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Current position (since November 2019)

Professor of Modern Political Theory
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Academic training and professional experience

05/2011 – 03/2021: Postdoctoral Researcher (Akademischer Rat auf Zeit & Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) Lehrstuhl für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft, University of Cologne

10/2010 – 04/2011: Postdoctoral Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne

10/2007 – 09/2010: Doctoral student, International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE), Cologne
Degree: Dr. rer. pol.

Dissertation: „Soziale Präferenzen in demokratischen Entscheidungen“ (Social preferences in democratic decision making)

08/2009 – 12/2009: Visiting Scholar, Department of Politics, New York University, New York

07/2004 – 09/2007: Student Assistant and Research Assistant, Lehrstuhl für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (Prof. Dr. André Kaiser), University of Cologne

04/2002 – 11/2006: University of Cologne: Economics and Political Science (Volkswirtschaftslehre sozialwissenschaftlicher Richtung)
Degree: Diplom-Volkswirt (November 2006)

Diploma Thesis: „Eigeninteresse und Gleichheit als Faktoren Rationalen Handelns in Mehrheitsentscheidungen“ (Self-interest and equality as factors of rational action in majority decisions)

Publications

Books

- Sauermann, Jan Debus, Markus Tepe and Marc Debus (Eds.). 2022. *Jahrbuch für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie, Band 12*, Wiesbaden: Springer VS.
- Debus, Marc, Markus Tepe and Jan Sauermann (Eds.). 2019. *Jahrbuch für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie, Band 11*, Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

Articles in refereed journals

- Schwaninger, Manuel, Monika Mühlböck and Jan Sauermann. 2023. "Risk Preferences in the Delegation Process" *Political Behavior*: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-023-09908-4>
- Sauermann, Jan. 2023. "Median voter dynamics in a laboratory experiment on voting over redistribution." *Social Science Research* 111: 102869
- Sauermann, Jan, Manuel Schwaninger und Bernhard Kittel. 2022. "Making and breaking coalitions: Strategic sophistication and prosociality in majority decisions." *European Journal of Political Economy* 71: 102064.
- Sauermann, Jan. 2022. "Prosociality in Majority Decisions: A Laboratory Experiment on the Robustness of the Uncovered Set" *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 9 (11): 22-35.
- Sauermann, Jan. 2021. "The Effects of Communication on the Occurrence of the Tyranny of the Majority under Voting by Veto" *Social Choice and Welfare* 56 (1): 1-20.
- Sauermann, Jan. 2020. „On the Instability of Majority Decision Making – Testing the Implications of the ‘Chaos Theorems’ in a Laboratory Experiment“ *Theory and Decision* 88 (4): 505-526.
- Sauermann, Jan and Paul Beckmann. 2019. "The Influence of Group Size on Distributional Fairness under Voting by Veto." *European Journal of Political Economy* 56: 90-102.
- Sauermann, Jan. 2018. "Do Individuals Value Distributional Fairness? How Inequality Affects Majority Decisions." *Political Behavior* 40 (4): 809-829.
- Sauermann, Jan. 2016. "Committee Decisions under Majority Rule Revisited." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 3 (2): 185-196.
- Sauermann, Jan, and Ulrich Glassmann. 2014. "Restraining Free-Riders: The Effects of Actor Types and Decision Rules in the Public Goods Game." *Rationality and Society* 26 (3): 290-319.
- Glassmann, Ulrich, and Jan Sauermann. 2012. "Decision Costs and Welfare Effects of Democratic Voting Rules: An Experimental Analysis." *World Political Science* 8 (1): 159-83.
- Glassmann, Ulrich, and Jan Sauermann. 2011. "Entscheidungskosten Und Gemeinwohleffekte Demokratischer Abstimmungsregeln – Eine Experimentelle Untersuchung." *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 52 (3): 373-98.
 - 2nd prize of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation for journal articles in the social sciences of the year 2011
 - Prize for the best journal article in 2011 by the editorial office of *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* on behalf of the German Political Science Association (DVPW)
- Sauermann, Jan, and André Kaiser. 2010. "Taking Others into Account: Self-Interest and Fairness in Majority Decision Making." *American Journal of Political Science* 54 (3): 667-85.

