

Curriculum Vitæ | Alejandro Ecker

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PERSONAL INFORMATION Married, two children born in 2019 and 2021
German and Argentine citizenship
Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina

CURRENT POSITION

Heidelberg University, Germany
04/2021–today **Junior professor (W1, non-tenure track)**
Politics and Communication

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

11/2021–04/2022 **Parental leave**

Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, Germany

09/2016–03/2021 **Post-doctoral research fellow**
European Political Systems and their Integration

University of Mannheim, Germany

08/2020–01/2021 **Acting professor (W3)**
Comparative Government

01/2020–07/2020 **Parental leave**

University of Innsbruck, Austria

01/2021–06/2022 **External lecturer** at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences

University of Vienna, Austria

12/2019 **Guest professor** at the Department of Government

10/2010–08/2016 **Pre-doctoral researcher** at the Department of Government

03/2013–09/2015 **External lecturer** at the Department of Methods in the Social Sciences

University of Mannheim, Germany

02/2008–07/2010 **Research assistant** at the Chair of Comparative Politics

EDUCATION

- University of Vienna, Austria*
- 10/2011–06/2016** **Doctorate in Philosophy (Dr. phil., 22.06.2016)**
Thesis: The Party Foundations of Coalition Politics in European Parliamentary Democracies
Supervisor: Wolfgang C. Müller
Dissertation committee: Petra Schleiter and Indridi H. Indridason
Grade: Excellent (1.0); with distinction
- Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA*
- 08/2008–05/2009** **Visiting Graduate Student** at the Political Science Department
- University of Mannheim, Germany*
- 08/2008–07/2010** **Master of Arts in Political Science**
Thesis: Public Opinion Shocks and Cabinet Termination
Grade: Excellent (1.0); with distinction
- 10/2005–06/2008** **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics**
Thesis: Voting Behavior in Referenda on European Integration
Grade: Excellent (1.4)

PUBLICATIONS

- forthcoming** Ecker, Alejandro, Thomas M. Meyer and Wolfgang C. Müller. “The Architecture of Coalition Governance”, in: Torbjörn Bergman, Patrick Dumont, Bernard Grofman and Tom Louwerse (eds.), *New Developments in Coalition Cabinet Research*. New York: Springer.
- 2023** Bauer, Paul C., et al. “Who tweets, and how freely? Evidence from an elite survey among German politicians.” *Research & Politics* 10(1). (link)
- 2022** Breznau, Nate, et al. “Observing Many Researchers Using the Same Data and Hypothesis Reveals a Hidden Universe of Uncertainty.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119(44). (link)
- Däubler, Thomas, Marc Debus, and Alejandro Ecker. “Party Campaign Statements and Portfolio Allocation in Coalition Governments.” *West European Politics*, OnlineFirst. (link)
- Ecker, Alejandro, Marcelo Jenny, Wolfgang C. Müller and Katrin Praprotnik. “How and Why Party Position Estimates from Manifestos, Expert, and Party Elite Surveys Diverge. A Comparative Analysis of the Left–right and the European Integration Dimensions.” *Party Politics*, 28(3): 528–40. (link)
- Plescia, Carolina, Alejandro Ecker and Thomas M. Meyer. “Do Party Supporters Accept Policy Compromises in Coalition Governments?” *European Journal of Political Research*, 61(1): 214–29. (link)

