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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- since 04/2020 Postdoc at Goethe-University Frankfurt, Institute for Sociology, ERC-funded project „Polarization and its discontents: does rising economic inequality undermine the foundations of liberal societies?“ (PI: Markus Gangl)
- 2018-2020 Research Associate, WWU Münster, Institute for Political Science
- 03-05/2018 Visiting scholar at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Department of Political Science
- 2015-2018 Research Associate, University of Osnabrück, Institute for Social Sciences

EDUCATION

- 11/2019 PhD (Dr. phil.)
Thesis: The Not-So Dualized Society: Chances of a Cleavage Formation From Labor Market Dualization (*magna cum laude*)
Supervisors: Armin Schäfer, Hanna Schwander
- 2012/2013 ERASMUS-Exchange: Utrecht University, Faculty of Social Sciences
- 2011-2014 Social Sciences (MA), Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf
- 2007-2011 Political Science (BA), University of Duisburg-Essen

PUBLICATIONS

*peer-reviewed

Journal Articles

- *Elsässer, L. / Hense, S. / Schäfer, A. (2021): Not just money: Unequal responsiveness in egalitarian democracies. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 28(12): 1890-1908.
- *Elsässer, L. / Hense, S. / Schäfer, A. (2017): “Dem Deutschen Volke”? Die ungleiche Responsivität des Bundestages. *ZPol* 27(2): 161-180. *Article was awarded the 2018 journal award of the Society of Friends and Former Associates of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies.*

Monographs

- Hense, S. (2020): The Not-So Dualized Society: Chances of a Cleavage Formation from Labor Market Dualization. PhD thesis, <https://miami.uni-muenster.de/Record/4c397f20-a882-4042-8cc7-0337be1c09cc>
- Hense, S.: (2015): Politische Kultur in Kroatien im europäischen Vergleich: Eine Analyse auf Basis der European Values Study. Master thesis. Hamburg: Diplomica.

Chapters

Hense, S. / Schäfer, A. (forthcoming): Unequal Representation and the Right-Wing Populist Vote in Europe. In: Claudia Landwehr, Thomas Saalfeld, Armin Schäfer (eds): Contested Representation. Challenges, Shortcomings and Reforms. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Elsässer, L. / Hense, S. / Schäfer, A. (2019): Politische Ungleichheit in Deutschland. Eine Untersuchung der Entscheidungen des Bundestags von 1998 bis 2013. Thomas Hartmann / Jochen Dahm / Frank Decker (ed): Die Zukunft der Demokratie. Er kämpft. Verteidigt. Gefährdet? Bonn: J.H.W. Dietz Nachf., pp. 151-168.

Working Papers

Gangl, M. / Giustozzi, C. / Hense, S. / Bienstman, S. (2021): A New Old Macroeconomics of Social Cohesion: Rising Prosperity Still Trumps Rising Inequality, at Least for Many. POLAR Working Paper #1. https://polarprojectorg.files.wordpress.com/2022/01/polar_wp1_v211217.pdf

Mathisen, R. / Schakel, W. / Hense, S. / Elsässer, L. / Persson, M. / Pontusson, H. J. (2021): Unequal Responsiveness and Government Partisanship in Northwest Europe. Unequal Democracies Working Paper no. 31. <https://archive-ouverte.unige.ch/unige:156830>

*Elsässer, L. / Hense, S. / Schäfer, A. (2018): Government of the People, by the Elite, for the Rich: Unequal Responsiveness in an Unlikely Case. MPIfG Discussion Paper 18/5. <https://www.econstor.eu/bitstream/10419/180215/1/1025295536.pdf>

Miscellaneous

Elsässer, L. / Hense, S. / Schäfer, A. (2021): ResPOG (Responsiveness and Public Opinion in Germany). Dataset. <https://doi.org/10.7802/2299>

Elsässer, L. / Hense, S. / Schäfer, A. (2020): Why MPs do not represent everyone equally well, LSE EUROPP Blog. <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2020/10/02/why-mps-do-not-represent-everyone-equally-well/>

Elsässer, L. / Hense, S. / Schäfer, A. (2017): Wie arm ist Deutschland wirklich? Die Zeit 17/2017:28

Elsässer, L. / Hense, S. / Schäfer, A. (2016): Systematisch verzerrte Entscheidungen? Die Responsivität der deutschen Politik von 1998 bis 2015. Berlin: BMAS.

Hense, S. / Selk, V. (2016): Wer von der Demokratie sprechen will, der darf vom Kapitalismus nicht (mehr) schweigen. Conference report. https://forschungsjournal.de/fjsb/wp-content/uploads/fjsb-plus_2016-3_selk_hense.pdf

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 Missing Women: The Importance of Skewed Gender Ratios for Far-Right Populist Voting. ESCR General Conference (online).
- Social class as a predictor of public opinion. APSA General Meeting (online).
- Polarization or the End of Class Conflict? Public Opinion in Great Britain, Sweden, and the US Over Time. DVPW-Congress (online).
- Social class as a predictor of public opinion. SASE Annual Meeting (online).
- 2018 Dualisierung=Polarisierung? Policy-Präferenzen von Insidern und Outsidern. DVPW-Congress, Frankfurt (Main).

