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Professional Appointments

since 09.2021	Max Weber Visiting Chair for European Studies, New York University, NY
since 09.2010	Professor for Comparative Politics (W3), Goethe-University Frankfurt
09.2008 – 08.2010	DAAD Visiting Associate Professor, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
01.2008 – 08.2008	Professor for Comparative Government, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (Temporary appointment)
09.2007 – 12.2007	Professor for Political Communication, International University Bruchsal (Temporary appointment)
04.2007 – 08.2007	Senior Researcher, Mannheim Center for European Social Research (MZES)
10.2004 – 09.2005	Professor for Political Science and Political Communication (C3), University Duisburg-Essen (Temporary appointment)
10.2001 – 09.2004	Senior Researcher, Mannheim Center for European Social Research (MZES)
04.1996 – 09.2001	Assistant Professor (C1, non-tenure track), Department of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim
01.1990 – 03.1996	Assistant Professor (BAT IIa, non-tenure track) Department of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim

Education

21.11.2007	Habilitation, University of Mannheim (Venia Legendi in Political Science) Thesis: Democracy and the Internet: Do Digital Media facilitate the Responsiveness of MPs?
22.03.1995	Doctor of Philosophy, University of Mannheim Thesis: Market Incentives in Environmental Politics. The Choice of Policy Instruments in Germany
24.05.1990	Master of Arts, the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD (USA) Thesis: Reagan's Seizure of EPA: Theory and Practice of the Administrative Presidency
1984 – 1988	Undergraduate and graduate studies in German literature and political sciences, University of Mannheim

Honors and Awards

- 09.2006 – 02.2007 Fernand Braudel Fellow, European University Institute, Florence
- 05.2006 – 08.2006 Research Fellow, Max-Planck Institute for Social Research, Cologne
- 09.2003 – 04.2006 Research Fellow, German National Science Foundation (DFG)
- 09.2002 – 08.2003 J. F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University (USA)
- 04.2002 – 08.2002 Fritz Thyssen-Fellowship
- 10.1996 – 04.1997 American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow
- 07.1993 – 08.1993 Fulbright Fellowship. American Studies Summer Institute 1993, New York University, New York City, NY
- 09.1988 – 08.1989 DAAD Fellowship for graduate studies, Johns Hopkins University Baltimore, MD

Research Grants

- 2019 – 2022 The Nature of Political Representation in Times of Electoral Dealignment
Funded within 5. Open Research Area in Cooperation with Prof. Rosie Campbell (Kings College) and Prof. Tom Louwerse (Leiden University).
1 Mio. EUR; German National Science Foundation (ZI 608/8-1; 350.000 EUR)
- 2014 – 2017 Individualized Political Representation and its Sources
German National Science Foundation (ZI 608/7-1; 280.000 EUR)
- 2009 – 2011 Candidates in Constituency Campaigns from a Comparative Perspective
Funded by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Flemish Research Association (FWO), Institute for European Studies, Cornell University (17.000 USD)
- 2008 – 2011 Candidates and Voters – The Dynamics and Nature of the Electoral Connection
with Thomas Gschwend, Hermann Schmitt, Bernhard Wessels, and Andreas Wüst
Module of German Longitudinal Election Study 2009 (German National Science Foundation) (50.000 EUR). Primary Investigators: Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck, Helmut Rattinger, Sigrid Rossteutscher, Bernhard Wessels.
- 2008 – 2011 Electoral Systems and Party Personnel - The Consequences of Reform and Non-Reform
with Thomas Gschwend
US National Science Foundation. Primary Investigators: Matthew S. Shugart (UC San Diego), Ellis Krauss (UC San Diego), and Robert Pekkanen (University of Washington) (20.600 USD)

- 2005 – 2007 Local Campaigning: Individualization of Political Representation?
with Thomas Gschwend, Hermann Schmitt and Andreas Wüst
German National Science Foundation (DFG, Zi 608/1-4; 15.000 EUR)
- 2003 Democracy in Time
with André Kaiser
Fritz-Thyssen Stiftung, publication project (2.000 EUR)
- 2000 – 2006 Parliaments, Representation, and New Digital Media
Fritz-Thyssen Stiftung (AZ 92099009; € 13.500)
German National Science Foundation (Zi 608/1-3; 34.000 EUR)
- 1998 American Democracy and New Digital Media
German National Science Foundation (Zi 608/1-1 and Zi 608/1-2; 10.000 EUR)

Publications

1 Monographs, edited volumes and special issues

- 1.1 The Personal Sources of Responsiveness. Symposium in *Swiss Political Science Review*, 26(1), 2020: 1 – 151 (co-edited with Rosie Campbell).
- 1.2 Constituency campaigns in comparative perspective: How personalized are campaigns at the grassroots, why, and does it matter? Edited Special Symposium in *Electoral Studies* 39(3), 2015.
- 1.3 *Mehr Responsivität durch neue digitale Medien? Die elektronische Wählerkommunikation von Abgeordneten in den USA, Schweden, und der Bundesrepublik Deutschland*. Baden-Baden: Nomos 2010 (More Responsiveness with New Digital Media? Electronic Constituency Communication in the US, Sweden, and Germany).
- 1.4 Representation in Germany's Mixed Member Electoral System, Symposium in *Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft* 18(2), 2008 (co-edited with Philip Manow).
- 1.5 *Participatory Democracy and Political Participation: Can Participatory Engineering Bring Citizens Back In?*, Routledge/ECPR Studies in European Political Science Series, London u.a.: Routledge, 2007 (co-edited with Dieter Fuchs).
- 1.6 *Demokratietheorie und Demokratieentwicklung. Festschrift für Peter Graf Kielmansegg*, Wiesbaden: Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, 2004. (The Historical and Intellectual Sources of Democracy) (co-edited with André Kaiser).
- 1.7 *Marktwirtschaftliche Instrumente in der Umweltpolitik. Zur Auswahl politischer Lösungsstrategien in der Bundesrepublik*, Leverkusen: Leske & Budrich, 1996. (Market Incentives in Environmental Politics. On the Choice of Policy Instruments in Germany).

