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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Colorado State University Assistant Professor Faculty Affiliate Data Science Research Institute University of Vienna Senior Research Fellow Postdoctoral Researcher	since 2022 since 2024 since 2022 2020-22
DEGREES	University of Texas at Austin Ph.D. in Government <i>Fields: Comparative Politics & Methodology</i> M.Sc. in Statistics	2020 2019
PUBLICATIONS	Peer-reviewed 6. Sood, G. & Weitzel, D. (2024). Extreme Recall: Which Politicians Come to Mind? , <i>Forthcoming in the Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties</i> . 5. Shen, L., Sood, G., & Weitzel, D. (2024). A Measurement Gap? Effect of the Survey Instrument on the Partisan Knowledge Gap , <i>Forthcoming in Public Opinion Quarterly</i> . 4. Weitzel, D., Gerring, J., Pemstein, D. & Skaaning, S. (2024). Electoral Democracy: Global, Historical Measures Based on Observables <i>Forthcoming in the American Journal of Political Science</i> , OSF Preprint . 3. Weitzel, D., Gerring, J., Pemstein, D. & Skaaning, S. (2024). Measuring Backsliding with Observables: Observable-to-Subjective Score Mapping (OSM) <i>PS: Political Science & Politics</i> 57(2):216-223. 2. Somer-Topcu Z. & Weitzel D. (2022). Negative Campaigning and Vote Choice in Europe: How Do Different Partisan Groups React to Valence Attacks? <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 55(13):2283-2310. 1. Gerring J., Wig T., Veenendaal W., Weitzel D., Teorell J. & Kikuta K. (2021). Why Monarchy? The Rise and Demise of a Regime Type . <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 54(3-4):585-622. Book chapters 1. Somer-Topcu, Z. & Weitzel, D. (2024). Leadership Turnover and Electoral Outcomes of Social Democratic Parties in S. Häusermann & H. Kitschelt (Eds.). <i>Beyond Social Democracy: Transformation of the Left in Emerging Knowledge Societies</i> . Cambridge University Press. Data 1. Kritzing, S., Gründl, J., Brandl, D., Kvir, N., Meinel, J., Perner, W.M., Voith, V., Weitzel, D. & Windisch, F. (2022). "Digitize! Online Panel Survey (SUF edition): Version 1.0", https://doi.org/10.11587/8SFV2L	

Working Papers

- [“Valence Attacks in Multi-Party Systems”](#)
- “The Effect of Negative Campaigning and Election Surprises on Satisfaction with Democracy” (with Matthew Bergman)
- “Assumption-free Uncertainty Estimates for Machine Learning Models”
- “You Should (Probably) Not Split Your Sample” (with Iasmin Goes)
- “Automated Split Questionnaire Design” (with Sylvia Kritzinger, Katharina Pfaff, and Sebastian Tschatschek)
- “Quid pro Quota. The Effect of Survey Incentives on Participation and Completion Rates” (with Sylvia Kritzinger and Katharina Pfaff)
- [“Not News: Provision of Apolitical News in the U.S. News Media”](#) (with Gaurav Sood)
- “Hidden Knowledge, Veiled Ignorance: Do People Know More – or Even Less – About Politics than Commonly Thought?” (with Robert C. Luskin and Gaurav Sood)
- “Misinformation about Misinformation? Of Headlines and Survey Design” (with Robert C. Luskin, Gaurav Sood, Yul Min Park)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Colorado State University

Democracy and Backsliding (Undergraduate)	Fall 2023, Spring 2024
Advanced Topics in Quantitative Methods (Graduate)	Spring 2023
Introduction to Quantitative Methods (Graduate)	Spring 2023
Scope and Methods for Political Science (Graduate)	Fall 2022, Spring 2024
Syllabus	
Political Psychology (Undergraduate)	Fall 2022 - Fall 2023
Syllabus	

University of Vienna

Research Methods for Political Science (Graduate)	Spring 2022
Evaluations: Spring 2022	
Negative Campaigning in Electoral Politics (Graduate)	Spring 2022
Evaluations: Spring 2022	
Quantitative Methods of Empirical Social Sciences (Undergraduate, Online)	Fall 2020, 2021
Syllabus , Evaluations: Fall 2020 , Fall 2021 A , Fall 2021 B	
Public Opinion and Voting (Undergraduate, Online)	Spring 2021
Syllabus , Evaluations: Spring 2021	
Bachelor Thesis Seminar (Undergraduate, Online)	Spring 2021
Evaluations: Spring 2021	

University of Texas at Austin

Statistical Analysis in Political Science II (Graduate, TA)	Spring 2016, 2019
Evaluations: Spring 2019	
Statistical Analysis in Political Science I (Graduate, TA)	Fall 2018
Evaluations: Fall 2018	
Government and Politics of Western Europe (Undergraduate, TA)	Fall 2016 – Fall 2017
American Government (Undergraduate, TA)	Fall 2015, Spring 2018

CONFERENCES	American Political Science Association	2018, 2020, 2023, 2024
	European Political Science Association	2016, 2020, 2023
	Midwest Political Science Association	2017, 2020, 2023
	European Survey Research Association	2023
	World Association for Public Opinion Research	2023
	German Online Research Conference	2023
	Council of European Studies	2022
	Southern Political Science Association	2019
	Texas Comparative Politics Circle	2019, 2020
	Texas Methodology	2018, 2020
PRESENTATIONS	Where Is My Party? Conference at the University of Mannheim	2023
	Democracy Around The World Roundtable at Colorado State University	2023
	APSA Roundtable on Democratic Backsliding	2023
	Colorado State Methods Workshop: Introduction to Machine Learning	2023
	Colorado State Reading and Research	2023
	Modeling @Alphabet Talk Series go/modeling-talks	2022
	Political Regimes in Comparative and Historical Perspective, Aarhus University	2021
	Beyond Social Democracy Book Workshop, Online	2021
	Political Science Emerging Scholars Speaker Series, University of Missouri – Kansas City	2020
STIPENDS AND AWARDS	Workshop on Voter Perceptions of Party Policy Positions, University of Texas at Austin	2017
	Workshop on Applied R for Social Science Research, University of Texas at Austin	2016
	SoGES Curriculum Development Grant, Colorado State University	2022
	Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, UT Austin	2020
	Summer Research Fellowship, UT Austin	2020
	Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, UT Austin	2019
	Texas Politics Project Research Grant, UT Austin	2019
	Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, UT Austin	2018
	Office of Graduate Studies Professional Development Award, UT Austin	2016
	Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, UT Austin	2016
	Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship, ICPSR	2016
	ICPSR Scholarship, UT Austin	2016
	Macdonald Fellowship, UT Austin	2015 – 2020
	Vanderbilt University Fellowship	2014 – 2015
	DAAD/ISAP Stipend for Studies at Duke University	2012 – 2013
	FES Stipend for Studies in India and Vietnam	2011 – 2012
	FAUMUN Project Travel Grant	2010 – 2011
	FES Stipend for Studies in Israel	2010
	FES Travel Grant, Research Trip Israel and Palestine	2009
	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Scholarship	2008 – 2013
MEMBERSHIP	American Political Science Association	
	Midwest Political Science Association	
	Southern Political Science Association	
	European Political Science Association	
SKILLS	Computer Programming and Data Analysis	
	• R, Python, Bash, Stan, L ^A T _E X, C++, Fortran	
	Languages	
	• German, English, Portuguese	