

Curriculum Vitae

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Current position “DAAD Fachlektor” (lecturer/DAAD fellow), Department of Government,
University of Essex

Professional career

04/2004–08/2009 “Wissenschaftlicher Assistent” (lecturer/assistant professor), Chair for Political
Science and International Social Research, Department of Social Sciences,
Universität Mannheim

09/2000–03/2004 “Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter” (lecturer/researcher), Chair for Political Science
and International Social Research, Department of Social Sciences, Universität
Mannheim

01/1998–06/2000 “Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter” (researcher), Mannheim Centre for European
Social Research (MZES), research project “Political Interest, Involvement and
Affect”

Education

03/2004 Dr. rer. soc. in political science, University of Mannheim

03/1996 M.A. in political science, University of Hamburg

10/1989–09/1996 Undergraduate/graduate studies in political science, history, and philosophy at
the Universität Hamburg

Honours and Grants

02/2005 Prize of the Lorenz von Stein Society for an excellent doctoral thesis completed
in 2004

08/1999 Travel grant of the German Science Foundation for the participation at the ICPSR
Summer Program, University of Michigan.

03/1997–12/1997 Post-graduate fellowship of the Land Baden-Württemberg

Membership in professional associations

Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (German Political Science Association)

- Arbeitskreis "Empirische Methoden der Politikwissenschaft" (Workgroup on Empirical Methods of Political Science)
- Arbeitskreis "Wahlen und Politische Einstellungen" (Workgroup on Electoral Behavior and Political Attitudes)

American Political Science Association

- Political Methodology Section
- Comparative Politics Section
- European Politics and Society Section
- Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior Section

Midwest Political Science Association

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Wahlforschung (German Society for Electoral Studies)

Professional activities

Member of the Präsidium (board) of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Wahlforschung (German Society for Electoral Studies)

Reviewer for

- Acta Politica
- British Journal of Political Science
- Electoral Studies
- European Journal of Political Research
- Journal of Politics
- Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie
- Legislative Studies Quarterly
- Party Politics
- Politische Vierteljahresschrift
- Schweizer Nationalfonds

Publications

Book

Elff, Martin. 2006. *Politische Ideologien, soziale Konflikte und Wahlverhalten: Die Bedeutung politischer Angebote der Parteien für den Zusammenhang zwischen sozialen Merkmalen und Parteipräferenzen in zehn westeuropäischen Demokratien* (Political Ideology, Social Conflict and Electoral Behavior. The Role of Parties' Political Positions for the Relation between Voters' Social Position and Party Preference in Ten West European Democracies). Baden-Baden: Nomos.

Refereed research articles

- Elff, Martin. 2009. "Social divisions, party positions, and electoral behaviour." *Electoral Studies* 28(2): 297–308.
- Elff, Martin, Thomas Gschwend, and Ron Johnston. 2008. "Ignoramus, ignorabimus? On uncertainty in ecological inference." *Political Analysis* 16(1): 70–92.
- Elff, Martin. 2007. "Social structure and electoral behavior in comparative perspective: The decline of social cleavages in Western Europe revisited." *Perspectives on Politics* 5 (2): 277–294.
- van Deth, Jan W. and Martin Elff. 2004. "Politicisation, economic development, and political interest in Europe." *European Journal of Political Research* 43(3): 477–508.

