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ACADEMIC POSITION

2026- INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN TOULOUSE (IAST),
 TOULOUSE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (TSE), FRANCE
Research Associate.

2023-2026 INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN TOULOUSE (IAST),
 TOULOUSE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (TSE), FRANCE
Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

2015-2016 UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM, GERMANY
Predoctoral researcher at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES).

EDUCATION

2016-2023 UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN
Ph.D. from the Department of Political Science.
Title: PLAYING THE ENEMY: INFORMATION, DECEPTION, & DICTATORIAL SURVIVAL
Supervision committee: Ellen LUST · Anders SUNDELL · Milan SVOLIK

Fall 2019/20 UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ, GERMANY
Guest Doctoral Researcher in the Department of Politics & Public Administration.

Spring 2019 YALE UNIVERSITY, CT
Visiting Assistant Researcher in the Department of Political Science.

2016-2017 STOCKHOLM SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, SWEDEN
External student enrolled in Political Economics and Public Choice.

2013-2015 HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY, GERMANY
Master of Arts
Major: Political Science · Minor: Economics

2011 STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY, SOUTH AFRICA
 International student enrolled in the undergraduate programme · *Cum Laude*
 Major: Political Science · Minors: History, Afrikaans

2009-2013 UNIVERSITY OF REGENSBURG, GERMANY
 Bachelor of Arts
 Major: Political Science · Minors: Economics, Public Law.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Elite political dynamics & their effects on political institutions, identity formation, representation, & development with a focus on less democratic contexts & processes of democratic backsliding.

WORKING PAPERS

2026 **Rooted in Repression: A Theory of Propaganda**
 Under review.

2025 **Purges & Reputation**

2020 Political Parties as Democratic Checks (**Old Version**)

WORK IN PROGRESS

2026 Service upon Request? Evidence from Question Times
 in Zimbabwe (*first draft coming soon*)

2026 Representation & Protests in Electoral Autocracies:
 Evidence from Zimbabwe (with Reikai Rushinga)

202x Shaping Identities to Undermine Democracy

202x War against Democracy: Identities, Democratization,
 & International Conflict

DATASETS

2016 Parliament Election Study 2014, Manifesto Project.
 Cologne: GESIS Data Archive, ZA5162 Data File Version 1.0.0, doi:10.4232/1.5162.
 Authors: Hermann SCHMITT, Daniela BRAUN, Sebastian A. POPA, Slava MIKHAYLOV, Felix DWINGER

2015 European Parliament Election Study 1979–2009, Manifesto Project.

Cologne: GESIS Data Archive, ZA5102 Data File Version 1.0.0, doi:10.4232/1.5102.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Reviewer* American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Governance, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Political Studies Review.
- Administration* Leader of the IAST Political Economy research team (2024-2026)
Co-founder of the IAST Political Economy research team (approved funding: €84.000; funding period: 3 years)
Co-organizer of the IAST Annual Retreat (Fall 2023)
- Conferences* Co-organizer of the IAST Interdisciplinary Workshop on Identity & Politics (Spring 2024)
Co-organizer of the IAST Workshop on the Political Economy of Autocratic Politics & Democratic Backsliding (Spring 2025)
- Seminars* Co-organizer of the IAST General Seminar Series 2024-2025
Co-organizer of the IAST & TSE Political Economy & Economic History Working Group (2023-2024)

HONOURS & AWARDS

- 2019 Helge Ax:sson Johnson Foundation's Scholarship
- 2019 Kungliga Vitterhetsakademien's Scholarship
- 2018 Adlerbertska Foundation's Scholarship
- 2018 Lundgrens Foundation's Scholarship
- 2018 US EITM Stipend
- 2017 SND Travel Scholarship
- 2017 Grants Committee of the Philosophical Faculties' Scholarship
- 2017 ECPR Grant
- 2012 DAAD Short-term Scholarship

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- 2024 What's the Point of a Protest?
Featured in the [Crossing Channels Podcast](#) at the Bennett Institute for Public Policy (Cambridge University) & the IAST, May 6, 2024.
- 2024 Belief in Society: Why Do Things Fall Apart?
Contribution to the [IAST Magazine](#), December 2024.
- 2024 Political Economy at IAST & TSE
Featured in a video promoting Political Economy at IAST & TSE on [You Tube](#).

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2021-2022 UNIVERSITY OF OSLO, NORWAY
Research assistant in the project on the *Emergence, Life, and Demise of Autocratic Regimes*.
- 2013-2015 UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM, GERMANY
Research assistant at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES).
- 2012 EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
Yaoundé, Cameroon · Internship · Oct.-Dec. 2012
- 2012 ARNOLD-BERGSTRAESSER-INSTITUTE
Freiburg, Germany · Internship · Aug.-Oct. 2012
- 2010-2011 UNIVERSITY OF REGENSBURG, GERMANY
Student assistant at the chair for Comparative Politics (Eastern Europe).
- 2007-2008 PARITAETISCHER WOHLFAHRTSVERBAND, GERMANY
Voluntary work in the social sector as an employee of the *Paritaetischer Wohlfahrtsverband Landesverband Bayern* in Coburg, Germany.