2 Articles in SSCI-listed journals (double blind peer review)

- 2.1 Ethics Audits in Cross-National Research: Experiences from Correspondence Study Field Experiments with National Politicians in Four European Democracies. *Political Studies*

- Review. Online First doi: [10.1177/14789299211033449](https://doi.org/10.1177/14789299211033449), with Tom Louwense and Helene Helboe Pedersen
- 2.2 Should we conduct correspondence study field experiments with political elites? *International Political Science Review*. Online First doi: 10.1177/01925121211026489, with Tom Louwense, Helene Helboe Pedersen, and Wouter Schakel.
 - 2.3 The importance of personal vote intentions for the responsiveness of legislators: A field experiment. *European Journal of Political Research* 60(2), 2021: 455 – 473, with Damien Bol, Thomas Gschwend, und Steffen Zittlau.
 - 2.4 The legislative effects of campaign personalization. An analysis on the legislative behavior of successful German constituency candidates. *Comparative Political Studies* 54(2), 2021: 312-338, with Dominic Nyhuis.
 - 2.5 The personal sources of responsiveness. *Swiss Political Science Review*, 26(1), 2020: 1 – 9, with Rosie Campbell.
 - 2.6 Geographic representation in party dominated legislatures. A quantitative text analysis of parliamentary questions in the German Bundestag. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 44(4), 2019: 681 – 711, with Dominic Nyhuis and Markus Baumann.
 - 2.7 Two faces of party unity. Roll-call behavior and vote explanations in the German Bundestag. *Parliamentary Affairs*, 72(2), 2019: 406 – 424, with Dominic Nyhuis.
 - 2.8 Who brings home the pork? Parties and the role of localness in committee assignments in mixed-member proportional systems. *Party Politics*, 24(5), 2018: 488 – 500, with Thomas Gschwend
 - 2.9 Do candidates seek personal votes on the Internet? Constituency candidates in the 2009 German Federal Elections. *German Politics*, 2015, 24(4): 435-415.
 - 2.10 Do constituency candidates matter in German federal elections? The personal vote as an interactive process. *Electoral Studies* 39 (3), 2015: 338-349, with Thomas Gschwend.
 - 2.11 Constituency campaigns in comparative perspective: How personalized are campaigns at the grassroots, why, and does it matter? *Electoral Studies* 39 (3), 2015: 286 -294.
 - 2.12 Machen Kandidaten im Wahlkreis einen Unterschied? Die Persönlichkeitswahl als Interaktiver Prozess. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift, Special Issue „Wählen in Deutschland“*, edited by Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck, 45, 2011: 380 – 402, with Thomas Gschwend.
 - 2.13 Lost in Technology? Political Parties and the Online Campaigns of Constituency Candidates in Germany’s Mixed Member Electoral System. *Journal of Information Technology and Politics*, 6, 2009: 298–311.
 - 2.14 Entmedialisierung durch Neue Digitale Medien? Direkte Wählerkommunikation im WWW aus der Sicht von Abgeordneten des Deutschen Bundestages. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift Special Issuet „Politik in der Mediendemokratie“*, edited by Frank Marcinkowski und Barbara Pfetsch, 24, 2009.
 - 2.15 Individualized Campaigns in Mixed Member Electoral Systems. Candidates in the German Federal Elections 2005. *West European Politics* 31, 2008: 978–1003, with Thomas Gschwend.
 - 2.16 Individualisierte Wahlkämpfe im Wahlkreis. Eine Analyse am Beispiel des Bundestagswahlkampfes von 2005. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 48, 2007: 293–321, with Thomas Gschwend.

- 2.17 Candidates in the 2005 Bundestag Election: Mode of Candidacy, Campaigning and Issues. *German Politics* 15, 2006: 420 – 438, with Andreas M. Wüst, Hermann Schmitt and Thomas Gschwend.

3 Articles in other journals (double blind or editor review)

- 3.1 Patterns of personal vote seeking in mixed electoral systems. The politics of retrenchment in German defense policy. *Representation*, Special symposium on „Strategic Incentives in Unconventional Electoral Systems“, edited by Julian Bernauer und Daniel Bochsler, 50 (1), 2014: 41-54.
- 3.2 Wie viel und welche Partizipation braucht die Demokratie? *Vorgänge. Zeitschrift für Bürgerrechte und Gesellschaftspolitik* 51, 2012: 4 – 14.
- 3.3 Repräsentative Demokratie im deutschen Mischwahlsystem. *Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft* 18, 2008: 139 – 143, with Philip Manow.
- 3.4 Neue Formen der digitalen Wählerkommunikation im gemischten Wahlsystem? – Eine quantitative und qualitative Untersuchung persönlicher Webseiten im Deutschen Bundestag. *Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft* 18, 2008: 183 – 206.
- 3.5 Individualisierung oder Reideologisierung: Was treibt das deutsche Parteiensystem? *Zur Debatte* 38, 7/2008: 34–36
- 3.6 Die amerikanische Präsidentschaftswahl von 2004: Szenen eines Kulturkampfes. *Geographische Rundschau* 1, 2005: 59 – 64. (The US Presidential Elections of 2004: Scenes from a Culture War).
- 3.7 Political Representation in the Networked Society: The Americanization of European Systems of Responsible Party Government? *Journal of Legislative Studies* 9, 2003: 1 – 22.
- 3.8 Political Representation and the Internet: Wither Responsible Party Government?, *Extension of Remarks*, APSA Legislative Studies Newsletter, edited by Burdett A. Loomis, Research Note, January 2003 (<http://www.apsanet.org/~lss/Newsletter/jan03/remarks.htm>).
- 3.9 Elektronische Demokratie – Planskizze für eine Demokratie des 21. Jahrhunderts? *Neue Politische Literatur* 46, 2001: 433 – 470 (Electronic Democracy – Blueprint for 21st Century Democracy?)
- 3.10 Elektronische Demokratie – ein Demokratietypus der Zukunft ? *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen* 4, 2000: 1–23. (Electronic Democracy – A new Type of Democracy?)
- 3.11 Demokratietheorie und neue Medien. *Politisches Lernen*, herausgegeben von der Deutschen Vereinigung für Politische Bildung – NW e.V., No. 3, 1998: 29 – 42. (Theories of Democracy and new digital Media)
- 3.12 Über die Demokratie in der vernetzten Gesellschaft. Das Internet als Medium Politischer Kommunikation. *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte*, B 42/97, 10. October 1997. (On Democracy in the Networked Society)
- 3.13 Die Politik der Umweltabgabe in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland. *Zeitschrift für Umweltpolitik und Umweltrecht*, No. 1, 1997: 71 – 100. (The Politics of Market Incentives in Environmental Policy Making)

