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Research Interests: National Identity | Social Psychology | Political Behaviour | Data Harmonisation

Current Position

01/2025-(12/2027)

Postdoctoral Researcher

Project "Politische (Un-)Gleichheit in der postmigrantischen Demokratie (PoMig-Dem)"

Chair "Sociology of Migration and Integration", MZES University of Mannheim, Germany

Education

08/2018-10/2024

Promotion *doctor rerum politicarum*

Otto-Friedrich University of Bamberg

Thesis: "To Draw a Line: Exploring Patterns of National Identity in a Comparative Perspective"

Committee: Prof. Dr. Marc Helbling (University of Mannheim, MZES, WZB), Prof. Dr. Bernhard Weßels (Humboldt University Berlin, WZB), Prof. Dr. Cornelia Kristen (University of Bamberg)

10/2013-09/2017

Master of Arts Social Sciences

Humboldt University Berlin

Thesis: „Was heißt hier eigentlich Nation? Variationen nationaler Identität und ihre Folgen“

09/2015-07/2016

Visiting Student, Political and Social Sciences
University of Bologna, Italy

10/2009-09/2013

Bachelor of Arts Political and Administrative Science (Major) and Sociology (Minor)

University of Potsdam

Thesis: „Die Stützen der Nation. Zum unsichtbaren Fundament eines folgenreichen Konzepts.“

Professional Experiences

05/2024-04/2025

Doctoral Researcher

Project "A Next-Generation Citizen Council for Encouraging Political Participation at the Local Level (NexCiCo)", GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences

10/2023-04/2024

Visiting Researcher, invited by Dr. Holger Döring

06/2022-09/2023

Project "Linked Open Research Data for Social Sciences Pilot Study (LORDpilot)", GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences

01/2021-05/2022	Project “HaSpaD - Harmonizing and synthesizing partnership histories”, GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences
07/2017-12/2020	Project “ONBound – Old and new boundaries: National Identities and Religion”, GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences
08/2016-07/2017 01/2013-09/2015	Research Assistant Project “German Longitudinal Election Study (GLES)”, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
06/2012-12/2012	Project „The Metamorphosis of (Gender) Equality“, University of Potsdam
02/2012-04/2012	Research Intern Project “German Longitudinal Election Study (GLES)”, WZB Berlin Social Science Center

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

May, Antonia (2025). Ready or not. National identity, vote choice, and mass media: Evidence from Germany. *Political Psychology*, 00, 1–23.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.70005>

May, Antonia C., & Czymara, Christian S. (2024). Careless whisper: Political elite discourses activate national identities for far-right voting preferences. *Nations and Nationalism*, 30(1), 90–109.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.12985>

May, Antonia C. (2023): And if they don't dance, they are no friends of mine. Exploring Boundaries of National Identity. *Nations and Nationalism*. 29(2), 579-597.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.12926>.

Other Publications

Schulz, Sonja, Bernd Weiß, Sebastian Sterl, Anna-Carolina Haensch, Lisa Schmid, and Antonia May (2021): HaSpaD - Data Manual. GESIS Papers 2021/12. Cologne: GESIS - Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences. doi: <https://doi.org/10.21241/ssoar.75135>.

Schulz, Sonja, Bernd Weiß, Sebastian Sterl, Anna-Carolina Haensch, Lisa Schmid, and Antonia May. 2021. HaSpaD - Datenhandbuch. GESIS Papers 2021/13. Cologne: GESIS - Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences. doi: <https://doi.org/10.21241/ssoar.75134>.

May, Antonia, Katharina Werhan, Insa Bechert, and Markus Quandt. 2021. ONBound-Harmonization User Guide (Stata/SPSS), Version 1.1. GESIS Papers 2021/04. Cologne: GESIS - Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences. doi: <https://doi.org/10.21241/ssoar.72442>.