- 2021** Debus, Marc, Holger Döring, and Alejandro Ecker. “Germany: From Stable Coalition Camps to New Complexity”, in: Torbjörn Bergman, Hanna Bäck and Johan Hellström (eds.), *Coalition Governance in Western Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 247–83. (link)
- Ecker, Alejandro and Martín Soto Payva. “Argentina: Debates and Consensus in a Post-bipartisan Congress”, in: Hanna Bäck, Marc Debus, and Jorge M. Fernandes (eds.), *The Politics of Legislative Debates*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 110–29. (link)
- Imre, Michael, Alejandro Ecker, Thomas M. Meyer and Wolfgang C. Müller. “Coalition Mood in European Parliamentary Democracies.” *British Journal of Political Science*, FirstView. (link)
- 2020** Backlund, Anders, Alejandro Ecker and Thomas M. Meyer. “The Economic and Political Context of Coalition Politics in Central Eastern Europe”, in: Torbjörn Bergman, Gabriella Ilonszki and Wolfgang C. Müller (eds.), *Coalition Governance in Central Eastern Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 60–85. (link)
- Baumann, Markus, Alejandro Ecker and Martin Gross. “Party Competition and Dual Accountability in Multi-level Systems.” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, 30(3): 266–74. (link)
- Ecker, Alejandro, Laurenz Ennser-Jedenastik and Martin Haselmayer. “Gender Bias in Asylum Adjudications. Evidence for Leniency toward Token Women.” *Sex Roles*, 82: 117–26. (link)
- Ecker, Alejandro and Thomas M. Meyer. “Coalition Bargaining Duration in Multiparty Democracies.” *British Journal of Political Science*, 50(1): 261–80. (link)
- 2019** Ecker, Alejandro and Thomas M. Meyer. “Fairness and Qualitative Portfolio Allocation in Multiparty Governments.” *Public Choice*, 181: 309–33. (link)
- 2017** Ecker, Alejandro. “Estimating Party Policy Positions from Social Network Data. Cross-Validating Position Estimates of Political Parties and Individual Legislators.” *Social Science Computer Review*, 35(1): 53–67. (link)
- 2016** Ecker, Alejandro, Konstantin Glinitzer and Thomas M. Meyer. “Corruption Performance Voting and the Electoral Context.” *European Political Science Review*, 8(3): 333–54. (link)
- Ecker, Alejandro, Nicolas Merz, Jirka Lewandowski and Sven Regel. Manifestata. A stata package to access the Manifesto Project’s API. <https://manifesto-project.wzb.eu/manifestata>.
- Ecker, Alejandro and Thomas M. Meyer. “The Duration of Government Formation Processes in Europe.” *Research & Politics*, 2(4). (link)

PUBLICATIONS
(CONTINUED)

- 2015** Ecker, Alejandro, Thomas M. Meyer and Wolfgang C. Müller. “The Distribution of Individual Cabinet Positions in Coalition Governments: A Sequential Approach.” *European Journal of Political Research*, 54(4): 802–18. (link)
- 2013** Bergman, Torbjörn, Alejandro Ecker and Wolfgang C. Müller. “How Parties Govern: Political Parties and the Internal Organization of Government”, in: Wolfgang C. Müller and Hanne Marthe Narud (eds.), *Party Governance and Party Democracy*. New York: Springer, pp. 33–50. (link)
- 2012** Müller, Wolfgang C., Marcelo Jenny and Alejandro Ecker. “The Elites-Masses Gap in European Integration”, in: Heinrich Best, Gyorgy Lengyel, and Luca Verzichelli (eds.), *The Europe of Elites: A Study into the European-ness of Europe’s Political and Economic Elites*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 167–91. (link)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 07/2022–08/2022** **Polarisation and Inequalities in European and Latin American (Post-) Pandemic Societies**
Role: Principal investigator (with Francisco Moreno-Fernández)
Funding agency: German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
Project number: N.A.
Funding volume: 28,500 €
- 11/2020–11/2022** **Everyday and Media-Mediated Racism in the Public Sphere**
Role: Principal investigator (with i.a. Chung-Hong Chan, Philipp Müller and Hartmut Wessler)
Funding agency: Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ)
Project number: Within the DeZIM research framework
Funding volume: 135,284 €
- 6/2019–06/2023** **Intra-Party Politics and European Multiparty Governments**
Role: Principal investigator
Funding agency: German Research Foundation (DFG)
Project number: 418728321
Funding volume: 243,376 €
- 2/2013–01/2018** **Coalition Governance in Central Eastern Europe**
Principal investigator: Wolfgang C. Müller
Role: Co-applicant and pre-doctoral researcher
Funding agency: Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
Project number: P 25490
Funding volume: 340,641 €

	<i>Supervision of Scientific Theses</i>
2018–today	2 PhD Theses (Michael Imre and Karla Alvarado Romero) 2 MA Theses 26 BA Theses
	<i>Heidelberg University, Germany</i>
Winter 2022	Latin American Politics (graduate level)
	Quantitative Data Analysis (graduate level)
Summer 2022	Politics, Gender and Communication in Latin America (graduate level)
	Voting Behavior and Party Competition (undergraduate level)
Winter 2021	Development and Inequalities in Latin America (graduate level)
Summer 2021	Introduction to Latin American Politics (undergraduate level)
	Politics and Digital Communication (graduate level)
	<i>University of Innsbruck, Austria</i>
Summer 2022	Quantitative Methods using R (undergraduate level)
Summer 2021	Quantitative Methods and Voting Behaviour (undergraduate level)
	<i>University of Mannheim, Germany</i>
Fall 2020	Introduction to the German Political System (undergraduate level)
	Comparative Politics of Central Eastern Europe (undergraduate level)
	Research Colloquium (undergraduate level)
	Academic Research and Writing (undergraduate level)

