

Isolde Hegemann

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EDUCATION

MRes/PhD in Political Science, London School of Economics Sep 2023 – present

- Examining how political actors and institutions respond to populism and polarisation, and what makes contested policies viable across divided societies
- Employing advanced quantitative methods, including causal inference designs, survey experiments, and large language models for text analysis
- Organising workshops for PhD students and Fellows to present work and receive feedback
- Supervisors: Professor Sara Hobolt and Dr Florian Foos

MSc in Politics Research, University of Oxford Sep 2022 – Sep 2023

- Modules in comparative government, statistics, causal inference, and vote choice data
- Dissertation: 15,000-word analysis of how pro-investment strategies by social democratic parties shape vote shares among manufacturing and service working-class voters
- Supervisor: Professor Tarik Abou-Chadi

BSc in International Social and Public Policy, London School of Economics Sep 2019 – Jul 2022

- Dissertation: 8,000-word investigation into political realignment in Germany, finding that cultural attitudes have become stronger predictors of left-right self-placement than economic attitudes over recent decades

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant, LSE Department of Government Sep 2024 – present

- Teaching weekly classes on European politics to undergraduate students
- Providing constructive feedback and guidance to students in weekly office hours

Teaching Fellow, LSE School of Public Policy Nov 2025 – Jan 2026

- Designed and delivered case study workshops for mid-level UK civil servants and public policy professionals from across the world on executive MPP/MPA courses
- Marked student work and provided tailored feedback

Research Assistant, LSE Department of Government Jan 2025 – May 2025

- Contributed quantitative analysis to *Tribal Politics: How Brexit Divided Britain* by Professor Sara Hobolt and Professor James Tilley
- Generated descriptive tables and figures from large-scale UK panel survey data

Tutor, LSE Digital Skills Lab Sep 2020 – Aug 2022

- Taught students and staff Excel and programming
- Facilitated courses for the LSE Summer School in digital skills

Intern, Salm-Salm & Partner GmbH Jun 2020 – Jul 2020

- Researched sustainable investment products and contributed to client presentations and partnership contracts
- Participated in client consultations

Vice President, LSE SU German Society Apr 2020 – Apr 2021

- Organised and delivered the flagship conference 'LSE German Symposium 2021', with speakers including Tony Blair and Olaf Scholz
- Coordinated with the offices of over 20 speakers and chaired panels
- Managed a budget of £20,000 and a society committee of 30 people

Actuarial Assistant, R+V Insurance

May 2019 – Aug 2019

- Ensured that insurance policies adhered to new regulations for the Austrian market
- Communicated updated contracts to key clients in the agricultural sector

Local Chairwoman, Green Party

Apr 2018 – Sep 2019

- Developed a municipality campaign strategy for the 2019 European election in collaboration with four fellow committee members
- Organised campaign outreach activities and volunteer events across the local constituency

AWARDS

PhD Research Funding by the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment for research on public support for climate compensation policies in Germany (co-authored)

PhD Summer Research Grant by the Phelan US Centre for a survey experiment on the effectiveness of factchecking on social media

Political Behaviour PhD Research Funding by the LSE Department of Government for a survey experiment on inclusive climate policy design across the urban-rural divide in Germany (co-authored)

Baroness Birk Award for a conjoint survey experiment on climate policies (joint recipient)

Studentship by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) for the MRes/PhD at LSE

Scholarship by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation for the MSc at the University of Oxford

Rotary District Grant for the BSc at LSE

SKILLS

Languages German (native), English (fluent)

Coding and Digital Skills R (advanced), Stata (intermediate), Excel (advanced)