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PhD Student and Research Associate at the University of Duisburg-Essen with the Working Group of Empirical Political Science. Project Manager of the project "Wahldemokratie vor Ort". My research focuses on political attitudes and electoral behavior among immigrant-origin individuals, as well as on perceptions of immigrant representation in diverse societies.

Education

PhD Candidate in Political Science

The Institute of Political Science

University of Duisburg-Essen

Thesis title: "Descriptive Representation, Political Trust, and Participation - Citizen-Level Attitudes and Consequences of Immigrant Representation in Germany"

Thesis supervisors: Prof Achim Goerres and Prof Sabrina J Mayer

2022 MA in Political Management, Public Policy, and Public Administration

The Institute of Political Science

University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg

Graduated: 1.1 (with honors)

Thesis title: "The Social Identities of Biden and Trump Sympathizers - A Multilevel-Analysis of the Candidate Preference in the U.S. Presidential Election 2020"

Thesis supervisors: Paul Vierus, MSc and Prof Achim Goerres

2020 BA in Political Science

The Institute of Political Science

University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg

Graduated: 1.3 (with honors)

Thesis title: "From Dictatorship to Democracy? A Qualitative Content Analysis of Individual Interviews on Political Integration with People of Spanish, Portuguese and Greek Origin"

Thesis supervisors: Prof Achim Goerres and Hayfat Hamidou, MA

Research Experience

Research Associate and Project Manager in the Project “Wahldemokratie vor Ort” funded by the Landeszentrale für politische Bildung NRW, 2025 - 2026

University of Duisburg-Essen

Consortium: Stiftung Zentrum für Türkeistudien und Integrationsforschung, University of Duisburg-Essen, University of Bamberg

Visiting Researcher, 2024 - 2025

University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg (Germany)

Working Group of Political Science

Host: Prof Achim Goerres

Research Associate in the DFG Project “Trust in Politicians: The Role of Representation”, 2023 - 2026

Goethe-University Frankfurt

PIs: Prof Thomas Zittel and Prof Stefanie Bailer

Research Associate in the DFG Project “Immigrant German Election Study II”, 2023-2024

University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg

PIs: Prof Achim Goerres and Prof Sabrina J. Mayer

Research Assistant for the PhD program “The Political Economy of Inequality”, 2021-2022

University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg

Assisting PhD students during their research projects with data collection, wrangling, and analysis. Focus on political economy.

Research Assistant at the Working Group of Empirical Political Science, 2017-2022

University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg

Assisting with collecting survey data for the Immigrant German Election Study (IMGES) and the follow-up study, research and data analysis for publications and presentations, and organizing university teaching and exams.

Publications

Peer-Review

Mayer, Sabrina J.; Goerres, Achim; Diaz Garcia, Manuel & Elis, Jonas (2024). Surveying Immigrant-Origin Voters in a Post-Migrant Society: The First Immigrant German Election Study, 2017. *Electoral Studies*.

Diaz Garcia, Manuel; Mayer, Sabrina J. & Riedl, Magdalena (2026). Everyday Discrimination as a Driver of Political Protest Among the Lower Social Class: Evidence from Germany. *Swiss Political Science Review*.

Other Contributions

Schlitter, Nick & Diaz Garcia, Manuel (2026). Synthetische Stimmbezirke zur Verbesserung der räumlichen Präzision wahlstatistischer Analysen. *Über Politik aus der Wissenschaft*. <https://www.politik-wissenschaft.org/2026/03/16/synthetische-stimmbezirke/>

Goerres, Achim; Diaz Garcia, Manuel & Mayer, Sabrina J. (2025). Sie prägen wirklich das Stadtbild. Kioske in NRW-Großstädten und die Kommunalwahl 2025. *Über Politik aus der Wissenschaft*. <https://www.politik-wissenschaft.org/2025/11/10/buedchen/>

Diaz Garcia, Manuel (2025). Wähler*innen mit internationalen Wurzeln bei der Kommunalwahl NRW 2025. *Über Politik aus der Wissenschaft*. <https://www.politik-wissenschaft.org/2025/08/18/waehlerinnen-mit-internationalen-wurzeln-bei-der-kommunalwahl-nrw-2025/>

Diaz Garcia, Manuel & Elis, Jonas (2024). Mobilisierung in der Nachbarschaft: Ein Feldexperiment zur Wahlbeteiligung bei der Europawahl 2024. *Über Politik aus der Wissenschaft*. <https://www.politik-wissenschaft.org/2024/12/09/mobilisierung-in-der-nachbarschaft-ein-feldexperiment-zur-wahlbeteiligung-bei-der-europawahl-2024/>.

