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CURRENT POSITION

Postdoc (80%)	Since
University of Bern, Institute of Political Science	04/2023
Chair of Political Sociology, Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Public opinion research, survey research, survey experiments
- Political support (support for democracy, political trust, national identity, populism)
- COVID-19 pandemic threat and emotions
- Social capital (social trust, civic engagement)
- Representation and responsiveness
- Tenure of governments and political elites

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Dr. rer. soc.) in Political Science	10/2018 –
University of Bern	03/2023
Thesis title: The political-psychological foundations of support for the regime and its institutions	
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag (University of Bern)	
Co-Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Sonja Zmerli (Grenoble Alpes University)	
M.A. in Political Science (Major) and Economics (Minor)	04/2015 –
Heidelberg University	03/2018
B.A. in Political Science (Major) and English (Minor)	10/2011 –
Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg	03/2015

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoc (80%) University of Bern, Institute of Political Science Chair of Political Sociology, Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag	Since 04/2023
Assistant / Doctoral Candidate University of Bern, Institute of Political Science Chair of Political Sociology, Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag	10/2018 – 03/2023
Research Assistant Heidelberg University Chair of Political Science, Prof. Dr. Reimut Zohlnhöfer (as parental leave replacement)	04/2018 – 09/2018
Student Assistant Heidelberg University Chair of Political Science, Prof. Dr. Jale Tosun Chair of Comparative Politics, Prof. Dr. Aurel Croissant	10/2016 – 03/2018
Research Intern Heidelberg University FP7 project “Cultural Pathways to Economic Self-Sufficiency and Entrepreneurship (CUPESSSE)”, Prof. Dr. Jale Tosun	04/2016 – 09/2016
Student Assistant GESIS, Mannheim Social Indicators Research Centre, Dr. Dina Hummelsheim-Doß	04/2015 – 03/2016
Research Intern Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg Department of Criminology, “Barometer of Security in Germany (BaSiD)”, “Safety of Elderly People in the Residential District (SENSIKO)”, Prof. Dr. phil. Dietrich Oberwittler, Dr. Dina Hummelsheim-Doß	11/2014 – 02/2015
Student Assistant Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg Chair of Comparative Politics, Prof. Dr. Uwe Wagschal	10/2013 – 09/2014

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- ^[12] **Erhardt, Julian** (2023): The democratic personality? The big five, authoritarianism and regime preference in consolidated democracies, in: *Politics*, Online First, <https://doi.org/10.1177/02633957231172056>.
- ^[11] **Erhardt, Julian** (2023): Political support through representation by the government. Evidence from Dutch panel data, in: *Swiss Political Science Review*, 29(2): 202–222, <https://doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12561>.
- ^[10] **Erhardt, Julian**/Freitag, Markus/Filsinger, Maximilian (2023): Leaving democracy? Pandemic threat, emotional accounts and regime support in comparative perspective, in: *West European Politics*, 46(3): 477–499, <https://doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2022.2097409>.

- ^[9] Ackermann, Kathrin/**Erhardt, Julian**/Freitag, Markus (2023): Crafting Social Integration? Welfare State and Volunteering Across Social Groups and Policy Areas in 23 European Countries, in: Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie, Online First, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11577-023-00881-8>.
- ^[8] Wamsler, Steffen/Freitag, Markus/**Erhardt, Julian**/Filsinger, Maximilian (2023): The Pandemic and the Question of National Belonging: Exposure to Covid-19 Threat and Conceptions of Nationhood, in: European Journal of Political Research, 62(2): 510–529, <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12515>.
- ^[7] **Erhardt, Julian**/Freitag, Markus/Wamsler, Steffen/Filsinger, Maximilian (2022): What drives political support? Evidence from a survey experiment at the onset of the corona crisis, in: Contemporary Politics, 28(4): 429–446, <https://doi.org/10.1080/13569775.2021.2010345>.
- ^[6] **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, in: Swiss Political Science Review, 27(2): 339–352, <https://doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12462>.
- ^[5] **Erhardt, Julian**/Wamsler, Steffen/Freitag, Markus (2021): National identity between democracy and autocracy: a comparative analysis of 24 countries, in: European Political Science Review, 13(1): 59–76, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1755773920000351>.
- ^[4] **Erhardt, Julian**/Freitag, Markus (2021): The Janus-Face of Digitalization: The Relation Between Internet Use and Civic Engagement Reconsidered, in: Social Science Computer Review, 39(3): 315–334, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0894439319861966>.
- ^[3] 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, in: The Social Science Journal, Online First, <https://doi.org/10.1080/03623319.2021.1954463>.
- ^[2] Filsinger, Maximilian/Wamsler, Steffen/**Erhardt, Julian**/Freitag, Markus (2021): National identity and populism: The relationship between conceptions of nationhood and populist attitudes, in: Nations and Nationalism, 27(3): 656–672, <https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.12689>.
- ^[1] Hörisch, Felix/Tosun, Jale/**Erhardt, Julian**/Maloney, William (2020): Varieties of Capitalism and Labour Market Opportunities for the Youth: A Comparison of Attitudes Towards Skill Formation, in: European Journal of Government and Economics, 9(3): 232–251, <https://doi.org/10.17979/ejge.2020.9.3.5966>.

