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Current Position

Assistant professor (Universitair Docent) in Political Science (European/International Politics) since 10/2007
Universiteit Twente (NL), Department of Public Administration

Research

- Political Economy of EU legislative decision-making
- Regulatory competition in the European Union
- EU policy-making in social and environmental policy
- Party politics in the European Union

Teaching: International Relations and European Politics

- International Relations Theory and EU foreign policy (Convenor, MSc European Studies)
- International Relations Theory: The Design of International Institutions (Convenor, MSc European Studies)
- The EU in the World (Co-convenor, prepared for spring 2015, interdisciplinary module with law, 2nd year, BSc European Public Administration)
- EU External Political Relations (Convenor, BSc European Studies, 2nd Year)
- Analyzing International Negotiations (Convenor, BSc European Studies, 2nd year, honours track)
- European Political Integration (Convenor, BSc European Studies, 1st year)
- Supervision of BSc and MSc theses (topics include European Enlargement, EU decision-making, voting behavior of EU member states in the UN, the design of international institutions)

Teaching: Social Science Research Methods

- Master class European Studies (Convenor, lectures and seminars on research design, measurement, qualitative and quantitative research methods [case study method, qualitative comparative analysis, regression], MSc European Studies)
- Methodology of Evaluation and Design (Lectures on research design, BSc European Studies, 2nd year)
- Data collection and measurement (Lectures and project work, BSc International Business Administration , 1st year)
- Methods reading circle (Organizer, PhD/Post-Doc)

Administration

- Co-Director of the Centre for the Study of Democracy
- Member of the program committee BSc/MSc European Studies
- Coordinator of the lecture series „Challenges of Democracy“ (financed by the Netherlands Institute of Government)
- Coordinator of the methods workshop series of the Netherlands Institute of Government
- Member of the selection committee for a full Professorship in EU Politics
- Member of the selection committee for two post-Doc positions in EU Politics

Education

- 07/2013** **Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection**
Courses: Bayesian Data Analysis, Discrete Choice Models
- 2010-12** **NIG Short Courses on Methods, Maastricht and Twente**
Workshops on Qualitative Comparative Analysis, Quantitative Text Analysis, Mixed Methods and Bayesian Data Analysis
- 08/2009** **ICPSR summer school, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**
Courses: Maximum Likelihood for Generalized Linear Models, Regression III: Advanced Methods
- 08/2008** **ICPSR summer school, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**
Courses: Advanced Game Theory, Regression II: General Linear Models
- 10/04 – 11/07** **London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of Government**
PhD in Political Science
Dissertation: Through the Needle's Eye: Leadership and Institutional Dynamics in the EU Council of Ministers
Supervisor: Professor Simon Hix
Advisor: Professor Keith Dowding
Examiners: Professor Fabio Franchino (UCL), Professor Han Dorussen (Essex)
- 10/05 – 06/07** **London School of Economics and Political Science, Teaching and Learning Centre**
Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education
- 04/2005** **ESRC Spring School, Oxford University**
Course: Panel Data Analysis
- 10/03 – 09/04** **London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of Government**
MRes in Political Science (merit)
Courses: Institutional Politics in the European Union, Public Choice, Foundations of Political Inquiry, Quantitative Analysis II: General Linear Model, Quantitative Analysis III: Applied multivariate analysis
- 08/2002** **ECPR Summer School, University of Essex**
Course: OLS Regression - The right-hand Side
- 10/98 – 09/02** **Konstanz University, Department of Political Science and Public Administration**
MA in Political Science, Sociology and Law (graduated among the best 5%)
- 10/97-10/98** **FernUniversität Hagen**
Correspondence course in **Political Science, Sociology and Law**

Previous work experience

10/06 – 9/07 London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of Government

Lecturer in Public Choice and Public Policy (temporary position)

Research

- The influence of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union on EU legislation
- Party politics in the European Union

