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Academic appointments

- 2018- Research Fellow, Department of Political Science, Leibniz University Hannover, GER
- 2016-2018 Senior Research Fellow & Deputy Director of the Centre for European Studies,
School of Psychology, Politics and Sociology, Canterbury Christ Church University, UK
- 2014-2016 Postdoctoral Research Associate, EU FP7 ANTICORRP Project, School of Slavonic
and East European Studies, University College London, UK
- 2012-2014 Postgraduate Teaching Assistant (PGTA), School of Slavonic and East European
Studies, University College London, UK
- 2008-2009 Research assistant, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), GER

Honorary appointments and visiting positions

- 2019 Visiting Lecturer, Institute of Political Studies, Charles University Prague, CZ
- 2016-2018 Honorary Research Associate, SSEES, University College London, UK

Education

- 2017-2018 PgCert in Academic Practice (PGCAP), Canterbury Christ Church University, UK
- 2010-2015 PhD in Political Science, University College London, UK
'Veto et Peto: Patterns of Presidential Activism in Central Eastern Europe'
Supervisors: Allan Sikk, Seán Hanley
Examiners: Prof Robert Elgie (DCU), James Melton (UCL)
Winner of ECPR Jean Blondel PhD Prize 2016 for the best thesis in Politics
- 2009-2010 MA (distinction) in Politics, Security and Integration, University College London, UK
- 2006-2009 BA (1:1) in Political Science and Public Law, University of Mannheim, GER

Publications

- Books*
- Köker, P. (2017) *Presidential Activism and Veto Power in Central and Eastern Europe*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Ledeneva, A., Bratu, R. & Köker, P. (eds.) (2017) *Innovations in Corruption Studies*. Cambridge: Modern Humanities Research Association.
- Peer-reviewed articles*
- Köker, P. (Online First, 2019) Risk vs Reward strategies in indirect presidential elections: Political parties and the selection of presidential electors in Germany, 1949-2017. *German Politics*, DOI: 10.1080/09644008.2019.1590549
- Sikk, A., & Köker, P. (Online First, 2017) Party Congruence and Novelty: A New Approach to Measuring Party and Party System Change. *Party Politics*, DOI: 10.1177/1354068817747512

- Peer-reviewed articles (continued)* Köker, P. (2019) The effects of majority requirements, selectorate composition and uncertainty in indirect presidential elections: The case of Estonia. *East European Politics* 35(2): 238-258.
- Ledeneva, A., Bratu, R., & Köker, P. (2017) Corruption Studies for the Twenty-First Century: Paradigm Shifts and Innovative Approaches. *Slavonic and East European Review* 95 (1): 1-20.
- Köker, P. (2014) Semi-structured elite interviews in a nested analysis framework: Studying presidential activism in Central and Eastern Europe. *SAGE Research Methods Cases*, DOI: 10.4135/978144627305014534927.
- Book reviews* Köker, P. (2016) Gwiazda, Anna. 2016. Democracy in Poland. Representation, participation, competition and accountability since 1989. *East European Politics* 32 (3): 401-402.
- Köker, P. (2015) Nikolenyi, Csaba. 2014. Institutional Design and Party Government in Post-Communist Europe. Oxford: OUP. *Europe-Asia Studies* 67 (10): 1727-1728.
- Köker, P. (2015) Vít Hloušek (ed.). 2014. Presidents above Parties? Presidents in Central and Eastern Europe, Their Formal Competencies and Informal Power. *CEU Political Science Journal* 10 (1-2): 147-150.

Work in progress

- Submitted* Köker, P. Why dictators veto: Legislation, legitimation and control in authoritarian regimes (*Revise & Resubmit in Democratization*).
- Köker, P. Book Review: Chaisty, P., Cheeseman, N. & Power, T.J. 2018. Coalitional Presidentialism in Comparative Perspective. *Minority Presidents in Multiparty Systems*. Oxford: OUP. (submitted to *Europe-Asia Studies*)
- Hoennige, C., Nyhuis, D., Meyer, P. Köker, P., & Shikano, S. Dominating the debate: The presence of British MPs in Brexit reporting. (submitted for review to *Political Research Exchange*)
- Drafts* Bode, E. & Köker, P. Common trends or diverging trajectories: The Austrian and French presidential elections 2016/2017 and their consequences (Draft manuscript).
- Köker, P. Indirect presidential elections: A global summary and comparison, 1945-2018 (Working paper).
- Other* Sikk, A. & Köker, P. Party People: Candidates and Party Evolution. (*Book proposal submitted to Oxford University Press*)

Other academic outputs

- PhD thesis* Köker, P. (2015) Veto et Peto: Patterns of Presidential Activism in Central and Eastern Europe. PhD thesis, University College London. Available at: discovery.ucl.ac.uk/1461326
- Teaching videos* Köker, P. (2016) An Introduction to Elite Interviewing. *SAGE Research Methods*. dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781473968660.
- Köker, Philipp. (2016) Studying Presidential Activism using Mixed Methods. *SAGE Research Methods*. dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781473966949.

