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Academic appointments

- 02/2018- Lecturer / Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Research Group in Comparative Government and German Politics,
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 & 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
School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, UK

Education

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

Publications

- Monographs* Sikk, A. and Köker, P. (Forthcoming 2022). *Party People: Candidates and Party Evolution*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Köker, P. (2017) *Presidential Activism and Veto Power in Central and Eastern Europe*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Edited volumes* Ledeneva, A., Bratu, R. & Köker, P. (eds.) (2017) *Innovations in Corruption Studies*. Cambridge: Modern Humanities Research Association.
- Peer-reviewed articles* Köker, P. (2020) Why dictators veto: Legislation, legitimation and control in Kazakhstan and Russia. *Democratization* 27(2): 204-223.
- Sikk, A., & Köker, P. (2019) Party Congruence and Novelty: A New Approach to Measuring Party and Party System Change. *Party Politics* 25(6): 759–770
- Köker, P. (2019) Risk vs Reward strategies in indirect presidential elections: Political parties and the selection of presidential electors in Germany, 1949-2017. *German Politics* 28(4): 602-620.
- 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. (2019). Chaisty, Paul, Nic Cheeseman and Timothy J. Power. *Coalitional Presidentialism in Comparative Perspective. Minority Presidents in Multiparty Systems*. *Europe-Asia Studies* 71 (9): 1613-1615.
- 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. *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.

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

- 2020 Köker, P. & Jahnke, P. Beyond “Considerable Powers”: Concepts of Presidential Power in Comparative Presidential Studies. *IPSA World Congress*, Lisbon, 25-29 July.
- Köker, P., Hönnige, C. & Aumann, M. Legislative Chamber Design, Regime Type and Democracy. *IPSA World Congress*, Lisbon, 25-29 July.
- Köker, P. Signature requirements and ballot access restrictions in popular presidential elections: A global overview and analysis. *Electoral Management Network Workshop*, Lisbon, 24 July.
- 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.
- 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

- 2019 Charles University Prague, 'Indirect presidential elections in international comparison'
- 2017 University of Kent, 'Explaining presidential activism under authoritarianism'
- 2016 University of Warwick, 'Innovations in research and practice in anti-corruption'
- 2013 Ukrainian Institute in London, 'Presidential vetoes in comparative perspective'
- 2012 University College London, 'The practice of research interviews in CEE'

Service to profession

- Editorial boards* 2020- , Springer Nature (SN) Social Sciences, Member of the Editorial Board
- 2019- , Acta Politologica (AcPo), Member of the Editorial Board
- 2019- , Presidential Power Blog, Deputy Editor
- 2018- , Politikon IAPSS Journal of Political Science, International Advisory Board
- Memberships* American Political Science Association (APSA); European Political Science Association (EPSA); International Political Studies Association (IPSA); ECPR Standing Groups on Presidential Politics and Party Politics
- Peer Review* Comparative European Politics; Comparative Political Studies; Contemporary Social Science; East European Politics; East European Politics and Societies; European Political Science Review; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; International Political Science Review; Political Studies Review; Politics & Governance; Problems of Postcommunism; Routledge (book proposals)

<i>Conference & workshop organization</i>	2017	Panel organiser ('Presidents and Legislation'), ECPR General Conference, Oslo
	2016	Panel organiser ('Presidential Veto Power'), ECPR General Conference, Prague
	2015/6	Convener, seminar series 'Innovations in corruption studies', UCL SSEES
	2014	Chair, 13th International Postgraduate Conference on Central and Eastern Europe, UCL
	2013	Organiser, PhD workshops on Research Interviews and Mixed Methods, UCL
	2012	Co-chair, 11th International Postgraduate Conference on Central and Eastern Europe, UCL
<i>Other</i>	2019	Respondent, Chapel Hill Expert Survey

University and departmental service

<i>Leibniz University Hannover</i>	2019-	Local Coordinator, Norddeutsches Kolloquium der Sozialwissenschaften
	2019-	Coordinator, departmental seminar series in political science
	2018-	Member, Doctoral Awards Committee, Faculty of Humanities
<i>Canterbury Christ Church University</i>	2016-18	PhD admissions tutor, Politics and International Relations
	2016-18	coordinator, departmental seminar series in political science and IR
	2016-18	Big Data Ambassador, School of Psychology, Politics and Sociology