Teaching

- Public Choice and Public Policy I - An Introduction (postgraduate), MSc Public Policy and Administration and MRes/PhD in Political Science
- Public Choice and Politics, BSc Government and Economics

08/02 – 08/03 Konstanz University, Department of Political Science and Public Administration

Manfred-Ulmer-Stipend holder and research associate

- Research on European constitution-building (with Prof. T. König)
- Teaching a course on Comparative Constitutional Analysis (with Prof. T. König)

Other professional activities

Editorial board Journal of European Public Policy, since 2007

Reviews

Journals:

Acta Politica, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, European Journal of Political Research, European Politics and Society, European Union Politics, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of Contemporary European Research, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of Theoretical Politics, World Politics

Publishing houses:

Cambridge University Press and Palgrave Macmillan

Organisation European Legislative Politics Research Group (www.elprg.eu), since 2010 (with A. Rasmussen)
Methods workshop series, Netherlands Institute of Government, 2010-12

Panel Coalition Formation in European Union Decision-Making, 5th Pan-European Conference on EU Politics, Porto, June 2010

Panel Legislative Decision-Making within and across EU legislative bodies, 4th Pan-European Conference on EU Politics, Riga, September 2008

Analyzing Everyday Decision-Making in the European Union, 2-day workshop, Netherlands Institute of Governance, Annual Workshop, November 2008 (with F. Häge)

Governance in Europe, 2-day workshop, Konstanz University, December 2002 (with A. Wonka)

1. Konstanzer Europa-Kolloquium, weeklong conference, Konstanz University, Mai 2002 (with T. Blume and T. Lorenzen)

External Funding

Project “Creating an innovative Automated Data Extraction and Reporting Tool for European Union Legislative Politics”, Institute of Governance Studies, 2014

PhD position, “Party Political Affiliations within the European Commission and their Consequences on the Commission’s Performance as the EU’s Legislative Agenda-Setter”, NWO-Research Talent-programm, 2012, (with K. Aarts, H. Kolk, K. Killermann)

Methods workshop series, Netherlands Institute of Government, 2010-12

Lecture series “Challenges of Democracy 2009-10”, Netherlands Institute of Government (with J. Thomassen and M. Rosema)

Lecture series “Challenges of Democracy 2008-9”, Netherlands Institute of Government (with J. Thomassen and M. Rosema)

1. Konstanzer Europa-Kolloquium (week-long conference), sponsoring from the private sector (with T. Lorenzen and T. Blume)

Skills

Languages German (native speaker), English (fluent), French (beginner), Dutch (beginner)

Software MS Office, Endnote, statistical packages (R, SPSS, STATA), Maple, computer programming (Perl)

Publications***Peer-reviewed journals***

The elusive goal of continuity? Legislative Decision-Making and the Council Presidency Before and After Lisbon, West European Politics, Vol. 36 (2013), No. 6, pp. 1239-1255

Overcoming gridlock: The Council Presidency, legislative Activity, and Issue De-Coupling in the area of Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, Journal of Contemporary European Research, Vol. 9 (2013), No. 1, pp. 39-59

Measuring Salience in EU Legislative Politics, European Union Politics, Vol. 13 (2012), No. 1, pp. 168-182

Between Bargaining and Deliberation. Decision-Making in the Council of the European Union, Journal of European Public Policy, Vol. 17 (2010), No. 8, pp. 665-679

The Council Presidency: Power Broker or Burden? An Empirical Analysis, European Union Politics, Vol. 9 (2008), No. 3, pp. 316-338

Party Politics as Usual? The Role of Political Parties in the European Union (with B. Lindberg und A. Rasmussen), Journal of European Public Policy, Vol. 15 (2008), No. 8, pp. 1107-1126

The Party Political Make-Up of EU Institutions (with C. Crombez und S. Hix), Journal of European Public Policy, Vol. 15 (2008), No. 8, pp. 1243-1253

Steering the Union. The Impact of the Council Presidency on EU Legislative Activity, Journal of Common Market Studies, Vol. 45 (2007), No. 5, pp. 113-1155

Built on quicksand? A decade of procedural spatial models on EU legislative decision-making (with B. Hörl and A. Wonka), Journal of European Public Policy, Vol. 12 (2005), No. 3, pp. 592-606.