Articles in Edited Volumes

- ^[1] **Erhardt, Julian**/Freitag, Markus (2024): Political institutions and political support, in: Vatter, Adrian/Freiburghaus, Rahel, Handbook of Comparative Political Institutions, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publ., forthcoming.

Dissertation

- ^[1] **Erhardt, Julian** (2023): The political-psychological foundations of support for the regime and its institutions, Ph.D. Thesis, Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences, Institute of Political Science, University of Bern.

Conference and Working Papers

- ^[4] **Erhardt, Julian**/Freitag, Markus: Satisfied with pandemic democracy? Evaluating the role of anger and fear in times of threat, Conference Paper, DACH-Dreiländertagung, Linz, September 2023.

- ^[3] **Erhardt, Julian**/Filsinger, Maximilian: A Spectre of Democracy – Are populist citizens less supportive of democracy?, Conference Paper, ECPR General Conference, Prague, September 2022.
- ^[2] **Erhardt, Julian**: The executive-legislative confidence relationship and the tenure of heads of governments, Working Paper, Workshop “Parliaments and Government Termination Revisited”, Jerusalem, February 2020.
- ^[1] **Erhardt, Julian**: The determinants of cabinet stability in the German federal states, 1945–2018, Conference Paper, ECPR Joint Sessions, Mons, April 2019.

Article projects

- Erhardt, Julian: Is trust good for democracy?
- Erhardt, Julian: Voluntary associations as schools of democracy?
- Erhardt, Julian/Filsinger, Maximilian: Populist parties – A threat to (liberal) democracy?
- Erhardt, Julian/Filsinger, Maximilian: Dissatisfied democrats or authoritarian backlash? Examining the role of political support in the rise of populism.
- Erhardt, Julian/Freitag, Markus: Drain the swamp? Non-political anger and political support in European democracies.
- Erhardt, Julian/Freitag, Markus: A new hope? Positive emotions and political support during the Covid-19 pandemic.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Supervision

- BA Theses: 6 since 2020

University of Bern, Institute of Political Science, Lecturer

10/2018 – Present

- Public Opinion Research (BA-level seminar, Spring Semester 2022, German)
- Attitudes towards the political system, its actors and institutions (BA-level seminar, Spring Semester 2021, Fall Semester 2023, German)
- Political ideology and political attitudes (BA-level seminar, Spring Semester 2020, German)
- Survey Research (BA-level seminar, Spring Semester 2019, German)

Heidelberg University, Institute of Political Science, Lecturer

04/2018 – 09/2018

- Social policy in comparative perspective (BA-level seminar, Summer Semester 2018, German)
- Representation and responsiveness – The congruence between voter interests, representatives and policies (BA-level seminar, Summer Semester 2018, German)

Heidelberg University, Institute of Political Science, Teaching Assistant

04/2016 – 09/2017

- Stata tutorial, “Statistics for economists and social scientists”, Prof. Dr. Christian Conrad (Summer Semester 2016, 2017, German)

Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg, Institute of Political Science, Teaching Assistant

10/2012 – 03/2014

- Tutorial, “Methods and Statistics”, Dr. Sebastian Jäckle (Winter Semester 2012/13, 2013/14, German)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

- DACH-Dreiländertagung, Linz 2023
- European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference, Prague 2023
- European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference, Innsbruck 2022
- Swiss Political Science Association, Annual Congress, Lausanne 2022
- TrustGov, “Political Trust in Crisis”, online 2020
- American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco 2020
- Swiss Political Science Association, Annual Congress, Luzern 2020
- European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference, Wrocław 2019
- European Consortium for Political Research, Joint Sessions, Mons 2019
- Swiss Political Science Association, Annual Congress & D-A-CH Congress, Zurich 2019

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Methods

- Introduction to the methods of modern causal analysis 2020
Gesis Workshop, Bern, Michael Gebel, 3 days
- Applied Panel Data Analysis 2019
Workshop, Bern, Michael Gebel, 3 days
- Survey Design 2019
European Consortium for Political Research Winter School, Bamberg, Kathrin Thomas, 5 days

Teaching and other academic skills

- Time management 2023
University of Bern, Lydia Rufer, 2 days
- Higher Education didactics 2021
University of Bern, Lydia Rufer, Roman Suter, Andreas Hengstermann, 1 day
- Fundamentals of rhetoric 2020
University of Bern, Christoph Werren, 3 days
- Higher Education didactics 2020
University of Bern, Lydia Rufer, Roman Suter, 1 day
- Higher Education didactics 2019
University of Bern, Lydia Rufer, Roman Suter, 1 day

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Peer Review Activities

Democratization, European Journal of Political Research, Government and Opposition, Regulation & Governance, Scientific Reports

SKILLS

Languages

German (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Italian (basic)

Software

Stata, R, SPSS, Microsoft Office, LaTeX, Qualtrics, SurveyEngine

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