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Academic appointments

02.2018 – present “Privatdozent” (Senior Lecturer/Non-stipendiary Associate Professor), 06.2024 – present Lecturer and Research Fellow (Akademischer Rat a. Z.), 02.2021 – present Postdoctoral Researcher, 02.2018 – 01.2021
Research Group in Comparative Government and German Politics, Department of Political Science, Leibniz University Hannover, GER

10.2016 – 02.2018 Senior Research Fellow in Politics and International Relations & Deputy Director, Jean Monnet Centre for European Studies (CEFEUS)
School of Psychology, Politics & Sociology, Canterbury Christ Church University, UK

09.2014 – 05.2016 Research Associate in Societal & Political Responses to Corruption in Europe
EU FP7 ANTICORRP Project (Grant No. 290529)
School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, UK

10.2012 – 06.2014 Postgraduate Teaching Assistant (PGTA)
School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, UK

01.2008 – 06.2009 Student Research Assistant, Project “Coalition Conflict and Intra-Party Politics”
Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), GER

Visiting positions and other affiliations

05.2024 ERASMUS+ visiting lecturer, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA), Tbilisi, GE

10.2023 – 03.2024 Visiting lecturer, Georg-August-University Göttingen, GER

03.2019 ERASMUS+ visiting lecturer, Institut politologických studií, Charles University, Prag, CZ

06.2016 – 05.2018 Honorary Research Associate, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, UK

Other professional experience

01.2009 – 02.2009 Intern, European Office of the Polish Województwo Lubelskie, Brussels, BEL

06.2008 – 08.2008 Intern, Office of the Spokesperson and the Sejm Parliamentary Group of the Sojusz Lewicy Demokratycznej (SLD), Warsaw, PL

09.2005 – 08.2006 Voluntary Alternative Service with Action Reconciliation – Service for Peace (“Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste – ASF e.V.”) in der Majdanek Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Maximilian-Kolbe Foundation und Cultural Centre “Teatr NN-Brama Grodzka”, Lublin, PL

Education

- 07.2023 – 06.2024 Habilitation in Political Science (postdoctoral degree/qualification for professorship)
Faculty of Humanities, Leibniz Universität Hannover, GER
Thesis: “Institutions and Legitimacy in the Presidential Life Cycle”
Lecture: “Party People: Candidates and Party Evolution”
Examiners: Prof. Dr. Christoph Hönnige (Leibniz University Hannover)
Prof. Dr. Tim Haughton (University of Birmingham)
- 03.2017 – 05.2018 Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice (PGCAP)
Canterbury Christ Church University, UK
- 09.2010 – 02.2015 PhD in Political Science
University College London, UK
Thesis: “Veto et Peto: Patterns of Presidential Activism in Central and Eastern Europe”
Supervisor: Dr. Allan Sikk (UCL SSEES)
Examiners: Prof. Dr. Robert Elgie (Dublin City University)
Dr. James Melton (UCL School of Public Policy)
Funded by the UCL SSEES Foundation Scholarship & SSEES Excellence Scholarship
Winner of the “ECPR Jean Blondel PhD Prize 2016 for the best thesis in politics”
- 09.2009 – 11.2010 MA (“with Distinction”) in Politics, Security and Integration
School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, UK
- 08.2006 – 06.2009 B.A. (1:1) in Political Science (minor subject: Public Law)
Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim, GER

Other qualifications, training and certificates

- 02.2018 – present Staff development programme at Leibniz University Hannover
Applying for Third-party Funding, Research Data Management, SciVal Analytics
- 07.2018 Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy (FHEA)
- 09.2014 – 06.2016 UCL Staff Development Programme
Project Management, Writing Grant Applications, Writing Academic Books
- 09.2013 Associate Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy (AFHEA)
- 08.2012 ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques
Survival Analysis and Event History Analysis
- 01.2012 School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London
Semi-Structured Interviewing