Editorship

The Role of Political Parties in the European Union (with B. Lindberg and A. Rasmussen), Sonderausgabe des Journal of European Public Policy und als reprint by Routledge erschienen, 2008

Governance in Europe – The Role of Interest Groups (with A. Wonka), Baden-Baden, Nomos, 2004.

Herausforderung Europa – Von Visionen zu Konzepten (with T. Blume and T. Lorenzen), Baden-Baden, Nomos, 2003.

Contributions to edited volumes

Designing Democratic Institutions: Legitimacy and the Reform of the Council in the Lisbon Treaty, in S. Dosenrode: Europe after Lisbon, London, Ashgate, 2012

Veto players, in K. Dowding: Encyclopedia of Power, London, Sage, 2011

Bargaining, in K. Dowding: Encyclopedia of Power, London, Sage, 2011

Veto Power, in K. Dowding: Encyclopedia of Power, London, Sage, 2011

Blocking Coalition, in K. Dowding: Encyclopedia of Power, London, Sage, 2011

Noncooperative games, in K. Dowding: Encyclopedia of Power, London, Sage, 2011

Jurisdictions and Structure-Induced Equilibria, in K. Dowding: Encyclopedia of Power, London, Sage, 2011

Steering the Council, not dominating it: the impact of the Council Presidency on EU Legislation, in Wallace, H. and Naurin, D.: Unveiling the Council of the European Union, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008

The Laeken Convention: Consensus without Unity (with T. König and S. Burkhart), in König, T. und S. Hug, Preference Formation and European Constitution-Building. A Comparative Study in Member States and Accession Countries, London/New York, Routledge, 2006.

The Making of Public Policies in the European Union: Linking Theories of Formal Decision-making and Informal Interest Intermediation (with A. Wonka), in Warntjen, A. and A. Wonka: Governance in Europe. The Role of Interest Groups, Baden-Baden, Nomos, 2004.

Other

The rotating Council presidency hinders legislative continuity in the Council of the European Union, London School of Economics, EUROPP blog, 11 December 2013
<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2013/12/11/the-rotating-council-presidency-hinders-legislative-continuity-in-the-council-of-the-european-union/>

Mode(l)s of Decision-Making in the Council of the European Union, University College Dublin, Dublin European Institute, DEI Working Paper 09-6, 2009

Career Opportunities for Young Political Scientists in Germany (with A. Goerres), EPS: European Political Science, Vol. 5, 2006, pp. 253-263.

Conference presentations and invited talks

The elusive goal of continuity? Legislative Decision-making in the Council and the Council Presidency before and after Lisbon, 6th Pan-European Conference on EU Politics, Tampere, September 2012

The elusive quest for continuity? Legislative Decision-making in the Council and the Council Presidency before and after Lisbon, European Political Science Association, Berlin, June 2012

“Old Europe” gegen “New Europe”? Das Abstimmungsverhalten der EU-Mitgliedsstaaten in der Vollversammlung der Vereinten Nationen nach der Osterweiterung 2004, Universität Duisburg-Essen, July 2011

Legislative Initiatives by the European Commission in the Field of Environmental Policy, 1985-2003, research workshop, Universität Leiden, May 2011

Designing Democratic Institutions: Legitimacy and the Reform of the Council in the Lisbon Treaty, research workshop, Universität Aalborg, March 2011

Measuring Saliency in EU Legislative Politics, research workshop, Universität Mannheim, December 2010

Measuring Saliency in EU Politics, 5th Pan-European Conference on EU Politics, Porto, June 2010

Measuring Saliency in EU Politics, Zentrum für Methoden der Sozialwissenschaften, Universität Oldenburg, June 2010