Goerres, Achim; Mayer, Sabrina J.; Hoffmann, Philipp & Diaz Garcia, Manuel (2024). Politische Einstellungen und Präferenzen von Menschen mit familiärer Migrationsgeschichte in Deutschland (FES diskurs - Friedrich Ebert Stiftung). <https://library.fes.de/pdf-files/a-p-b/21444.pdf>.

Diaz Garcia, Manuel & Elis, Jonas (2024). Diversität von Nachnamen als Maß für soziale Offenheit – Was sagt uns die Verteilung von Nachnamen in einer deutschen Großstadt? *Über Politik aus der Wissenschaft*. <https://www.politik-wissenschaft.org/2024/02/19/diversitat-nachnamen/>.

Elis, Jonas & Diaz Garcia, Manuel (2023). Russlanddeutsche und die Alternative für Deutschland: Die Bedeutung von Migrationsgeschichte und Identität. *Über Politik aus der Wissenschaft*. <https://www.politik-wissenschaft.org/2023/08/28/russlanddeutsche-und-die-alternative-fuer-deutschland-die-bedeutung-von-migrationsgeschichte-und-identitaet/>.

Teaching

Seminar “Democracy and Migration”

Course Description: The seminar explores the impact of international migration on social cohesion and political culture, particularly in the context of liberalism and demarcation. It examines classical concepts of migration research, questions of citizenship, integration, political participation, country-specific policies, and societal responses to migration.

Goethe-University, Frankfurt (Germany)
Summer term 2025

Seminar “Chances and Limitations of Descriptive Political Representation”

Course Description: The seminar examines the importance of the descriptive representation of socially marginalized groups for political attitudes and behavior of citizens and elites, including the normative debate about its desirable role. Further, it examines the effects of descriptive representation on attitudes that support democracy and on substantive representation.

Goethe-University, Frankfurt (Germany)
Winter term 2024/2025 & Summer term 2025

Talks & Presentations

Talk in the context of the “Tag der Demokratieggeschichte” , March 2026

University of Duisburg-Essen

“Wie demokratisch ist Duisburg?” (with Achim Goerres)

Annual Meeting DVPW AK Wahlen und politische Einstellungen, September 2025

Free University Berlin, Berlin (Germany)

“Büdchen as Civic Hubs: A Field Experiment of Spreading Information, Salience and Social Value of Voting in German Local Elections”

Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, July 2025

University of Barcelona, Barcelona (Spain)

“How interpersonal communication with immigrant-origin associates shapes views on immigrant representation and support for democratic institutions”

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, May 2025

Charles University, Prague (Czechia)

“How interpersonal communication with immigrant-origin associates shapes views on immigrant representation and support for democratic institutions”

DVPW Sektionstagung Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft “Citizen’s trust and societal polarization in times of transformation”, March 2025

Universität des Saarlands, Saarbrücken (Germany)

“How to advance trust in elected politicians? The promises and constraints of descriptive representation”

Current Directions in Political Support Conference, November 2024

University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg (Germany)

“Electoral democracy on the ground - A field experiment on mobilization by increasing the social value of elections“

ECPR General Conference, September 2024

University College Dublin, Dublin (Ireland)

“Conceptions of political representation in mass publics. Who values descriptive representation, why, and with what consequences?“

ECPR Summer School on Parliaments, August 2024

Goethe-University, Frankfurt (Germany)

“Beyond the Individual? Assessing the Role of the Social Context for the Relationship Between Descriptive Representation of Immigrant-Origin Citizens and Political Trust in Western European Democracies“