Conference and workshop presentations

- 2019 Köker, P. Indirect presidential elections: A global summary and comparison, 1945-2018. *ECPR General Conference*, Wrocław, 4-7 September.
- Bode, E. & Köker, P. Common trends or diverging trajectories: The Austrian and French presidential elections 2016/2017 and their consequences. *ECPR General Conference*, Wrocław, 4-7 September.
- Sikk, A. & Köker, P. Candidate Turnover and Party Policy Change in Central and Eastern Europe. *APSA Annual Meeting*, Washington D.C., 29 August-1 September.
- Bode, E. & Köker, P. Common trends or diverging trajectories: The Austrian and French presidential elections 2016/2017 and their consequences. *Norddeutsches Kolloquium der Sozialwissenschaften*, Hannover, 5 July.
- Köker, P. Indirect presidential elections: A global summary and comparison, 1945-2018. *EPSA Annual Conference*, Belfast, 20-22 June.
- Sikk, A. & Köker, P. Candidate Turnover and Party Policy Change in Central and Eastern Europe. *EPSA Annual Conference*, Belfast, 20-22 June.
- Köker, P. The role of presidents in illiberal democracies: Hungary and Poland compared. *BASEES Annual Conference*, Cambridge, 31 March-2 April.
- 2018 Köker, P. Why dictators veto: Legislation, legitimation and control in Kazakhstan and Russia. *ECPR General Conference*, Hamburg, 22-25 August.
- 2017 Köker, P. 'Presidential veto power in post-Soviet authoritarian regimes'. *BASEES Annual Conference*, Cambridge, 31 March-2 April.
- 2016 Sikk, A. & Köker, P. Electoral candidates as Difficult Political Data. *Annual Conference of the Political Methodology Group of the Political Studies Association*, London, 27 June.
- Köker, P. Risk or Reward: Party strategies and extra-parliamentarian electors in German presidential elections, 1949-2012. *EPSA Annual Conference*, Brussels, 23-25 June.
- Sikk, A. & Köker, P. Replacing the rascals? Corruption and candidate turnover in Central and Eastern Europe. *PSA Annual Conference*, Brighton, 21-23 March.
- 2015 Sikk, A. & Köker, P. Replacing the rascals? Corruption and candidate turnover in Central and Eastern Europe. *ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops*. Warsaw, 29 March-2 April.
- 2014 Köker, P. Presidential activism in Central and Eastern Europe: The question of popular elections. *BASEES Annual Conference*, Cambridge, 5-7 April.
- 2013 Köker, P. Predecessors and constitutions: The evolution of Central and Eastern European presidents' perceptions of their office. *ISPP Annual Meeting*, Herzliya, 8-11 July.
- Köker, P. Presidential Activism in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE): A statistical analysis of the use of presidential vetoes in the CEE EU member states, 1990-2010. *PSA Annual Conference*, Cardiff, 25-27 March.
- Köker, P. The next generation: Presidential predecessors, constitutions and the evolution of incumbents' vision of the presidency. *BASEES Annual Conference*, Cambridge, 5-8 April.
- 2012 Köker, P. Office, Policy or Popularity? Motivations for presidential action in parliamentary and semi-presidential systems. *ISPP Annual Meeting*, Chicago, 6-9 July.

- (2012 continued) Köker, P. Presidential Activism in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE): A statistical analysis of the use of presidential vetoes in the CEE EU member states, 1990-2010. *EPSA Annual Conference*, Berlin, 21-23 June.
- Engst, B.G. & Köker, P. A way out of the crisis? Constitutional Courts as instruments of intra-executive conflict resolution. *International Postgraduate Conference on Central and Eastern Europe*, London, 15-17 February.
- Köker, P. Presidential Activism in Central and Eastern Europe: How Presidents' Background and Perception Shape the Use of their Powers. *BASEES Annual Conference, Cambridge*, 31 March-2 April.
- 2011 Köker, P. The role of president-related factors in influencing the activism of Post-Communist presidents. *ISPP Networking Conference*, Budapest, 25-27 November.