4 Chapters in edited volumes and handbooks

- 4.1 The beliefs of parliamentary candidates on electoral democracy. Who are the guardians of democracy and what motivates them? In Lieven de Winter, Rune Karlsen, and Hermann Schmitt. Eds. *Parliamentary Candidates between Voters and Parties*. London: Routledge, 2020, 196 – 217.
- 4.2 Constituency candidates and political representation. In Robert Rohrschneider and Jacques Thomassen. Eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Political Representation in Liberal Democracies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020.
- 4.3 Electoral systems in context: Germany. In Erik Herron, Robert Pekkanen and Matthew S. Shugart. Eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Systems*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018, 781 – 801.
- 4.4 The personal vote. In Kai Arzheimer, Jocelyn Evans und Michael Lewis-Beck. Eds. *The Sage Handbook of Electoral Behavior*. Los Angeles CA u.a.: Sage, 2017, 668 – 687.
- 4.5 Electronic Democracy, in W. Donsbach, ed. *Concise Encyclopedia of Communication*, Malden, MA and Oxford: Wiley, 2017, 160-161.
- 4.6 Der Kongress in den USA: Repräsentation, Machtkontrolle und Gestaltungswille. In Chr. Lammert, M. Siewert und B. Vormann. Eds. *Handbuch Politik USA*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 2015, S. 115 – 133.
- 4.7 Legislators and their Representational Roles: Strategic Choices or Habits of the Heart?, in O. Rozenberg/M. Blomgren. Hg. *Parliamentary Roles in modern Legislatures*. London und New York, NY: Routledge, 2012, S. 101 – 120.
- 4.8 Comparative Legislative Behavior, in Robert E. Goodin, ed. *The Oxford Handbook of Political Science*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009, p. 392–408, with Eric Uslaner.
- 4.9 Participatory Engineering: Promises and Pitfalls, in B. Kohler-Koch/D. De Bièvre/William Maloney. Eds. *Opening EU-Governance to Civil Society – Gains and Challenges*. Mannheim: Connex Report Series No. 05, 2008, p. 119 – 144
- 4.10 „E-Democracy“, in W. Donsbach, ed. *The International Encyclopedia of Communication*. Volume IV, Malden, MA and Oxford: Blackwell, 2008, p. 1430–1436.
- 4.11 Introduction: Democratic Reform and Political Participation, in Th. Zittel and D. Fuchs, eds. *Participatory Democracy and Political Participation: Can Participatory Engineering Bring Citizens Back In?*, Routledge/ECPR Studies in European Political Science Series, London u.a.: Routledge, 2007, p. 1–5, with Dieter Fuchs.
- 4.12 Participatory Democracy and Political Participation, in Th. Zittel and D. Fuchs, eds. *Participatory Democracy and Political Participation: Can Participatory Engineering Bring Citizens Back In?*, Routledge/ECPR Studies in European Political Science Series, London u.a.: Routledge, 2007, p. 9–28.
- 4.13 „Elektronische Demokratie“, in D. Fuchs und E. Roller, eds. *Lexikon Politik. 100 Grundbegriffe*, Stuttgart: Reclam, 2007, p. 52–56. (Electronic Democracy)
- 4.14 „Partizipative Demokratie“, in D. Fuchs und E. Roller, eds. *Lexikon Politik. 100 Grundbegriffe*, Stuttgart: Reclam, 2007, p.202–205. (Participatory Democracy)
- 4.15 Comparative Legislative Behavior, in R.A.W. Rhodes, Sarah Binder and Bert Rockman, eds. *Oxford Handbook of Political Institutions*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006, p. 455–473, with Eric Uslaner.

- 4.16 Conclusion: Can Participatory Engineering bring Citizen back In?, in Th. Zittel and D. Fuchs, eds. *Participatory Democracy and Political Participation: Can Participatory Engineering Bring Citizens Back In?*, Routledge/ECPR Studies in European Political Science Series, London u.a.: Routledge, 2007, p. 223–228.
- 4.17 What can ICTs do for Democracy? In Answer to Alexander Trechsel, in Directorate General for Political Affairs, Council of Europe, *Reflections on the Future of Democracy in Europe*, Strassburg: Council of Europe Publishing, 2005, p. 51–56.
- 4.18 with André Kaiser, *Demokratiethorie und Demokratieentwicklung: Fragestellungen im Werk von Peter Graf Kielmansegg*, in A. Kaiser and Th. Zittel, eds. *Demokratiethorie und Demokratieentwicklung. Festschrift für Peter Graf Kielmansegg*, Wiesbaden: Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, 2004, p. 9–18. (Theories of Democracy and Historical Developments)
- 4.19 Partizipative Demokratie und Politische Partizipation, in A. Kaiser und Th. Zittel, eds. *Demokratiethorie und Demokratieentwicklung. Festschrift für Peter Graf Kielmansegg*, Wiesbaden: Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, 2004, p. 55–74. (Participatory Democracy and Political Participation)
- 4.20 Digital Parliaments and Electronic Democracy: A Comparison between the US House, the Swedish Riksdag, and the German Bundestag in R. K. Gibson, A. Römmele, S. Ward, eds. *Electronic Democracy*, London: Routledge, 2004, p. 70–95.
- 4.21 Elektronische Demokratie - Ein alternatives Modell zur liberalen Demokratie?, in Karl Schmitt, ed. *Herausforderungen der Repräsentativen Demokratie*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2003, p. 175 – 193. (Electronic Democracy – an Alternative to liberal Democracy?)
- 4.22 Political Communication and Electronic Democracy: American Exceptionalism or Global Trend?, in Frank Esser und Barbara Pfetsch, eds. *Comparing Political Communication: Theories, Cases, and Challenges*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004, p. 231–250.
- 4.23 Elektronische Demokratie in Vergleichender Perspektive - Ein nächstes Kapitel in der Geschichte des amerikanischen Exceptionalismus?, in Frank Esser and Barbara Pfetsch, eds. *Politische Kommunikationsforschung im internationalen Vergleich*, Opladen: Westdeutscher Verlag, 2003, p. 259–280.
- 4.24 Electronic Democracy and Electronic Parliaments: A Comparison between the US House, the Swedish Riksdagen, and the German Bundestag, in Peter Filzmaier, ed. *Internet und Demokratie*, Wien: Studien Verlag, 2001, p. 22–40.
- 4.25 Elektronische Demokratie durch Elektronische Parlamente?, in Reinhard Meier-Walser und Thilo Hart, eds. *Politikwelt Internet – Neue demokratische Beteiligungschancen mit dem Internet?*, München: Olzog, 2001, p. 171–197.
- 4.26 Verändert das Internet unsere Gesellschaft?, in Stephan Eisel und Mechthild Scholl, eds. *Internet und Politik*, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Interne Studie Nr. 164/1998, Sankt Augustin, p. 70–73.
- 4.27 Repräsentativverfassung und neue Kommunikationsmedien, in Winand Gellner und Fritz von Korff, eds. *Demokratie und Internet*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 1998, p. 111–125.
- 4.28 George Bush. Präsidentschaft des Rückzugs, *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*, 1996, 37(2): 369 – 377. (George Bush. Presidency of Retreat)
- 4.29 Zur Auswahl politischer Instrumente: Das Beispiel Marktlösungen in der Umweltpolitik, in Gerhard Prosi und Christian Watrin, eds. *Gesundung der Staatsfinanzen - Wege aus der Blockierten Gesellschaft*, Köln: Bachem, 1995, p. 247–259.