Fall 2019	Gender and Politics in Comparative Perspective (undergraduate level)
Spring 2019	Latin American Politics (undergraduate level)
Fall 2018	Colloquium - Supervision of Bachelor Theses (undergraduate level)
Spring 2018	Political Actors and Institutions in European Democracies (undergraduate level)
	Party Competition and Voting Behavior (undergraduate level)
Spring 2017	Parties and Coalitions in European Parliamentary Democracies (undergraduate level)
	<i>University of Vienna, Austria</i>
Winter 2019	Gender and Politics (graduate level)
Summer 2013-2015	Methods and Research Design in Comparative Politics (with Thomas M. Meyer; graduate level)
Winter 2012-2014	Quantitative Methods of Empirical Social Research (undergraduate level)
	<i>ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, Vienna, Austria</i>
02/2012–02/2014	Teaching assistant for Panel Data Analysis

07/2022	Gobiernos multipartidistas en perspectiva comparada. Invited (virtual) talk at the Universidad Católica de Santa Fé (Argentina).
05/2022 LASA	Trust in the church and climate change denial. Insights from Latin America.
10/2021	Voter Preferences on Logrolling and Compromise during Government Formation. Workshop on Coalition Politics and Portfolio Design, University of Bamberg (Germany).
09/2021 DVPW	Voter Preferences on Logrolling and Compromise during Government Formation.
06/2021 EPSA	Ready for the floor? Intra-party Determinants of the Allocation of Legislative Speeches (Cologne, Germany).
06/2020	Promesas y riesgos de sistemas parlamentarios y presidenciales. Invited (virtual) talk at the Universidad Católica de Santa Fé (Argentina).
12/2019	Assembly Dissolution Powers, Coalition Bargaining and Government Policy. Seminar series of the Department of Government, University of Vienna (Austria).
10/2019	The Politics of Legislative Debate in Argentina. Workshop on the Politics of Legislative Debate, University of Mannheim (Germany).
07/2019	Unraveling Parties' Frequent Call for Welfare State Expansion. Workshop on Spatial Modeling, University of Mannheim (Germany).
02/2019 DLT	Qualitative Portfolio Allocation in European Multiparty Governments (Zurich, Switzerland).
11/2018	Policy Pay-offs in European Multiparty Governments. Invited talk at the University of Barcelona (Spain).
09/2018 DVPW	Portfolio Allocation at the Local Level in Germany (Frankfurt, Germany).
08/2018 APSA	Qualitative Portfolio Allocation in European Multiparty Governments (Boston, Massachusetts, USA).
06/2018 EPSA	The Effect of Electoral Coordination on Voting Behavior (Vienna, Austria).
06/2018	Portfolio Allocation in Multiparty Governments. Teaching session at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (Germany).
02/2018	Unraveling Parties' Frequent Call for Welfare State Expansion. Manifesto Corpus Conference, WZB Berlin (Germany).
09/2017 ECPR	Gender Bias in the Austrian Asylum Court (Oslo, Norway).
06/2017 EPSA	Fairness and Portfolio Allocation in Multiparty Governments (Milan, Italy).
04/2017 MPSA	Coalition Governance and Cabinet Duration (Chicago, Illinois, USA).

- 01/2017** The Architecture of Coalition Governance. Regional Research and Networking Conference, University of Heidelberg (**Germany**).
- 12/2016** Conflict Resolution, Coalition Agreements and Portfolio Allocation. Workshop on Coalition Government in the New Millennium, University of Vienna (**Austria**).
- 09/2016 ECPR** The Architecture of Coalition Governance (Prague, **Czech Republic**).
- 06/2016 EPSA** Coalition Bargaining Duration in Multiparty Democracies (Brussels, **Belgium**).
- 04/2016** Coalition Bargaining Duration in Multiparty Democracies. Workshop on New Developments in Cabinet Coalition Research (Rome, **Italy**).
- 03/2016** Comparative Data on Portfolio Design. Workshop on the Politics of Portfolio Design, University of Vienna (**Austria**).
- 10/2015** Determinants of Intra-party Preference Heterogeneity. Gothenburg Workshop on Intra-Party Politics (**Sweden**).
- 09/2015 APSA** Coalition Bargaining Duration in Multiparty Democracies (San Francisco, **California, USA**).
- 06/2015 EPSA** Asymmetric Opinion Poll Shocks and Cabinet Termination (Vienna, **Austria**).
- 06/2015 EPSA** Coalition Bargaining Duration in Central and Eastern Europe (Vienna, **Austria**).
- 04/2015 MPSA** Coalition Bargaining Duration in Central and Eastern Europe (Chicago, **Illinois, USA**).
- 09/2013 ECPR** Pre-electoral Coalition Formation in Central Eastern Europe (Bordeaux, **France**).
- 09/2013 ECPR** The Distribution of Ministries in Coalition Governments (Bordeaux, **France**).
- 04/2011 ECPR** Dynamic Representation: Does the Electoral Cycle Matter? Workshop on Issue Congruence and Policy Responsiveness in European Governance, University of St. Gallen (**Switzerland**).
- 06/2010** User-written Stata Program: agrm. Computing Agreement on Ordered Rating Scales. German Stata Users Group meeting, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (**Germany**).

