

Paul Bederke

JUNIOR RESEARCHER · POLPAL | PROJECT COORDINATOR · PARTY FACTS

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Education

S³ School – Sustainable Scientific Software School

Annecy, France

ONE-WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM

2026/01

- Open Science Clusters' Action for Research and Society (OSCARS)
- European Virtual Institute for Research Software Excellence (EVERSE)

University of Konstanz

Konstanz, Germany

MA POLITICS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

2021/10 - 2025/01

- Specialization Area: Comparative Politics and Policy Analysis
- Thesis: Barrier or Empowerment? Climate-Related Disasters and Women's Local Political Participation in Namibia
- 1st Advisor: Prof. Dr. Gabriele Spilker, University of Konstanz (Germany)
- 2nd Advisor: Prof. Aksel Sundström, University of Gothenburg (Sweden)
- Thesis Grade: 1.1

University of Gothenburg

Gothenburg, Sweden

STUDY ABROAD (ERASMUS+)

2023/01 - 2023/06

- Department of Political Science

University of Agder

Kristiansand, Norway

EUROPEAN INTEGRATION SUMMER SCHOOL 2022

2022/07

- Topic: Current Issues in the European Union

University of Bremen

Bremen, Germany

BA POLITICAL SCIENCE

2017/10 - 2021/09

- Thesis: The gender gap in populist radical-right voting: re-examining the mediation and moderation effect
- 1st Advisor: Dr. Bastian Becker, University of Bremen (Germany)
- 2nd Advisor: Prof. Dr. Philip Manow, University of Bremen (Germany)
- Thesis Grade: 1.0

University of Bergen

Bergen, Norway

STUDY ABROAD (ERASMUS+)

2019/08 - 2020/07

- Department of Comparative Politics

Research Experience

Researcher

Cologne, Germany

GESIS - LEIBNIZ INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

2025/02 - Present

- Project: "Harmony in the Democratic Ideological Space (HarDIS)"
- Together with: Dr. Lea Kaftan
 - Conceptualizing the new linkage key database *Political Party Links* (PolPaL).
 - Building the technical infrastructure for linkage key database.
 - Presenting HarDIS at international conferences.

Project Coordinator

PARTY FACTS

2020/06 - Present

- Website: <https://partyfacts.herokuapp.com/>
- Together with: Dr. Holger Döring
 - Maintaining the database.
 - Responsible for the regular releases of stable versions.
 - Preparation and implementation of external datasets.
 - Coordinating research collaborations, e-mail requests and enquiries.

Associate Researcher

Gothenburg, Sweden

UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG - DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

2024/03 - 2025/01

- Project: “Female Leadership and Effects from African Droughts (Fem-LEAD)”
- Principal Investigator: Prof. Aksel Sundström
 - Preparation of geo-coded data (survey, (paleo-) climate, and agriculture data).
 - Collecting information on sub-national women representation in African countries.
 - Collecting various information on South Africa.
 - * contact details of local politicians
 - * disaster declarations
 - * newspaper/news reports

Research Assistant

Konstanz, Germany

UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ - DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

2023/10 - 2024/05

- Research Group: “German Politics”
- Supervisor: Prof. Christina Zuber
 - Preparation of new expert survey round of the *Ethnic Party Competition dataset (EPAC)*.
 - Data preparation for the *Mobilizing Inequalities: From Grievances to Conflict project*.

Research Assistant

Konstanz, Germany

UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ - DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

2022/01 - 2023/03

- Research Group: “German Politics”
- Supervisor: Prof. Christina Zuber
 - *Nationalist mobilisation, illiberal elites and democratic backsliding in Europe* project.
 - Conducting thorough literature reviews.
 - Preparation of political party data (V-Dem, V-Party, Manifesto Project, ParlGov).

Student Research Assistant

Bremen, Germany

UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN - DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

2018/05 - 2021/03

- Project: “Global Dynamics of Social Policy (CRC 1342 - A01)”
- Supervisor: Dr. Nils Düpont
 - Gathering and submitting observational information in addition to required data points.
 - Assistance in ensuring data quality.
 - Preparing, editing, and linking of political party datasets.

Research Intern

Gothenburg, Sweden

UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG - DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

2020/08 - 2020/10

- Research Program: Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem)
- Supervisor: Dr. Anna Lührmann
 - Participation in a research project on pandemic backsliding.
 - Participation in data collection and validity checks for the world’s largest data base on democracy.
 - Participation in researcher meetings and projects and daily routines at the institute.

Publications

ON-GOING WORK

Bederke, Paul, Lea Kaftan & Selcuk Timur Uluer. Linking Political Parties Across Time and Space: Introducing Political Party Links (PolPal). *last presented at WhoGov Workshop 2025*.

Bederke, Paul, Lea Kaftan, & Selcuk Timur Uluer. It takes a village to maintain a database. Communitizing the provision of common goods for the social sciences.

Sundström, Aksel, Andrej Kokkonen, Sverker Carlsson Jagers, Ola Olsson, Fredrik Charpentier Ljungqvist, & **Paul Bederke**. Climate Stress and the Irregular Exit of Leaders in Europe, 1000-1800.

Zuber, Christina, Edina Szöcsik, & **Paul Bederke**. EPAC 2023 – A Dataset on Ethnonationalism in Party Competition.

WORKING PAPER

Zuber, Christina, **Paul Bederke**, & Edina Szöcsik. 2025. Nationalist Parties and Transnational Cleavages. *submitted to the Journal of European Public Policy in March 2026*.