Giebler, Heiko, Josephine Lichteblau, Antonia May, Reinhold Melcher, Marcus Spittler, Aiko Wagner und Bernhard Weißels (2014): GLES Kandidatenstudie 2013: Motive, Nominierung, Wahlkampf, Repräsentation und Demokratie aus der Sicht der Bundestagskandidaten und -kandidatinnen – Kurzbericht. Berlin: WZB

Wagner, Aiko und Antonia May (2013): Linksliberale Enterhaken. Geht die Fragmentierung des Parteiensystems in eine neue Runde? *MIP – Mittelungen des Instituts für Deutsches und Internationales Parteienrecht und Parteienforschung*. 2013, 19. Jahrgang

May, Antonia (2012): Eine Partei sucht ihre Wähler: Schatzsuche in politischen Fahrwassern. *Berliner Debatte Initial* 23 (2012) 4

Datasets

Schulz, Sonja, Bernd Weiß, Sebastian Sterl, Anna-Carolina Haensch, Lisa Schmid, and Antonia May (2021): Harmonizing and synthesizing partnership histories from different research data infrastructures: A model project for linking research data from various infrastructure (HaSpaD). Datenfile Version 1.2. doi: <https://doi.org/10.7802/2429>.

Bechert, Insa, Antonia May, Markus Quandt, and Katharina Werhan (2020): ONBound - Old and new boundaries: National Identities and Religion: Customized dataset. GESIS Data Archive, Cologne. <http://onbound.gesis.org/wizard>.

Giebler, Heiko, Josephine Lichteblau, Antonia May, Reinhold Melcher, Aiko Wagner und Bernhard Weißels (2016): CSES Module 1-3 Harmonized Trend File [dataset]– May 31, 2016 version. doi: 10.7804/cses.trendfile.2016-05-31

Media

News

“Imiter l’extrême droite pour lui prendre des voix, un très mauvais calcul electoral”, Alternatives Economiques, <https://www.alternatives-economiques.fr/imiter-lextrême-lui-prendre-voix-un-tres-mauvais-calcul-ele/00109847>, 01.03.2024

“Adopting far-right rhetoric increases far-right votes”, Social Europe, <https://www.socialeurope.eu/adopting-far-right-rhetoric-increases-far-right-votes>, 23.02.2024

„Studie: Ausgrenzungsrhetorik etablierter Parteien stärkt Rückhalt für rechtsextreme Parteien“, berlin.de, 10.11.2023

„Nationalistische Rhetorik fördert rechte Parteien“ – bdw-bild der wissenschaft, 10.11.2023

“Study: Exclusionary rhetoric use by any political party increases votes for far-right parties”, phys.org, 09.11.2023

„Ausgrenzende Rhetorik gleich welcher politischen Partei erhöht die Stimmen für rechtsextreme Parteien“ – idw-Informationsdienst Wissenschaft, 09.11.2023

Blogposts

“Mainstream parties adopting far-right rhetoric simply increases votes for far-right parties”, ECPR The Loop, <https://theloop.ecpr.eu/mainstream-parties-adopting-far-right-rhetoric-simply-increases-votes-for-far-right-parties/>, 05.02.2024

“Exclusionary Rhetoric Use by Any Political Party Increases Votes for Far-Right Parties”, *gesisblog* DOI: 10.34879/gesisblog.2023.73, 15.12.2023

Teaching

Jungmann, Nils, Antonia May, and Anne-Kathrin Stroppe (2021): Data Management, Advanced Programming and Automation using Stata. GESIS - Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne.

Blumenberg, Johannes N., and Antonia May (2021): Einführung in die Datenanalyse mit Stata (Online Workshop).

Presentations

Conference Presentations

May, Antonia (2024): Ready or not? National Identity, Vote Choice, and Mass Media: Evidence from Germany. Presented at 29. DVPW-Kongress, 24.-27. September 2024, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, 24.09.2024.

May, Antonia (2023): Ready or not? National Identity, Vote Choice, and Mass Media: Evidence from Germany. Presented at the EPSA (European Political Science Association) 13th Annual Conference, University of Strathclyde 22.-24.06.2023, Glasgow, United Kingdom. 24.06.2023

May, Antonia (2023): Ready or not? National Identity, Vote Choice, and Mass Media: Evidence from Germany. Presented at ASEN (The Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism) conference 2023: Nationalism and Multiculturalism, 03.-05.04.2023, University of Loughborough, United Kingdom. 03.04.2023.