Measuring Saliency in EU Politics, NIG annual conference, Leiden, November 2009

Mode(l)s of Decision-Making in the Council of the European Union, 11th Biennial International Conference of the European Union Studies Association: Los Angeles

The Council Presidency and Legislative Leadership: The Case of Occupational Health and Safety. Research Workshop, University of Wisconsin: Madison, April 2009

The Council Presidency and Legislative Leadership: The Case of Occupational Health and Safety. 11th Biennial International Conference of the European Union Studies Association, Los Angeles, April 2009

The Council Presidency and Legislative Leadership: The Case of Occupational Health and Safety, ECPR General Conference, Potsdam, September 2009

The Council Presidency and Legislative Leadership. The Case of Occupational Health and Safety, Netherlands Institute of Governance, Annual Workshop, University of Twente, November 2008

Modes and Models of Decision-Making in the Council of the European Union, Conference on ‘Negotiation Theory and the EU’, University College Dublin, November 2008

Party Politics as usual? The Role of Political Parties in EU Legislative Decision-Making (with B. Lindberg and A. Rasmussen), American Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Boston, September 2008

Responsiveness, Accountability, and the Reform of the Council of the European Union, Conference on ‘Designing Democratic Institutions’, Political Science and Political Economy Research Group, LSE, May 2008

The Council Presidency: Primus inter pares or ‘responsabilité sans pouvoir’? An Empirical Analysis, Institute of Governance, University of Twente, November 2007

Complex Negotiations in the Council of the European Union: Towards an Agent-Based Model (with K. Spiekermann), ECPR General Conference, Pisa, September 2007

Modelling Complex Negotiations: An agent-based Expected Utility Model (with K. Spiekermann), Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007

The Role of Political Parties in the Council of Ministers, European University Institute, March 2007

Leadership in the EU Council of Ministers: The Council Presidency and EU Legislation, Nuffield College, Oxford University, February 2007

Does the Council Presidency win disproportionately in EU Decision-making? An empirical investigation of the Powers of the Presidency, LSE, Department of Government, November 2006

The Council of Ministers: 'The State of the Art on the Art of the State', Inaugural Workshop, European Legislative Politics Research Group, Uppsala, October 2006

Preference Formation and Aggregation in the European Union, Inaugural Workshop, European Legislative Politics Research Group, Uppsala, October 2006

Is the Council Presidency a (not quite benevolent) 'policy dictator'? An empirical analysis of the Presidency's influence on decision-making in the Council of Ministers, 3rd ECPR Pan-European Conference on European Politics, Istanbul, September 2006

Qualified Majority Voting in the Council: a successful Decongestant? An empirical Analysis, 1984-2004, 3rd ECPR Pan-European Conference on European Politics, Istanbul, September 2006

Reforming the EU Council of Ministers: Proposals and their Implications, Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna, June 2006

Constitutional Choice and the Effect of Institutions: The Rotating Council Presidency, LSE, Department of Government, April 2006

Primus inter pares or 'responsabilité sans pouvoir'? An empirical analysis of the Council Presidency's influence on decision-making, Workshop on 'Legislative Politics in the European Union', Manchester University, May 2006

Is Someone at the Helm? The Council Presidency and EU Legislative Activity 1976-2004, ECPR General Conference, Budapest, September 2005

Steering the Union, Stalling the Collective Good, or Sacrificing the National Interest? The EU Council Presidency as a Legislative Actor, EUSA conference, University of Texas, Austin, April 2005

The Council Presidency as a Policy Entrepreneur: Policy Initiatives and Agenda-Setting in the EU Council, UACES Regional Conference, Cambridge University, May 2004

The Laeken Convention: Consensus without Unity (with T. König und S. Burkhart), ECPR Joint Session, University of Uppsala, April 2004

Constitution-building at the Laeken Convention (with T. König und S. Burkhart), ECPR General Conference, University of Marburg, September 2003