

Theses defended in 2020						
Researcher	Nationality	Current Position & Institution	Currently working in	Defence date	Supervisor	Thesis Title
AAGAARD, Anders	Denmark	N/A	N/A	29-Sep-2020	Hans-Peter Blossfeld	Family Formation and Stability in Western Welfare States Since 1960 The Influence of Family and Housing Policy
BUITELAAR, Toomas	Netherlands	Lecturer at Leiden University's Institute of Political Science	Netherlands	9-Dec-2020	Jennifer Welsh	Blue Helmets and Black Robes: Cooperation Between UN Peacekeepers and the ICC
CLEMM VON HOHENBERG, Bernhard	Germany	Postdoc at the University of Amsterdam	Netherlands	30-Nov-2020	Diego Gambetta	Believing the news: How individual ideology and source credibility affect judgements of informational truth
CREMASCHI, Simone	Italy	Postdoctoral Researcher at the Dondena Centre for Research on Social Dynamics and Public Policy at Bocconi University	Italy	18-May-2020	Diego Gambetta	Sheltered. Life and Work in Italy's Immigrant Ghettos
DEL RIO RODRIGUEZ, Adrián	Spain	Visiting professor, University Carlos III of Madrid Research affiliate of the 'Democracies under Threat: how education can save it' project, University of Glasgow	Spain	26-May-2020	Stefano Bartolini	Should I Stay, or Should I Go? On the Determinants of Elite Defections in Electoral Autocracies
DREWS, Wiebke	Germany	Research Associate / Post-Doc at Universität der Bundeswehr München	Germany	12-Nov-2020	Alexander Trechsel	Digital Politics Across Contexts, Social Media, Parties and Citizens: Technological Opportunities and Challenges in Modern Democracies
DRIEDGER, Jonas	Germany	N/A	N/A	11-Dec-2020	Ulrich Krotz	David and Goliath: Power Politics and Military Conflict in the Backyards of Major States
EIHMANIS, Edgars	Latvia	Post-doctoral researcher at the ECE Covid-19 monitor at the EUI	Italy	2-Oct-2020	Pepper Culpepper	Between democracy, business power and international organisations: Explaining three distributive conflicts in taxation in Central and Eastern Europe
GANDERSON, Joseph	United Kingdom	Postdoc at the European Institute at the London School of Economics	United Kingdom	14-Sep-2020	Pepper Culpepper	Politics by Association. Party Competition and Post-Crisis Bank Structural Reform in the UK, the Netherlands and Germany
GIL HERNANDEZ, Carlos	Spain	Postdoc at the University of Trento (as of January 2021)	Italy	29/10/2020	Fabrizio Bernardi	Cracking Meritocracy from the Starting Gate. Social Inequality in Skill Formation and School Choice

GIULIANI, Giuliana	Italy	Researcher at The University of Edinburgh	United Kingdom	14-Oct-2020	Fabrizio Bernardi	Who is older? Gender and age differences in heterosexual couples
GRUMBINAITE, Ieva	Lithuania	N/A	N/A	14-Feb-2020	Ulrich Krotz	Turning "Them" into "We". The Impact of the Rotating European Union Council Presidency on the Member States
HAMMING, Tore	Denmark	N/A	N/A	28-Oct-2020	Olivier Roy	Jihadi Politics: Fitna within the Sunni Jihadi Movement 2014-2019
HUNGER, Sophia	Germany	WZB Berlin Social Science Center	Germany	6-Jul-2020	Hanspeter Kriesi	Is There a Populist Zeitgeist? Coming to Grips With an Elusive Phenomenon
HUNGIN, Harpal	United Kingdom	Bank of England	United Kingdom	23-Jun-2020	Pepper Culpepper	The Politics of Central Bank Reform. Post-financial crisis institutional reform in the USA and UK
KANDYLA, Anna	Greece	N/A	N/A	30-Sep-2020	Alexander Trechsel	The Emperor's New Clothes? Assessing the Democratic Value of the European Citizens' Initiative
KOCA, Metin	Turkey	Postdoctoral researcher in ERC project (European Institute of Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey)	Turkey	16-Jan-2020	Olivier Roy	Tracing Cultural Change in the Reproduction of Intolerance: "Secularism", "Islamism" and others in Turkey's Experience of Democratization
KROL, Gerrit	Netherlands	Policy advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands	Netherlands	4-Nov-2020	Stefano Bartolini	Legislating Parliaments in Authoritarian Regimes Eurasian Legislatures and Presidents Compared
KURSANI, Shpend	Kosovo	Lecturer in the Institute of Political Science, Faculty of Behavioral Sciences, Leiden University	Netherlands	23-Jul-2020	Jennifer Welsh	Contested states. The struggle for survival and recognition in the post-1945 international order
MALET, Giorgio	Italy	N/A	N/A	20-Jul-2020	Hanspeter Kriesi	The Hour of the Citizens The Political Consequences of Mass Euroscepticism
MIYAI, Takeshi	Japan	Research Fellow, The Japan Institute of International Affairs	Japan	20-Jan-2020	Rainer Bauböck	Democratising Migration Governance Temporary Labour Migration and the Responsibility to Represent
PAGOAGA IBIRICU, Ion	Spain	N/A	N/A	29-Sep-2020	Stefano Bartolini	Secession Crises and Party System Change in Advanced Democracies
SALEK, Paulina	Poland	N/A	N/A	26-Jun-2020	Stefano Bartolini	Understanding Post-Soviet Party Systems: A comparative analysis of Georgia and Moldova
SAULITIS, Andris	Latvia	N/A	N/A	3-Feb-2020	Diego Gambetta	Can a nudge make debtors budge? Four Field Experiments on Payment Reminders

