ALEXANDER DALHEIMER

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EDUCATION

Department of Government, University of Vienna

since 2022

PhD in Political Science (expected)

- Title: Understanding the Origins of Partisan Animosity and Affective Polarization: Examining Partisanship, Policy Disagreement and Felt Understanding in the US and Europe
- Advisor (1): Prof. Markus Wagner, PhD
- Advisor (2): Prof. Yphtach Lelkes, PhD
- Research area: affective polarization, political behavior, party politics, quantitative and computational methods, experimental research

Department of Political Science, University of Cologne

2019 - 2022

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Political Science

- Title: Polarization between Government and Opposition Parties under Majority and Minority Rule: Evidence from the Irish Parliament, 1923-2013
- Advisor: Prof. Sven-Oliver Proksch, PhD
- Research area: political representation, party politics, quantitative and computational methods, text-as-data

Department of Politics and Public Administration, Universität Konstanz

2015 -2019

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Political Science

or of Aris (D.A.) in Tourical Science

• Advisor: Prof. Marius R. Busemeyer, PhD

PROJECTS

PARTISAN (ERC, Prof. Markus Wagner)

since 2022

Pre-Doctoral Researcher

MINORITYRULE (ERC, Prof. Sven-Oliver Proksch)

2022

Research Assistant

OPTED (EU Horizon2020, Prof. Sven-Oliver Proksch)

2020

Research Assistant

Work Experience & Internships

Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne

2020 - 2022

Research Assistant

- Developed web scrapers in R for parliamentary speech and bill archives
- Processed and structured textual data and associated metadata
- Compiled original corpora and custom datasets
- Assisted in enhancing digital learning and training resources for data analysis with R

CM4all 2020

Student Assistant in the Department of Key Account Management

- Conducted competitor analyses
- Programmed and tested WordPress websites
- Performed functionality testing of PHP- and Java-based applications

German Advisory Council on the Environment

2018 (3 months)

Researcher (intern)

- Conducted data collection and preparation, including extensive literature research, for a published special report on the legitimation of environmental policy
- Managed public relations, including the online presence of the council

IPSOS Public Affairs

2018 (3 months)

Junior Researcher (intern)

- Involved in the development, review, revision, and pretesting of questionnaires, as well as interviewer training
- Conducted descriptive analyses using R and SPSS
- Prepared descriptive statistics and visualizations for press releases

Election Campaign Bündnis90/Die Grünen

2017

Election Campaign Office of Bundestag Candidate (intern)

- Managed social media presence and engagement
- Organized and executed election campaign events

WORK IN PROGRESS

- 1. Alexander Dalheimer and Markus Wagner. "'They Just Don't Get Us': Perceived (Mis)Understanding as a Driver of Affective Polarization and Avoidance Behavior"
- 2. **Alexander Dalheimer** and Markus Wagner. "When the Radical Right Enters Parliament: The Impact on Affective Polarization Among Voters"
- 3. **Alexander Dalheimer**. "Partisan Identity or Policy Disagreement? Evidence from a Dynamic Tailored Conjoint"
- 4. Isabella Rebasso, Alexander Dalheimer, and Markus Wagner. "Measuring the moralization of political identities using Open-ended questions"
- 5. Semih Cakir, Markus Wagner, Eelco Harteveld, and Alexander Dalheimer. "Sources of Ideological Images of Opposing Party Supporters across 13 Countries"
- 6. Azade Esther Kakavand, Frederik Møller Henriksen, Marvin Stecker, Ahrabhi Kathirgamalingam, **Alexander Dalheimer**, and Annie Waldherr. "Multiple voices, one speaker? A computational approach to match far-right user identities across platforms"

Conferences

14th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Cologne 2024

'They Just Don't Get Us': Perceived (Mis) Understanding as a Driver of Affective Polarization and Avoidance Behavior

General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Dublin 2024

'They Just Don't Get Us': Perceived (Mis) Understanding as a Driver of Affective Polarization and Avoidance Behavior

24 Hours of Political Psychology, Vienna

2024

'They Just Don't Get Us': Perceived (Mis) Understanding as a Driver of Affective Polarization and Avoidance Behavior

Workshops

PARTISAN Workshop, Vienna

2025

When the Radical Right Enters Parliament: Impacts on Affective Polarization

Consequences of Political Polarization, Brno

2024

When the Radical Right Enters Parliament: Impacts on Affective Polarization

SKILLS

Languages: English, German.

Programming: R, Python, HTML, CSS, JavaScript.

Statistical experience:

- Linear and non-line regression
- Mixed-effect models
- Time-series analysis (e.g. ARMA, state-space models)

- Quasi-experimental methods (regression discontinuity, synthetic control, difference-in-difference, interrupted time-series analysis, matching)
- Computational methods (supervised and unsupervised text models e.g. transformer models, support vector machines, random forest models)
- Experimental designs (e.g. factorial designs, question order experiments, conjoint experiment)