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Position

Adjunct professor of political science at the University of Konstanz

Research interests

Political behavior, comparative politics, methodology

Education

- 2018 Habilitation (*venia legendi*) in political science at the University of Konstanz
- 2011 Doctorate (*summa cum laude*) in political science at the University of Mannheim
- 2008 Summer institute on the Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 2005 *Diplom* in the social sciences (political science, sociology, social psychology, methods, economics), University of Mannheim
- 2001 – 2002 Graduate program in sociology at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Awards

- 2017 University of Konstanz Award for Teaching Excellence (LUKS)
- 2012 Nomination for the Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for best paper in comparative politics at the MPSA Annual Conference
- 2011 Nomination for the Lorenz-von-Stein Prize for best dissertation in the social sciences at the University of Mannheim
- 2008 Wicksell Prize for best paper at the Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society by a person under 30 years of age (€ 1,000)
- 2005 Lorenz-von-Stein Prize for best final thesis in the social sciences at the University of Mannheim (€ 500)

Appointments and previous positions

- Since 2021 *Außerplanmäßiger Professor* of political science at the University of Konstanz
- Since 2019 *Akademischer Oberrat* at the University of Konstanz
- 2018 – 2021 *Privatdozent* in political science at the University of Konstanz
- 2016 Awarded life tenure at the University of Konstanz
- 2015 – 2019 *Akademischer Rat* at the University of Konstanz
- 2015 Shortlist for junior professorship in political sociology at the University of Greifswald
- 2014 Shortlist for junior professorship in political science research methods at Chemnitz University of Technology
- 2013 Shortlist for junior professorship in empirical democracy studies at Goethe University Frankfurt
- 2010 – 2015 Lecturer in political science at the University of Konstanz
- 2009 – 2010 Lecturer in political science at the University of Mannheim
- 2008 Researcher in the Sonderforschungsbereich (SFB) 504 at the University of Mannheim
- 2005 – 2008 Researcher at Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung (MZES)

Funded projects

- 2014 “Parliamentary voting in the Frankfurt Assembly 1848/49”, Co-PI with Ulrich Sieberer, funded by the University of Konstanz through the Excellence Initiative of the German federal and state governments (€ 5,363)
- 2013 – 2014 “Do voters remember good-looking candidates?”, Co-PI with Susumu Shikano, funded by University of Konstanz through the Excellence Initiative of the German federal and state governments (€14,000)
- 2011 – 2012 “Physical appearance and perceptions of political orientation”, Co-PI with Susumu Shikano, funded by the University of Konstanz through the Excellence Initiative of the German federal and state governments (€ 6,000)

Service to the profession

- Reviewer American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
British Journal of Political Science
Cogent Psychology
Economics & Politics
Electoral Studies
European Union Politics
German Politics
International Journal of Public Opinion Research
Jahrbuch für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie
Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties
Journal of Experimental Social Psychology
Journal of Politics
Party Politics
Political Behavior
Political Psychology
Political Research Quarterly
Political Science Research and Methods
Political Studies
Politische Vierteljahresschrift
Problems of Post-Communism
Public Choice
Swiss Political Science Review
The Stata Journal
Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft
Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft
- Referee Baden-Württemberg Stiftung
Fritz Thyssen Stiftung
- Member Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
Sektion Methoden der Politikwissenschaft
Arbeitskreis Wahlen- und Politische Einstellungen
Arbeitskreis Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie
Hanse Wissenschaftskolleg, Delmenhorst (Study Group: „Dynamik kollektiver Entscheidungen“, 2012 – 2014)

Media

Südkurier (September 23, 2021, Was bedeutet die 5% Hürde), *Vice* (December 9, 2019, Does tactical voting work? Well, it did in 1997), *The Guardian* (November 8, 2019, Tactical voting could swing this election – but we need to get it right), *Südkurier* (July 8, 2012, Was die Forscher zur OB-Wahl sagen), *Radio Regenbogen* (September 11, 2008, Campus-Report Wahlforschung), *Handelsblatt* (May 28, 2008, Warum gemäßigte Bürger oft extremere Parteien wählen), *Stuttgarter Zeitung* (February 25, 2008, Beim Wählen zeigt sich mancher radikaler als sonst)

Invited talks

Party positions from Wikipedia classifications of party ideology. Talk at the *Colloquium honouring the 80th anniversary of Franz Urban Pappi*, Mannheim, March 2019

Stereotypes in elections: accuracy, malleability, and triggers. Talk at the *University of Mannheim*, December 2016

The importance of strategic voting in simple plurality elections. Talk at the *University of Bamberg*, January 2016

Ideology and voting in the Frankfurt Assembly 1848/49. Talk at the meeting of the *HWK Study Group: "Dynamik kollektiver Entscheidungen"*, Delmenhorst, September 2014

Konfliktlinien und politische Positionen der Abgeordneten der Frankfurter Nationalversammlung 1848/49: Eine Analyse namentlicher Abstimmungen in der Paulskirche. Talk at the *University of Greifswald*, July 2014

