Lena Maria Huber

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EXPERIENCE

Post-doctoral research fellow

2023-present

Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)

- Research Department B 'European Political Systems and their Integration'
- University of Mannheim

Pre-doctoral researcher

2019-2023

Department of Government, University of Vienna

- Austrian National Election Study (AUTNES)
- Principal Investigators: Wolfgang C. Müller, Sylvia Kritzinger, Hajo Boomgaarden

Student assistant 2015–2018

Department of Government, University of Vienna

- 'Strong' vs. 'Weak' Governments and the Challenge of Economic Reforms
- SFB 884, Political Economy of Reforms
- Principal Investigator: Wolfgang C. Müller

EDUCATION

Doctoral Studies in Political Science

2019 - 2023

Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences, University of Vienna (GPA 1.0)

- Thesis: 'The Role of Social Groups in Political Communication and Public Opinion'
- Supervisors: Wolfgang C. Müller, Markus Wagner
- External reviewers: Silja Häusermann, Rune Slothuus

MA in Political Science

2016-2019

University of Vienna (GPA 1.0)

- Thesis: 'Party Competition in Western Europe: Explaining Policy Shifts on Two Dimensions'
- Supervisor: Thomas M. Meyer

BA in Political Science

2013-2016

University of Vienna (GPA 1.4)

Publications

- Adendorf, A., Bahnsen, O., Gschwend, T., Huber, L. M., Ponzetto, S. P., Rehbein, I., & Stoetzer, L. F. (2025). Measuring inter-party communication: A transformer-based approach. *Conditionally accepted. Political Science Research and Methods*.
- Huber, L. M., & Haselmayer, M. (2025). Promising links: How parties connect policy issues with group appeals. West European Politics, 48(7), 1732–1759. https://doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2024.2351345
- Huber, L. M., Meyer, T. M., & Wagner, M. (2024). Social group appeals in party rhetoric: Effects on policy support and polarization. *The Journal of Politics*, 86(4), 1304–1318. https://doi.org/10.1086/729946

- Ennser-Jedenastik, L., Haselmayer, M., Huber, L. M., & Fenz, M. (2022). Who talks about what? Issue strategies across the party hierarchy. *European Journal of Political Research*, 61(3), 842–852. https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12500
- Ennser-Jedenastik, L., Haselmayer, M., Huber, L. M., & Scharrer, M. E. (2022). Issue substitution or volume expansion? How parties accommodate agenda change. *Electoral Studies*, 76. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2021.102437
- Huber, L. M. (2022). Beyond policy: The use of social group appeals in party communication. *Political Communication*, 39(3), 293-310. https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2021.1998264
- Huber, L. M., Bodlos, A., Graf, E., & Meyer, T. M. (2022). Disseminating legislative debates: How legislators communicate the parliamentary agenda. *Party Politics*, 28(2), 365–376. https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068820982555
- Eberl, J.-M., Huber, L. M., & Plescia, C. (2020). A tale of firsts: The 2019 Austrian snap election. West European Politics, 43(6), 1350–1363. https://doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2020.1717836

Teaching

Instructor at University of Mannheim
 Social Groups and their Relevance in the Political Process (BA level)
 Instructor at University of Mannheim
 Political Communication and Party Competition (BA level)
 Instructor at University of Mannheim
 Spring 2023
 Data Analysis (BA level)
 Instructor at University of Vienna
 Winter 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
 Quantitative Methods of Empirical Social Research (BA level)
 Instructor at University of Vienna
 Summer 2021, 2022, Winter 2022

Institutional Service

Comparative Political Analysis (BA level)

Equal Opportunities Representative
 Mannheim Centre for European Social Research
 Workshop Organizer 'Current Perspectives on Party Competition'
 Mannheim Centre for European Social Research
 Organizer of the AB-B Colloquium
 Mannheim Centre for European Social Research
 Deputy Member of the Search Committee for Austrian Politics Professorship
 University of Vienna
 Deputy Member of the Political Science Study Program Conference
 University of Vienna

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

ECPR Summer School

Aarhus University, 2021

Theories and Methods in Party Politics

VieCER Workshop

Text Analysis and Machine Learning

PUMA Methods Workshop

Multi-Level Modeling

University of Innsbruck, 2018

University of Vienna, 2018

ECPR Summer School

Advanced Topics in Applied Regression

Central European University, 2017

Skills Languages

• Stata

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• MS Office

• IATEX

• German: native

• English: advanced

Spanish: basic

Conferences

EPSA Annual Conference June 2025

Madrid

DVPW Conference September 2024

 $G\ddot{o}ttingen$

EPSA Annual Conference July 2024

Cologne

EPSA Annual Conference June 2023

Glasgow

ECPR General Conference August 2022

University of Innsbruck

EPSA Annual Conference June 2022

Prague

EPSA Annual Conference

June 2021

On line

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Invited Talk 'Party Research Seminar'
April 2025

University of Gothenburg

Invited Talk 'Comparative Politics and Political Economy (CPPE) Colloquium' January 2025

University of Konstanz

Workshop 'Party Politics and Government Coalitions'
October 2024

Aarhus University

Workshop 'Political Representation' December 2023

University of Zurich

ECPR Joint Sessions Workshop 'Social Groups and Electoral Politics'

April 2023

Sciences Po Toulouse

Workshop 'Party Competition in the Electoral Cycle'

December 2020

Online

GRANTS AND PROPOSALS

• Group Appeals in Parliamentary and Electoral Debates

2026-2029

German Research Foundation (DFG)

Accepted Proposal together with Hauke Licht as part of the WEAVE Lead Agency Process

Funding amount (own share): 330.000€

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

• Doctoral thesis prize

Annual prize for the best doctoral thesis awarded by the Austrian Political Science Association (1.000€)

• MA thesis prize 2019

Annual prize for the best MA thesis awarded by the Austrian Political Science Association (500€)

Performance Scholarship (University of Vienna)
 Annual scholarship funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science, and Research for the recognition of outstanding academic achievements

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Political Communication, European Journal of Political Research, Comparative Political Studies, West European Politics, European Union Politics, Party Politics, Electoral Studies, Legislative Studies Quarterly, European Political Science Review, Journal of Contemporary European Studies, Computational Communication Research

Memberships

- German Political Science Association (DVPW)
- European Political Science Society (EPSS)
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

 Standing Groups
 - Political Communication
 - Political Parties
 - Political Representation
 - Public Opinion and Voting Behaviour in a Comparative Perspective