

Steffen Wamsler – Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Positions

- 02/2023 – present: **Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories, Bamberg, Germany**
Postdoctoral researcher
Project title: Political Attitudes and Political Participation after the Covid-19 Pandemic
- 04/2023 – present: **Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences, University of Bamberg, Germany**
Postdoctoral fellow
- 02/2023 – present: **Institute for Social Sciences, University of Oldenburg, Germany**
Associate Researcher, Working Group of Sociology of Social Inequality
- 09/2022 - 12/2022 **Institute of Political Science, University of Bern, Switzerland**
Research fellow

Research Interests

- National identity, nationalism, social integration, socio-economic inequality, relative deprivation, social trust, political trust, regime preferences, democratic support, emotions, populist attitudes, political support, pandemic threat, survey research, survey experiments, structural equation modeling, panel data, multilevel modeling

Education

- 09/2018 – 08/2022 **Institute of Political Science, University of Bern, Switzerland**
Doctoral candidate (Dr. rer. soc., *insigne cum laude*)
Thesis title: “The Social Integration Framework and National Identity: Relative Deprivation, Social Trust and Pandemic Threat”
- 10/2015 – 12/2017: **University of Konstanz, Germany & Gothenburg University, Sweden**
Master of Arts (Political Science and Public Administration); Master of Science (European Studies); double degree program

Final grade: 1.3 (excellent)

Master thesis: Changing Tides? The 2014 European Parliament Elections and the Second-Order Election Model

09/2013 – 01/2014: **University of Maastricht, The Netherlands**

Exchange semester in European Studies

Final grade: 8.7/10 (very good)

10/2011 – 04/ 2015: **University of Konstanz**

Bachelor of Arts (Political Science and Public Administration)

Final grade: 1.5 (very good)

Bachelor thesis: Variation of Differentiated Integration in the European Union across Policy Areas

Publications

- Wamsler S. (2023) Dimensions of social trust and national identity: Addressing a multifaceted relationship. *Nations and Nationalism* 29(2): 598-617. [DOI: 10.1111/nana.12935](https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.12935)
- Wamsler S. (2022) Violated Entitlement and the Nation: How Feelings of Relative Deprivation Shape Nationalism and Constructive Patriotism. *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*: online first. [DOI: 10.1177/00207152221103123](https://doi.org/10.1177/00207152221103123)
- Wamsler S, Freitag M, Erhardt J, Filsinger M. (2022) The Pandemic and the Question of National Belonging: Exposure to Covid-19 Threat and Conceptions of Nationhood. *European Journal of Political Research* 62(2): 510-529. [DOI: 10.1111/1475-6765.12515](https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12515).
- Erhardt J, Freitag M, Wamsler S, Filsinger M. (2022) What drives political support? Evidence from a survey experiment at the onset of the corona crisis. *Contemporary Politics*: 28(4): 429-446. [DOI: 10.1080/13569775.2021.2010345](https://doi.org/10.1080/13569775.2021.2010345)
- Filsinger M, Freitag M, Erhardt J, Wamsler S. (2021) Rally around your fellows: Information and social trust in a real-world experiment during the corona crisis. *The Social Science Journal*: online first. [DOI: 10.1080/03623319.2021.1954463](https://doi.org/10.1080/03623319.2021.1954463)
- Filsinger M, Wamsler S, Erhardt J, Freitag M. (2021) National identity and populism: The relationship between conceptions of nationhood and populist attitudes. *Nations and Nationalism* 27(3): 656–672. [DOI: 10.1111/nana.12689](https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.12689)
- Erhardt J, Freitag M, Filsinger M, Wamsler S. (2021) The Emotional Foundations of Political Support: How Fear and Anger Affect Trust in the Government in Times of the Covid-19 Pandemic. *Swiss Political Science Review* 27(2): 339–352. [DOI: 10.1111/spsr.12462](https://doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12462)
- Erhardt J, Wamsler S and Freitag M (2021) National identity between democracy and autocracy: a comparative analysis of 24 countries. *European Political Science Review* 13(1): 59–76. [DOI: 10.1017/S1755773920000351](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1755773920000351)

Scholarships

01/2012 – 09/2017: Study scholarship, Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, Germany. 20,700 €

Teaching

- BA seminar “national identity in a European perspective” (University of Bern)
Spring term 2019, spring term 2020, fall term 2020, spring term 2022
- Teaching assistant, Chair for International Relations and Conflict Management, Professor Katharina Holzinger (University of Konstanz)
Winter term 2014
- Teaching assistant, Chair for Comparative Public Policy and Public Administration, Stephan Grohs (University of Konstanz)
Winter term 2014
- Teaching assistant, Chair of Political Science, especially Policy Analysis and Political Theory, Professor Marius Busemeyer (University of Konstanz)
Summer term 2013
- Teaching assistant, Chair of German Politics and Public Administration, Professor Wolfgang Seibel (University of Konstanz)
Winter term 2012

Conference Presentations

2023	Swiss Political Science Association, Annual Conference (Basel, Switzerland)
2022	New Challenges to Democracy Workshop (Montréal, Canada)
2022	European Consortium for Political Research, Annual Conference (Innsbruck, Austria)
2022	Swiss Political Science Association, Annual Conference (online)
2021	Swiss Political Science Association, Annual Conference (online)
2021	German Political Psychology Network, Annual Meeting (online)
2020	German Political Science Association, Annual Conference Section “Elections” (online)
2020	European Consortium for Political Research, Annual Conference (online)
2020	TrustGov Conference (online)
2020	Swiss Political Science Association, Annual Conference (Lucerne, Switzerland)
2019	European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference (Wroclaw, Poland)
2019	European Consortium for Political Research, Joint Sessions of Workshops (Mons, Belgium)

2019 Swiss Political Science Association, Annual Conference (Zurich, Switzerland)

Methods Training

2022 Swiss Summer School in Social Science Methods “Machine learning for social scientists” (by Marco Steenbergen, University of Lugano, Switzerland)

2022 Komex Methods School “Causal Inference and Observational Research – Designing Robust Counterfactuals” (by Christina Zuber, University of Konstanz, Germany)

2020 Gesis Workshop “Introduction to Methods for Modern Causal Analysis” (by Michael Gebel, online)

2020 Swiss Summer School in Social Science Methods “Structural Equation Modeling” (by Eldad Davidov and Peter Schmidt, online)

2019 ECPR Summer School “Advanced Topics in Applied Regression” (by Martin Molder, Central European University, Hungary)

2019 ECPR Winter School “Survey Design” (by Kathrin Thomas, University of Bamberg, Germany)

Languages

- German (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Swedish (basic), Dutch (basic)

Software

- Stata, SPSS Amos, R, MLwiN