Additional skills

- Languages* Fluent: German (native), Englisch, Polnisch
 Advanced: Russian, Slovak
 Beginner: French, Dutch, Spanish
 Passive: Croatian, Czech, Romanian, Slovenian, Ukrainian
- Software* R; STATA; SPSS; NVivo; GIMP; InDesign; TYPO3; Wordpress

Publications

- Monographs* Sikk, Allan & Köker, Philipp. (2023). *Party People: Candidates and Party Evolution*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Köker, Philipp. (2017) *Presidential Activism and Veto Power in Central and Eastern Europe*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Textbooks* Köker, Philipp & Harmening Morten. (2024). *Studentisches Publizieren in den Sozialwissenschaften: Von der Haus- und Abschlussarbeit zur wissenschaftlichen Publikation*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.
- Edited volumes & special issues* Ledeneva, Alena, Bratu, Roxana & Köker, Philipp. (Hrsg.) (2017). *Innovations in Corruption Studies*. Cambridge: Modern Humanities Research Association. Zeitgleich erschienen als Special Issue in *Slavonic and East European Review*, 95(1).
- Journal articles with peer review* Köker, Philipp, Weiher, Nele, & Schollmeyer, Anja. The gender gap in civil state decorations: A comparative study of the Baltic States, 1994–2020. *Politics & Gender*, (Online First), DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X23000636>.
- Köker, P. (2023). The temporary transfer of presidential powers in the Czech Republic. *Review of Central and East European Law*, 48 (1), 1-31.
- Hönnige, Christoph, Nyhuis, Dominic, Meyer, Philipp, Köker, Philipp & Shikano, Susumu. (2020). Dominating the Debate: Visibility Bias and Mentions of British MPs in Newspaper Reporting on Brexit. *Political Research Exchange*, 2 (1), Online, DOI: 10.1080/2474736X.2020.1788955.
- Köker, Philipp. (2020). Why dictators veto: Legislation, legitimation and control in Kazakhstan and Russia. *Democratization*, 27(2), 204-223.
- Sikk, Allan & Köker, Philipp. (2019). Party Congruence and Novelty: A New Approach to Measuring Party and Party System Change. *Party Politics*, 25 (6), 759–770
- Köker, Philipp. (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, Philipp. (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, Alena, Bratu, Roxana & Köker, Philipp. (2017) *Corruption Studies for the Twenty-First Century: Paradigm Shifts and Innovative Approaches*. *Slavonic and East European Review*, 95(1): 1-20.
- Köker, Philipp. (2014). Semi-structured elite interviews in a nested analysis framework: Studying presidential activism in Central and Eastern Europe. *SAGE Research Methods Cases*, Online, DOI: 10.4135/978144627305014534927.
- Journal articles and essays with editorial review* Köker, Philipp. (2022). Remembering Robert Elgie: A Blogging Academic. *French Politics*, 20(2): 291-297.
- Köker, Philipp, & Harmening, Morten. (2021). Und wo sind die Wahlfrauen? Defizite deskriptiver Repräsentation bei der Wahl der deutschen Bundespräsidenten. *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen*, 52 (3), 575-595.

Publications (continued)