Book chapters

- Beckmann, Paul and Jan Sauermann 2022. "Social Norms and Prosociality under Voting by Veto" In *Jahrbuch für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie. Band 12*, eds. Jan Sauermann, Markus Tepe und Marc Debus. Wiesbaden: Springer. 137-162.
- Sauermann, Jan 2019. "Reputation Formation in Bargaining. Partners vs. Strangers in the Ultimatum Game" In *Jahrbuch für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie. Band 11*, eds. Marc Debus, Markus Tepe, and Jan Sauermann. Wiesbaden: Springer. 179-188.
- Orban, Agnes, Jan Sauermann, and Christine Trampusch. 2018. "Varianten des Institutionalismus: Sozialwissenschaftliche Institutionenanalyse." In *Politik und Wirtschaft: Ein integratives Kompendium*, eds. Karsten Mause, Christian Müller and Klaus Schubert. Wiesbaden: Springer Fachmedien. 116-144.
- Sauermann, Jan and Paul Beckmann. 2017. "'Divide the Dollar' Using Voting by Veto." In *Jahrbuch für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie. Band 10*, eds. Eric Linhart, Marc Debus, and Bernhard Kittel. Wiesbaden: Springer. 85-109.
- Sauermann, Jan. 2012. "Ticken Gruppen anders? Ein Laborexperiment zur unterschiedlichen Motivation von Individuen und Gruppen in Verhandlungen." In *Jahrbuch für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie. Band 7: Experiment und Simulation*, eds. Thomas Bräuninger, André Bächtiger and Susumu Shikano. Wiesbaden: Springer VS. 81-104.

Bookreviews

- Herbert Gintis, Individuality and Entanglement: The Moral and Material Bases of Social Life, *Czech Sociological Review* 55 (6): 893-895.
- Herbert Gintis, Samuel Bowles, Robert Boyd, and Ernst Fehr (eds), Moral Sentiments and Material Interests. The Foundations of Cooperation in Economic Life, *Czech Sociological Review* 44 (6): 1208-1211.

Teaching Experience

University of Oldenburg

Winter term 2023/24:

- *Einführung in die Politische Theorie*, BA-Lecture
- *Seminar Politische Theorie*, BA-Seminar
- *Kolloquium Moderne Politische Theorie*

Summer term 2023:

- *Demokratie – Theorie und Empirie*, BA-Lecture
- *Wahlen als Instrumente der Demokratie*, BA-Seminar
- *Acting Together - The Logics of Collective Action*, MA Seminar
- *Kolloquium Moderne Politische Theorie*

Winter term 2022/23:

- *Einführung in die Politische Theorie*, BA-Lecture
- *Seminar Politische Theorie*, BA-Seminar
- *Kolloquium Moderne Politische Theorie*

- Summer term 2022:
- *Demokratie – Theorie und Empirie*, BA-Lecture
 - *Wahlen als Instrumente der Demokratie*, BA-Seminar
 - *The Limits of Democracy: Social Choice Theory and its Critics*, MA Seminar
 - *Kolloquium Moderne Politische Theorie*
- Winter term 2021/22:
- *Einführung in die Politische Theorie*, BA-Lecture
 - *Seminar Politische Theorie*, BA-Seminar
 - *Kolloquium Moderne Politische Theorie*
- Summer term 2021:
- *Demokratie – Theorie und Empirie*, BA-Lecture
 - *Wahlen als Instrumente der Demokratie*, BA-Seminar
 - *Kolloquium Moderne Politische Theorie*

University of Cologne

Undergraduate

- Seminar „*Comparative Electoral Systems*“ (WT 2017/18, WT 2015/16, ST 2011)
- Seminar “*Das politische System der USA*“ (ST 2014, ST 2012)
- Seminar „*Das politische System der Bundesrepublik Deutschland*“ (WT 2011/12, ST 2010)
- Administrative and academic organization of tutorials for the lecture ‘*Grundlagen der Vergleichenden Analyse Politischer Institutionen: Vergleichende Analyse Politischer Institutionen*’ (Prof. Dr. André Kaiser) (WT 2020/21, WT 2019/20, WT 2018/19, WT 2017/18, WT 2016/17, WT 2015/16, WT 2014/15, WT 2013/14, WT 2012/13 WT 2011/12)

