

# Curriculum Vitae

## Personal Details

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## Research Interests

Political representation of citizens by political parties  
Intra-party politics: Institutions, actors, and their interactions  
Political diffusion processes across borders

## Education

10/2011 – 01/2015 **Ph.D. Government, University of Essex**  
*Dissertation:* The Effects of Intra-Party Democracy on Party Competition  
*Supervisory board:* Lawrence Ezrow (chair), Thomas Plümpner, and Hugh Ward  
*Examiners:* Han Dorussen (University of Essex) and Matt Golder (PennState)  
*Final mark:* Accepted without corrections

07/2014 **Associate Fellow Status, The Higher Education Academy**  
Certificate of competence in university teaching

06/2014 – 07/2014 **Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, Duke University**

10/2010 – 09/2011 **M.Sc. Political Economy, University of Essex**  
*Final mark:* With distinction

09/2007 – 05/2010 **B.A. Politikwissenschaft, University of Mannheim**  
*Final mark:* 1,5 (excellent)

## Professional Experience

since 02/2015 **Postdoctoral researcher, Collaborative Research Center (SFB) 884: “The Political Economy of Reforms”, University of Mannheim**

- Development of research questions and research designs
- Data collection and data analysis
- Publication of research findings
- Management of project members
- Survey question development for the German Internet Panel
- Political science representative on the German Internet Panel questionnaire board
- Writing of the project renewal application

11/2016 – 12/2016 **Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

- Research on intra-party constraints on governments

08/2014 – 01/2015 **Researcher, Professorship for Political Economy, University of Mannheim**

- Research on intra-party politics
- Teaching undergraduate students

10/2013 – 07/2014 **Part-Time Teacher, Department of Government, University of Essex**

- Teaching graduate students

## Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Lehrer, Roni, and Nick Lin. Forthcoming. "Everything to Everyone? Not When You Are Internally Divided". *Party Politics*.
- Lehrer, Roni, Sebastian Juhl, and Thomas Gschwend. Forthcoming. "The Wisdom of Crowds Design for Sensitive Survey Questions" *Electoral Studies*.
- Gschwend, Thomas, Sebastian Juhl, and Roni Lehrer. 2018. "Die 'Sonntagsfrage', soziale Erwünschtheit und die AfD: Wie alternative Messmethoden der Politikwissenschaft weiterhelfen können". *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 59: 493-519.
- Lehrer, Roni and Gijs Schumacher. 2018. "Governator vs. Hunter and Aggregator. A Simulation of Party Competition with Vote-Seeking and Office-Seeking Rules". *PLOS ONE* 13 (2).
- Böhmelt, Tobias, Lawrence Ezrow, Roni Lehrer, Petra Schleiter, and Hugh Ward. 2017. "Why Dominant Governing Parties Are Cross-Nationally Influential". *International Studies Quarterly* 61 (4): 749-759.
- Lehrer, Roni, Lawrence Ezrow, Hugh Ward, and Tobias Böhmelt. 2017. "Intra-Party Democracy and Responsiveness to Rival Parties' Policies". *Social Science Quarterly* 98 (3): 1026-1044.
- Böhmelt, Tobias, Lawrence Ezrow, Roni Lehrer, and Hugh Ward. 2016. "Party Policy Diffusion". *American Political Science Review*. 110 (2): 397-410.
- Lehrer, Roni. 2012. "Intra-Party Democracy and Party Responsiveness". *West European Politics* 35 (6): 1295-1319.

## Research under Review

- Follow the Foreign Leader. Why Emulating Foreign Incumbents' Policies Pays off (with Lawrence Ezrow, Tobias Böhmelt, and Hugh Ward). *Under Review at Party Politics*.

## Media Appearances

- Grimm, Rico. "Minderheitsregierungen haben nichts mit Instabilität zu tun" (Interview). *Krautreporter* 04 December 2017. <https://krautreporter.de/2212-minderheitsregierungen-haben-nichts-mit-instabilitat-zu-tun?shared=eyJzaGFyZWRCeSI6IlJpY28gR3JpbW0iLCJ2YWxpZFVudGlsTXMiOjE1MTI0NDY5ODEyNzR9>.
- Gschwend, Thomas and Roni Lehrer. "Die Minderheitsregierung ist besser als ihr Ruf". *Spiegel Online* 23 November 2017. <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/warum-minderheitsregierungen-besser-sind-als-ihr-ruf-a-1179818.html>.