Invited Talk by Prof Jan Karem Höhne, May 2024

Leibniz University Hannover, Hannover (Germany)

“Making the Most out of Your Research - Using Social Media as a Social Scientist“

Workshop Talk at “Die Lage der Demokratie in NRW“, May 2024

University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg (Germany)

“Wahldemokratie vor Ort - Wie können wir Menschen zur Wahl bewegen?“

ECPR General Conference, September 2023

Charles University, Prague (Czechia)

“The conditional effect of candidate-centered electoral systems on political trust“

Press Coverage

Oberbürgermeister von München ist 35: Wer will noch in die Politik? WDR aktuell (TV). 23 March 2026. <https://www1.wdr.de/mediathek/wdr-aktuell-clip-wdr-aktuell--24-03-2026--2145-uhr-100.html>

Politik am Büdchen: Pilotprojekt gegen niedrige Wahlbeteiligung. WDR Lokalzeit Ruhr (TV). 14 October 2025. <https://www.ardmediathek.de/video/lokalzeit-ruhr/wdr-lokalzeit-ruhr-oder-14-10-2025/wdr-essen/Y3JpZDovL3dkci5kZS9CZWl0cmFnLXNvcGhvcmlZjdjMDctNTM3NS00MTI5LWI2YmMtMDU3ZjhhN2E4Yjdh>

Politik am Büdchen: Pilotprojekt gegen niedrige Wahlbeteiligung. WDR Lokalzeit aus Duisburg (TV). 14 October 2025. <https://www.ardmediathek.de/video/lokalzeit-aus-duisburg/wdr-lokalzeit-aus-duisburg-oder-14-10-2025/wdr->

[duisburg/Y3JpZDovL3dkci5kZS9CZWl0cmFnLXNvcGhvcmEtNmQ3MDU1NjgtYjQxNS00Y2M5LTk2OGEtMzU2OTQyYTFjOTM2](https://www.perspektiv.eu/2025/09/12/manuel-diaz-garcia-almanyada-camiler-uzun-vadeli-siyasi-katilimi-guclendirilebilir/)

Manuel Diaz Garcia: "Almanya'da Camiler, Uzun Vadeli Siyasi Katılımı Güçlendirebilir". [perspektiv.eu](https://www.perspektiv.eu/2025/09/12/manuel-diaz-garcia-almanyada-camiler-uzun-vadeli-siyasi-katilimi-guclendirilebilir/) (online). 12 September 2025. [https://perspektiv.eu/2025/09/12/manuel-diaz-garcia-almanyada-camiler-uzun-vadeli-siyasi-katilimi-guclendirilebilir/](https://www.perspektiv.eu/2025/09/12/manuel-diaz-garcia-almanyada-camiler-uzun-vadeli-siyasi-katilimi-guclendirilebilir/)

Wie blicken neu eingebürgerte Erstwähler auf die Bundestagswahl? hr INFO Politik (Podcast). 20 February 2025. <https://www.ardaudiothek.de/episode/hr-info-politik/wie-blicken-neu-eingebuergerte-erstwaehler-auf-die-bundestagswahl/hr-info/14196505/>.

Freibier und Bockwurst für Briefwähler:innen. WDR Lokalzeit aus Duisburg (TV). 28 January 2025. <https://www1.wdr.de/lokalzeit/fernsehen/duisburg/lokalzeit-aus-duisburg-clip-lokalzeit-aus-duisburg--28-01-2025-100.html>.

Wie lassen sich Nichtwähler mobilisieren? Rheinische Post (print). 16 January 2025.

Pilotprojekt: Wie Kioske die Wahlbeteiligung steigern können. WAZ (Online and Print). 26 December 2024. <https://www.waz.de/lokales/duisburg/article407946956/pilotprojekt-wie-kioske-die-wahlbeteiligung-steigern-koennen.html>.

Wenn der Postmann nicht mehr klingelt. Warum DHL aus Sorge um seine Boten keine Pakete mehr in ein Duisburger Hochhaus liefert. DIE ZEIT (Online and Print). 31 July 2024. <https://www.zeit.de/2024/33/dhl-duisburg-hochhaus-lieferung-weisser-riese>.