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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

University of Cologne

Cologne Center for Comparative Politics
Senior Research Fellow

Dec. 2013 – present

EDUCATION

Defence of the Ph.D. thesis “When the High-Income Country Context Dissolves:
Social Policy Preferences in Low- and Middle-Income Democracies”
(*Degree: Dr. rer. pol.*)

Dec. 17th 2013

International Max Planck Research School

on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE)

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies and

University of Cologne

Cologne Center for Comparative Politics

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

Advisors: Prof. Dr. André Kaiser and Prof. Dr. Marius Busemeyer

Oct. 2010 – Dec. 2013

Columbia University

Department of Political Science, Visiting Scholar

Advisor: Prof. Isabela Mares, Ph.D.

Nov. 2011 – June 2012

Humboldt University of Berlin

M.A. Social Sciences

Oct. 2008 – Sept. 2010

Duke University

Department of Political Science, Graduate Studies,
Political Science

Aug. 2009 – May 2010

University of Konstanz

B.A. Political and Administrative Science

Oct. 2005 – Sept. 2008

Sciences Po Bordeaux (IEP)

Undergraduate Studies, Political Science

Sept. 2007 – Dec. 2007

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Political Economy, Social Policy and Redistribution, Individual Preferences,
Voting Behavior, Violence and Crime, Taxation, Tax Compliance/Informal Economy,
Development Economics, Latin America

PUBLICATIONS - PEER REVIEWED

Berens, Sarah and Dallendörfer, Mirko (2018) Apathy or Anger? How Crime Experience Affects Individual Vote Intention in Latin America and the Caribbean, forthcoming in *Political Studies*.

Berens, Sarah and Gelepithis, Margarita (2018) Welfare State Structure, Inequality and Public Attitudes towards Progressive Taxation. *Socio-Economic Review*, online first.

Berens, Sarah and von Schiller, Armin (2017): Taxing Higher Incomes - What makes the high-income earners consent to more progressive taxation in Latin America?, *Political Behavior*, Vol. 39: 703–729.

Berens, Sarah (2016) Crowding Out or Welfare Promotion? How Foreign Aid Affects Social Expenditures in Latin American Welfare Systems. *Social Policy & Administration*, Vol. 50, No. 3: 353-378

Berens, Sarah (2015) Preferences on Redistribution in Fragmented Labor Markets in Latin America and the Caribbean. *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, Vol. 7, No. 3: 117-156.

Berens, Sarah (2015) Between Exclusion and Calculating Solidarity? Preferences for Private versus Public Welfare Provision and the Size of the Informal Sector. *Socio-Economic Review*, Vol. 13, No. 4: 651-678.

WORKING PAPERS AND PROJECTS

Berens, Sarah: The Exit Seekers and the Doomed - Is Informalization a Function of Social Policy Discontent?

Revise & Resubmit

Berens, Sarah and Kemmerling, Achim: Is Job Security an Insider Privilege? The public opinion on labor law in Latin America.

Revise & Resubmit

Berens, Sarah and Ruth, Saskia P.: ‘Perverse Responsiveness?’ How Clientelism Hinders Progressive Social Policy in Latin America

under review for a special issue in Acta Politica

Berens, Sarah and Franziska Deeg: Pre-Analysis Plan: The Wall and the Welfare State How changes in trade interdependency between the U.S. and Mexico affect risk perception and individual social policy preferences

Pre-Analysis Plan registered on EGAP

Berens, Sarah: Weak States - Strong Preferences? How the Reliability of the State Influences Social Policy Preferences.

working paper

Berens, Sarah and von Schiller, Armin: Many reasons to ‘not’ comply: How government corruption and weak state capacity erode the fiscal contract in Sub-Saharan Africa.

working paper

Altamirano, Melina, Berens, Sarah and Ley, Sandra: The Welfare State amid Crime: How victimization and fear of crime affect preferences for redistribution in Latin America.

working paper

Berens, Sarah and Menéndez, Irene: Is informal work decreasing the willingness to pay taxes?

working paper

Berens, Sarah and Brady, David: Ethnic, Linguistic and Religious Heterogeneity and Preferences for Public Goods

working paper

Berens, Sarah and Scharpf, Adam: Covert Repression and Voting Behavior: The Case of Argentina’s Dirty War

project

Berens, Sarah and Manow, Philip: “International Complementarities in the Development of National Welfare States: The Transatlantic Sphere 1870-2020”.

Principal Investigators of project proposal in Collaborative Research Center 1342 “Global Dynamics of Social

Policy” University of Bremen (project funded by the German Research Foundation).

PUBLICATIONS - NON-PEER REVIEWED

Berens, Sarah and Ruth, Saskia P. (forthcoming), “Universal Social Policies and Clientelistic Party Strategies in Latin America”, in: Ruth, Saskia P., and Maria Spirova (Eds.), *Clientelism and Democratic Governance in Comparative Perspective*, Colchester: ECPR Press.