- 4.30 Giovanni Sartoris Plädoyer für die "Gute Ordnung", in Eckhart Jesse und Uwe Backes. Eds. *Extremismus und Demokratie*, 5. Jahrgang, 1993, p. 242-253. (Giovanni Sartori on „Good Government“)

Selected teaching

Undergraduate

Introduction to Comparative Politics: Frankfurt, LMU Munich, Mannheim

Comparative European Government: Frankfurt, NYU

Introduction to German Politics: Cornell, LMU Munich, Mannheim

American Politics in Comparative Perspective: Frankfurt, Mannheim

Rational Choice Theories in Comparative Politics: Frankfurt

Parties and Party Systems in Comparative Perspective: LMU Munich

The Government and Politics of the European Union: Cornell

Democracy and Information Technology: Frankfurt, Cornell, Duisburg

Graduate

Transitions of Democracy in Europe: Frankfurt, NYU

Comparative Political Representation: Frankfurt, Cornell, LMU Munich

Democracy and Participation: Frankfurt, Cornell, LMU Munich, University of Duisburg

Classics in Comparative Politics: Frankfurt

PhD Committees

University of Bamberg, Germany, Lukas Hohendorf (2022)

University Aarhus, Denmark, Marie Kaldahl Nielsen (2020)

Universit t Gronigen, Netherlands, Tomas Turner-Zwinkels (2020)

Goethe-University Frankfurt, Philipp Scherer (2017)

Goethe-University Frankfurt, Sara Ceyhan (2017)

Universität Örebro, Sweden, Martin Karlsson (2013)

Corvinus University Budapest, Hungary, Zsofia Papp (2013)

Professional Services

- Editorial Boards Legislative Studies Quarterly, 2020 – present
- Chairs Research Group on „Comparative Legislative Studies“, German Political Science Association (DVPW), 2019 - present
with Philip Manow (University Bremen) and Ulrich Sieberer (University Bamberg)
- Award Juries European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR), Jean Blondel PhD Prize, 2019 – 2021
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Graduate Fellowships Western Europe, 2015 – present
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Professorships USA, 2018
German Political Science Association, PhD Prize, 2018
Fulbright Commission, PhD Program, 2018
Cornell University, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Fulbright Evaluation Panel, 2008 – 2010.
- Referee / Journals American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; Journal of Politics; British Journal of Political Science; Electoral Studies; European Political Science Review; European Journal of Political Research; German Politics; Government & Opposition; Journal of Common Market Studies; Journal of Legislative Studies; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Parliamentary Affairs; Party Politics; Political Behavior; Political Studies; Political Studies Review; Politische Vierteljahresschrift; Representation; Scandinavian Political Studies; Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft; West European Politics; Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft.
- Referee / Publishers Ashgate; Routledge; Palgrave, Sage
- Referee / Funding European Commission; Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG); Fritz-Thyssen Stiftung; Research Foundation Flanders (FWO); Schweizerischer Nationalfonds (SNF); Volkswagenstiftung; National Science Center Poland; Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO); Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.
- Professional Panels Participation as External Member for University Oldenburg (2010), University Mannheim (2016), University Basel (2020), University Bamberg (2021), University Lüneburg (2021).

Reports for University Konstanz (2016), University Greifswald (2018), University Hamburg (2018), University Mainz (2021).

University and Departmental Services

09.2013 – present	Official Representative (OR), European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR).
10.2020 – present	Member of the Ethics Board of the Department for Social Sciences
04.2020 – 3.2022	Member of the Board of “GRADE Social Sciences” (Departmental Graduate Program)
04.2017 – 09.2021	Elected member of the Faculty Board of the Department for Social Sciences
10.2013 – 03.2015	Elected member of Faculty Board of the Department for Social Sciences
04.2014 – 03.2015	Director of Institute of Political Science
10.2011 – 06.2013	Elected Department Chair (Portfolio: Teaching, “Studiendekan”)
04.2011 – 06.2013	Director of Graduate Studies for “MA Program in Political Science”
11.2012 – 04.2013	Chair of Recruitment Panel „Assistant Professor in Comparative Democracy“
07.2012 – 12.2012	Chair of Recruitment Panel „Assistant Professor in Policy Analysis“
07.2011 – 01.2012	Chair of Recruitment Panel „Assistant Professor in Comparative Democracy“
05.2011 – 09.2011	Chair of Recruitment Panel “Full Professor in Political Education (W3)”
1999 – 2001	Elected representative of non-tenured lecturers, standing commission on teaching (Studienkommission). Department of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim
1995 bis 1999	Elected representative of non-tenured lecturers, faculty board (Fakultätsrat). Department of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim

Memberships

since 1996	Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)
since 1997	American Political Science Association (APSA)
since 2002	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Politikwissenschaft (DGfP)
since 2007	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Wahlforschung
since 2019	European Political Science Association (EPSA)

- 2008 – 2011 Changing Patterns of Participation and Representation in Europe
Research Network financed by Flemish Research Association Belgium; coordinated by Prof. Marc Hooghe (Catholic University Leuven, Belgium)
- 2006 – 2008 Network of Excellency CONNEX "Effective and Democratic Governance in European Multilevel Systems"; funded by European Commission
- 2001 – 2003 COST Action 14, Government and Democracy in the Information Age, Work Group 2: ICTs and Political Organizations; funded by European Commission

Organization of Conferences and Workshops (Selection)

- 10.2019 Conference on „Parliaments and Democracy: An Appraisal of the *Bundestag*“
with Dr. Markus Baumann (Goethe-University Frankfurt)
Inaugural Conference DVPW-Research Group “Comparative Legislative Politics“
- 04.2018 Workshop „Legislators as Linkage in European Party Democracies”
with Prof. Dr. Rosie Campbell (Kings College, London)
Workshop 2018 ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, University of Nicosia, 10. – 14. April
- 11.2016 The Behaviors of Political Representatives
International Conference Goethe-University Frankfurt, 24. – 26.11.
- 09.2010 Personalized Politics in Comparative Perspective: How Personalized Are Constituency Campaigns, And Does It Matter?
Organized Panel, American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting and Convention 2010, 2. – 5. September, Washington, D.C.
- 10.2009 Candidates in Constituency Campaigns from a Comparative Perspective: How Personalized are Election Campaigns in Established Party Democracies?
International Workshop in Preparation of a Special Symposium with Electoral Studies, Cornell University, 2. – 3. October
- 09.2009 The Personnel Strategies of Political Parties in Comparative Perspective: Does the Electoral System Matter?
with Thomas Gschwend (Universität Mannheim) and Matthew S. Shugart (University of California at San Diego)
Organized Panel, ECPR General Conference 2009, 10.-12. September 2009, Universität Potsdam.
- 11.2008 Downsizing Democracy
with Armin Schäfer (Max-Planck Institute for Social Research, Cologne) and Georg Lutz (University Lusanne)

Workshop 2, Joint Sessions of the German, Swiss, and Austrian Political Science Associations (DVPW, ÖGPW, SVPW), 21.-23. November 2008, University Osnabrück

- 03.2003 Bringing the Citizens Back In - Participatory Democracy and Political Participation
with Dieter Fuchs (University Stuttgart)
Workshop Nr. 22, ECPR Joint Sessions, 28. March - 2. April 2003, University of Edinburgh

Conference Participations , Invited Presentations, Outreach Activities (1995 - 2020)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting and Exhibition

- The electoral conditions of campaign behavior. Germany and the UK in comparison, 30. August – 2. September 2018, Boston, MA with Rosie Campbell.
- Patterns and sources of party detachment in European democracies, 30. August – 2. September 2018, Boston, MA, with Robert Rohrschneider.
- The legislative effects of individualized campaigns. A text-based analysis on the behaviors of German legislators, 31. August – 3. September 2017, San Francisco, CA., with Dominic Nyhuis.
- Who represents the poor? German legislators and welfare state policies. 1. – 4. September 2016, Philadelphia, PA.
- Who brings home the pork? The role of electoral context and localness in assigning committee seats in the German Bundestag, 3. – 6. September 2015, San Francisco, CA.
- Do candidates seek personal votes on the Internet? A comparative study on constituency candidates in German State Elections in 2013, 28. - 31. August 2014, Washington, D.C.
- Assigning committee seats in mixed-member systems - How important is localness compared to the mode of election? 29. August - 1. September 2013, Chicago, Ill., with Thomas Gschwend and Matthew S. Shugart.
- Personalized election campaigns in mixed-member systems. Strategies for electoral gain or pandora's box? 30. August – 2. September 2012, New Orleans, LA, with Annika Hennl.
- Legislators and their representational roles. Rational calculus or habits of the heart? 3. – 6. September 2009, Toronto.
- Local campaigns in the German 2005 Elections: Motivations, structures and effects, 3. – 6. September 2009, Toronto.
- Participatory engineering: Can democratic reform increase political participation? 31. August – 4. September 2005, Washington, D.C.
- Political representation in the networked society - The Americanization of European representative systems? 29. August – 1. September 2002, Boston, MA.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference

- Constituency campaigning under electoral uncertainty. A comparative analysis on Germany and the UK, 4. – 7. April 2019, Chicago, Ill., with Rosie Campbell and Jennifer van Heerde-Hudson.
- The legislative effects of individualized campaigns. A text-based analysis on the behaviors of German legislators, 4.– 7. April 2019, Chicago, Ill., with Dominic Nyhuis.
- Patterns and sources of party detachment in European democracies, 5. – 8. April 2018, Chicago, Ill., with Robert Rohrschneider.
- Geographic representation at the margins. A quantitative analysis of parliamentary questions in the German Bundestag, 6. – 9. April 2017, Chicago, Ill., with Dominic Nyhuis und Markus Baumann.
- Why do political elites like participatory democracy? 7. – 10. April 2016, Chicago, Ill., with Richard Traummüller.
- Does the personalization of politics matter for public policy making? 22. – 25. April 2010, Chicago, Ill.

