

Maximilian Filsinger

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Research Interests	Main research interests lie at the intersection of political sociology, political psychology, and comparative politics, in particular (affective) polarization, political attitudes such democratic regime preferences, populist attitudes and political trust as well as social capital theory.	
Current Position	<i>University of Bern, Institute of Political Science & Multidisciplinary Center for Infectious Diseases (MCID)</i> Postdoctoral Researcher	05/2022- 04/2025
Education	<i>University of Bern, Institute of Political Science</i> Ph.D. Political Science “Populism as a Problem of Social Disintegration – A Comparative Analysis of the Socio-Integrational Underpinnings of Populism in Europe ” Advisors: Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag (University of Bern); Prof. Dr. Thorsten Faas (FU Berlin) Grade: “Insigni cum Laude” (5.63)	04/2018- 04/2022
	<i>University of Konstanz</i> Master of Arts, Politics and Public Administration Grade: “Very good” (1.4)	10/2015- 03/2018
	<i>University of Essex</i> Visiting Master Student, Political Science	10/2016- 09/2017
	<i>University of Konstanz</i> Bachelor of Arts, Politics and Public Administration Grade: “Good” (1.6)	10/2011- 04/2015
	<i>Université de Grenoble</i> Visiting Bachelor Student, Political Science	09/2013- 01/2014
Professional Experience	<i>University of Bern, Institute of Political Science & Multidisciplinary Center for Infectious Diseases (MCID)</i> Post-Doctoral Researcher	05/2022- 04/2025
	<i>University of Bern, Institute of Political Science</i> Doctoral Researcher, Chair of Political Sociology	04/2018- 04/2022
	<i>University of Konstanz, Department of Politics and Public Administration</i> Teaching Assistant, Chair of Political Science, especially Policy Analysis and Political Theory	10/2017- 03/2018
	<i>University of Konstanz, Cluster of Excellence „Cultural Foundations of Integration“</i> Research Assistant, Research Project „Internationalization of Financial Markets and Patterns of Private Debt”	04/2015- 09/2016

	<i>University of Konstanz, Department of Politics and Public Administration</i>	10/2014-03/2015
Teaching Experience	Teaching Assistant, Chair of Comparative Policy-Analysis and Public Administration	
	<i>University of Bern, Institute of Political Science, Lecturer</i>	2018-
	Affective Polarization in Comparative Perspective, BA-level (advanced), Autumn Term 2022 (German).	
	Causes of Contemporary Populism in Europe, BA-level (advanced), Autumn Term 2021. Evaluation result: 5.03 (1-6 scale).	
	Causes and Consequences of Contemporary Populism in Europe, BA-level (advanced), Autumn Term 2020. Evaluation result: 5.13 (1-6 scale).	
	Populist attitudes: Conceptual and empirical analyses of popular concept, BA-level (beginner), Autumn Term 2019 (German). Evaluation result: 9.39 (1-11 scale).	
	Theoretical and Empirical analyses of Social Capital, BA-level (beginner), Autumn Term 2018 (German) Evaluation result: 5.33 (1-6 scale).	
	<i>University of Konstanz, Department of Politics and Public Administration, Teaching Assistant</i>	10/2017-03/2018
	Introduction to Policy Analysis, BA-level (with Marius Busemeyer)	
	<i>University of Konstanz, Department of Politics and Public Administration, Teaching Assistant</i>	10/2014-03/2015
	Introduction to Policy Analysis, BA-level (with Stephan Grohs)	
Publications	<i>Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals</i>	
	Filsinger, Maximilian (2022): Bringing emotions in: How anger shapes the relationship between social isolation and populist attitudes. Accepted for publication in <i>American Behavioral Scientist</i> .	
	<i>Filsinger, Maximilian</i> (2022): The Relationship between Feelings of Disadvantage and Populist Attitudes: A Comparative and Longitudinal Analysis of European Countries. <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> . Online first https://doi.org/10.1177/10659129221123018 .	
	Erhardt, Julian; Freitag, Markus; <i>Filsinger, Maximilian</i> (2022): Leaving Democracy? Pandemic Threat, Emotional Accounts, and Regime Support in Comparative Perspective. <i>West European Politics</i> . Online first https://doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2022.2097409	
	<i>Filsinger, Maximilian</i> ; Freitag, Markus (2022): Pandemic Threat, Emotional Responses, and Authoritarian Attitudes. An Empirical Analysis of the Exposure to Covid-19 in European Countries. <i>European Union Politics</i> <i>European Union Politics</i> , 23(3): 417-436. https://doi.org/10.1177/14651165221082517	

