



Education

09/2021-03/2026

French-German Doctoral Studies (Cotutelle) in Political Science

University of Freiburg (UFR) & University of Strasbourg (Unistra)

Submitted: 06/2025; Defended: 05.03.2026

Title: „Young versus old? Society and political parties in the context of demographic change – a comparative study of Germany and France” (German language monography)

- Original data collection: interviews with politicians and party staff in Germany and France
- Mixed-methods approach: quantitative regression analyses based on large-scale survey data and structured qualitative content analysis of electoral programs and interview data
- Grade: Magna Cum Laude (1,6)

09/2022-02/2024

Baden-Württemberg Certificate for Teaching and Learning at University Level

University Didactics Center Baden-Württemberg

Three modules with 200 teaching units

09/2023-10/2023

Visiting Doctoral Candidate

Centre d'études européennes et de politique comparée (CEE), Sciences Po Paris

04/2018-07/2020

Master of Arts in Social Sciences (Global Studies Program)

University of Freiburg, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Buenos

Aires & Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi

- Grade: 1,3 (on a scale of 1 to 6, where 1 is the best)
- Master Thesis: “Conceptualizations of Social Justice - in Economic Thought and in the Reports of the German Council of Economic Experts”

08/2016-07/2017

Certificate for Teaching German as a foreign/second language

University of Stuttgart & Teach First Germany

10/2017/-02/2021

Bachelor's degree with option to become a secondary school teacher in Political Science and Economics

University of Freiburg

- Grade: 1,4 (on a scale of 1 to 6, where 1 is the best)

10/2013-07/2016

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (major) & Economics (minor)

University of Freiburg

- Grade: 1,3 (on a scale of 1 to 6, where 1 is the best)



Jobs/Relevant Work Experience

Since 04/2026

International Research Training Group “Baltic Peripeties”

University of Greifswald

Postdoctoral Researcher (100%)

04/2025-03/2026

Chair for Multilevel Governance (UFR)

Assistant (50%), PD Dr Janne Mende

- Curriculum planning and exam organization
- Hosting the Freiburg Pol. Sci. Research Colloquium (with Dr. Tim Zajontz)
- Teaching (2 semester hours per week)
- Independent research

10/2024-03/2026	Department of Political Science (UFR) Lecturer (25%, 3.5 semester hours per week)
since 2022	Voteswiper (Voting Advice Application) Editorial Team (volunteer work) Covered Elections: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2026: Baden-Württemberg, Rhineland-Palatinate• 2025: Bundestag, Hamburg• 2024: European Elections, Saxony, Thuringia, Brandenburg• 2023: Berlin, Bremen, Hesse, Bavaria• 2022: Saarland, Lower Saxony
01/2022-09/2022	Chair for Comparative Politics (UFR) Assistant Researcher (5h/week)
04/2022-08/2022	University College Freiburg (UFR) Academic Tutor <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Relations Theory
04/2017-08/2022	Global Ethic Foundation Freelance Workshop Leader for WORLD LAB (integration project) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshops with vocational school classes and preparatory classes (for immigrants)• Civic Education/Democratic Norms
03/2020-04/2020 10/2019-11/2019	Arnold-Bergsträsser-Institute Student Assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online Repository on A. Bergsträsser• Migration Governance in South Africa (with Dr Franzisca Zanker)
10/2019-02/2020 10/2017-02/2018 11/2014-02/2016	Chair for Comparative Politics (UFR) Academic Tutor <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Political Science• Introduction to Comparative Government and the Political System of the Federal Republic of Germany
09/2016-07/2017	Richard-von-Weizsäcker-Schule Öhringen (vocational school) Teacher (75%) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• German as a second language (literacy up to B1)• Civic education (in the broadest sense, e.g., career guidance, introduction to the political system and social security, prevention of antisemitism and homophobia, sex education, gender equality,...)

Note: Freelance teaching assignments ("Lehraufträge") are not listed individually.



Publications (*double blind peer reviewed)

See also: [Google Scholar](#) | [ORCID](#) | [ResearchGate](#)

Journal Articles

2026

Kurz, K.R.: Auf dem Weg in die Gerontokratie? Demografische Machtverhältnisse in alternden Gesellschaften. In: *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte (Apuz)*, 76(17), p. 40-47. <https://www.bpb.de/shop/zeitschriften/apuz/demografie-2026/577160/auf-dem-weg-in-die-gerontokratie/>

Winkel, C. & K.R. Kurz: Mit 16 im Gemeinderat – Jugendvertretung nach den Kommunalwahlen 2024 in Baden-Württemberg und Bewertung der Absenkung der Altersgrenze für das passive Wahlrecht. In: *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen*, 57(1), p. 148-157. <https://doi.org/10.5771/0340-1758-2026-1-148>.