European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference

- Should we conduct field experiments with parliamentary elites? A critical review of the issues and a considered answer, 4. – 8. September 2019, Wroclaw, with Tom Louwerse, Helene Helboe Pedersen, Wouter Schakel.
- Geographic representation in party dominated legislatures. The case of the German Bundestag, 22. – 25. August 2018, Hamburg, with Dominic Nyhuis und Markus Baumann.
- Constituency campaigning under electoral uncertainty. A comparative analysis on Germany and the UK, 22. – 25. August 2018, Hamburg, with Rosie Campbell und Jennifer van Heerde-Hudson.
- Two faces of party unity: Roll-call behavior and vote explanations in the German Bundestag, 7. – 11. September 2017, Oslo, with Dominic Nyhuis.
- Not so dealigned after all. Social representation and legislative behavior in the German Bundestag, 7. – 10. September 2016, Prag, with Dominic Nyhuis und Matthias Henneke.
- Who brings home the pork? The role of electoral context and localness in assigning committee seats in the German Bundestag, 26. – 29. August 2015, Montreal, with Thomas Gschwend.
- Why do political elites dislike representative democracy? 3. - 6. September 2014, Glasgow, with Olga Herzog.
- The impact of electoral systems on personal vote strategies: A field experiment on German MPs, 4. – 7. September 2013, Bordeaux, with Damien Bol, Thomas Gschwend and Steffen Zittlau.
- Electoral participation on the Internet - Mobilizing the mobilized or bringing citizens back in? 25. - 27. August 2011, Reykjavik, with Eilika Freund.
- Committee assignments in mixed-member electoral systems. How do parties determine eligibility? 10. – 12. September 2009, Potsdam, with Thomas Gschwend and Matthew S. Shugart.
- Lost In technology? Political parties and online-campaigning in the German 2005 parliamentary elections, 6.–8. September 2007, Pisa.

European Consortium for Political Research, Joint Sessions of Workshops

- The electoral sources of campaign behavior. Germany and the UK in comparison, Nicosia, 10. – 14. April 2018, with Rosie Campbell and Jennifer van Heerde-Hudson.
- Three faces of party unity. Roll call behavior and vote explanations in the German Bundestag, Nottingham 25. – 30. April 2017, Workshop “Rethinking Intra-Party Cohesion in Times of Party Transformation”, with Dominic Nyhuis.
- Who brings home the pork? Parties and the role of localness in committee assignments in mixed-member proportional systems, Pisa 24. – 28. April 2016, Workshop 1 "Analyzing Organization in Parliaments: Causes and Consequences", with Thomas Gschwend.
- Pork in European legislative politics? The politics of retrenchment in German defense policy. Antwerpen, 10. – 15. April 2012, Workshop 15 "The Partisan Effects of Electoral Systems. Studying Complex Electoral Rules".
- Personalization and intra-party politics in mixed-member systems. Strategies for electoral gain or Pandora’s box? St. Gallen, 11. – 14. April 2011, Workshop 19 “After Mediatization”, with Annika Hennl.
- Electronic constituency communication in comparative perspective: Changing media or changing democracy? Lissabon 14. – 19. April 2008, Workshop 20 “Parliaments, Parties, and Politicians in Cyberspace”.
- Representational roles among German MPs: Rational calculus or habit of the heart? Rennes, 11. – 16. April 2008, Workshop 13 “Parliamentary and Representatives Roles in Modern Legislatures”.
- American democracy: A model for European integration? Uppsala, 13. – 18. April 2004, Workshop 12: “National Traditions of Democratic Theory”.
- Participatory Democracy and Political Participation. Edinburgh, 28. März – 2. April 2003, Workshop 22 “Bringing the Citizens Back in – Participatory Democracy and Political Participation”.
- Political representation in the networked society - The Americanization of European representative systems ? Turin, 22. – 27. März, Workshop 16 A Renewal of Parliaments in Europe? MP’s Behaviours and Action Constraints.
- Electronic Parliaments and Electronic Democracy: A Comparison between the US House, the Swedish Riksdag, and the German Bundestag. Grenoble, Workshop 3 “Electronic Democracy: Mobilization, Organization and Participation”.

European Consortium for Political Research, Standing Group on Parliaments

- The legislative effects of campaign personalization. An analysis on the legislative behavior of successful German constituency candidates. 5. Konferenz der Standing Group on Parliaments. Leiden, 28. – 29. Juni 2019, with Dominic Nyhuis
- The dilemma of intra-party democracy. Candidate selection and the quality of legislators. 4. Konferenz der Standing Group on Parliaments. Basel, 29. Juni – 1. Juli 2017, with Sara Ceyhan and Dominic Nyhuis.
- Who represents the poor? The positions of German legislators on welfare state policies. 3. Konferenz der Standing Group on Parliaments. München, 30.6. – 2.7.2016.
- Why do political elites dislike parliaments? 2. Konferenz der Standing Group on Parliaments. Wien, 26. – 28. Juni 2014, with Olga Herzog.

German Studies Association

Local Campaigns in the German 2005 Elections: Motivations, Structures and Effects. 32. Jahrestagung der German Studies Association, 2. – 5. Oktober 2008, Panel “Parties, Voters, and Electoral Strategies under Merkel's Grand Coalition”, St. Paul, Minnesota.

International Political Science Association

Electronic Democracy – Blueprint for 21st Century Democracy ?; 18. Kongress der International Political Science Association (IPSA), 1. – 5. August 2000, Panel SS87: The Political Uses of the Internet: Civic versus Commercial Concerns (chair: Thierry Vedel), Quebec.

DVPW Conferences

The role of geography in partisan legislatures. The case of the German Bundestag. Gemeinsame Tagung der DVPW, SVPW, ÖGPW 2009 (Dreiländertagung). Heidelberg, 29. September – 1. Oktober 2016, mit Dominic Nyhuis und Markus Baumann.

Legislators and their representational roles. Rational calculus or habits of the heart? Tagung der DVPW-Sektion „Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft“, „Institutionen und Prozesse in Vergleichender Perspektive“. Darmstadt, 22. – 24. Januar 2009.

Wie viel und welche Form der Partizipation braucht die Demokratie? Gemeinsame Tagung der DVPW, SVPW, ÖGPW 2009 (Dreiländertagung), „Die Verfassung der Demokratien“. Osnabrück, 21. – 23. November 2008.