Wamsler, Steffen; Freitag, Markus; Erhardt, Julian; *Filsinger, Maximilian* (2022): The Pandemic and the Question of National Belonging: Covid-19 Threat and Conceptions of Nationhood. *European Journal of Political Research*. Online first <https://doi/10.1111/1475-6765.12515>.

Filsinger, Maximilian; Freitag, Markus, Erhardt, Julian; Wamsler Steffen (2021): Rally around your Fellows: Information and Social Trust in a Real-World Experiment during the Corona Crisis. *The Social Science Journal*. Online first <https://doi.org/10.1080/03623319.2021.1954463>.

Filsinger, Maximilian; Freitag, Markus (2021): When good news backfires: Feelings of Disadvantage in the Corona Crisis. *International Political Science Review* 42(3): 367-382. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01925121211002736>

Erhardt, Julian; Freitag, Markus; *Filsinger, Maximilian*; Wamsler, Steffen (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. <https://doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12462>

Glassmann, Ulrich; *Filsinger, Maximilian* (2021): Varieties of Private Household Debt in Europe: Incompatibility of Culturally Diverse Lending Regimes between Germany and Italy? *German Politics* 30(3): 380-402. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09644008.2021.1877662>

Filsinger, Maximilian; Wamsler, Steffen; Erhardt, Julian; Freitag, Markus (2021): National identity and populism: The relationship between conceptions of nationhood and populist attitudes. *Nations & Nationalism* 27(3): 656-672. <https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.12689>

Filsinger, Maximilian; Ackermann, Kathrin; Freitag, Markus (2020): Surfing to help? An empirical analysis of Internet and volunteering in 27 European Societies. In: *European Societies* 22(3): 368-389. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14616696.2019.1663895>.

Filsinger, Maximilian; Freitag Markus (2019): Internet Use and Volunteering: Relationships and Differences Across Age and Applications. In: *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations* 30(1): 87-97. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11266-018-0045-4>

Articles in without peer-review

Filsinger, Dieter; *Filsinger, Maximilian* (2019): Zuwanderung in Kommunen – Steuerung durch Integrationskonzepte. In: *disP Service, disP - The Planning Review* 55(3), S. 68-75. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02513625.2019.1671017>

Articles in Edited Volumes

Glassmann, Ulrich; *Filsinger, Maximilian* (2022): Varieties of Private Household Debt in Europe: Incompatibility of Culturally Diverse Lending Regimes between Germany and Italy? In: Notermans, Ton; Piattoni, Simona (Ed.) (2022): Italy and Germany, Incompatible Varieties of Europe? New York: Routledge.

Filsinger, Maximilian; Freitag Markus (2020): Sozialkapital und gesellschaftliche Integration. In: Pickel, Gert; Decker, Oliver; Kailitz, Steffen; Röder, Antje, Schulze Wessel, Julia (Hrsg.) (2020): Handbuch Integration. Wiesbaden: Springer-VS.

Filsinger, Maximilian; Filsinger Dieter (2019): Integrationspolitik als kommunale Sozialpolitik – Strategien und Handlungsspielräume. In: Burzan, Nicole (Hg.) 2019: Komplexe Dynamiken globaler und lokaler Entwicklungen. Verhandlungen des 39. Kongresses der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie in Göttingen 2018.