Berens, Sarah and Ruth, Saskia P. (2015) Políticas sociales progresistas y estrategias partidarias clientelares: ¿Reconciliando lo irreconciliable? condistintosacentos.com, Instituto de Iberoamérica, Universidad de Salamanca, ([blog post](#)).

Berens, Sarah (2014) Rezension: Faust, J., Michaelowa, K. (Hrsg.). (2013). Politische Ökonomie der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit. Baden-Baden: Nomos, 274 S., ISBN: 978-3848704286. *Zeitschrift für Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik*, 7: 265–267.

METHODS TRAINING

Introduction to Bayesian Statistics. University of Cologne, July 4th 2017

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Richard Traummüller.

Experiments. University of Cologne, May 24th 2017

Lecturer: Prof. Macartan Humphreys PhD.

Multilevel Analysis. Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), December 11th-14th 2012

Lecturer: Prof. Andrew Fullerton.

Design and Analysis of Sample Surveys. Columbia University, Spring Term 2012

Lecturer: Prof. Andrew Gelman.

Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling with Focus on Cross-Cultural Comparisons. University of Cologne, October 2011

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Elmar Schlüter and Prof. Dr. Peter Schmidt.

Causal Analysis. University of Cologne, Spring Term 2011

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Andreß.

Multiple Regression Analysis. ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Ljubljana 2011

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Bernhard Kittel.

Applied Microeconometrics – Program Evaluation. University of Cologne, Fall Term 2010

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Marco Caliendo.

RESEARCH VISITS

Cornell University

Visiting Scholar, Oct-Nov 2018

Host: Prof. Kenneth Roberts Ph.D.

UC Riverside

Visiting Scholar for Project Meeting, Sept. 4th-15th 2017

Host: Prof. David Brady Ph.D.

Inter-American Development Bank

Visiting Scholar, Sept. 5th-8th 2016

Host: Fabiana Machado, Ph.D.

University of Queensland

Institute for Social Science Research, Life Course Centre

Visiting Scholar and LCC Fellow, October 2015

Host: Prof. Lorraine Mazerolle, Ph.D.

CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

“Societies under Stress” Workshop at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, Nov 29th-Dec 2nd 2018, co-organized with Sarah Brooks (OSU), Marianne Ulriksen (SDU), Peter Starke (SDU) and Georg Wenzelburger (Technical University Kaiserslautern)

EPSA, Vienna, June 21st-23rd 2018.

MPSA, Chicago, April 4th-8th 2018.

The left hand and the right hand: Linking the politics of social welfare and crime control - Workshop organized by Peter Starke and Marianne Ulriksen from University of Southern Denmark (invited talk), Copenhagen, December 13th-14th 2017.

Comparative Political Economy Research Workshop (CPE, lecture series, invited talk), University of Konstanz, Oct. 30th 2017.

APSA, San Francisco, USA, Aug. 30th-Sept. 3rd 2017.

EPSA, Milan, Italy, June 22nd-24th 2017.

Red de Economía Política de América Latina (REPAL), 4th Annual Conference, Lima, Peru, March 27th-28th 2017.

LASA, Lima, Peru, March 29th-May 1st 2017.

Political Economy Research Group (PERG) seminar at Central European University, Budapest, invited talk, Nov. 24th 2016.

APSA, Philadelphia, Sept. 1st-4th-2016.

EPSA, Brussels, 23rd-26th 2016.

New Approaches to the Political Economy of Social Policy, Workshop organized together with Irene Menéndez and Santiago López Cariboni, University of Cologne, May 23rd-24th 2016.

MPSA, Chicago, April 6th-10th 2016.

Mexican Politics & Beyond, Workshop, Discussant, University of Zurich, February 16th 2016.

Social Policy & Clientelism, Workshop at CCCP, University of Cologne, organized together with Prof. Herbert P. Kitschelt (Duke University), November 7th 2015.

EPSA, Vienna, June 25th-27th 2015.

ECPR Joint Sessions, University of Warsaw, Poland, March 29th-April 2nd 2015 in the panel: The New Politics of Taxation.

DVPW Comparative Political Science Section Conference: World Regions Compared: Polity, Politics and Policy, GIGA Hamburg, February 25th-27th 2015.

The Transformation of Latin American Social Policy: Dynamics, Institutions and Outcomes, University of Bath, November 7th 2014.

ECPR General Conference, Glasgow, September 3rd-6th 2014.

University of Bremen, Final Conference of the Collaborative Research Center 597 "Transformations of the State" invited talk at Panel 5 'Social and Political Effects of Welfare State Transformation', April 3rd-4th 2014.

ECPR Joint Sessions, University of Salamanca, Spain, April, 10th-15th 2014.
in Panel: Political Clientelism and the Quality of Public Policy.