Machen lokalen Wahlkämpfe einen Unterschied? Die Intensität lokaler Wahlkämpfe und die Stimmenzuwächse der Parteien im Wahlkreis bei der Bundestagswahl 2005. Jahrestagung des DVPW-Arbeitskreises Wahlen. Duisburg, 15. – 16. Mai 2008.

Personalisierte Wahlkämpfe im Wahlkreis. Eine Analyse des Bundestagswahlkampfes von 2005 (mit Thomas Gschwend), 3-Länder-Tagung "Politik und Persönlichkeit" der ÖGPW – SVPW – DVPW. Wien, 30. November. – 2. Dezember 2006.

Der Bundestagswahlkampf von 2005 und Kollektive Repräsentation: Ein kurzer Auftakt zum langen Abschied? (mit Thomas Gschwend); Gemeinsame Tagung der DVPW-Arbeitskreise „Politik und Kommunikation“, „Wahlen und Einstellungen“ und „Parteienforschung“. Berlin, 19. – 20. Juli 2006.

Elektronische Demokratie – Planskizze für eine Demokratie des 21ten Jahrhunderts?; Jahrestreffen der ad hoc Arbeitsgruppe zum Thema „Internet und Demokratie“ der Deutschen Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW), Berlin Humboldt Universität, 5. Oktober 2001.

Invited Participations in Workshops

How much intra-party democracy is there in election campaigns and why? Carleton University, Ottawa, 23. -24. September 2011 (Organisatoren: Richard S. Katz und William Cross).

- Personalized election campaigns and representation in mixed systems. Strategies for electoral gain or Pandora's box? SFB 580, Friedrich-Schiller Universität Jena/Teilprojekt A3, International Conference on "Issue-Congruence and Political Communication in Representative Democracies", Jena/Dornburg, 28. - 29. Oktober 2011 (Organisatoren: Heinrich Best und Lars Vogel).
- Intra-Party Democracy in Campaign Contexts. Workshop on Intra-Party Democracy, organized by William Cross and Richard D. Katz, 30. – 31. August 2010, Carleton University, Ottawa.
- Legislators and their representational roles. Rational calculus or habits of the heart? Workshop zum Thema "Politische Repräsentation" im Rahmen des NCCR Democracy Research Programs, finanziert von der Swiss National Science Foundation, 12. – 13. November 2009, Universität Bern.
- How can participatory engineering increase the quantity and quality of political participation? CONNEX Abschlußkonferenz "Opening EU Governance to Civil Society – Gains and Challenges", 25. – 27. Oktober 2007, Piran (Slowenien).
- Parliaments and the Internet: A Perspective on the State of Research, Konferenz zum Thema "Parliaments in the Digital Age", Oxford Internet Institut und Centre for Legislative Studies / University of Hull, 14. und 15. Juni 2007, Oxford.
- Participatory Engineering: Can Institutional Reform increase the Quantity and Quality of Political Participation?, Workshop zum Thema "Research on Democracy in Practice", Organisiert von Peter Mair und Alexander Trechsel, 14. – 15. Dezember 2006, European University Institute, Florenz.
- Researching Electronic Democracy: Embedded Webanalysis, 28. – 29. April 2004, Workshop zu Methoden der E-Demokratie Forschung, organisiert von Alexander Trechsel and Donatella della Porta, Europäisches Hochschulinstitut, Florenz (Italien).
- Elektronische Demokratie durch Elektronische Parlamente?; Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung, Fachkonferenz zum Thema „Internet und Demokratie – Neue Wege der politischen Partizipation“, 22. - 23. November 2000, Wildbad Kreuth.
- Repräsentativverfassung und neue Kommunikationsmedien; Universität Passau, Fachkonferenz zum Thema "Democracy and the Internet", 26. – 28. März 1998, Passau.
- Zur Auswahl politischer Instrumente: Das Beispiel Marktlösungen in der Umweltpolitik; Hanns Martin Schleyer Stiftung, 7. Internationale Konferenz „Junge Wissenschaft und Wirtschaft“, 7. - 9. Juni 1995, Innsbruck.

Invited Presentations

- Political representation and electoral systems. Sommerschule für Doktoranden der ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, Vrije Universiteit Brussels, 10. September 2014.
- The politics of political representation. Sommerschule für Doktoranden der Corvinus Universität Budapest. Vier Vorlesungen im Doktorandestudiengang der Universität, 17. – 21. September 2012.
- Internet and cyberdemocracy (Keynote). Annual Conference of the European Parliamentary Technology Assessment - Network, "Hope-, Hype- and Fear-Technologies - the Role of Science and Politics". Deutscher Bundestag, 20. Oktober 2011.