SMALLENBROEK, Oscar	Netherlands	Postdoctoral researcher at the LIEPP (Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Evaluation of Public Policy), Sciences Po	France	22-Sep-2020	Hans-Peter Blossfeld	A Symbiosis: Social structure and personal values in the Netherlands
SUBIRATS, Anna	Spain	N/A	N/A	25-Mar-2020	Donatella Della Porta	Opening the urban "black box". The role of the local context in the mobilisation of urban movements

Theses defended in 2019

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ALTIPARMAKIS, Argyrios	Greece	Research fellow for the SOLID ERC project	Italy	10/06/2019	Hanspeter Kriesi	The Age of the Bailout. Contention, party-system collapse and reconstruction in Greece, 2009-2015
BIRNIE, Rutger	The Netherlands	N/A	N/A	19/02/2019	Rainer Bauböck	The Ethics and Politics of Deportation in Europe
BREMER, Björn	Germany	Senior Researcher in Comparative and International Political Economy at the Max Planck for the Study of Societies, Cologne	Germany	15/03/2019	Hanspeter Kriesi	Austerity From the Left. Explaining the Fiscal Policies of Social Democratic Parties in Response to the Great Recession
BUERGISSER, Reto	Switzerland	Postdoctoral researcher at the Institute of Political Science at the University of Bern	Switzerland	13/06/2019	Hanspeter Kriesi	The Politics of Welfare State Recalibration in Continental and Souther Europe
FERREIRA DA SILVA, Frederico	Portugal	Research Fellow at the University of Lucerne	Switzerland	05/07/2019	Alexander H. Trechsel	Leaders over parties? The personalization of politics and voting behaviour in contemporary Western democracies
GESSLER, Theresa	Germany/USA	Postdoc at the University of Zurich	Switzerland	09/12/2019	Hanspeter Kriesi	Political conflict on immigration and democracy in Europe
JÜDE, Johannes	Germany	Postdoctoral Research Fellow in International Politics Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg	Germany	26/09/2019	Stefano Bartolini	Pathways to Successful State Formation
LEOSK, Nele	Estonia	N/A	N/A	11/10/2019	Alexander H. Trechsel	Understanding the Development of Digital Governance: A Study of the Relations between Institutions, Organisations, and Actors in the Member States of the OECD and EU
LIPCEAN, Sergiu	Moldavia	N/A	N/A	12/04/2019	Stefano Bartolini	Similar Challenges, Different Outcomes? The Development of Political Finances Regimes in Post-Communist Space
MENDES, Mariana	Portugal	Visiting Fellow at the Mercator Forum For Migration and Democracy, TU Dresden	Germany	10/10/2019	Donatella Della Porta	Delayed Transitional Justice. Accounting for timing and cross-country variation in Transitional Justice trajectories
de RUITER, Adrienne	The Netherlands	Lecturer in Politics at Newcastle University	United Kingdom	15/01/2019	Jennifer Welsh	Dehumanisation and Moral Silencing. A normative account with illustrations from the refugee crisis