Parliamentary voting in the Frankfurt Assembly 1848/49. Talk at the *Meeting of the scientific advisory board of the Zukunftskolleg*, University of Konstanz, March 2014

Konfliktlinien und politische Positionen der Abgeordneten der Frankfurter Nationalversammlung 1848/49: Eine Analyse namentlicher Abstimmungen in der Paulskirche. Talk at the *University of Chemnitz*, February 2014

Polls, coalitions and strategic voting under proportional representation. Talk at the meeting of the *HWK Study Group: "Dynamik kollektiver Entscheidungen"*, Konstanz, May 2013

Der Erfolg der 'Liberal Democrats' und die politische Relevanz strategischen Wählens unter relativer Mehrheitswahl. Talk at the *University of Frankfurt*, January 2013

Zum Nutzen von Entscheidungs- und Spieltheorie für die Politikwissenschaft. Speech delivered at the *Gründungstagung der Sektion Methoden der DVPW*, Hamburg, January 2012

Polls, coalitions and strategic voting under proportional representation. Talk at the *Fachbereichskolloquium Politik- und Verwaltungswissenschaft at the University of Konstanz*, May 2010

Voter uncertainty and failure of Duverger's law. Talk at the *University of Heidelberg*, February 2009

Weighting preference against performance: voter behavior in parliamentary democracies. Talk at the *MZES Workshop: Voters and coalition government*, Mannheim, November 2007

Publications

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Herrmann, Michael, and Holger Döring. 2023. Party positions from Wikipedia classifications of party ideology. *Political Analysis* 31: 22-41

Herrmann, Michael, and Susumu Shikano. 2020. Do campaign posters trigger voting based on looks? Probing an explanation for why good-looking candidates win more votes. *Acta Politica* 56, 3: 416-435

Sieberer, Ulrich, and Michael Herrmann. 2019. Short-lived parliamentarisation in 19th-century Germany: Parliamentary government in the Frankfurt Assembly of 1848/49. *Parliamentary Affairs* 73, 3: 603-626

Sieberer, Ulrich, and Michael Herrmann. 2019. Bonding in pursuit of policy goals: How MPs choose political parties in the legislative state of nature. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 44, 3: 455-486

Herrmann, Michael, and Ulrich Sieberer. 2019. The basic space of a revolutionary parliament: Scaling the Frankfurt Assembly of 1848/49. *Party Politics* 26, 6: 841-853

Herrmann, Michael, and Markus Tepe. 2018. Does exposure to stereotype-disconfirming politicians reduce the effect of stereotypes on voting? Evidence from seven plagiarism scandals in Germany. *Political Psychology* 39, 2: 303-324

Herrmann, Michael, and Susumu Shikano. 2016. Attractiveness and facial competence bias face-based inferences of candidate ideology. *Political Psychology* 37, 3: 401-417

Herrmann, Michael, Simon Munzert, and Peter Selb. 2016. Determining the effect of strategic voting on election results. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A (Statistics in Society)* 176, 2: 583-605 (Nominated for the Kellogg/Notre Dame Award 2012)

Herrmann, Michael. 2014. Polls, coalitions, and strategic voting under proportional representation. *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 26, 3: 442-467

Herrmann, Michael. 2013. Stata tip 115: How to properly estimate the multinomial probit model with heteroskedastic errors. *The Stata Journal* 13, 2: 401-405

Selb, Peter, Michael Herrmann, Simon Munzert, Thomas Schübel, and Susumu Shikano. 2013. Forecasting runoff elections using candidate evaluations from first round exit polls. *International Journal of Forecasting* 29: 541-547

Herrmann, Michael. 2012. Voter uncertainty and failure of Duverger's law: An empirical analysis. *Public Choice* 151: 63-90 (Winner of the Wicksell Prize 2008)

Herrmann, Michael. 2010. Wenn Wenige den Ausschlag geben... Strategisches Erststimmenwählen bei deutschen Bundestagswahlen 1994-2009. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 51, 4: 665-689

Pappi, Franz Urban, and Michael Herrmann. 2010. Überhangmandate ohne negatives Stimmengewicht: Machbarkeit, Wirkungen, Beurteilung. *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen* 41, 2: 260-278

Shikano, Susumu, Michael Herrmann, and Paul W. Thurner. 2009. Strategic voting under proportional representation: Threshold insurance in German elections. *West European Politics* 32, 3: 630-652

Herrmann, Michael, and Franz Urban Pappi. 2008. Strategic voting in German constituencies. *Electoral Studies* 27, 2: 228-244

Herrmann, Michael. 2008. Moderat bevorzugt, extrem gewählt. Zum Zusammenhang von Präferenz und Wahlentscheidung in räumlichen Modellen sachfragenorientierten Wählens. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 49, 1: 20-45