- The electronic constituency communication of legislators in comparative perspective. Changing media or changing forms of political representation? Eingeladener Vortrag, Corvinus Universität Budapest (Ungarn), 23. März 2010.
- Does November 1989 matter for German Politics? Cornell University. DAAD Weekend in German Studies "1989 for the 21st Century", 26. September 2009, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- Elektronische Wählerkommunikation von Abgeordneten. Deutschland, USA und Schweden im Vergleich. Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Johannes-Gutenberg Universität Mainz, Forschungskolloquium, 8. Juli 2009.
- Demokratie und Partizipation in Deutschland - Von der Wahl- zur Beteiligungsdemokratie. Stiftung Genshagen, Europäische Tagung zum Thema „Demokratie und Partizipation – politische Bindungen in Auflösung?“, 16. Mai 2009.
- Lost in Technology? Political Parties and the Online Campaigns of Constituency Candidates in Germany's Mixed Member Electoral System. Workshop am Institute for European Studies, Cornell University, "Elections and Representation", 17. October 2008, Cornell University.
- Reideologisierung oder Individualisierung. Was treibt das deutsche Parteiensystem? Tagung der Katholischen Akademie in Bayern zum Thema „Alles Mitte? Zur Neujustierung politischer Kategorien“, 4. – 5. Juli 2008, Passau.
- Lost in Technology? Political Parties and Constituency Campaigns Online in the 2005 German Federal Elections. Politics: Web 2.0: An International Conference, 17.-18. April 2008, Royal Holloway, London, UK.
- Wählermärkte und Wahlsystem im Bundestagswahlkampf von 2005 – Was erklärt individualisierte Wahlkämpfe? Kolloquium des Fachbereichs Politik- und Verwaltungswissenschaft, Universität Konstanz, 2007, mit Thomas Gschwend.
- Elektronische Demokratie - ein Beitrag für die Demokratiekonsolidierung?, Hannah-Arendt Institut für Totalitarismusforschung an der TU Dresden, 11. Juni 2007.
- Constituency Communication on the WWW in Comparative Perspective: Changing Media or changing Democracy?, Kolloquium der Fakultät für Sozialwissenschaften, Europäisches Hochschulinstitut, Florenz, 29. März 2007.
- Direkte Wählerkommunikation im World Wide Web aus Vergleichender Perspektive: Medienwandel oder Demokratiewandel ?, Workshop zum Thema „Mischwahlsystem und Politische Repräsentation“, organisiert von Philip Manow, 26. März 2007, Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Köln.
- Personalisierte Wahlkämpfe im Wahlkreis: Eine Analyse des Bundestagswahlkampfes von 2005, (mit Thomas Gschwend), Workshop zum Thema „Mischwahlsystem und Politische Repräsentation“, organisiert von Philip Manow, 26. März 2007, Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, Köln.
- Political Representation in the Networked Society - The Americanization of European Representative Systems ?; Gemeinsames Seminar der Universität Strassburg and des Europäischen Parlaments, 26. Februar 2002, Strassburg (Frankreich).
- Political Representation in the Networked Society - The Americanization of European Representative Systems ?; Harvard University, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, 6. November 2002, Cambridge, Ma. (USA).
- Electronic Parliaments and Electronic Democracy; Universität Innsbruck, Internationale Konferenz zum Thema "The Internet and Democracy", 1. – 3. März 2001, Innsbruck (Österreich).

Elektronische Demokratie – Planskizze für die Demokratie des 21ten Jahrhunderts?; Universität Heidelberg, Vortragsreihe der Fachschaft Politikwissenschaft 12. Juni 2001, Heidelberg.

Electronic Democracy – Blueprint for 21st Century Democracy?; Universität Örebro, 6. Oktober 2000, Örebro.

Outreach Activities

A Smart Vote Application in the Hesse Local Elections 2021: Experiences and Early Results, 22. March 2021, 4 – 6pm. Online Presentation and Discussion. Organized in Cooperation with the *Evangelische Akademie Frankfurt*.

Introducing a Smart Vote Application for the Hesse Local Elections in 2021, 14. December 2020, 4 - 6pm. Online Workshop. Organized in Cooperation with the *Evangelische Akademie Frankfurt*.

What can ICTs do for Democracy?; Fachkonferenz des Europarates, The Future of Democracy, 17. – 19. November 2004, Centro de Convenciones Internacional de Barcelona, Barcelona.

MPs and the Internet - Between the Rock of Technology and the Hard Place of Politics; Siebte Konferenz der Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Europäischen Parlamente zu Themen der Informations- und Kommunikationstechnologie, 27. – 29. Oktober 2004, Swedish Riksdag, Stockholm.

Die politischen Folgen des Internet, Seminar der Katholischen Akademie "Die Wolfsburg" in Mülheim an der Ruhr zum Thema „Das World Wide Web. Chancen und Risiken der neuen Cyberworld“, 5. – 7. Dezember, Mülheim an der Ruhr.

Demokratie und Internet: Neue Formen Politischer Ordnung oder „Politics as Usual“ ?; Akademie für Politische Bildung Tutzing, Seminar zum Thema „Demokratie und Neue Medien“, 2 - 4. Mai 2001, Tutzing.

Electronic Parliaments and Electronic Democracy: A Comparison between the US House, the Swedish Riksdagen, and the German Bundestag; IDEA, Internationale Konferenz zum Thema “Democracy and the Information Revolution: Values, Opportunities and Threats”, 27. – 29. Juni 2001, Stockholm.

Bürgerbeteiligung durch das Internet? Chancen und Grenzen elektronischer Demokratie; Jahresversammlung der Stiftung Mitarbeit, 8. - 10. Dezember 2000, Evangelische Akademie Loccum, Loccum.

Elektronische Demokratie – Verändert das Internet unsere Gesellschaft?; Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Seminar zum Thema „Chancen und Risiken der Informationsgesellschaft“, 1. - 3. Dezember 2000, Königswinter.

Electronic Democracy – Blueprint for 21st Century Democracy?; Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), 3. Oktober 2000; Stockholm.

Macht das Internet einen Unterschied für die Demokratie?, Amt für Verwaltung und Verwaltungskontrolle (Statskontoret), 6. September 2000, Stockholm.

- Über die Demokratie in der vernetzten Gesellschaft; Jahresversammlung der Deutschen Vereinigung für Politische Bildung, e.V., Landesverband Nordrhein-Westfalen, 4. Juni 1998, Duisburg.
- Die total-digitale Transformation der Demokratie. Verändern die neuen Medien die demokratische Öffentlichkeit?; Akademie für politische Bildung, Seminar zum Thema „Neue Medien und Gesellschaft“, 4. Mai 1998, Tutzing.
- Verändert das Internet unsere Gesellschaft?; Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Fachkonferenz zum Thema „Internet und Politik“, 17. März 1998, Bonn.
- The Internet and U.S. Representatives: Choices in a Changing Telecommunications Environment; Fachkonferenz veranstaltet vom Französischen Senat und dem Zentrum zum Studium der Französischen Politik (CEVIPOF) zum Thema „Parliaments in the Information Age“, 18. – 19. November 1998, Paris.
- Lassen sich die rechtlichen, sozialen und anderen Auswirkungen der Informationsgesellschaft bewältigen?; Sommerakademie der Universität Leipzig zum Thema „Informationsgesellschaft – Chancen, Grenzen, Auswirkungen“, 26. September 1997, Bad Dübau.
- Teilnahme an einem Fachgespräch im Deutschen Bundestag zum Thema Elektronische Parlamente auf Einladung von Dr. Susanne Kastner, MdB, Vizepräsidentin des Deutschen Bundestages, 14. Februar, Berlin.