***Wurthmann, L.C.; Kurz, K.R. & S. Wagner:** Breaking the German Cold War Taboo? The Generational Divide in Evaluating a Coalition Between CDU/CSU and The Left. In: *German Political Science Quarterly (PVS)*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11615-026-00649-7>

***Fröhle, M.; Schleeauf, R.; Reinbold, J.; Kurz, K.R. & S. Jäckle:** From Swipes to Votes: The Role of the Voting Advice Application *Voteswiper* in Polarizing Voter Choices for the 2025 General Election in Germany. In: *Policy & Internet*, 18(1). <https://doi.org/10.1002/poi3.70028>

2025

***Schleeauf, R.; Reinbold, J.; Kurz, K.R.; Fröhle, M. & S. Jäckle:** Call of Duty? German public opinion on compulsory service in post-*Zeitenwende* times. In: *Armed Forces and Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0095327X251382550>

Reinbold, J.; Kurz, K.R.; Schleeauf, R.; Fröhle, M.; Jäckle, S.: Campaigning for Whom? Analyzing the Salience of Key Issues in Vote Choice Across Social and Partisan Groups during the German 2025 Electoral Campaign. In: *ZVerglP*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12286-025-00644-z>

***Kurz, K.R.; Wurthmann, L.C. & M. Gross:** The Influence of Age on Citizens' Preferences for Age-Related Descriptive Representation, In: *Politics and Governance*. <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.9251>

2024

***Kurz, K.R., Kohl, L., Lünser, J.F., Mazza, N., Pagenstecher, A.Z., Reichenbacher, B., Stüber, J. & C. Witzemann:** „Political Demography“ – blinder Fleck der deutschen Politikwissenschaft? Eine einführende Literaturübersicht. In: *Polit Vierteljahresschr.* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11615-024-00557-8>. Joint publication with students, based on my seminar preparations and their essays.

***Kurz, K.R. & F. Ettensperger:** Exploring the conditions for youth representation: a qualitative comparative analysis of party parliamentary groups. In: *European Political Science* (23), 349–397. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41304-023-00460-7>.

2023

***Kurz, K. R. & F. Ettensperger:** Introducing a new dataset: Age Representation in Parliaments on the Party-level. In: *Statistics, Politics and Policy*, 14(3), 357-374. <https://doi.org/10.1515/spp-2023-0014>.

Kurz, K.R.: Mehr Demokratie wagen! Eine politikwissenschaftliche Replik auf die juristische Einschätzung zur Absenkung der Altersgrenze für das aktive Wahlrecht zum Deutschen Bundestag, In: *Zparl*, 54(2), 440-451, <https://doi.org/10.5771/0340-1758-2023-2-440>, listed in the Bundestag's literature recommendations on electoral reform.

Books/Special Issues

2026

Kurz, K.R. & B. Anlar (eds.): Youth Political Representation - A Global Perspective on Young Adults' Presence in Political Institutions. "*Palgrave Studies in Young People and Politics*". Palgrave Macmillan. <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-032-07970-1>

2023/24

Kurz, K.R. & U. Wagschal (eds.) (2023 & 2024): Political Demography, In: *Statistics, Politics and Policy*, 14(3) & 15(2)

- **Kurz, K.R. & U. Wagschal** (2023): Editors' Note. In: *Statistics, Politics and Policy*, 14(3), 2023, pp. 327-329. <https://doi.org/10.1515/spp-2023-2001>
- **Kurz, K. R. & U. Wagschal** (2024): Editors' Note. In: *Statistics, Politics and Policy*, 15(2), pp. 115-116. <https://doi.org/10.1515/spp-2024-2001>

Book Chapters

2026

Kurz, K.R. & B. Anlar: Introduction: Conceptual challenges in the field of youth political representation. In: *Kurz, K.R. & B. Anlar: Youth Political Representation - A Global Perspective on Young Adults' Presence in Political Institutions*. Palgrave Macmillan. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-032-07970-1_1

Kurz, K. R.: The limited effect of Vote16 policies on descriptive youth representation – An analysis of Germany's state parliaments. In: *Kurz, K.R. & B. Anlar: Youth Political Representation - A Global Perspective on Young Adults' Presence in Political Institutions*. Palgrave Macmillan. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-032-07970-1_19

Kurz, K. R.: Neuordnung der Konfliktstrukturen durch Generationenkonflikte? Eine literaturbasierte Diskurseinordnung. In: *U. Wagschal & M. Fröhle: (Neu-)Ordnung: Transformationen, Reformen und Zeitenwenden*, Veröffentlichungen der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Politikwissenschaft, Bd. 42, 59-80. Baden-Baden: Nomos. <https://doi.org/10.5771/9783748955696-59>

