

Curriculum Vitæ | Alejandro Ecker

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PERSONAL INFORMATION Married, two children born in June 2019 and April 2021
German and Argentine citizenship
Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in August 1984

CURRENT POSITIONS

Heidelberg University, Heidelberg Center for Ibero-American Studies, Germany

04/2021–today **Junior professor (W1, non-tenure track)**
Politics and Communication in Ibero-America

11/2021–04/2022 **Parental leave**

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, Germany

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

University of Mannheim, School of Social Sciences, Germany

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

01/2020–07/2020 **Parental leave**

University of Innsbruck, Austria

01/2021 **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)

COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATION

- 2021–2022** Member of the Selection Committee for the Full Professorship (W3) “Society, Culture and Communication in Ibero-America” at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Heidelberg University
- 2021–today** Member of the Board of Directors of the Heidelberg Center for Ibero-American Studies at Heidelberg University
- 2021–today** Member of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences at Heidelberg University
- 2021–today** Member of the admission and the audit committee for the Master Program Communication and Society in Ibero-America at Heidelberg University
- 2019–2021** Member of the Academic Employees Representative Committee of the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research
- 2018–2021** Co-organizer of the Mittelbaukolloquium at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (with Paul C. Bauer, Johanna Gereke and Theres Matthieß)
- 2019–2020** Member of the Library Committee of the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research
- 2018–2019** Organizer of the Research Department B Colloquium at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research

PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES

- 2020** Guest editor of a special issue on “Party Competition and Dual Accountability in Multi-level Systems” in the *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* (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

- 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:** 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 €)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Under review** Do voters prefer logrolling to compromise in parliamentary democracies? (with Carolina Plescia and Thomas M. Meyer)
- Under review** Ministerial portfolio allocation in European multiparty governments: how issue diversity and bargaining power affect policy influence in coalition governments (with Thomas M. Meyer)
- Under review** The impact of party campaign statements on portfolio allocation in coalition governments (with Thomas Däubler and Marc Debus)
- Ready to submit** Assembly Dissolution Powers, Coalition Bargaining and Government Policy (with Hanna Bäck and Petra Schleiter)
- Ready to submit** Coalition Governance and Government Survival (with Thomas M. Meyer and Wolfgang C. Müller)
- In preparation** Trust in the church and climate change denial in Latin America (With Jale Tosun and Friederike Nüssel).

- 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**).

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- 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.

REFEREE FOR ACADEMIC JOURNALS

American Journal of Political Science, Brazilian Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, 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, Public Choice, Social Science Computer Review, West European Politics

COMPUTING SKILLS

Programming knowledge in R, Stata, Mata and Python
Good knowledge of IBM SPSS Statistics and L^AT_EX
Microsoft Office (Access, Excel, Power Point, Word)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

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

REFERENCES

Professor Wolfgang C. Müller
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- 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.
- 2022** 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, 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*, OnlineFirst. (link)
- Ecker, Alejandro and Martín Soto Payva. “Argentina: Debates and Consensus in a Post-bipartisan Congress”, in: Hanna Back, 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 Ennsner-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)
- 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)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2010** Müller, Wolfgang C., Marcelo Jenny, Alejandro Ecker, Nikolaus Eder and Isabella Skrivanek. “Der Elite–Public Gap in der Europäischen Integration. Ein Europäischer Vergleich”, in: Roman Pfefferle, Nadja Schmidt and Gerd Valchars (eds.), *Europa als Prozess: 15 Jahre Europäische Union und Österreich. Festschrift für Peter Gerlich*. Vienna: LIT Verlag, pp. 115–30.

Heidelberg University, Germany

Summer 2022 **Politics, Gender and Communication in Latin America**
(graduate level)

Voting Behavior and Party Competition
(undergraduate level)

Supervision of Bachelor Theses

Winter 2021 **Development and Inequalities in Latin America**
(graduate level)

Supervision of Bachelor Theses

Summer 2021 **Introduction to Latin American Politics**
(undergraduate level)

Politics and Digital Communication
(graduate level)

Supervision of Bachelor and Master Theses

University of Innsbruck, Austria

Summer 2022 **Quantitative Methods using R**
(undergraduate level)

Summer 2021 **Quantitative Methods and Voting Behaviour**
(undergraduate level)

University of Mannheim, Germany

Fall 2020 **Introduction to the German Political System**
(undergraduate level)

Comparative Politics of Central Eastern Europe
(undergraduate level)

Colloquium - Supervision of Bachelor Theses
(undergraduate level)

Academic Research and Writing
(undergraduate level)

Fall 2019 **Gender and Politics in Comparative Perspective**
(undergraduate level)

- Spring 2019–today** **Co-supervision of a PhD Thesis (Michael Imre)**
(with Marc Debus)
- 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)
- University of Vienna, Austria*
- 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)
- ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, Vienna, Austria*
- 02/2012–02/2014** **Teaching assistant for Panel Data Analysis**

- 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 €
- 6/2019–06/2022** **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 €