RUIZ SOLER, Javier	Spain	Postdoctoral Fellow at Digital Democracies Lab (Simon Fraser University, Vancouver Canada)	Canada	12/06/2019	Alexander H. Trechsel	Is Twitter the New Coffee House? The Contribution of the European Political Twittersphere to the European Public Sphere and European Demos.
SANCHEZ VITORES, Irene	Spain	N/A	N/A	28/06/2019	Alexander H. Trechsel	Disinterested or discouraged? The gender gap in political interest.
SCHULTE-CLOOS, Julia	Germany	Marie Skłodowska-Curie funded LMU Research Fellow at the Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science at LMU Munich	Germany	02/07/2019	Hanspeter Kriesi	European Integration and the Surge of the Populist Radical Right
TESCHE, Tobias	Germany	Postdoctoral research fellow in political economy at the University of Amsterdam	The Netherlands	13/05/2019	Philipp Genschel	Institutional Response to the Euro crisis
VIDAL LORDA, Guillem	Spain	Postdoctoral researcher at the LMU Munich, and currently a visiting researcher at the WZB Berlin.	Germany	13/06/2019	Hanspeter Kriesi	The Political Consequences of the Great Recession in Southern Europe. Crises and Representation in Spain
VOLPI, Elisa	Italy	Post-doctoral researcher at the University of Geneva (Switzerland).	Switzerland	03/05/2019	Stefano Bartolini	The Politics of Turning Coat. A Comparative and Historical Analysis of Party Switching
WANGEN, Patrice	Belgium	PostDoc in the ERC Project "Diplomatic Face-Work: Between Confidential Negotiations and Public Display"	Danemark	23/04/2019	Jennifer Welsh	Framing National Interest. How Media Discourses Influence Western Policy Agendas Towards Foreign Armed Conflicts
WEISSKIRCHER, Manès	Austria	TU Dresden	Germany	14/05/2019	Donatella Della Porta	Animal Liberation? The History, Contemporary Network, and Impact of Animal Rights Activism in Europe
YASTREBOV, Gordey	Russland	Post-doc researcher at the University of Bamberg	Germany	11/06/2019	Fabrizio Bernardi	The Demographic Echo of War and Social Mobility in Russia
ZAVAKOU, Alkistis	Greece	N/A	N/A	22/02/2019	Hans-Peter Blossfeld	How Labour Market Institutions in European Welfare Capitalisms Affect Labour Market Transitions

Theses defended in 2018

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BERNTZEN, Lars Erik	Norway	Postdoc at Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen	Norway	23/02/2018	Donatella Della Porta	The Anti-Islamic Movement. Far Right and Liberal?
BORBÁTH, Endre	Hungary	Postdoc at Freie Universität Berlin and WZB Berlin Social Science Center	Germany	06/12/2018	Hanspeter Kriesi	Parties and Protests in Crisis-Hit Europe: Continuity and Change in the Structure of Political Conflict
CASAL DA SILVA, Tiago André	Portugal	postdoctoral researcher in ICS, Lisbon University	Portugal	12/06/2018	Alexander H. Trechsel	Uninformative News or Hollow Campaigns? Political Campaign on the Social Networking Site and the Traditional Media Coverage
CHAKHAIA, Lela	Geogia	Save the Children USA as a senior specialist for education research for international programs	United States of America	21/06/2018	Fabrizio Bernardi	Educational Inequalities in Transition: The Cases of Russia and Georgia
CHAPKOVSKI, Philipp	Russian Federation	Postdoc, International Laboratory for Experimental and Behavioural Economics, Higher School of Economics, Moscow	Russian Federation	14/09/2018	Diego Gambetta	Collective Sanctions: An experimental approach
CHAUVIN, Luc Sébastien Alain	France/Switzerland	Teaching, public sector	N/A	14/06/2018	Olivier Roy	A la recherche de l'autonomie en Méditerranée postcoloniale: l'exemple du Hip-Hop algérien
CHESTA, Riccardo Emilio	Italy	Post-Doctoral Researcher at Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa / Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, Milan	Italy	18/10/2018	Donatella Della Porta	Contentious Politics of Expertise. Experts, Activists and Grassroots Environmentalism
CHIRONI, Daniela	Italy	Post-Doctoral Researcher at the Faculty of SPS in the Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa and Florence	Italy	25/07/2018	Donatella Della Porta	Radical Left Parties and Social Movements: Strategic Interactions
DAMHUIS, Koen	The Netherlands	Assistant professor at the Utrecht School of Governance, Utrecht University	The Netherlands	14/12/2018	Hanspeter Kriesi	Roads to the radical right. Understanding different forms of electoral support for radical right-wing parties in France and the Netherlands
DO Ó LABAREDA, João	Portugal	Speechwriter at the European Commission	Portugal	22/05/2018	Rainer Bauböck	A Theory of Distributive Justice for the European Union
GEVEN, Koen	The Netherlands	Economist at the World Bank	United States of America	13/02/2018	Hans-Peter Blossfeld	Public Policy and Inequality in Higher Education
GJOKSI, Nisida	Austria	Public Administration Reform Desk Officer for Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, European Commission	Belgium	17/05/2018	Laszlo Bruszt	Contested party-state relations in reforming the civil service in Albania and FYR Macedonia, 2000–13