„Dualization as Destiny“ or as an Intended Decision? Evidence from Germany. SASE 30th Annual Meeting, Doshisha-Universität Kyoto (Japan).

„Dualization as Destiny“ or as an Intended Decision? Evidence from Germany. Rhein-Ruhr-Promovenden-Symposium 2018, Duisburg.

2017 Labour Market Dualization and Its Consequences: Political Mobilization Potential of Insiders and Outsiders in Germany. Workshop „Democratic Anxiety – Democratic Resilience“, Mainz, 15.-17.6.2017.

Systematische verzerrte Entscheidungen? Die Responsivität der deutschen Politik von 1980 bis 2015. Workshop „Responsivität“, Universität Duisburg-Essen (together with Lea Elsässer).

2016 Gleiche Rechte, ungleicher Einfluss? Die Responsivität des Deutschen Bundestages von 1998 bis 2015. Conference „Demokratie Revisited. Theorien – Befunde – Perspektiven“, Tutzing.

INVITED TALKS AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

2020 (cancelled due to the pandemic; re-scheduled for late 2022) Responsivität der deutschen Politik – die Umsetzung politischer Präferenzen von Arm und Reich durch den Bundestag, Armutskonferenz, Nürnberg.

2019 Der Zusammenhang zwischen sozialer und politischer Ungleichheit in Deutschland. Workshop for students at the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Summer University, Berlin.

Wahlen nach Zahlen: Wessen Interessen vertritt die Politik? Invited talk at the students' initiative for plural economics, Münster.

2017 TV-Interview for German TV station 3.sat

You can't always get what you want? Die Umsetzung der politischen Präferenzen von Arm und Reich durch den Bundestag. Invited talk at Armutskongress 2017, Berlin.

2016 Gleiche Rechte, ungleicher Einfluss? Partizipation und Repräsentation im Kontext sozialer Ungleichheit. Invited talk at LobbyControl, Berlin (together with Lea Elsässer).

STIPENDS AND AWARDS

2018 journal award of the Society of Friends and Former Associates of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies for the article „Dem Deutschen Volke? Die ungleiche Responsivität des Bundestages“ (jointly with Lea Elsässer and Armin Schäfer; prize money 750 €)

DAAD Travel Grant for SASE conference 2018 (ca. 1.200 €)

Democracy Fellowship from DFG-funded project „Anxieties of Democracy“ for the visiting stay MIT (ca. 6.000 €)

DAAD Erasmus-Stipend for the stay at Utrecht University (ca. 2.000 €)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Data Usage and Analysis

- 02/2022 forthcoming: Introduction to Structural Equation Modelling with Mplus, GRADE Goethe-University Frankfurt
- 10/2020 Nonlinear Regression with R, GRADE Goethe-University Frankfurt
- 06/2020 Practical Multilevel Modeling, Barcelona Summer School in Survey Methodology
- 07/2019 Data Science: Statistical Programming with R, Summer School Utrecht University
- 06/2019 Introduction to R, WWU Münster
- 11/2017 Introduction to modern methods of causal analyses, Gesis
- 07/2017 Tutorial Day 3rd Annual International Conference on Computational Social Sciences, Gesis
- 02/2016 SOEPCampus – Introduction to working with the GSOEP, DIW Berlin

Other

- 02/2021 Speed Reading, GRADE Goethe-University Frankfurt
- 02/2020 PostDoc-Days: Career planning and applying for third-party funding, Graduate Centre WWU Münster
- 12/2018 Writing Clearly in English, Graduate Centre WWU Münster
- 01/2018 Using small talk effectively in academic and professional settings, ZePrOs University of Osnabrück
- 2015-2017 Several courses on teaching in higher education, University of Osnabrück
- 12/2017 Presenting and Discussing Research in English, ZePrOs University of Osnabrück
- 06/2017 Presenting at conferences, ZePrOs University of Osnabrück
- 08/2016 The Politics of the Welfare State in an Era of Reform: Voters, Interest Groups, and Political Responsiveness, Oslo Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies

TEACHING (BA level if not stated otherwise; original German titles translated)

- WS 2019/20 Modernization in Hard Times – Social policy reforms in comparison (MA)
Introduction to inequality research and scientific working
- SS 2019 Classic readings from political sociology
Public opinion and politics
- WS 2018/19 Introduction to inequality research and scientific working
- WS 2017/18 European welfare states in comparison
- SS 2017 How we grow unequal – causes and consequences of inequalities in contemporary societies (together with Lea Elsässer)

WS 2016/17 European welfare states in comparison
SS 2016 Political and social inequalities in democracies
WS 2015/16 Political participation in flux
SS 2015 Democracy and social inequality (together with Armin Schäfer)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

since 2020 PhD commission of the department (substitutional), Goethe-University
2019 Commission for evaluation of a junior professorship, WWU Münster
2018-2020 Structure commission, Institute for Political Science, WWU Münster
2017-2018 Department Board (substitutional), University of Osnabrück
2017-2018 Commission for the appointment of a full professor, University of Osnabrück
2017-2018 Elected representative of all PhD students at the University of Osnabrück

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German (native)
English (IELTS: 8.5/9; CEFR: C2)
Dutch (CEFR: B2)
French (basic knowledge)