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## Research Interests

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Political Behavior, Public Opinion, Survey Methods, Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences, Spatial Models, Big Data, Bayesian Methods, Voting Behavior, Small Area Estimation, MRP, GIS

## Current Positions

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- 06/2018 – present      **Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)**,  
Mannheim, Germany  
Research associate, project: “German Longitudinal Election Study (GLES)”,  
funded by the DFG, coordinated by Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck
- 09/2018 – present      **Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences**  
University of Mannheim, Germany  
PhD Student in Political Science  
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck

## Education

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- 09/2014-04/2018      **Goethe University Frankfurt**  
M.A., Political Science (grade: 1.0)  
*Thesis title: Estimating Trust of Religious Minorities Using  
Multilevel Models and Poststratification (grade: 1.0)*
- 09/2015-03/2016      **University of Warsaw, Poland**  
Exchange student at the Faculty of Journalism and Political Science
- 09/2010-09/2014      **University of Heidelberg, Germany**  
B.A, Political Science and Sociology (grade: 1.7)

## Additional Training

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- 2018 - 2020      **Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, Mannheim**  
Machine Learning, Experimental methods, Mathematics, Causal Inference,  
Big Data in Immigration, Bayesian Statistics, Advanced Quantitative Methods
- 2016      **National University of Singapore (2016)**  
Participant of the IPSA-Methods School (Bayesian Analysis)
- 2015      **University of Essex, United Kingdom (2015)**  
Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (Panel Data Analysis)

## Scholarships

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2015/2016                      **Erasmus Plus Scholarship**  
Warsaw, Poland

## Awards

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2018                                **Josef Esser Award (Goethe University Frankfurt), 500 EUR**  
Best Dissertation in Political Science 2017

## Professional Experience

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2018-today                        **Mannheim Center for European Social Research**  
Research Associate "German Longitudinal Election Study"

04/2018-06/2018                **Conias Risk Intelligence**  
Conflict Analyst (Service Contract)

2016/2017                        **Goethe University Frankfurt**  
Research assistant for the research project  
"Multilevel Regression with Poststratification for Religious Minorities"

2011-2017                        **Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research**  
- Member of the Board of Directors (2012-2014)  
- Chief Editor of the Conflict Barometer 2012  
- Member of the methodology task force and conflict analyst  
for sub-Saharan Africa

03/2015-07/2015                **Goethe University Frankfurt**  
Teaching Assistant for data visualization

## Publications

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Ellerbrock, Simon (In Press): Book Review: Populism, nativism, and economic uncertainty. playing the blame game in the 2017 British, French, and German Elections. Democratization (online first).

Conflict descriptions and global analyses in the Conflict Barometers 2011-2015.

Ellerbrock, Simon and Peter Hachemer. 2014. No Peace in Sight. Ruperto Carola Research Magazine: Heidelberg.

Ellerbrock, Simon, Fiona Byrne, Lars Dittrich, Peter Hachemer, Elza Martinez and Imran Syed (Ed.). 2012. Conflict Barometer 2012. Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research: Heidelberg.

## Work in Progress

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Ellerbrock, Simon. Temporal Dynamics of Choice and Constraints. An Analysis of Party Networks in a Highly Fragmented German Electorate. Working Paper.

Ellerbrock, Simon. The Effect of Local Context on Citizens' Attitudes toward Immigration Policy. Working Paper.

Ellerbrock, Simon, Richard Traunmüller and Christopher Claassen. Estimating the Opinion of Religious Minority Groups Using Bayesian Multilevel Models with Poststratification. Working Paper.

Behrens, Lion, Simon Ellerbrock and Rebecca Kuipers. A Bayesian Method for Evidence Synthesis in Political Science. Working Paper.

Ellerbrock, Simon. Different strokes for different folks. A Geographic and Demographic Decomposition of the Radical Right Support Base.

## Conference Presentations

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| 2019 | A Bayesian Method for Evidence Synthesis in Political Science. Research Colloquium at the Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, Cologne. November 12, 2019. (co-authored with Lion Behrens and Rebecca Kuipers)   |
| 2019 | Wer wird eigentlich befragt? Eine 5-Ebenen Ausfallanalyse von Survey-Respondenten anhand eines Fallbeispiels. 21. Jahrestagung der Fachgruppe "Methoden der Publizistik und Kommunikationswissenschaft" der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Publizistik- und Kommunikationswissenschaft (DGPK). University Greifswald, Germany. (co-authored with Christiane Grill) |
| 2019 | Bayesian evaluation of informative hypotheses for synthesizing evidence from diverse statistical models. 9th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association. June 22, 2019. Belfast, United Kingdom. (co-authored with Lion Behrens and Rebecca Kuipers)  |
| 2019 | The Effect of Local Context on Citizens' Attitudes toward Immigration Policy. 9th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association. June 23, 2019. Belfast, United Kingdom.   |
| 2019 | Estimating the Opinion of Religious Minority Groups Using Bayesian Multilevel Models with Poststratification. 9th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association. June 22, 2019. Belfast, United Kingdom. (co-authored with Richard Traunmüller and Christopher Claassen)   |

## Engagement in Academic Self-administration

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| 01/20 – present | <b>Deputy Staff Representative</b> , Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), Mannheim, Germany |
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## Skills

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Software R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Stan, SPSS, GIS software, MS Office  
Languages German (native), English (C2), French (B1)

## Professional Memberships

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European Political Science Association (**EPSA**), **DVPW** Arbeitskreis Wahlen und Politische Einstellungen, Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (**HIK**)

## References

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