- Contributions to handbooks and edited volumes* Köker, Philipp (Erscheint 2024). Presidents of Poland. in: Grzybowska-Walecka, Katarzyna, Guerra, Simona & Casal Bertoa, Fernando (eds.). *Oxford Handbook of Polish Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Köker, Philipp. (2024). Impeachment in Central and Eastern Europe. in: Huq, Aziz, Flinders, Matthew & Monaghan, Chris (eds.). *Impeachment in a Global Context: Law, Politics, and Comparative Practice*. Abingdon: Routledge. 239-254.
- Köker, Philipp, & Cartens, Hiske J. L. (2021). Acting Presidents and Temporary Presidential Succession in European Republics. in: *Challenging traditional constitutional ideas in terms of Modern State and Politics*, Đorđević, Miroslav. (ed.). Belgrad: Institute for Comparative Law. 245-258.
- Book reviews* Köker, Philipp. (2023). Csergö, Zs., D.A. Eglitis, and P.M. Pickering (eds.). Central & East European Politics. Changes and Challenges. 5th edition. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 75 (3), 532-534.
- Köker, Philipp. (2023). Beyond Presidentialism and Parliamentarism. By Steffen Ganghof; Democracy and Executive Power. By Susan Rose-Ackerman; Dilemmas of Collective Government. By Patrick Weller, Dennis C. Grube, and R.A.W. Rhodes. *Perspectives on Politics*, 21(1), 380-382.
- Köker, Philipp. (2019). Chaisty, P., N. Cheeseman and T.J. Power. Coalitional Presidentialism in Comparative Perspective. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 71 (9): 1613-1615.
- Köker, Philipp. (2016). Gwiazda, A. 2016. Democracy in Poland. Representation, participation, competition and accountability since 1989. *East European Politics*, 32 (3): 401-402.
- Köker, Philipp. (2015). Nikolenyi, Cs. 2014. Institutional Design and Party Government in Post-Communist Europe. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 67(10): 1727-1728.
- Köker, Philipp. (2015). Hloušek, V. (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.
- PhD thesis* Köker, Philipp. (2015). *Veto et Peto: Patterns of Presidential Activism in Central and Eastern Europe*. University College London. <http://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/1461326>
- Habilitation thesis* Köker, Philipp. (2023). *Institutions and Legitimacy in the Presidential Life-Cycle*. Leibniz Universität Hannover.

Teaching videos

- Köker, Philipp. (2016) An Introduction to Elite Interviewing. *SAGE Research Methods Video Collection*. Online, DOI: 10.4135/9781473968660.
- Köker, Philipp. (2016) Studying Presidential Activism using Mixed Methods. *SAGE Research Methods Video Collection*. Online, DOI: 10.4135/9781473966949.

Funding

External funding

2021 „Courts under pressure: How social media change political discourse about the rule of law in modern democracies“; Volkswagen Stiftung/MWK Niedersachsen – “Die Digitale Gesellschaft”
Joint project with Prof. Dr. Christoph Hönnige & Prof. Dr. Dominic Nyhuis
Total amount awarded: €507.800
Duration: 01.10.2021 – 30.09.2024

Other funding

2023 State Ministry for European and Federal Affairs and Regional Development of Lower Saxony; funds to organize a panel discussion and screening of the documentary “Judges under Pressure“ (€1.020)

2022 Leibniz University Hannover (Hochschulbüro für ChancenVielfalt; Hochschulbüro für Internationales); funds to organize a panel discussion and screening of the documentary “Tage der Jugend“ (€1.800)

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, small 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)

Prizes und scholarship

2024 ERASMUS+ Teaching Mobility Award (€1.620)

2020 Teaching award of the Society of Politics Students as best lecturer, Winter term, Leibniz Universität Hannover

2019 DAAD Travel Scholarship (€2.040)

2019 ERASMUS+ Teaching Mobility Award (€1.860)

2016 ECPR Jean Blondel PhD Prize 2016 for the best thesis in Politics (€1.000)

2014 UCL SSEES Excellence Scholarship (£2.000)

2013 Nominierung für den UCL Provost’s Teaching Award 2012/13

2012 UCL Graduate School – Travel Scholarship (£800)

2011 CEU Political Behaviour Research Group – Travel Scholarship (£100)

2010 UCL SSEES Foundation Scholarship – 3-year PhD scholarship (£45.000)

Other academic activities (selection)

Editorial work

- 03.2019 – present Acta Politologica (AcPo), Member of the Editorial Board
- 02.2018 – present Politikon IAPSS Journal of Political Science, International Association of Political Science Students, Member of the International Advisory Board
- 06.2020 – 06.2023 SpringerNature (SN) Social Sciences, Contracted Associate Editor
- 09.2013 – 09.2021 Presidential Power Blog, Co-founder & Deputy Editor

