

New Open-Access Publication by Michael Jankowski and Torren Frank in Acta Politica

Dr. Michael Jankowski and Torren Frank from our working group have published a new paper in the journal Acta Politica. In the paper entitled "Ballot position effects in open-list PR systems: the moderating impact of postal voting", Jankowski and Frank explore the question of whether position effects are less pronounced among postal voters in open-list systems. Such position effects describe that the order of candidates in open list systems has an influence on which candidate voters will choose. Based on data from three parliamentary elections in Hamburg, Jankowski and Frank show that position effects are indeed less pronounced in absentee ballot results than in election day results.

The full article can be accessed here: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41269-020-00192-2>

The article has been published as open access. It is particularly noteworthy that Torren Frank is employed as a student assistant in our working group and now already has a first publication in an international journal.