PREPRINT

David, Romain, Friederike Schmidt-Tremmel, Nicoletta Carboni, Fernando Aguilar, Pablo Atienza Lopez, Christos Arvanitidis, **Paul Bederke**, Charles Bo, Fredrik Bolmsten, Jordi Boderá Sempere, Volodymyra Boichuk, Sally Chambers, Ana Conesa, Jonathan Ewbank, Fabio Feudo, Darja Fišer, Patrick Fuhrmann, Markel García-Díez, Carole Goble, Clara Grilo, Giovanni Guerrieri, Robert Harb, Tina Heger, Anca Hienola, Bernd Hinrichsen, Fatiha Idmhand, Alberto Iess, Jurjen de Jong, Lea Kaftan, Oliver Knodel, Volodymyr Kotsiubynskyi, Giovanni Lamanna, Sylvia E. Le Dévédec, Federica Legger, Iulianna van der Lek, Nektarios Liaskos, Leandro Liborio, Lorenz Makula, Paul Millar, Pedro T. Monteiro, Sarah Morgan, Roman-Ulrich Müller, Melanie Nentwich, Massimiliano Novelli, Panče Panov, Papadimitriou Eleftheria, Reynier I. Revilla, David Stansby, Jonathan Tedds, Laurent Tessier, Justine Thomas, Warren Thompson, Aneta Wiśniewska, and Zhiming Zhao. 2025. Building Capacity for FAIR and Open Science: Insights from the World Café sessions at the OS-CARS 1st AGM. zenodo. doi: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17854378>. *in submission process to Open Research Europe Journal*.

Bederke, Paul & Holger Döring. 2023. Harmonizing and linking party information: The ESS as an example of complex data linking (v0.1). Zenodo, <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10061174>. *rejected after review at Research and Politics in 2023*.

DATASETS

Lindberg, Staffan I., Nils Düpont, Masaaki Higashijima, Yaman Berker Kavasoglu, Kyle L. Marquardt, Michael Bernhard, Holger Döring, Allen Hicken, Melis Laebens, Juraj Medzihorsky, Anja Neundorf, Ora John Reuter, Saskia Ruth-Lovell, Keith R. Weghorst, Nina Wiesehomeier, Joseph Wright, Nazifa Alizada, **Paul Bederke**, Lisa Gastaldi, Sandra Grahn, Garry Hindle, Nina Ilchenko, Johannes von Römer, Steven Wilson, Daniel Pemstein, and Brigitte Seim. 2022. Varieties of Party Identity and Organization (V-Party) V2. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Project. <https://doi.org/10.23696/vpartydsv2>.

Düpont, Nils, Holger Döring, **Paul Bederke**. 2021. Leaders Global: Party affiliations of leaders (HoS/HoG) in 183 countries, 1880–2020. Harvard Dataverse. V1. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/Z6V1ST>.

Edgell, Amanda B., Jean Lachapelle, Anna Lührmann, Seraphine F. Maerz, Sandra Grahn, Palina Kolvani, Ana Flavia Good God, Martin Lundstedt, Natalia Natsika, Shreeya Pillai, **Paul Bederke**, Milene Bruhn, Stefanie Kaiser, Cristina Schaver, Abdalhadi Alijla, Tiago Fernandes, Hans Tung, Matthew Wilson, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2020. Pandemic Backsliding: Democracy During Covid-19 (PanDem), Version 6. Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Institute. <https://www.v-dem.net/pandem.html>.

Döring, Holger & Düpont, Nils. 2020. Elections Global: Election results in 207 countries, 1880–2015. Harvard Dataverse. V2. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/OGOURC>. **–as Data Collector–**

PARTY FACTS

Bederke, Paul, Holger Döring, Sven Regel. 2023. Party Facts – Version 2023. Harvard Dataverse. V1. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/TJINLQ>.

Bederke, Paul, Holger Döring, Sven Regel. 2022. Party Facts – Version 2022. Harvard Dataverse. V1. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/BUWAAF>.

Bederke, Paul, Holger Döring, Sven Regel. 2021. Party Facts – Version 2021. Harvard Dataverse. V1. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/GM8LWQ>.

Bederke, Paul, Holger Döring, Sven Regel. 2020. Party Facts – Version 2020b. Harvard Dataverse. V1. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/LWFAHU>.

Bederke, Paul, Holger Döring, Sven Regel. 2020. Party Facts – Version 2020a. Harvard Dataverse. V1. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/QHJLQS>.

Bederke, Paul, Holger Döring, Sven Regel. 2019. Party Facts – Version 2019b. Harvard Dataverse. V1. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/UUMC31>.

Bederke, Paul, Holger Döring, Sven Regel. 2019. Party Facts – Version 2019a. Harvard Dataverse. V1. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/FTQAYT>.

Grants

2024 **OSCARS 1st Open Call**, *Project: 01-415-Harmony in the Democratic Ideological Space*
(*HarDIS*) Project application together with Lea Kaftan, Sebastian Ziaja, and Alexia Katsanidou € 250,000

Presentations

WhoGov workshop. 2025. Above and Beyond: Expanding the Party Facts Infrastructure. Oslo, Norway.

Webinar: Mid Sweden University. 2025. Above and Beyond: Expanding the Party Facts Infrastructure. Online.

DEMSCORE Conference 2025. 2025. Above and Beyond: Expanding the Party Facts Infrastructure. Gothenburg, Sweden.

1st OSCARS Annual General Meeting. 2025. HarDIS - Harmony in the Democratic Ideological Space. Rome, Italy.

Organized Events

Modern Infrastructures for the Study of Parties – Community Workshop. 2026. Cologne. Germany. *co-organized with Dr. Lea Kaftan*

Skills

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R/RStudio STATA GIS
GitHub Node.js Docker
Overleaf Qualtrics

METHODOLOGICAL SKILLS

OLS Regression
Logistic Regression
Multi-Level Regression
Survival analysis

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German (native) English (fluent)
Norwegian (basic) Swedish (basic)