May, Antonia (2023): Ready or not? National Identity, Vote Choice, and Mass Media: Evidence from Germany. Presented at the 5th Annual U.K. Political Psychology Conference, 27.-31.03.2023, Online, 31.03.2023.

May, Antonia and Christian Czymara (2021): Mobilizing Identities? Longitudinal comparative evidence on national identity, political elite discourses and far-right voting. Presented at the ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) General Conference, 30.08.-03.09.2021, Online, 02.09.2021.

Schulz, Sonja, Lisa Schmid, Anna-Carolina Haensch, and Antonia May (2021): Marriage formation and stability among panel respondents and refreshment sample members from pairfam: A comparison of retrospectively and prospectively collected data. 7th International User Conference of the German Family Panel pairfam, 30.09.-01-10-2021, Online, 01.10.2021.

Schulz, Sonja, Lisa Schmid, Anna-Carolina Haensch, and Antonia May (2021): Measuring divorce risk with pooled survey data – A comparison between prospectively and retrospectively collected marriage biographies. 9th conference of the European Survey Research Association, Online, Munich, 2021-07-16.

Bechert, Insa, Markus Quandt, and Antonia May (2021): ONBound – a database for answering research questions concerning national identities and religion. ISA RC-22 Mid Term Conference, Online, 2021-11-13.

Quandt, Markus, Insa Bechert, Antonia May, Katharina Werhan, and Annette Schnabel (2021): Scaling Up Cross-National Surveys to a Global Societal Observatory – the ONBound Data Cumulation and Linkage Project. RC33 Online conference, Online, 2021-09-10.

May, Antonia (2019): A Comparative Perspective on Similarities and Differences in Patterns of National Identity. Presented at the ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) General Conference Wrocław 2019. 04th-07th September 2019.

Quandt, Markus, and Antonia May (2019): Classifying a Large Number of Countries by their Populations' Shares of Ethnic and Civic Types of National Identification. European Survey Research Association conferences, University of Zagreb, Zagreb.

Quandt, Markus, and Antonia May (2019): Using Latent Class Analysis for testing the equivalence of multi-item scales across data from different survey programs. The example of National Identity types. Conference of the 'Survey Data Recycling Project': Building Multi-Source Databases for Comparative Analyses, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences Warsaw, Poland, 16.12.2019.

May, Antonia (2018): National Identity Patterns and their Effects on Right-Wing Populist Attitudes in Germany. Presented at the 44th Annual Conference of the International Association for the Study of German Politics (IASGP) 2018. 29th and 30th May 2018.

Other Presentations

May, Antonia (2020): Drei Jahre ex-post Harmonisierung internationaler Umfrageprogramme und makrosoziologischer Indikatoren: Entdeckungen, Erkenntnisse, Lösungsstrategien. GESIS-Symposium „Sozialstrukturelle Merkmale in Umfragen: Erhebung, Kodierung, Harmonisierung“. 30.09.2020

May, Antonia, and Markus Quandt (2019): Developing an Empirical Typology for National Identity (Attitudes) using Data from Multiple Sources. Presented at the ONBound Project Workshop II 2019, University of Milan, 27-29.11.2019, Mailand, 27.11.2019.

May, Antonia, Katharina Werhan, Insa Bechert, and Markus Quandt (2019): Implementing Large-Scale Ex-Post Data Harmonization: Lessons and Conclusions from the first two Years of ONBound. Presented at the ONBound Project Workshop II 2019, University of Milan, 27-29.11.2019, Mailand, 27.11.2019.

May, Antonia (2018): Exploring National Identity Patterns in a Comparative Perspective. Presented at the ONBound Project Workshop I 2018, University of Düsseldorf, 06.- 07.12.2018. Düsseldorf, 06.12.2018

Services to the Profession and Memberships

Conference Organisation

Quandt, Markus, Insa Bechert, Antonia May, Katharina Werhan, Annette Schnabel, and Ferruccio Biolcati-Rinaldi (2019) Old and New Boundaries in Europe: National and Religious Identities: Workshop of the project "ONBound", jointly funded by Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) and Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD). Old and New Boundaries in Europe: National and Religious Identities, University of Milan, 27.11.2019 - 28.11.2019.

Review for Nations and Nationalism
Member of ASEN, EPSA