: 18–21.
- Lehmann, Pola, Sven Regel, and Sara Schlote. 2013. “Alles in allem funktioniert’s. Die Armen sind im Parlament (noch) repräsentiert.” *WZB-Mitteilungen* 139: 22-24.

## DATASETS AND SOFTWARE

- Lehmann, Pola, Simon Franzmann, Tobias Burst, Jirka Lewandowski, Theres Matthieß, Sven Regel, Felicia Riethmüller, and Lisa Zehnter. 2023. “[Manifesto Corpus](#).” Berlin: Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB) / Göttingen: Institut für Demokratieforschung (IfDem). *Version 2015-1–2023-1*
- Lehmann, Pola, Simon Franzmann, Tobias Burst, Sven Regel, Felicia Riethmüller, Andrea Volkens, Bernhard Weßels, and Lisa Zehnter. 2023. “[The Manifesto Data Collection. Manifesto Project \(MRG/CMP/ MARPOR\)](#).” Berlin: Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB) / Göttingen: Institut für Demokratieforschung (IfDem). *Version 2012a–2023a*
- Lehmann, Pola, and Malisa Zora Zobel. 2018. “[Parties’ Immigration and Integration Positions Dataset \(PImpo\)](#).” Version 2018. Berlin: Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB). <https://doi.org/10.25522/manifesto.pimpo.2018>.
- Lewandowski, Jirka, Nicolas Merz, Sven Regel, Pola Lehmann, and Paul Muscat. 2018. “[manifestoR: Access and Process Data and Documents of the Manifesto Project R-package](#).” Berlin: Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB).

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2023    EPSA Annual General Conference, Glasgow  
         8th Conference of the Standing Group on Parliaments, Vienna  
         ECPR General Conference, Prague
- 2022    EPSA Annual General Conference, Prague
- 2020    ECPR General Conference, virtual
- 2019    APSA Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
- 2018    The Manifesto Corpus Conference, Berlin
- 2016    Akademie für Politisch Bildung Tutzing, Tutzing  
         Workshop Quantitative Text Analysis in Manifesto Research, Berlin  
         PolText Conference, Dubrovnik
- 2015    MPSA Conference, Chicago  
         ECPR General Conference, Montreal
- 2013    Workshop Quantitative Textanalysis, Bremen
- 2012    DVPW Annual Conference, Marburg

## INVITED TALKS AND MODERATIONS

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- Talk “Political text analysis 2.0 - assisting, improving or substituting human coders”, WZB Lecture Series on Digitalization Research, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin, 31 January 2022.
- Talk “Parlamente: Repräsentation und Kompromiss”, Concluding colloquium of the Department Democracy and Democratization, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin, 17 June 2022.
- Moderation of “[Wissenschaft trifft Politik: Ein Vorwahl-Abend im WZB mit den Kandidat\\*innen für das Rote Rathaus](#)”, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin, 22 April 2021.
- Talk at “[version21: Jung, divers, weiblich: Wie repräsentativ kann der Bundestag sein?](#)”, z2x, ZEIT ONLINE and Futurium, 6 March 2021.
- Keynote speech “Different arenas, different texts, one message? What we can learn from a combined analysis of manifestos and parliamentary debates”, Workshop “ParlaCLARIN II”, LREC2020, 11 May 2020.
- Debate “Versprochen und gebrochen? – Parteien und ihre Wahlversprechen”, Lecture series *Achtung: Demokratie*, German Historical Museum in cooperation with the WZB Berlin Social Science Center, 12 April 2019.
- “Political parties as agents of input representation: when are parties changing their pre-electoral positions in parliament?”, Institute’s colloquium, Institute for Political Science, Georg-August-University Göttingen, 30 January 2019.
- Talk, Discussion forum *Partizipation 4.0 – Bürgerschaft als größte Ressource der Stadt*, Stiftung Zukunft Berlin, 19 April 2017.
- “Wahlen und Wähler – ein wissenschaftlicher Blick auf Gründe von Wahl und Nichtwahl”, Panel discussion *Demokratie ohne WählerInnen?*, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, Berlin City Parliament, 17 November 2014.