Book Reviews/Conference Reports

2024

Kurz, K.R.: Review of "Dommett, Katharine, Glenn Kefferd and Simon Kruschinski. 2024. Data-driven campaigning and political parties—Five advanced democracies compared". In: *Z Vgl Polit Wiss*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12286-024-00608>

Kurz, K.R.: Demokratiebildung – Potenziale, Grenzen, Perspektiven. Veranstaltungsbericht: Schlaglichter vom DVPW-Kongress 2024. <https://www.pw-portal.de/das-fach-politikwissenschaft/schlaglichter-vom-dvpw-kongress-2024-politische-bildung>



In Press/Forthcoming (*double blind peer reviewed)

Book

2026

Kurz, K.R.: Jung gegen Alt? Gesellschaft und Parteien im Spannungsfeld des demographischen Wandels – eine vergleichende Untersuchung von Deutschland und Frankreich. „*Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft*“. Springer VS.

Articles

2026

Fröhle, M. & Kurz, K.R.: Zur Differenzierung des Rechtsrucks unter Jugendlichen und jungen Erwachsenen. In: *Zeitschrift Demokratie gegen Menschenfeindlichkeit*.

2026

Kurz, K.R. & G. Placide-Breitenbucher: Naviguer dans le franco-allemand: Zum Umgang mit Unterschieden innerhalb der Disziplin am Beispiel der Politikwissenschaft. In: *Lendemains*.

Editorships

2026

Gaillard, J.; Kurz, K.R. & G. Placide-Breitenbucher: La comparaison internationale comme méthode et objet. Réflexions interdisciplinaires à partir de l'exemple franco-allemand // Der internationale Vergleich als Methode und Objekt. Interdisziplinäre Perspektiven ausgehend vom deutsch-französischen Beispiel. In: *Lendemains*.



Work in Progress

Editorships

2027

Heinze, A. & K.R. Kurz: Party Youth Wings Across Europe: Organisation, Influence, and the Future of Party Democracy. In: *Politics & Governance*.

Working Papers

- **Bauer, P.C.; Rupprecht, J.; Landesvatter, C.; Brecht, T.; Friedrich, L.; Fröhle, M.; Jäckle, S.; Kurz, K.R.; Mayer, L.; Reinbold, J.; Schult, N.; Speldrich, L. & P. Weimar:** How do social scientists visualize? A visual review of the Socius Special Collection "Data Visualization"
- **K.R. Kurz; Hellmann, D. & D. Schindler:** Patterns in the selection of young candidates: A full sample analysis of Germany's mixed-member proportional systems
- **Diener, J.; Wurthmann, L.C.; Kurz, K.R. & D.C. Hagemann:** Mainstream Monotony – Young Adults' Perception of Party System Polarisation
- **Kurz, K.R.:** Citizen Assessments of Parties' Group Representation during the 2025 German elections
- **Kurz, K.R. & M. Aniol:** Mapping Party Youth Wings in France: Organization, Functions, and Party Linkages



Talks, Workshops and Conference Presentations (*invited)

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| 2026 | Annual Conference of the DVPW group on Party Research (Berlin)
Conference DVPW group on Comparative Parliamentary Studies (Greifswald)
ECPR General Conference (Krakow)
Dreiländertagung DVPW, ÖGPW, SVPW (Friedrichshafen) |
| 2025 | *Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of Greifswald
Annual Conference of the DVPW group on Party Research (Berlin)
Annual Conference of the DVPW group on Elections and Public Opinion (Berlin)
9th Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments (Barcelona) |
| 2024 | *Research Colloquium, France Centre, University of Freiburg
*Aarhus Workshop on Youth Politics
DVPW Congress (Göttingen)
Northern Political Science Association Annual Congress (Bergen)
Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Politikwissenschaft (Tutzing)
PRUF Graduate Conference on Party Research (Düsseldorf)
*IParl Forschungskolloquium, Berlin |
| 2023 | ECPR General Conference (Prague)
EPSA Annual Conference (Glasgow)
PRUF Graduate Conference on Party Research (Düsseldorf)
Rencontre interdisciplinaire de la jeune recherche franco-allemande, CIERA (Paris) |
| 2022 | Popfest 2022, The 28th Annual Population Postgraduate Conference (Florence) |



Teaching Experience at University Level

Unless otherwise stated, all listed courses are Bachelor's level courses and were conceptualized by me. I am happy to provide seminar plans and evaluations upon request. The titles have been translated from German if the course has not been taught in English.