Scholarships, Prizes and awards

2020	Teaching Prize, "Best Lecture 2019", Leibniz University Hannover Politics Society
2016	ECPR Jean Blondel PhD Prize 2016 for the best thesis in Politics (€1,000)
2014	UCL SSEES Excellence Scholarship (£2,000)
2013	Nominee for the UCL Provost's Teaching Award 2012/13
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

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

Undergraduate *Leibniz University Hannover - Winter term 2019/2020*

‘Einführung in die vergleichende Politikwissenschaft’ [Lecture]

Leibniz University Hannover - Summer term 2019

‘Praxis der Verfassungsgebung: Ein Planspiel’ [Seminar]

‘Logik und Design politikwissenschaftlicher Forschung’ [Seminar]

Canterbury Christ Church University – Winter Term 2017/2018

‘Introduction to Research Methods’ [Lecture and tutorial]

Canterbury Christ Church University – Spring Term 2017

‘Ideological Wars’ [Lecture and tutorial; selected sessions only]

‘Politics, Power and the State’ [Lecture and tutorial; selected sessions only]

‘Research Methods’ [Lecture and tutorial; selected sessions only]

‘States and Regimes’ [Lecture and tutorial; selected sessions only]

University College London – Winter Term 2014/2015

‘Comparative Political Analysis’ [seminar; selected sessions only]

University College London – Winter Term + Spring Term 2013/2014

‘Comparative Politics’ [tutorial]

‘Politics and Society in Central and Eastern Europe’ [tutorial]

‘Politics, Society and Culture of the Danube Region’ [summer school course]

University College London – Winter Term + Spring Term 2012/2013

‘Comparative Politics’ [tutorial]

‘Politics, Society and Culture of the Danube Region’ [summer school course]

Postgraduate *Leibniz University Hannover - Summer term 2020*

‘Comparative Presidential Politics’ [Seminar]

‘Logik und Design politikwissenschaftlicher Forschung’ [Seminar]

Leibniz University Hannover - Winter term 2019/2020

Der “Neue Institutionalismus” in Theorie und Praxis [seminar]

Leibniz University Hannover - Summer term 2019

‘Eine neue Verfassung für Schottland: Eine Simulation’ [Seminar]
‘Logik und Design politikwissenschaftlicher Forschung’ [Seminar]

Charles University Prague – Spring term 2019

‘Introduction to Comparative Presidential Studies’ [Lecture]

Leibniz University Hannover – Winter term 2018/2019

‘Politics and Society in Central and Eastern Europe’ [Seminar]

‘Logik und Design politikwissenschaftlicher Forschung’ [Seminar]

Leibniz University Hannover - Summer term 2018

‘Präsidenten im Vergleich: Zwischen Chief Executives und Figureheads’ [Seminar]

‘Logik und Design politikwissenschaftlicher Forschung’ [Seminar]

Canterbury Christ Church University – Winter Term 2017/18

‘Advanced Research in Politics and IR’ [Lecture and tutorial; selected sessions only]

Canterbury Christ Church University – Spring Term 2017

‘Advanced Research in Politics and IR’ [Lecture and tutorial; selected sessions only]

University College London – Winter Term 2015/2016

‘Corruption and Governance’ [seminar; selected sessions and marking only]

University College London – Spring term 2013

‘Mixing methods in political science’ [PhD student workshop]

‘Conducting Research Interviews’ [PhD student workshop]

Supervision

BA and MA dissertations (2018-present), Leibniz Uni Hannover
BA dissertations (2016-2017), Canterbury Christ Church University

Teaching

2018 FHEA – Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

Certificates

2013 AFHEA – Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

Outreach, Media & Consultancy

<i>Outreach</i>	2017	'Books, Impact & REF2021: ECR & University Perspectives', Talk at the Academic Book Week organized by Springer Nature, London
	2013	'Presidential vetoes in comparative perspective', Talk at the Ukrainian Institute, London
	2013-	Co-founder (with Prof. Robert Elgie) and writer of the Presidential Power Blog (www.presidential-power.net); contributor to various other blogs, e.g. New Eastern Europe, UCL SSEES Research Blog, CCCU Expert Comment.
<i>Media</i>	2012-	Interviews for BBC Fact Check, Euronews, Radio France International, SAT1, Kyiv Post, Diena, Europe Insight Russia
<i>Consultancy</i>	2015	Development, Concepts and Doctrine Centre (DCDC), UK Ministry of Defence; Workshop participation and consultation on the study 'Future Security Challenges in the Baltic Sea Region'. Available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/future-security-challenges-in-the-baltic-sea-region

Additional skills

<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

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