Graduate

- Seminar “*Stability, Quality, and Performance of Democracy*” (WT 2020/21, ST 2019, ST 2018, ST 2016, ST 2014, ST 2013)
- Seminar “*Collective Action*” (ST 2020, WT 2016/17, WT 2015/16, WT 2014/15)
- Lecture “*Comparative Political Institutions*” (WT 2019/20, WT 2018/19)
- Seminar “*The Limits of Democracy: Social Choice Theory and its Critics*” (ST 2017, WT 2014/15, WT 2013/14, WT 2012/13)

ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques

- *Experimental Methods* (PhD Course, Teaching Assistant to Prof Rebecca Morton, New York University, 2010 and 2009)

Presentations and Workshops

11/2023: *Forschungsseminar des Graduiertenkollegs Kollektives Entscheiden*, Universität Hamburg: ‘Social Choice and Democracy’

- 09/2023: *Workshop Verhaltensökonomik 30.08-01.09.2023, TU Clausthal*: 'What determines solidarity? The effects of need, responsibility and homophily'
- 06/2023: *Annual Meeting DVPW Arbeitskreis Analytical Political Theory 2023, University of Hamburg*: 'How does the decision to get vaccinated affect solidarity?'
- 07/2021: *Virtual Annual Meeting DVPW Arbeitskreis für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie 2021*: 'Median voter dynamics in a laboratory experiment on voting over redistribution'
- 06/2019: *9th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Belfast*: 'The Effects of Communication on the Occurrence of the Tyranny of the Majority under Voting by Veto'
- 05/2019: *Annual Meeting DVPW Arbeitskreis für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie 2019, Bremen*: 'The Effects of Communication on the Occurrence of the Tyranny of the Majority under Voting by Veto'
- 02/2019: *Colloquium Nuffield Centre for Experimental Social Science, University of Oxford*: 'The Effects of Communication on the Occurrence of the Tyranny of the Majority under Voting by Veto'
- 11/2018: *GSDS Colloquium, University of Konstanz*: 'Fairness or Foresight: Why is Majority Rule Stable?'
- 09/2018: *DVPW Kongress 2018, Frankfurt a.M.* (Panel „Verteilungspräferenzen und Demokratie“): 'Fairness or Foresight: Why is Majority Rule Stable?'
- 06/2018: *8th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Vienna*: 'Fairness or Foresight: Why is Majority Rule Stable?'
- 05/2018: *Annual Meeting DVPW Arbeitskreis für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie 2018, Oldenburg*: 'Fairness or Foresight: Why is Majority Rule Stable?'
- 12/2017: *Department of Economic Sociology, University of Vienna*: 'Fairness or Foresight: Why is Majority Rule Stable?'
- 06/2017: *Annual Meeting DVPW Arbeitskreis für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie 2017, Mannheim*: 'The Influence of Group Size on Distributional Fairness under Voting by Veto'
- 05/2017: *x-hub Workshop, GESIS – Köln*: 'Probleme der Identifizierung individueller Motivationen in demokratischen Gruppenentscheidungen'
- 04/2017: *Annual Conference Midwest Political Science Association 2017, Chicago*: 'An Experimental Study of Voting by Veto'
- 05/2016: *Annual Meeting DVPW Arbeitskreis für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie 2016, Cologne*: 'On the stability of majority decision making'
- 09/2015: *DVPW Kongress 2015, Duisburg* (Panel des Arbeitskreis „Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie“): 'Voting by Veto'
- 08/2015: *ECPR General Conference 2015, Montreal* (Panel 'Electoral Systems and Elections'): 'An Experimental Study of Voting by Veto'
- 05/2015: *1st Gothenburg-Barcelona experimental workshop, University of Gothenburg*: 'Do individuals value distributional fairness? The effects of inequality in majority decisions'
- 09/2014: *ECPR General Conference 2014, Glasgow* (Panel 'Preference Formation and Formal Models in Politics'): 'The Effects of Inequality in Majority Decisions'
- 07/2014: *Research Seminar, Center for Social Science Methodology, Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg*: 'Ungleichheitseffekte in Mehrheitsentscheidungen'
- 04/2011: *ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, St. Gallen* (Workshop 'Voting Experiments: An Assessment of Controlled Experiments about Electoral Behavior'): 'The effects of decision making rules and group size on cooperation between groups'
- 12/2008: *Experimental Political Science Workshop, Hanse Wissenschaftskolleg, Delmenhorst*: 'Behavioral differences between collective and individual players in the public goods game'
- 07/2008: *Research Seminar in Applied Microeconomics, University of Cologne*: 'Self-Interest and Fairness in Majority Decision Making'