## Current Projects

- Book manuscript:* Competition in Two Arenas. How Intra-Party Politics Distorts the Representation of Citizen Preferences in Modern Democracies
- Staying Alive: A Framework of Inter-Party and Intra-Party Threats to Prime Ministerial Survival
- How Wise Are Crowds? On Determining the Limits of Citizen Forecasting (with Andreas Murr und Michael Lewis-Beck)
- Bühne frei: Wie Parteitage die Wahrnehmung von Parteien beeinflussen (with Sebastian Juhl)
- Germans' Attitudes toward Dexit: Evidence from a survey experiment on different arguments in favor and against Dexit (with Mariyana Angelova, Moritz Osnabrügge, Sander Renes, and Nikoletta Yordanova)
- The Fate of Prime Ministers in a Period of War (with Belen Gonzalez)

## Teaching

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| Spring 2018 | <p><b>Comparative Government: Political Institutions, M.A. Political Science, University of Mannheim</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory lecture for M.A. students</li> <li>• Economic and political theories of institutionalism</li> <li>• Development and change of institutions in democracies and non-democracies</li> </ul> |
| Spring 2015 | <p><b>Methods in Comparative Government: Elections and Electoral Systems, B.A. Political Science, University of Mannheim</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Econometric methods for time-series cross-sectional data</li> <li>• Impact of electoral systems on voter and party behavior</li> </ul>  |
| Fall 2014   | <p><b>Einführung in das wissenschaftliche Arbeiten, B.A. Political Science University of Mannheim</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundamentals of scientific skills</li> </ul>   |

2013/14

**Theory and Explanation in Political Science, M.A./M.Sc. Politics, University of Essex**

- Fundamentals of the philosophy of science
- Research designs in the social sciences
- Overview of explanatory notions in the social sciences

## Current External Funding

### Public Opinion Diffusion

- Principal investigators: Roni Lehrer, Catherine de Vries, and Lawrence Ezrow (more to be chosen soon)
- Research question: What role do parties play in transnational public opinion diffusion?
- Sponsor: NORFACE network of national science foundations
- Duration: 3 years
- Status: In preparation (call to be published in December 2018; grant application due in February 2019)

### Party Infighting, Voters, and Vague Policy Positions

- Principal investigators: Roni Lehrer and Nick Lin
- Research question: Does intra-party fighting affect whether vague policy position attract votes?
- Sponsor: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) via Collaborative Research Center (SFB) 884
- Duration: 6 months
- Status: Approved (2018-2019)

### Reform Agendas and Intra-Party Programmatic Position-Taking

- Principal investigators: Thomas Bräuninger und Marc Debus
- Research question: How do intra-party fights affect reform-making?
- Sponsor: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) via Collaborative Research Center (SFB) 884
- Duration: 4 years
- Status: Approved (2018-2021)

## Past External Funding & Awards

10/2011 – 09/2014	Doctoral +3 Studentship, Economic and Social Science Council (ESRC)
06/2014 – 07/2014	Full scholarship to participate in the “Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Program”, Duke University
11/2011	Eric Tanenbaum Prize for Best Post Graduate Taught Student 2010–11, Department of Government, University of Essex
10/2010 – 09/2011	Hölderlin-Stipendium, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

## Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Electoral Studies, European Union Politics, Italian Political Science Review, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, West European Politics

## Non-Academic Activities

since 07/2015	<b>Director: Seminar Series for Beginners in Youth Work, Zentralwohlfahrtsstelle der Juden in Deutschland e.V.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting workshops with focus on pedagogics, informal learning, and Judaism</li> <li>• Selection of youth leader for holiday camps</li> <li>• Management of instructors</li> </ul>
01/2007 – 06/2015	<b>Instructor: Seminar Series for Beginners in Youth Work, Zentralwohlfahrtsstelle der Juden in Deutschland e.V.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting workshops with focus on pedagogics, informal learning, and Judaism</li> </ul>

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