Reviewer

- Journals Comparative European Politics; Comparative Political Studies; Contemporary Social Science; Democratization; East European Politics; East European Politics and Societies; Europe-Asia Studies; European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science Review; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; International Political Science Review; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Political Studies; Political Studies Review; Politics & Governance; Problems of Postcommunism; SN Social Sciences
- Publishers Cambridge University Press; Oxford University Press; Palgrave; Routledge
- Funding Czech Science Foundation (GAČR)
- Prizes 2022 – Jury Member, ECPR Jean Blondel Prize for the best thesis in politics
2021 – Jury Member, IAPSS Politikon Best Reviewer Prize

Leadership in networks and projects

- 10.2021 – present *INSTAPARTY: Party Instability in Parliaments*, Member of the International Advisory Board (Norwegian Research Council, Project No 325141)
- 09.2021 – present *ECPR Standing Group on Presidential Politics*, Member of the Steering Group
- 2024 Section chair (mit S. Lazardeux, St Fisher U), ECPR General Conference, Dublin
- 2021 Section chair (mit A. Fruhstorfer, Uni Potsdam), ECPR General Conference, Online
- 2015 – 2016 Organizer, Seminarserie „Innovations in corruption studies“, UCL, London
- 2014 Conference Chair, 13th International Postgraduate Conference on CEE, UCL
- 2013 Organizer, PhD Workshops zu Forschungsinterviews & Mixed Methods, UCL
- 2012 Co-organizer, 11th International Postgraduate Conference on CEE, UCL

Science communication, outreach and consulting

Outreach

- 09.2024 “Rechtsruck in Europa: Eine Gefahr für die Demokratie?“, talk at the „Day for Democracy“ of the State Police of Lower Saxony, Hannover, GER
- 02.2024 „Protecting courts against populists“, organization and presentation of a panel discussion on attacks on the judiciary, Hardenbergsches Haus, Hannover, GER
- 07.2023 „Judges under Pressure“, organization and presentation of a film screening and panels discussion on the rule of law in Poland (in collaboration with the State Ministry for European and Federal Affairs and Regional Development of Lower Saxony), Leibniz University Hannover, DE
- 04.2023 „Der Angriffskrieg gegen die Ukraine und Europäische Antworten“, Co-organization of a public lecture and discussion with the Ukrainian ambassador in the Federal Republic of Germany H.E. Oleksii Makeiev, Leibniz Universtiy Hannover, GER

Science communication, outreach and consulting (continued)

- 04.2022 „Tage der Jugend“, organization and presentation of a film screening and panel discussion on military, patriotism and society in contemporary Russia, Leibniz University Hannover, GER
- 02.2017 „Books, Impact & REF2021: ECR & University Perspectives“, Public talk at the Academic Book Week on invitation of SpringerNature, London, UK
- 03.2013 „Президентське вето: Central and Eastern European presidents and their power to block legislation“, public lecture, Ukrainian Institute London, UK

Media

- Since 2012 Regular interviews and comments for regional, national and international news (TV/Radio/Print/Online), e.g. BBC Fact Check, Diena LV, dpa, Emerging Europe, El Mercurio, Euronews, Frankfurter Rundschau, Hannoversche Allgemeine Zeitung, Hessischer Rundfunk, MDR Nachrichtenradio, NDR (TV & Radio), Pro7/SAT.1/Kabel1, Radio France International, Radio Hannover, rbb24 Inforadio, Reuters, RTL.
- Since 2010 Over 100 contributions to different blogs, e.g. Presidential Power Blog, New Eastern Europe, UCL SSEES Research Blog, CCCU Expert Comment, UCL Europe Blog, UK and EU, PEX Network Blog, TIB Blog.

Consulting

- 10.2015 UK Ministry of Defence – Development, Concepts and Doctrine Centre (DCDC); Workshop participation and consulting for the study „Future Security Challenges in the Baltic Sea Region“. www.gov.uk/government/publications/future-security-challenges-in-the-baltic-sea-region

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