Filsinger, Maximilian (2017): Deutschland ein Einwanderungsland, aber nicht überall? – Determinanten der geographischen Verteilung von Migrantinnen und Migranten. In: Henn, Daniela; Prigge, Jessica; Ries, Karsten; Lück-Filsinger, Marianne (Hrsg.) (2017): Streifzüge durch die angewandte Sozialwissenschaft: Evaluation – Migration – Sozialpolitik – Soziale Arbeit Dieter Filsinger zum 65. Geburtstag. Münster: Waxmann-Verlag.

Blog Posts

Filsinger, Maximilian; Ackermann, Kathrin; Freitag Markus (2019): Surfen, um zu helfen? Wie die Internetnutzung soziale Ungleichheiten ausgleicht. Blogbeitrag auf DeFacto vom 30. Oktober 2019. <https://www.defacto.expert/2019/10/30/surfen-um-zu-helfen-wie-die-internetnutzung-soziale-ungleichheiten-ausgleicht/>.

Filsinger, Maximilian; Freitag Markus (2018): Digitalisierung und Zivilgesellschaft: Wie das Internet den sozialen Kitt durchlöchert. Blogbeitrag auf DeFacto vom 10. Oktober 2018. <https://www.defacto.expert/2018/10/10/digitalisierung-zivilgesellschaft-sozialer-kitt/>

Presentations American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Montréal, Québec, Canada- September 15 – 18 2022
New Challenges to Democracy workshop in Montréal, Canada.
September 12 – 15 2022

Annual Scientific Meeting of International Society for Political Psychology. July 14 – 17 2022

Frontiers in Civil Society Research: Reviving Social Capital Theory or Searching for New Key Concepts? Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, July 7-8 2022. (Invited Presentation)

Swiss Political Science Association Conference, Lausanne, February 3 – 4 2022

	DVPW Working Group on Elections and Political Attitudes, Annual Meeting, Mai 20 – 21 2021	
	Swiss Political Science Association Conference, Bern, February 4 – 5 2021.	
	DVPW Working Group on Elections and Political Attitudes, Annual Meeting, November 12 – 13 2020	
	Swiss Political Science Association Conference, Lucerne, February 3 – 4 2020.	
	ECPR General Conference, Wroclaw, September 4 – 7 2019.	
	ECPR Joint Sessions, Mons, April 8 – 12 2019.	
	Swiss Political Science Association Conference, Zurich, February 14 – 16 2019.	
	German Sociological Association, Göttingen, September 24 – 28 2018.	
Funding	Travel scholarship to support attendance of the New Challenges to Democracy workshop in Montréal, Canada (1000 CA\$)	2022
	Scholarship Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung	2015-2018
Activities and Service	<i>Journal Reviewer:</i> Comparative Political Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Societies, European Union Politics, International Political Science Review, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, New Media & Society, The Social Science Journal, VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations	
	Head of the association of the mid-level staff at Department of Social Sciences, University of Bern	10/2018-09/2021
	<i>Organizer:</i> Internal (+ external speakers) Research Seminar at the Institute of Political Science, University of Bern	10/2018-ongoing
Extra Training	Higher Education didactics (Lydia Rufer), University of Bern, one day	2022
	Higher Education didactics (Lydia Rufer), University of Bern, one day	2020
	Basics of Higher Education didactics (Lydia Rufer), University of Bern, three days	2020
	Higher Education didactics (Lydia Rufer), University of Bern, one day	2019
	Survey Design (Kathrin Thomas), ECPR Winter School, University of Bamberg, five days	2019
	Introduction to Multilevel Modelling (Paul Lambert), Essex Summer School, University of Essex, 10 days.	2016

Relevant Skills *Languages:*
German (native), English (fluent), French (active intermediate, passive good)
Software:
Stata, Microsoft Office, Qualtrics

Professional Affiliations	American Political Science Association	2022-
	Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA)	2018-
	DVPW Working Group on Elections and Political Attitudes	2020-
	International Political Science Association (IPSA)	2020-2021

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