COMMITTEES AND
REPRESENTATION

	<i>Heidelberg University, Germany</i>
2022	Co-organization HCIAS Research Colloquium (with Héctor Álvarez Mella)
2202	Selection Committee “Society, Culture and Communication” (W3)
2021–today	Board of Directors Heidelberg Center for Ibero-American Studies
2021–today	Faculty Council Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences
2021–today	Ethics Committee Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences
2021–today	Admission and Audit Committees Master Program Communication and Society
	<i>Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, Germany</i>
2019–2021	Academic Employees Representative Committee
2018–2021	Co-organization Mittelbaukolloquium (with Paul C. Bauer, Johanna Gereke and Theres Matthieß)
2019–2020	Library Committee
2018–2019	Organization Research Department B Colloquium

PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES

2023	Co-organizer of a workshop on Voter Preferences and Attitudes toward Post-election Outcomes at the University of Vienna (with Carolina Plescia and Thomas M. Meyer)
2023	Co-organizer of a workshop on Sustainability, Transitions, and Discourse at the Heidelberg Center for the Environment (with Rosa Lehmann)
2020	Guest editor of a special issue on “Party Competition and Dual Accountability in Multi-level Systems” in the <i>Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties</i> (with Markus Baumann and Martin Gross)
2019	Organizer of a panel session on Bargaining and Policy-making in Multiparty Governments at the APSA Annual Meeting
2019	Co-organizer of a panel session on Multiparty governments – Formation and Delegation at the Dreiländertagung (with Thomas M. Meyer)
2017	Co-organizer of a workshop on Party Competition in European Multi-Level Systems at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (with Markus Baumann and Martin Gross)

GRANTS AND
SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2023** **Heidelberg Center for the Environment (HCE):** Grant for organizing a scientific workshop (10,000 €; with Rosa Lehmann)
- 2022** **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):** Grant for attending a scientific conference (2,130 €)
- 2020** **University of Mannheim:** Family Assistance in Research (3,150 €)
- 2018** **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):** Grant for attending a scientific conference (2,050 €)
- 2017** **Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES):** Grant for organizing a scientific conference (10,000 €; with Markus Baumann and Martin Gross)
- 2008** **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD):** Scholarship as a Visiting Graduate Student (14,100 €)

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- 2022** **Dagbladet Information:** “Det er ikke kun Mette Frederiksen” covering research on government formation duration.
- 2022** **Mandag Morgen:** “Kampen om magten over midten tager tid” covering research on government formation duration.
- 2022** **ORF:** “Reden ist Silber, Klatschen ist Gold” covering research on coalition mood in European parliamentary democracies.
- 2021** **EUROPP:** “Do party supporters accept policy compromises in coalition governments?” covering research on coalition compromise.
- 2019** **ORF, El País (i.a.):** “Sondierung kann lange dauern” covering research on coalition bargaining duration.
- 2019** **dpa, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Der Standard, Süddeutsche Zeitung, ZDF (i.a.):** “Richterinnen gewähren häufiger Asyl” covering research on asylum adjudications in Austria.
- 2016** **Democratic Audit UK:** “Why Voters Do not (always) Punish Government Parties for Corruption” covering research on corruption performance voting.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Under review	Intra-party determinants of the allocation of legislative speeches (with Michael Imre)
Under review	Do voters prefer logrolling to compromise in parliamentary democracies? (with Carolina Plescia and Thomas M. Meyer)
Ready to submit	Assembly Dissolution Powers, Coalition Bargaining and Government Policy (with Hanna Bäck and Petra Schleiter)
In preparation	Trust in the church and climate change denial in Latin America (with Jale Tosun and Friederike Nüssel).

REFEREE FOR ACADEMIC JOURNALS

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Brazilian Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Climate Action, Comparative European Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Political Science Review, European Sociological Review, Governance, Government and Opposition, Journal of Politics, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Party Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Public Choice, Social Science Computer Review, West European Politics

COMPUTING SKILLS

Programming knowledge in R, Stata, Mata, Python, and Qualtrics
Good knowledge of IBM SPSS Statistics, and L^AT_EX
Collaborative tools (Miro, Slack, Trello)
Microsoft 365 (Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, Word)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German and Spanish (native)
English (full professional proficiency)
French (limited working proficiency)
Latinum