## ORGANISED CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND TALKS

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- Lecture series “Digitalisation and Society” (with Martin Ehlert, Lisa Garbe, Tobias Heidenreich, Johannes Leutgeb, Anna Skarpelis, and Jonas Wiedner), WZB Berlin Social Science Center, 2022/2023.
- Panel “Human Coding in Political Science” (with Nils Weidmann), DVPW Congress 2021, 14 September 2021.
- CO:STA talk series (with Constantin Manuel Bosancianu, and Julio Solís Arce), CO:STA Colloquium, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, 2020/2021.
- Workshop “Working with Spatial Data in R”, Lecturer: Markus Konrad (organized with Constantin Manuel Bosancianu, and Julio Solís Arce), CO:STA Colloquium, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, 10/11 June 2021, Berlin.

- Keynote “Social science and the replication crisis”, Andrew Gelman (with Constantin Manuel Bosancianu, and Julio Solís Arce), CO:STA Colloquium, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, 8 October 2020, Berlin.
- Political Text Analysis Workshop (with Theres Matthieß, Werner Krause, Sven Regel, and Bernhard Weßels), WZB Berlin Social Science Center, 23/24 September 2019, Berlin.
- The Manifesto User Conference (with Theres Matthieß, Werner Krause, and Sven Regel), WZB Berlin Social Science Center, 7/8 March 2019, Berlin.
- The Manifesto Corpus Conference (with Theres Matthieß, Werner Krause, and Sven Regel), WZB Berlin Social Science Center, 1/2 February 2018, Berlin.
- The Manifesto Project User Conference (with Theres Matthieß, Nicolas Merz, Sven Regel, and Annika Werner), WZB Berlin Social Science Center, 4/5 June 2015, Berlin.
- Mapping Policy Preferences from Text (with Nicolas Merz, Sven Regel, Andrea Volkens, and Annika Werner), WZB Berlin Social Science Center, 15/16 May 2014, Berlin.
- Workshop “Measuring Representation with Manifesto Data” (with Nicolas Merz, Sven Regel, Andrea Volkens, and Annika Werner), WZB Berlin Social Science Center, 27 September 2012, Berlin.

## MEDIA AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

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### MEDIA

- [Interview](#), GOOD IMPACT, 3 April 2023.
- [Interview](#), Deutschlandfunk Kultur, 15 March 2023.
- [Interview](#), BR Bayern 2, 12 December 2022.
- [Interview](#), Leibniz-Magazin, 14 September 2022.
- [Interview](#), Republik, 24 November 2021.
- [Interview](#) in *Echo der Zeit*, SRF, 26 October 2021.
- [Interview](#) in *Aktuelle Stunde*, WDR, 1 October 2021.
- [Interview](#), Deutsche Welle, 27 September 2021.
- [Interview](#) in *Tagesthemen*, ARD, 27 September 2021.
- Article “[Rot-Grün-Rot passt am besten zusammen](#)” in *ZEIT online*, 19 September 2021 (with Tobias Burst, Sven Regel, and Lisa Zehnter).
- [Interview](#) on “Muss der nächste Bundestag diverser werden?”, ZDF heute, 12 September 2021.
- [Interview](#) in *ZDF WISO*, ZDF, 6 September 2021. (zusätzliche Infos aus einer in diesem Zusammenhang verfassten Studie finden sich [hier](#)).

[Interview](#) in *Breitband* zu “Blind für Populismus: Wenn Maschinen Wahlprogramme lesen”, Deutschlandfunk Kultur, 23 September 2017.

[Interview](#) on “Selbstlernende Software analysiert Wahlprogramme”, BR24, 19 September 2017.

#### BLOGPOSTS AND PODCASTS

Lehmann, Pola, and Sven Regel. 2022. “[Putins Erzählung vom wachsenden Nationalismus und was die ukrainischen Wahlprogramme dazu sagen](#)”, *WZB Blog on the war in Ukraine*.

Hegazy, Sarah, and Pola Lehmann. 2021. “[Das Wahlprogramm der Partei die Linke zur Bundestagswahl 2021. Viel Konkretes mit einer Prise Kompromiss. Ist die Linke bereit mitzuregieren?](#)” *WZB Democracy Blog*.