Winter Semester 2025/2026

- Youth and Right-Wing Populism (6 ECTS, with Marius Fröhle)
- Political Science Topics in Schools (**Master of Education**, 6 ECTS)
- Political Demography and Science Communication (Podcast projects, 6 ECTS)

Summer Semester 2025

- Population, Society & Politics: Introduction to Political Demography (6 ECTS)
- Youth Politics in Europe and the role of the EU (**English**, 6 ECTS)
- Political Parties in the European Multilevel System (6 ECTS)

Winter Semester 2024/25

- Exercise Seminar: Introduction to Political Science (4 ECTS, Sessions on Comparative Politics)

- European parties in focus: Insights and methods for analysis (6 ECTS, with Marius Fröhle)

Winter Semester 2023/24

- Population, Society & Politics: Introduction to Political Demography (**English**, 6 ECTS, UCF)
2023/24 UCF Teaching Award
- Exercise Seminar: Introduction to Political Science (4 ECTS, Sessions on Comparative Politics)

Summer Semester 2023

- Population, Society & Politics: Introduction to Political Demography (6 ECTS)
- Model United Nations (**English**, 6 ECTS)

Winter Semester 2022/23

- Researching Political Parties (6 ECTS)
- Model United Nations (**English**, 6 ECTS)



Service & Outreach

Peer Review

Electoral Studies, Legislative Studies Quarterly; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Representation; Party Politics; German Political Science Quarterly; Statistics, Politics & Policy; Behaviour & Information Technology

Committee Work

Since 06/2026	Board member, Interdisciplinary Centre for Baltic Sea Region Research (IFZO) at the University of Greifswald
2023-2025	Member of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Philosophy (UFR) Member of the Joint Commission/GeKo (UFR) Representative for Doctoral Candidates in the PhD Committee (UFR)
2024/2025/2026	(Deputy) member of three appointment committees (UFR)
2023/24	Participation in the task force "AI in Teaching" of the Faculty of Philosophy (UFR)

Outreach (Selection from 2025/26)

10.07.2026	Radio interview with SWR on "Join Politics".
07.07.2026	Interview with Ostseezeitung on district candidates in MV state elections
04.05.2026	Podcast „ Gen Z vs. Boomer: Wie gerecht ist Deutschland? “, HR – der Tag.
01.07.2026	Podcast „ Demografie “, ApuZ, BpB.
03/2026	Interview with the German Press Agency (DPA) on Vote16 policies in the MV state election, featured on ZEIT Online and Süddeutsche Zeitung .
05.03.2026	Interview with Süddeutsche Zeitung on the political attitudes of young voters.
05.11.2025	Panelist "Why are young men becoming increasingly right-wing and young women increasingly left-wing?", University of Basel.
29.10.2025	Science Slam on the political representation of young people on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation, Freiburg
10/2025	Magazine article in iz3w with Marius Fröhle: „ Jugend, Rechtsruck und Polykrise: Generation Krise? “

Organizational contributions

2025	Organizer and discussant of the panel "Perspectives on Youth Political Representation in Parliaments" at the ECPR Conference on Parliaments
2024	Co-organization of a two-day German-French junior researchers' conference in Strasbourg & Freiburg (January) and a subsequent writing workshop (December)
2023	Organization and chairing of the panel "Gatekeepers or Supporters? Political Parties and Youth Representation" at the ECPR General Conference

☑ Trainings

2025	The Data Management Plan – Theory and Practice (“Le plan de gestion de données : fondements théoriques et pratiques”), URFIST Strasbourg
2023	Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA), 2-day course by Patrick Mello. University of Freiburg
2021	Introduction to Qualitative Content Analysis and MaxQDA, 4-day course by Thorsten Dresing, University of Freiburg

🏆 Scholarships/Awards/Grants

07/2025	GraCe Travel Grant (ECPR Conference on Parliaments, Barcelona)	650€
09/2024	DVPW Participation Grant (DVPW Kongress Göttingen)	200€
06/2024	GraCe Travel Grant (NOPSA, Bergen)	650€
02/2024	Teaching Award, University College Freiburg	300€
01/2024	FR-GER Junior Conference and Writing Workshop (CIERA, SAGE, FZ UFR)	4.500€
09/2023	ECPR Participation Grant (General Conference, Prague)	450€
2023-2025	Mobility Grant for a Cotutelle-Doctorate (UFA/DFH)	4.000€
09/2021-02/2025	Doctoral Studies Scholarship by Heinrich-Böll-Foundation	ca. 63.000€
10/2013-07/2020	Study Scholarship of the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes	k.A.

☆ Miscellaneous

Languages	German, native speaker English, C2 French, C1 Spanish, B1
Software	Microsoft Office, R, MaxQDA, SPSS