PRESENTATIONS

- JULY 2025 · EPSA · Madrid, Spain.
- JUNE 2025 · POLITICAL ECONOMY WORKSHOP · Toulouse, France.
- OCT. 2024 · COMPARATIVE FORMAL THEORY CONFERENCE · London, UK.
- SEP. 2024 · APSA · Philadelphia, PA.
- JULY 2024 · EPSA · Cologne, Germany.
- MAY 2024 · INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOP ON IDENTITY & POLITICS · Toulouse, France.
- MAY 2024 · IAST-OXFORD-SCIENCESPo PE CONFERENCE · Toulouse, France.
- AUG.-SEP. 2023 · APSA · Los Angeles, CA (Cancelled).

- APR. 2023 · UNDEMOCRATIC POLITICS MINI-CONFERENCE · San Francisco, CA (Cancelled).
- MAY 2023 · FORMAL THEORY SOCIETY JSS · Online.
- APR. 2022 · MPSA · Chicago, IL (Online).
- JAN. 2022 · SPSA · San Antonio, TX (Cancelled).
- SEP. 2021 · APSA · Online (Cancelled).
- APR. 2021 · MPSA · Online.
- JAN. 2021 · SPSA · Online.
- OCT. 2020 · IR CAUCUS CONFERENCE · Freiburg, Germany (Cancelled).
- SEP. 2020 · PAPP SEMINAR · Gothenburg, Sweden (Online).
- AUG. 2020 · ECPR · Innsbruck, Austria (Online).
- JUNE 2020 · EPSA · Prague, Czech Republic (Online).
- JUNE 2020 · FORMAL THEORY SOCIETY JSS · Online.
- DEC. 2019 · WORKSHOP ON INEQUALITY IN AUTOCRACIES · Konstanz, Germany.
- AUG.–SEP. 2019 · APSA · Washington, DC.
- JULY 2019 · ECPR SUMMER SCHOOL ON PARLIAMENTS · Lisbon, Portugal.
- APR. 2019 · MPSA · Chicago, IL.
- JULY 2018 · EITM US · Ann Arbor, MI.
- AUG.–SEP. 2018 · APSA · Boston, MA (Cancelled).
- APR. 2017 · MPSA · Chicago, IL (Cancelled).

SUPERVISION

POSTGRADUATE
THESIS · Pass · University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

UNDERGRADUATE
THESIS · Pass · University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025 Theories of Democratic Backsliding

Spring 2025 · Summer School in Quantitative Social Sciences, IAST & TSE, France.

2017 Democracy and Democratization

Spring 2018 · Teaching modules in postgraduate-level course, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

2017 Swedish Politics in a Comparative Perspective

Fall 2017 · Teaching modules in undergraduate-level course, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

2017 Swedish Politics in a Comparative Perspective

Spring 2017 · Teaching modules in undergraduate-level course, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

2016 Euromanifestos Coding Workshop

Jan. 2016 · Instructing coders how to code party manifestos using the *Euromanifestos Coding Routine*, University of Mannheim, Germany.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2025 TSE Internal Workshop

Toulouse, France · Nov 2025

Covered topic: Data analysis, machine learning, & webscraping with Python.

2024 TSE Internal Workshop

Toulouse, France · Dec 2024

Covered topic: Spatial visualization & data processing using QGIS.

2019 ECPR Summer School on Parliaments

Lisbon, Portugal · July–Aug 2019

Covered topics: Legislative Organization; Representation in the 21st Century; Formal Models in Legislative Studies; Delegation Theories & Parliamentary Democracy; Electoral Systems & Legislative Organization; Speechmaking in Legislatures & Text Analysis; European Parliament: Organization & Functions; Parties & Legislators; Experimental Research in Legislative Studies.

2018 Oslo Summer School

Oslo, Norway · July 2018

Covered topic: Qualitative Case Study Designs and Process Tracing.

2018 EITM US

Ann Arbor, Michigan · June–July 2018

Covered topics: Game Theory and Social Choice; Causal Inference; Text as Data and Machine Learning; Qualitative Research Designs.

2017 ICPSR

Ann Arbor, Michigan · June–Aug. 2017

Completed courses: Game Theory I: Introduction; Game Theory II: Advanced Topics; Introduction to Applied Bayesian Modelling I; Introduction to Applied Bayesian Modelling II: Advanced Topics.

2017 ECPR Winter School

Bamberg, Germany · March, 2017

Completed course: Introduction to Bayesian Inference.

2016 EITM Europe

Mannheim, Germany · June–July 2016

Completed courses: Refresher Course in Mathematics and R; Statistical Foundations; Theoretical Foundations.

COMPUTER SKILLS

BEGINNER · Python, OSMIUM, QGIS

ADVANCED · L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office, R, STATA

LANGUAGES

GERMAN · Mothertongue.

ENGLISH · Fluent in speaking, reading, & writing.

FRENCH · Fluent in speaking, reading, & writing.

REFERENCES

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Milan SVOLIK · Yale University · milan.svolik@yale.edu

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