Hanel, Juliane, and Pola Lehmann. 2021. “[Das Wahlprogramm der FDP zur Bundestagswahl 2021. Großer Handlungsbedarf. Eine Antwort: Freiheit.](#)” *WZB Democracy Blog*.

[Interview](#) in *MIGRATON*, Polis180-Podcast, 6 September 2021.

Burst, Tobias, Pola Lehmann, Sven Regel, Bernhard Weßels, and Lisa Zehnter. 2020. “[The Republican Party, Trump, and two election platforms – From Conservatism to Emotional Polarization?](#)” *WZB Democracy Blog*.

Lehmann, Pola, Theres Matthieß, Nicolas Merz, and Sven Regel. 2017. “[Besser als die gefühlte Wahrheit: Eine Wahlprogrammanalyse von SPD und Union des Manifesto Projekts.](#)” *WZB Democracy Blog*.

Lehmann, Pola, and Theres Matthieß. 2017. “[Wie die Alternative für Deutschland nach rechts rückt.](#)” *WZB Democracy Podcast*.

Lehmann, Pola, Nicolas Merz, Sven Regel, and Annika Werner. 2013. “[Und sie unterscheiden sich doch! Eine Analyse der Wahlprogramme zur Bundestagswahl 2013.](#)” *WZB Democracy Blog*.

Lehmann, Pola, Nicolas Merz, Sven Regel, and Annika Werner. 2013. “[Welche Positionen vertreten Parteien wirklich? – Das Manifesto-Projekt stellt sich vor.](#)” *WZB Democracy Blog*.

#### TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

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Guest lecture “Das Manifesto Projekt. Inhaltsanalyse als Mittel zur vergleichenden Parteipositionsbestimmung”, Research seminar, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, 22 January 2021.

Guest lecture “Repräsentation als Prozess: Debatten im Parlament”, Seminar, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 7 January 2019.



Guest lecture “Manifesto Research on Political Representation (MARPOR)”, Seminar, Universität Potsdam, 14 January 2015.

Seminar “Das Manifesto Projekt: Generierung und Anwendung parteiprogrammatischer Daten in der Forschung” (with Henrike Schultze, and Sven Regel), Humboldt University Berlin, Fall semester 2021/13.

Supervision of four master theses and one bachelor thesis in political science, sociology, cognitive systems, and visual communication

#### SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

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| seit 11/2021    | Advisory board FID Pollux, Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek Bremen, Germany<br><i>Member</i>  |
| seit 07/2020    | CO:STA Colloquium, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin, Germany<br><i>Co-Coordinator</i>   |
| seit 08/2020    | Working group Library tower, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin, Germany<br><i>Member</i>   |
| 05/2022–10/2022 | Appointment board “W2-Professur für Politik im Mehrebenen-system”, University of Potsdam, Germany<br><i>External member</i>   |
| 05/2013–04/2017 | Academic Council, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin, Germany<br><i>Elected member</i>  |
| 11/2004–12/2009 | Politics and Public Policy student representatives, University of Potsdam, Germany<br><i>Member, 07/2007–07/2008 speaker</i>  |
| 02/2008–03/2008 | Committee of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences on the development of a structure and development plan for the faculty, University of Potsdam, Germany<br><i>Student representative</i> |
| 12/2005–01/2006 | Appointment board “Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft” (Comparative Politics), University of Potsdam, Germany<br><i>Student representative</i>   |

## REVIEWER

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Comparative Political Studies, Computational Communication Research, European Journal of Political Research, German Politics, Government and Opposition, Industrial Relations, Journal of Contemporary European Studies, Journal of Politics, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Party Politics, Politische Vierteljahresschrift

## MEMBERSHIPS

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Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)  
European Political Science Association (EPSA)

## LANGUAGES

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German	native
English	fluent
Danish	good
Spanish	good

## SOFTWARE

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R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Markdown, Git, MS Office, Adobe Professional, OmniPage

Berlin, October 6, 2023