05/2008 *Research Seminar*, Center for Social Science Methodology, Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg: 'Self-Interest and Fairness in Majority Decision Making'

Academic Activities

- 06/2023 Co-convenor of annual meeting of the DVPW working group Analytical Political Theory at the University of Hamburg (together with Claudia Landwehr and Johannes Marx)
- 09/2022 Co-organizer of the joint meeting „Rationalität und Demokratie“ of the DVPW Sektion Politische Theorie und Ideengeschichte and the Arbeitskreis für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie at the Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz
- 05/2022 Local organizer of the annual meeting of the DVPW Arbeitskreis für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie 2022 at the University of Oldenburg (together with Markus Tepe)
- 07/2021 Organizer of the virtual annual meeting of the DVPW Arbeitskreis für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie 2021 (together with Marc Debus and Markus Tepe)
- 09/2018 Panel-organization „Verteilungspräferenzen und Demokratie“, *DVPW Kongress 2018*, Frankfurt a.M. (together with Manuel Schwaninger)
- 2016 – Organization of the lecture series „*Microfoundations of Politics – Social Preferences and Political Behavior*“ (together with Paul Beckmann, Sarah Berens, Sven-Oliver Proksch, Holger Reinermann, and Christopher Wratil)
- 2017:
- 05/2016: Local organizer of the annual meeting of the DVPW Arbeitskreis für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie 2016 at the University of Cologne
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Awards

- Award for the best journal article in 2011 by the editorial office of *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* on behalf of the German Political Science Association (DVPW)
 - 2nd Prize of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation for journal articles in the social sciences of the year 2011
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Research Grants

- Center for Social and Economic Behavior (C-SEB), Universität zu Köln: *Making and Breaking Coalitions: The Influence of Prosociality and Rationality* C-SEB Junior Start-Up Grant, € 3.000,00.
 - German Research Foundation (DFG): *Voting by Veto*, € 43.900,00.
 - Center for Social and Economic Behavior (C-SEB), University of Cologne: *Why is majority rule stable?* C-SEB Junior Start-Up Grant, € 3.000,00.
 - Fritz Thyssen Stiftung für Wissenschaftsförderung: *Zyklische Mehrheiten und Ungleichheitseffekte*, € 18.130,00
 - Fritz Thyssen Stiftung für Wissenschaftsförderung (with Ulrich Glassmann): *Gruppenverhalten und die Bereitstellung von öffentlichen Gütern*, € 6.780,00.
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Scholarships

- *Postdoctoral scholarship*, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, 10/2010 – 04/2011

- *PhD Scholarship*, International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE), 10/2007-09/2010
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Travel Grants

- *DAAD Grant* for EPSA Annual Conference 2018, Vienna
 - *DAAD Grant* for ECPR General Conference 2015, Montreal
 - *ECPR Scholarship Grant*, 2008
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Spokesperson

- Working Group *„Analytical Politics“* (Arbeitskreis für Analytische Politische Theorie (until 2022: Arbeitskreis für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie)) of the German Political Science Association, 2017-2023
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Memberships

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- APSA Section ‘Experimental Research’
- Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)
- Arbeitskreis für Analytische Politische Theorie (DVPW Working Group *„Analytical Politics“*)
- European Political Science Association (EPSA)