Invited talks

- 03/2019 Charles University Prague, "Indirect presidential elections in international comparison"
- 04/2017 University of Kent, "Why dictators veto: Explaining presidential activism under authoritarianism"
- 02/2017 Academic Book Week/SpringerNature, "Books, Impact & REF2021: ECR & University Perspectives"
- 05/2016 University of Warwick, "Innovations in research and practice in anti-corruption"
- 02/2013 Ukrainian Institute in London, "Presidential vetoes in comparative perspective"
- 10/2012 University College London, "The practice of research interviews in CEE" (panel discussion)

Service to discipline

- Editorial boards* 2019- , *Presidential Power Blog*, Deputy Editor
 2019- , *Acta Politologica (AcPo)*, Member of the Editorial Board
 2018- , *Politikon LAPSS Journal of Political Science*, International Advisory Board
- Memberships in professional organisations* American Political Science Association (APSA); British Association of Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES); European Political Science Association (EPSA); ECPR Standing Groups on Presidential Politics and Party Politics
- Peer Review* Contemporary Social Science; East European Politics; East European Politics and Societies; European Political Science Review; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; Political Studies Review; Problems of Postcommunism
 Routledge

University and departmental service

- Leibniz University Hannover* 2019-, Local Coordinator, Norddeutsches Kolloquium der Sozialwissenschaften
 2019-, Coordinator, departmental seminar series in political science
 2018-, Member, Doctoral Awards Committee, Faculty of Humanities

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| <i>Canterbury</i> | 2016-2018, PhD admissions tutor, Politics and International Relations |
| <i>Christ Church</i> | 2016-2018, coordinator, departmental seminar series in political science and IR |
| <i>University</i> | 2016-2018, Big Data Ambassador, School of Psychology, Politics and Sociology |

Scholarships and awards

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| 2016 | ECPR Jean Blondel PhD Prize 2016 for the best thesis in Politics (€1,000) |
| 2014 | UCL SSEES Excellence Scholarship (£2,000) |
| 2012 | UCL Graduate School & UCL SSEES – travel grant (£800) |
| 2011 | CEU Political Behaviour Research Group –travel grant (£100) |
| 2010 | UCL SSEES Foundation Scholarship – 3-year doctoral scholarship (£45,000) |

Funding & Grants procured

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| 2019 | DAAD Conference Grant (€2,040) |
| 2019 | ERASMUS+ Teaching Mobility Award (€1,860) |
| 2017 | CCCU Research and Impact Excellence Fund, grant for research assistance (£750) |
| 2015 | UCL SSEES, grant for convening an international academic seminar series (£2,350) |
| 2014 | UCL SSEES, grant to organise a postgraduate conference (£2,000) UACES, grant to organise a postgraduate conference (£500) |
| 2013 | UCL Roberts Training Fund, grant to organise two PhD student workshops (£350) |
| 2011 | UCL European Institute, grant to organise a postgraduate conference (£500) |

Teaching, assessment and supervision

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| <i>Undergraduate</i> | ‘Logik und Design politikwissenschaftlicher Forschung’ [Logic and Design of Political Science Research] (2018, 2018/19, 2019), Leibniz University Hannover ‘Ideological Wars’ (2016/17; selected sessions), CCCU ‘Politics, Power and the State’ (2016/17; selected sessions), CCCU ‘Research Methods’ (2016/17; selected sessions), CCCU ‘States and Regimes’ (2016/17; selected sessions), CCCU ‘Comparative Political Analysis’ (2014/15; selected sessions), UCL SSEES ‘Comparative Politics’ (2012/13 & 2013/14), UCL SSEES ‘Politics and Society in Central and Eastern Europe’ (2013/14), UCL SSEES ‘UCL Global Citizenship Programme – The Danube Region’ (2013 & 2014), UCL |
| <i>Postgraduate</i> | ‘Eine neue Verfassung für Schottland: Eine Simulation’ [A new constitution for Scotland: A simulation] (2019), Leibniz University Hannover ‘Politics and Society in Central and Eastern Europe’ (2018/19), Leibniz Uni Hannover ‘Präsidenten im Vergleich: Zwischen Chief Executives und Figureheads’ [Comparing Presidents: Between chief executives and figureheads] (2018), Leibniz Uni Hannover ‘Logik und Design politikwissenschaftlicher Forschung’ [Logic and Design of Political Science Research] (2018, 2018/19, 2019), Leibniz Uni Hannover |

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| <i>(Postgraduate continued)</i> | ‘Advanced Research in Politics and IR’ (2016/17; 2017/18 selected sessions), CCCU ‘Corruption and Governance’ (2015/16; selected sessions), UCL SSEES ‘Mixing methods in political science’ (2013, PhD workshop), UCL ‘Conducting Research Interviews’ (2013, PhD workshop), UCL |
| <i>Supervision</i> | BA and MA dissertations (2018-present), Leibniz Uni Hannover BA dissertations (2016/2017), CCCU |
| <i>Cerfificates</i> | 2018 FHEA – Fellow of the Higher Education Academy 2013 AFHEA – Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy |

Additional skills

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| <i>Languages</i> | Fluent: English, German, Polish Intermediate: Slovak Beginner: Dutch, French, Spanish, Russian Reading knowledge: Belarussian, Croatian, Czech, Romanian, Slovenian, Ukrainian |
| <i>Software</i> | R; STATA; SPSS; NVivo; Moodle; Blackboard; GIMP; InDesign; Wordpress |