GRIAZNOVA, Olga	Russian Federation	Research Associate, GlobalStat. Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS)	Italy	06/12/2018	Fabrizio Bernardi	Do origins matter? The effect of geographical and social mobility on preferences for redistribution
HERBAUT, Estelle	France	Postdoc, Sciences Po, Paris	France	14/12/2018	Fabrizio Bernardi	From access to attainment: patterns of social inequality and equity policies in higher education
HOLMSEN, Jenny	Norway	Advisor in the Norwegian agency for development cooperation, civil society department	Norway	11/12/2018	Olivier Roy	Believe It or Not. The New Face of Religion in International Affairs: A case study of Sant'Egidio
KRAKOWSKI, Krzysztof	Poland	Postdoc at the Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin	Italy	15/12/2018	Diego Gambetta	Some Behavioral Legacies of Exposure To Gangs, Riots, and War
LILJEQVIST, Nina Elisabet	Sweden	Civil servant at the Swedish Parliament	Sweden	06/03/2018	Hanspeter Kriesi	The asymmetric impact of Europe on national parliaments. The Swedish case
ORAL, Didem	Turkey	N/A	The Netherlands	17/05/2018	Donatella Della Porta	Peace Movements in Militaristic Societies. Israel and Turkey as Unidentical Twins
PALACIOS, Irene	Spain	Postdoctoral researcher at Maastricht University	The Netherlands	19/05/2018	Hanspeter Kriesi	The Effect of Institutions on Europeans' Aspirations and Evaluations of Democracy
PICCOLI, Lorenzo	Italy	Research Associate for GLOBALCIT at RSCAS (EU) and Postdoctoral Fellow for the nccr - on the move project, hosted by the Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies and the University of Neuchatel, Switzerland	Switzerland/Italy	11/04/2018	Rainer Bauböck	The politics of regional citizenship. Explaining variation in the right to health care for undocumented immigrants across Italian regions, Spanish autonomous communities, and Swiss cantons
RONE, Julia	Bulgaria	Wiener-Anspach postdoctoral fellow at the University of Cambridge and Universite Libre de Bruxelles	Germany	22/02/2018	Donatella Della Porta	"Don't worry, we are from the Internet!" The Diffusion of Protest against the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement in the Age of Austerity
RUBIO GRUNDELL, Lucrecia	Spain	N/A	N/A	19/11/2019	Rainer Bauböck	The Dynamics of Securitisation and De-Securitisation in the European Union's Anti-Trafficking policies: The Case of Trafficking in Women for Sexual Exploitation
RÜLAND, Anchalee Miriam	Germany	Parliamentary researcher for Dr. Norbert Röttgen, chair of the foreign affairs committee at the German bundestag,	Germany	20/09/2018	Jennifer Welsh	Norms in Conflict. An Analysis of State Responses to Norm Conflict in Southeast Asia

SELLING, Niels	Sweden	Post-doctoral researcher at the Institute for Future Studies in Stockholm	Sweden	28/05/2018	Pepper Culpepper	Unity or Fracture? Explaining Political Preference Formation Among Large American, British, and German Firms
SKULKIN, Igor	Russian Federation	N/A	N/A	20/09/2018	Hanspeter Kriesi	Why Incumbents Survive: Authoritarian Dominance and Regime Persistence in Russia
WOLF, Katharina Veronika	Germany	Defence Data Analyst at the European Defence Agency in Brussels	Belgium	13/04/2018	Ulrich Krotz	Europe's Military Responses to Humanitarian Crises
WOZNIAKOWSKI, Tomasz Pawel	Poland	Postdoc, Hertie School and Lecturer, Stanford in Berlin	Germany	15/03/2018	Alexander H. Trechsel	Towards Fiscalization of the European Union? The European and American Fiscal Unions in a comparative historical perspective
XANTHOPOULOU-DIMITRIADOU, Parthena	Greece	N/A	N/A	17/05/2018	Donatella Della Porta	Discursive movement politics of the crisis: frames, "subjects" and cultures of sociopolitical contestation. A comparative analysis of the anti-austerity and pro-democracy mobilization of Greece and Spain
ZHURAVLEV, Oleg	Russian Federation	N/A	N/A	22/10/2018	Donatella Della Porta	Microsociology of big events: the dynamics of eventual solidarities in "For fair elections" and Euromaidan protest movements