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Education

Since 2018	Free University of Berlin Doctoral candidate (advisors: Thomas Rixen and David Weisstanner) Thesis submitted on 13 September 2022
2015 – 2018	University of Bamberg M.A. Political Science (completed with distinction)
2011 – 2015	University of Jena B.A. Political Science and Economics
2001 – 2009	Gymnasium Hochrad, Hamburg General university entrance qualification

Work experience

Since 2020	Chair for International and Comparative Political Economy, Free University of Berlin Researcher
2018 – 2019	Chair for Public Policy, University of Bamberg Researcher at research project „Combating Fiscal Fraud and Empowering Regulators (COFFERS)”
2016 – 2018	Chair for Public Policy, University of Bamberg Research assistant
2016 – 2018	Research Data Center, Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories Research assistant
2016	Winter School in Methods and Techniques, Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences Academic assistant
2015	Wirtschaftsrat der CDU e.V., Hamburg Intern
2012	UNICEF Regional Office Armenia Intern

Work interruptions

2022 – 2023	Planned parental leave Six months, October 2022 – March 2023
2019 – 2020	Parental leave Six months, October 2019 – March 2020

Skills

Software	Stata, R, Excel, Word, Powerpoint, Citavi, LaTeX
Languages	German (mother tongue), English (fluent), Spanish (basic)

Publications in academic journals

The electoral consequences of welfare state changes: a sober look at theory and evidence (with Frank Bandau)

Journal of European Public Policy, 2022, DOI: 10.1080/13501763.2022.2096669

A victim of regulatory arbitrage? Automatic exchange of information and the use of golden visas and corporate shells (with Lukas Hakelberg and Thomas Rixen)

Regulation & Governance, 2022, 16(3): 653-672

Unfair inequality and the demand for redistribution

Socio-Economic Review, 2022, 20(2): 463-487

New Room to Maneuver: National tax policy under the automatic exchange of information (with Fabio Bothner, Lukas Hakelberg and Thomas Rixen)

Socio-Economic Review, 2022, 20(2): 561-583

The (a)symmetric effects of income and unemployment on popular demand for redistribution

West European Politics, 2022, 45(7): 1407-1432

Response to Reuven Avi-Yonah, Steven Dean and Cees Peters (with Lukas Hakelberg und Thomas Rixen)

Intertax, 2021, 49(6/7): 564-568

Transcending Tax Competition: How Financial Transparency Enables Governments to Tax Portfolio Capital (with Lukas Hakelberg and Thomas Rixen)

Intertax, 2021, 49(6/7): 549-554

The Big Bang: Tax Evasion after Automatic Exchange of Information under FATCA and CRS (with Fabio Bothner)

New Political Economy, 2020, 25(6): 849-864

The Impact of Partisanship in the Era of Retrenchment: Insights from Quantitative Welfare State Research (with Frank Bandau)

Journal of European Social Policy, 2020, 30(1): 34-47

Theorizing the Impact of Fairness Perceptions on the Demand for Redistribution

Political Research Exchange, 2019, 1(1): 1-17

Equity financing, labor market mobility and the Varieties of Capitalism: the mobilizing impact of stock markets

Comparative Governance and Politics, 2019, 13(3): 353-374

Other publications

Capital Taxation and International Cooperation: The Causes and Consequences of the Automatic Exchange of Information (with Fabio Bothner, Lukas Hakelberg and Thomas Rixen)

Rossel, Lucia, Brigitte Unger, and Joras Ferwerda (eds.), *Combatting Fiscal Fraud and Empowering Regulators*, 2021, Oxford University Press

Selected work in progress

Labor market risks and welfare preferences: a bounded rationality approach

Revise and resubmit at *Socio-Economic Review*

The quality of government conditions political disagreement over redistributive policies
Under review at Public Opinion Quarterly

Conference and workshop presentations

Labor market risks and welfare preferences: a bounded rationality approach

Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), June 2022 (trip canceled due to Coronavirus infection)

The electoral consequences of welfare state changes: a sober look at theory and evidence

Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), June 2022 (trip canceled due to Coronavirus infection)

The electoral consequences of welfare state changes: a sober look at theory and evidence

28th International Conference of Europeanists, Council for European Studies, June 2022

The quality of government conditions political disagreement over redistributive policies

Academic Convention of the German Political Science Association (DVPW), September 2021

The quality of government conditions political disagreement over redistributive policies

International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP5), Barcelona, July 2021

The quality of government conditions political disagreement over redistributive policies

Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), June 2021

Can self-interest theories explain popular demand for redistribution? A causal inference approach

General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), August 2020

The Big Bang: Tax Evasion after Automatic Exchange of Information under FATCA and CRS

Tax Justice Network Conference, City, University of London, July 2019

Illegitimate Inequality and the Demand for Redistribution

International Political Economy Workshop, University of Frankfurt, June 2019

Illegitimate Inequality and the Demand for Redistribution

Meeting of the Political Economy section of the DVPW, University of Konstanz, May 2019

New Room to Maneuver? National tax policy under the automatic exchange of information

International Tax Cooperation Conference, Said Business School, University of Oxford, December 2018

Teaching

Introduction to statistics

Winter term 2020/21, summer term 2021, winter term 2021/22, summer term 2022

The political economy of redistribution

Summer term 2020, winter term 2020/21, summer term 2022

Economic determinants of voting behavior

Winter term 2021/22

Labor market and welfare policies

Winter term 2018/19, summer term 2021

Empirical applications of public policy theories

Summer term 2019

Fundamentals of academic work

Summer term 2019

Professional services

Reviewer for *Comparative Political Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Political Research Exchange*, and *Socio-Economic Review*.

Advanced training

Structural Equation Modeling

Five-day course at the Winter School in Methods and Techniques, 2021

Methods of Modern Causal Analysis Based on Observational Data

Five-day course at the Winter School in Methods and Techniques, 2019

Funding

Internal research fund, Free University of Berlin (10,000€)

Funding for the implementation of a survey experiment on tax policy preferences

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) (250€)

Grant for the participation in the ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques 2019

References

Prof. Dr. Thomas Rixen, Free University of Berlin (thomas.rixen@fu-berlin.de)

Prof. Dr. David Weisstanner, Aarhus University (weisstanner@ps.au.dk)