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Academic & Research Positions

Center for Interdisciplinary Economics, University of Münster, Germany

Postdoctoral Researcher, 2018–present.

Parental Leave, 08/2020 - 06/2021.

Research & Teaching Assistant (Pre-doc), 2014–2018.

Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

Visiting Scholar, 10/2018 – 12/2018.

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Münster, Germany, 2018.

Thesis: “The Political Economy of Public Dissent: Determinants of Internal Conflict in Autocracies and Democracies.”

Supervisor: Thomas Apolte, final grade: *summa cum laude* (highest distinction).

M.A. International Economics, University of Göttingen, Germany, 2013.

M.Sc. International Economics and Business, University of Groningen, The Netherlands, 2013.

B.A. European Studies, University of Osnabrück, Germany, 2011.

Research Interests

Political Economy, Public Choice, Conflict Studies, Development Economics, Economic History, Political Behavior, Political Transitions, Empirical Methods

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Gerling, L. & Kellermann, K. L. (2022). Contagious Populists: The Impact of Election Information Shocks on Populist Party Preferences in Germany. *European Journal of Political Economy*, 72, 1–34.

Gerling, L. (2018). Rebellious Youth: Evidence on the Link between Youth Bulges, Institutional Bottlenecks, and Conflict. *CESifo Economic Studies* 64(4), 577–616.

Apolte, T. & Gerling, L. (2018). Youth Bulges, Insurrections, and Labor-Market Restrictions. *Public Choice*, 175(1–2), 63–93.

Gerling, L. (2017). Urban Protests, Coups d'état and Post-Coup Regime Change. *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*, 23(4). doi: <https://doi.org/10.1515/peps-2017-0033>.

Working Papers

Kibris, A. & Gerling, L. (2022). Armed Conflict Exposure and Trust: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Turkey. *HiCN Working Paper Series*, No. 363. Available here: <https://hicn.org/working-paper/wp363/>.

Gerling, L. (2020). Public Protests, Coups and Elections: Evidence from Africa. (Preparation for submission.) Available here: https://www.dropbox.com/s/r43oy39dy3q81j9/Gerling_protests%20%20coups%20and%20elections_2020_08.pdf?dl=0.

Early-Stage Projects

Electoral Reforms, Distribution of Local Political Power and Public Goods: Historical Evidence from German Cities (with Tommy Krieger).

Wealth Inequality and Persistence in Local Political Power: Evidence from Germany's First Democratic Transition (with Tommy Krieger).

Inter-Generational Transmission of Value Systems: Evidence from Two German States (with Kim Leonie Kellermann).

Invited Talks

2022 Brown Bag Seminar in Economics and Finance at Jöngköping International Business School.

2018 Brown Bag Workshop at the Centre for Historical Economics and Related Research (CHERRY), University of York.

Workshop on the Economics of Identity and Ideology (organized by Dr. Richard Jong-A-Pin), University of Groningen.

2017 Research Colloquium of the Economics Department's Alumni Association, University of Freiburg.

Conferences and Workshops

2022 MYPEERS Workshop (Wengen, invited), European Public Choice Society Annual Meeting (Braga, accepted), German Economic Association Annual Meeting (Basel, accepted), 21th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (London).

2021 PolEcon Workshop on Elections, Institutional Reforms and Public Policy (Bochum, invited).

2020 European Public Choice Society Annual Meeting (Lucerne, accepted), ZEW Public Finance Conference (Mannheim, accepted).

2019 European Public Choice Society Annual Meeting (Jerusalem), European Economic Association Annual Congress (Manchester), CESifo Workshop on Political Economy (Dresden).

- 2018 Public Choice Society Annual Meeting (Charleston, SC), European Public Choice Society Annual Meeting (Rome).
- 2017 Allied Social Sciences Associations (ASSA) Annual Meeting (Chicago), European Public Choice Society Annual Meeting (Budapest), German Economic Association Annual Meeting (Vienna), 17th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (Antwerp).
- 2016 Public Choice Society Annual Meeting (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), European Public Choice Society Annual Meeting (Freiburg), CESifo Workshop on the Economics of Peace and War (Venice).
- 2015 German Economic Association Annual Meeting (Münster).

Conference Organizations

- 2017-2022 Co-organizer of the annual conference “The Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship” (PEDD). The conference is held in Münster and brings together about 75 political economy scholars and graduate students. It has been repeatedly sponsored by research grants of the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Research Grants

- 2021 DFG research grant, project title: “Elites, Wealth Inequality, and the Provision of Human-Capital Promoting Public Goods: Historical Evidence from German Cities”, joint with Tommy Krieger (ZEW Mannheim).
Principal investigator [41.000€, 36 months].
- 2019 DFG conference grant for the 2020 “International Conference on the The Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship”.
Principal investigator [16.500€].

External Funding and Fellowships

- 2020 *Erstklassig!* University of Münster Mentoring Program for Female Junior Researchers.
- 2018 *Public Choice Society* PhD Student Travel Fellowship.
- 2017 *German Academic Exchange Service* Conference Travel Grant.
- 2009-2013 *Cusanus Foundation* Full Student Fellowship.

Honors and Awards

- 2018 Nominated as *best doctoral dissertation* at the School of Business and Economics, University of Münster.
- 2017 Runner-up of the *Wicksell Prize* of the European Public Choice Society.
- 2013 *Florenz-Sartorius-Award*, honored “top of the class” of the Faculty of Economics’ graduation year 2013, University of Göttingen.

Network Affiliations and Professional Memberships

European Economic Association, 2017–present.

Network of European Peace Scientists, 2017–present.

Verein für Socialpolitik (German Economic Association), 2015–present.

Peer Review

Reviewer for *Journal of Peace Research*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *KYKLOS International Review for Social Sciences*, *Spring Meeting of Young Economists*.

Teaching

Lectures

Advanced Public Choice (graduate), summer 2020.

Macroeconomics (undergraduate), summer 2019, 2020, 2022.

Introductory Economics (undergraduate), 2014–2017.

Tutorials

Macroeconomics (undergraduate), summer 2016 – 2022.

Seminar-style courses

Economic Theory of Autocracy and Revolution (graduate), summer 2017.

Economic Theories of Political Behavior (undergraduate), winter 2017, 2018.

Economics of Political Instability (undergraduate), winter 2019, summer 2022.

Political Economy of Development (undergraduate), winter 2021.

Labor Economics (undergraduate), summer 2014, 2015.

Public Policy (undergraduate), winter 2014, 2015.

References

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