

Curriculum Vitae | Alejandro Ecker

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RESEARCH INTERESTS Comparative politics and quantitative methods
Special emphasis on party competition, coalition politics, and voting behaviour

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Mannheim Centre for European Social Research

09/2016–today **Post-doctoral research fellow**
European Political Systems and their Integration

University of Vienna, Austria

10/2010–08/2016 **Pre-doctoral researcher at the Department of Government**
Research project: Coalition Governance in Central and Eastern Europe (CICEE)

10/2012–09/2015 **External lecturer at the Department of Methods in the Social Sciences**

University of Mannheim

02/2008–07/2010 **Research assistant at the Chair of Comparative Politics**
Research projects: Integrated and United? A Quest for Citizenship in an Ever Closer Europe (IntUne); Austrian National Election Study (AUTNES)

EDUCATION

University of Vienna, Austria

10/2011–06/2016 **Doctorate in Philosophy (Dr. phil.)**
Thesis: The Party Foundations of Coalition Politics in Europe
Supervisor: Wolfgang C. Müller
Dissertation committee: Petra Schleiter (University of Oxford) and Indridi H. Indridason (University of California Riverside)
Grade: Excellent (1.0); with distinction

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

08/2008–05/2009 **Visiting Graduate Student at the Political Science Department**

University of Mannheim

08/2008–07/2010 **Master of Arts in Political Science**
Thesis: Public Opinion Shocks and Cabinet Termination
Grade: Excellent (1.0); with distinction

10/2005–07/2008 **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics**
Thesis: Voting Behavior in Referenda on European Integration
Grade: Excellent (1.4)

RESEARCH GRANTS

6/2019–06/2022 **German Research Foundation (DFG):** Intra-Party Politics and European Multiparty Governments (243,376 €)

GRANTS AND ADVANCED TRAINING

2018 **German Academic Exchange Program (DAAD):** Grant for attending a scientific a conference (2,050 €).

Mannheim Centre for European Social Research

2017 Grant for organizing a scientific conference (10,000 €; with Markus Baumann and Martin Gross).

University of Vienna, Austria

04/2015 **Applied Bayesian Statistics for Social Scientists**

03/2014 **Experimental Social Science**

04/2012 **Advanced Quantitative Methods: Research Applications**

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex, Colchester, United Kingdom

08/2011 **Pooled Time Series Cross-section Analysis**

07/2010 **Multilevel Analysis with Applications**

2008 **German Academic Exchange Program (DAAD):** Scholarship as a Visiting Graduate Student (14,100 €)

TEACHING

University of Mannheim

Spring 2019 **Latin American Politics**

(undergraduate level)

Fall 2018 **Colloquium - Supervision of eight Bachelor Theses**

(undergraduate level)

Spring 2018 **Party Competition and Voting Behavior**

(undergraduate level)

Political Actors and Institutions in European Democracies

(undergraduate level)

Spring 2017 **Parties and Coalitions in European Parliamentary Democracies**

(undergraduate level)

University of Vienna, Austria

Summer 2012-2015 **Methods and Research Design in Comparative Politics**

(graduate level)

Winter 2012-2015 **Quantitative Methods of Empirical Social Research**

(undergraduate level)

ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, Vienna, Austria

02/2012-02/2014 **Teaching assistant for Panel Data Analysis**

- 02/2019 DLT Qualitative Portfolio Allocation in European Multiparty Governments (Zurich, **Switzerland**).
- 11/2018 Policy pay-offs in European multiparty governments. Invited talk at the University of Barcelona (**Spain**).
- 09/2018 DVPW Portfolio Allocation at the Local Level in Germany (Frankfurt).
- 08/2018 APSA Qualitative Portfolio Allocation in European Multiparty Governments (Boston, **Massachusetts, USA**).
- 06/2018 EPSA The Effect of Electoral Coordination on Voting Behavior (Vienna, **Austria**).
- 02/2018 Unraveling parties' frequent call for welfare state expansion. Manifesto Corpus Conference, WZB (Berlin).
- 09/2017 ECPR Gender Bias in the Austrian Asylum Court (Oslo, **Norway**).
- 06/2017 EPSA Fairness and Portfolio Allocation in Multiparty Governments (Milan, **Italy**).
- 04/2017 MPSA Coalition Governance and Cabinet Duration (Chicago, **Illinois, USA**).
- 01/2017 The Architecture of Coalition Governance. Regional Research and Networking Conference, University of Heidelberg.
- 12/2016 Conflict Resolution, Coalition Agreements and Portfolio Allocation. Workshop on Coalition Government in the New Millennium, University of Vienna (**Austria**).
- 09/2016 ECPR The Architecture of Coalition Governance (Prague, **Czech Republic**).
- 06/2016 EPSA Coalition Bargaining Duration in Multiparty Democracies (Brussels, **Belgium**).
- 04/2016 Coalition Bargaining Duration in Multiparty Democracies. Workshop on New Developments in Cabinet Coalition Research (Rome, **Italy**).
- 03/2016 Comparative Data on Portfolio Design. Workshop on the Politics of Portfolio Design, University of Vienna (**Austria**).
- 10/2015 Determinants of Intra-party Preference Heterogeneity. Gothenburg Workshop on Intra-Party Politics (**Sweden**).
- 09/2015 APSA Coalition Bargaining Duration in Multiparty Democracies (San Francisco, **California, USA**).
- 06/2015 EPSA Asymmetric Opinion Poll Shocks and Cabinet Termination (Vienna, **Austria**).
- 06/2015 EPSA Coalition Bargaining Duration in Central and Eastern Europe (Vienna, **Austria**).
- 04/2015 MPSA Coalition Bargaining Duration in Central and Eastern Europe (Chicago, **Illinois, USA**).
- 09/2013 ECPR Pre-electoral Coalition Formation in Central Eastern Europe (Bordeaux, **France**).
- 09/2013 ECPR The Distribution of Ministries in Coalition Governments (Bordeaux, **France**).
- 04/2011 ECPR Dynamic Representation: Does the Electoral Cycle Matter? Workshop Issue Congruence and Policy Responsiveness in European Governance, University of St. Gallen (**Switzerland**).

REFEREE FOR
ACADEMIC JOURNALS

American Journal of Political Science, Brazilian Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative European Politics, European Journal of Political Research, Government and Opposition, Journal of Politics, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, Party Politics, Public Choice, Social Science Computer Review, West European Politics

COMMITTEES AND
REPRESENTATION

- 2019–today** Member of the Library Committee of the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research.
- 2018–today** Co-organizer of the Mittelbaukolloquium at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (with Paul Bauer and Johanna Gereke).
- 2018** Organizer of the Research Department B Colloquium at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research.
- 2017** Co-organizer of a Workshop on ‘Party Competition in European Multi-Level Systems’ (with Markus Baumann and Martin Gross).

COMPUTING SKILLS

Programming knowledge in R, Stata, Mata and Python
Good knowledge of IBM SPSS Statistics and L^AT_EX
Microsoft Office (Access, Excel, Power Point, Word)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German and Spanish (native)
English (full professional proficiency)
French, Italian (limited working proficiency)

REFERENCES

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