ESPAnetWorkshop, Privatization and Marketization of Social Services and Social Programs. Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, November 14th-15th 2013.

University of Konstanz, invited talk at the Chair of Political Science of Prof. Dr. Marius Busemeyer, July 11th 2013.

Justice, Taxation and Social Policy, University of Salzburg, August 22th-24th 2013.

SASE Mailand, June 27th-29th 2013.

IWEC - Shifting to Post-Crisis Welfare States in Europe? Berlin, June 4th-5th 2013.

MPSA Chicago, April 11th-14th 2013.

ECPR Joint Sessions, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany, March 11th-16th 2013
in Panel: Socio-Economic Inequalities and Cleavages in Post-Modern Societies.

ECSR/EQUALSOC Conference on Economic Change, Quality of Life and Social Cohesion
Poster Session, University of Stockholm, September 24th-26th 2012.

ECPR Graduate Student Conference. Jacobs University, Bremen July 4th-6th 2012.

NYU Graduate Student Conference on Political Economy,
The Alexander Hamilton Center for Political Economy at New York University, May 9th 2012.

Comparative Politics Workshop, Political Science Department
Columbia University, December 12th 2011.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MA Level:

Comparative Political Institutions

University of Cologne, MA lecture: Winter term 2016/17, Winter term 2017/18

The Political Economy of Public Finance in Developing Countries

University of Cologne, MA/PhD course: Summer term 2016

Distributive Politics

University of Cologne, MA/PhD course: Winter term 2014/15; 2015/16; Summer term 2017

Social Policy in Developing Economies

University of Cologne, MA course: Summer term 2014

BA Level:

The Politics of Development

University of Cologne, BA course: Summer term 2018

Comparative electoral- and party systems (in German)

University of Cologne, BA course: Summer term 2015

The Political System of the Federal Republic of Germany from a Comparative Perspective (in German)

University of Cologne, BA course: Fall term 2013/2014

The Political System of the Federal Republic of Germany from a Comparative Perspective (in German)

University of Cologne, BA course: Fall term 2012/2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Youth League Department, Municipal Government Si Fang District Qingdao – Internship, Qingdao, China, January – March 2008.

Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), student assistant, research unit: Markets and Politics – The Future of Fiscal Federalism, Dr. Benny Geys, Feb. 2009 – July 2009.

Goethe Institut Osaka – Internship, Osaka, Japan, April – June 2007.

Kyoto Gaidai – University of Foreign Studies, teaching assistant for English and German as a foreign language, Kyoto, Japan, March – June 2007.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Fritz Thyssen Foundation: Workshop Grant to organize “Societies under Stress: Investigating the relationship between welfare and penal policies in an era of rising insecurities” at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, Nov 29th to Dec 2nd 2018, together with Prof. Dr. Georg Wenzelburger
Grant: €10.000

Collaborative Research Center 1342 “Global Dynamics of Social”, Proposal B03 “International Complementarities in the Development of National Welfare States: The Transatlantic Sphere 1870-2020” as principal investigator together with Prof. Dr. Philip Manow (University of Bremen), funded by the German Research Foundation, project period 2018-2021, approved on Nov 27th 2017:
approximately €403.200

Competence Area II Social and Economic Behavior Grant 2017: €6.500
to organize and conduct the lecture series “Microfoundations of Politics” at UoC

Mobility Grant 2017, University of Cologne Grant: €2.400

International Activities in the Competence Areas of the University of Cologne Grant 2016: €19.610
to fund the international workshop “New Approaches to the Political Economy of Social Policy” at UoC (May 23rd – 24th 2016)

Competence Area II Social and Economic Behavior Grant 2016: €3.000
to organize and conduct the lecture series “Microfoundations of Politics” at UoC

FELLOWSHIPS

R. Taylor Cole Scholarship, Duke University, 2009 – 2010.

International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE), Ph.D. Stipend 2010 – 2013.

DAAD Travel Grant for EPSA, Vienna, Austria, 2015

DAAD Travel Grant for LASA, Lima, Peru, 2017

REVIEWER FOR

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, World Development, International Studies Quarterly, Socio-Economic Review, Comparative Political Studies, Latin American Politics & Society, Political Studies, European Journal of Political Economy, Regulation & Governance, Journal of International Relations and Development, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Social Policy & Administration, Applied Economics

SCIENTIFIC SOFTWARE

\LaTeX	experienced user
STATA	experienced user
R	intermediate user
SPSS	intermediate user

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German	native
English	fluent
French	fluent
Spanish	basic

REFERENCES

Prof. Dr. André Kaiser
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Prof. Isabela Mares, Ph.D.
 Department of Political Science
 Columbia University
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Prof. Dr. Marius Busemeyer
 Chair of Policy Analysis and Political Theory
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