Monographs

Herrmann, Michael. 2015. *Strategisches Wählen in Deutschland. Logik und politische Konsequenzen*. Springer VS

Herrmann, Michael. 2005. *Räumliche Modelle der Parteienbewertung. Theorie und empirische Überprüfung von Richtungs- und Distanzmodellen unter Anwendung des Rank Orderd Logit*. MADOC Universität Mannheim. <http://ub-madoc.bib.uni-mannheim.de/1270> (Winner of the Lorenz-von-Stein Prize 2005)

Chapters in edited volumes (**peer-reviewed)

(**) Shikano, Susumu, Simon Munzert, Thomas Schübel, Michael Herrmann, and Peter Selb. 2014. Eine empirische Schätzmethode für Valenz-Issues auf der Basis der Kandidatenbeurteilung am Beispiel der Konstanzer Oberbürgermeisterwahl 2012. In: André Bächtiger, Eric Linhart, and Bernhard Kittel (eds.): *Jahrbuch für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie* 8: 113-133. Springer VS

Herrmann, Michael. 2009. Die Bedeutung strategischen Erststimmenwählens bei deutschen Bundestagswahlen. In: Christian Henning, Eric Linhart, and Susumu Shikano (eds.), *Parteienwettbewerb, Wählerverhalten und Koalitionsbildung. Festschrift zum 70. Geburtstag von Franz Urban Pappi*: 81-105. Nomos

(**) Herrmann, Michael, Susumu Shikano, Paul W. Thurner, and Axel Becker. 2006. Die Analyse von Wählerpräferenzen mit Rank Ordered Logit. In: Thomas Bräuninger, and Joachim Behnke (eds.): *Jahrbuch für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie* 4: 113-134. Springer VS

Datasets

Döring, Holger, and Michael Herrmann. 2023. Party positions from Wikipedia tags (various years). *Zenodo*. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.7043510

Herrmann, Michael, Ulrich Sieberer, Simon Richter, and Christian Spinner. 2023. Voting in the Frankfurt Assembly Dataset. *Harvard Dataverse*. DOI: 10.7910/DVN/E8XB5N

Working papers

Herrmann, Michael. 2008. Expectations about coalitions and strategic voting under proportional representation. *SFB 504 Discussion Paper* 08-28. Universität Mannheim

Pappi, Franz Urban, and Michael Herrmann. 2006. Strategisches Erststimmenwählen bei deutschen Bundestagswahlen. *MZES Arbeitspapier* 92. Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung

Blog posts

Herrmann, Michael, Simon Munzert, and Peter Selb. 2015. The conventional wisdom about tactical voting is wrong. *LSE British Politics and Policy Blog* and *Democratic Audit UK*:
<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/the-conventional-wisdom-about-tactical-voting-is-wrong/>
<http://www.democraticaudit.com/2015/11/09/the-conventional-wisdom-about-tactical-voting-is-wrong/>

Book review

Herrmann, Michael. 2014. "Formal Models of Domestic Politics" by Scott Gehlbach. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 55, 4: 761-764

Teaching

Courses taught from 2009 to present

Course grades: 1 (best) to 5 (worst); NG (not graded)

Advances in voting research (MA seminar)

Grades: 1.5 1.3

Electoral systems and their political consequences (BA seminar)

Grades: 1.6 2.3 1.8 1.6 1.2

Selected topics in comparative political economy (BA seminar)

Grade: 1.3

Politics in Europe (BA seminar)

Grades: 2.2 2.4

Colloquium for examinees (BA/MA seminar)

Grades: NG 1.0 NG 1.2 1.4 1.3 1.1 1.0 NG 1.0 NG

Research design II: Statistical modeling and inference in quantitative research (MA lecture, English)

Grades: 1.7 1.7 1.2 1.8 1.7 1.4 1.5 1.3 1.5 1.3 2.5 NG 2.1

Preparatory course: Research methods and statistics (MA lecture, English)

Grades: 1.2 1.5 1.4 1.4 1.7 NG 1.3 1.1

Process tracing (MA seminar)

Grades: NG 1.3 1.8 1.3 1.2 NG NG

Categorical data analysis (MA/postgraduate seminar)

Grades: 1.4 1.0 1.0 1.1

Discrete choice analysis (MA/postgraduate seminar)

Grades: 1.0 1.0

Panel data analysis (MA/postgraduate seminar)

Grades: 1.2 1.5

Data analysis for political scientists using SPSS (BA seminar)

Grades: 1.8 2.0

Data analysis with R (BA/MA seminar, English and German)

Grades: 1.3 1.8 1.4 1.5 1.5 1.6 1.1 1.5 1.3 1.5 1.2 1.5 1.6 1.5 1.4 1.1 1.5 1.5 1.5 1.2 1.4
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Data analysis with Stata (BA/MA seminar, English and German)

Grades: 1.4 1.4 1.5 1.4 1.2 1.2 1.5 1.2 1.4 1.3 1.2 1.6 1.2 NG 1.6

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