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PhD Student, Research Assistant • University of Cologne
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Professional experience

10/2018–	Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne Research assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project: “Rebels in Representative Democracy”, funded by the Fritz–Thyssen–Foundation, principal investigator: Prof. Sven–Oliver Proksch• Survey experiments, Twitter experiments, quantitative text analysis
10/2013–12/2018	Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne Student assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project: “Decentralization and Electoral Geographies”, funded by the German Research Foundation, principal investigator: Prof. André Kaiser• Quantitative and qualitative analyses, including text analysis
03/2016–12/2016	Chair for Comparative Politics, University of Duisburg–Essen Student assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparing an article on the state of the art in the field of comparative politics, developing the codebook, data collection and analysis• Data and literature research on political culture and German political parties, supporting and preparing teaching lessons
04/2014–07/2015	Manifesto Project, Berlin Social Science Center Student assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classical content analysis of scientific articles, co–writing the codebook, cross–validation of data, data analyses with STATA• Research on European and Latin American parties• Supporting preparations for the Manifesto Project User Conference

Teaching

Winter 2018/2019

The Political System of Germany, BA level

Education

01/2017–06/2017	Science Po, Strasbourg Erasmus exchange semester
10/2015–09/2017	University of Duisburg–Essen Master of Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Theory and Comparative Studies of Political Systems in Transition”• Title of the master thesis: “Leadership in Bargaining Situations. A New Theory of Chairpersonship and a Case from the European Union”
06/2012–03/2013	Universidad National de La Plata, Argentina Semester abroad
04/2011–05/2015	University of Cologne Bachelor of Science <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Social Sciences”• Bachelor thesis: “Decentralization – a party’s decision to secure future power?”

Grants

10/2017–09/2018	Cologne Graduate School: PhD Scholarship
10/2016–09/2017	Scholarship: UDE–Stipendium The UDE–Stipendium is funded by the Federal Government (Deutschlandstipendium) and provides support for top-performing students.

Languages and skills

German native • **English, Spanish, French** fluent • **Egyptian–Arabic** intermediate • **Dutch** beginner • **Latin** qualification
Word, Excel, Latex • Stata, SPSS, R • MaxQDA

Publications

Mohamad-Klotzbach, Christoph/Pickel, Susanne/Adler, Lucas/Kaftan, Lea/Vogt, Lisa (2017): Schwerpunkte der Vergleichenden Politikwissenschaft in Deutschland (2007–2017). *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft*, 11(4), 557–574.

Volkens, Andrea/Ares, Cristina/Bratanova, Radostina/Kaftan, Lea (2015): Scope, Range, and Extent of Manifesto Project Data Usage: A New Research Tool for Manifesto Project Database's Users. *Revista de Investigaciones Políticas y Sociológicas*, 14(2), 217–232.

Volkens, Andrea/Ares, Cristina/Bratanova, Radostina/Kaftan, Lea (2015): *Scope, Range, and Extent of Manifesto Project Data Usage: A Survey of Publications in Eight High-Impact Journals. Handbook for Data Users and Coders*. Version I. Berlin: WZB Berlin Social Science Center.