Chapters in books

- Elff, Martin and Sigrid Roßteutscher. 2009. "Soziale Konfliktlinien und Wählerverhalten" (Social Cleavages and Electoral Behavior). Pp. 307–327 in: Oscar W. Gabriel, Bernhard Weßels, and Jürgen Falter (eds.): *Wahlen und Wähler. Analysen aus Anlass der Bundestagswahl 2005* (Elections and Voters: Analyses on Occasion of the 2005 German Parliamentary Election). Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften.
- Elff, Martin. 2009. "Auswertungsprobleme mit den Daten des Comparative Manifestos Project" (Problems in the analysis of Comparative Manifestos Project data). Pp. 310–330 in: Joachim Behnke, Natalie Behnke, and Kai-Uwe Schnapp (eds.): *Datenwelten: Datenerhebung und Datenbestände in der Politikwissenschaft* (Worlds of Data: Data Acquisition and Data in Political Science) Baden-Baden: Nomos (forthcoming).
- Elff, Martin. 2006. "Nichtparametrische und semiparametrische Regressionsverfahren" (Non-parametric and semi-parametric regression). Pp. 217–226 in: Joachim Behnke, Thomas Gschwend, Delia Schindler, and Kai-Uwe Schnapp. 2006. *Methoden der Politikwissenschaft* (Methods of Political Science). Baden-Baden: Nomos.
- Elff, Martin. 2005. "Wertorientierungen und Parteipräferenz" (Value orientations and party preference). Pp. 309–338 in: Jürgen W. Falter, Oscar W. Gabriel, and Bernhard Weßels (eds.): *Wahlen und Wähler: Analysen aus Anlass der Bundestagswahl 2002* (Elections and Voters: Analyses on Occasion of the 2002 German Parliamentary Election). Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften.
- Elff, Martin. 2002. "Parteiensystem, Sozialstruktur und Wahlabsicht" (Party system, social structure, and vote intention). Pp. 279–313 in: Frank Brettschneider, Jan W. van Deth, and Edeltraud Roller (eds.): *Das Ende der politisierten Sozialstruktur?* (The End of the Politicized Social Structure?) Opladen: Leske + Budrich.
- Elff, Martin. 2000. "Neue Mitte oder alte Lager? Welche Rolle spielen sozioökonomische Konfliktlinien für das Wahlergebnis von 1998?" (New centre or old alignments? The role of socio-economic cleavages for the electoral result of 1998). Pp. 67–92 in: Jan W. van Deth, Hans Rattinger and Edeltraud Roller (eds.): *Die Republik auf dem Weg zur Normalität? Wahlverhalten und politische Einstellungen nach acht Jahren Einheit* (The Republic on the Path to Normality? Electoral Behavior and Political Attitudes Eight Years after the German Unification). Opladen: Leske + Budrich.

Book reviews

Abendschön, Simone and Martin Elff. 2006. "Alan Zuckerman (ed.): The Social Logic of Politics. Personal Networks as Contexts for Political Behavior." *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 47(2): 333–334.

Software

Elff, Martin. 2008. "memisc: Tools for Data Management, Simulation, and Presentation of Estimates." <http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/memisc/index.html>

Other publications

van Deth, Jan W. and Martin Elff. 2001. "Politicisation and political interest in Europe: A multi-level approach." *MZES Working Paper* 36. Mannheim: Mannheim Centre for European Social Research.

van Deth, Jan W. and Martin Elff. 2000. "Political involvement and apathy in Europe 1973–1998." *MZES Working Paper* 33. Mannheim: Mannheim Centre for European Social Research.

Working papers

- "Political Knowledge in Comparative Perspective: The Problem of Cross-National Equivalence of Measurement" to be presented at Panel "Political Sophistication and Public Opinion" at 2009 MPSA Annual National Conference, 2–5 April 2009, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago
- "Stability or realignment? Class, religion and the vote in Germany", presented at ISA RC 18 (Political Sociology) Meeting "The enduring impact of class and religion in contemporary party politics", 1st ISA Forum, 2.–5. September 2008, Barcelona (with Sigrid Roßteutscher). Submitted to *Electoral Studies*.
- "Social divisions, political sophistication, and political equality in comparative perspective," presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 28–31 August 2008, Boston.
- "A spatial model of electoral platforms," presented at the 25th Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, 9–13 July 2008, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- "Politisches Wissen in vergleichender Perspektive" (Political knowledge in comparative perspective), presented at the annual meeting of the working group on elections and political attitudes (Arbeitskreis "Wahlen und Politische Einstellungen") of the German Political Science Association (DVPW) 15–16 May 2008, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg.

Teaching

University of Essex

Acad. year 2009/10 GV 102 Introduction to European Politics (BA 1st year module – lecture)
 GV 271 West European Politics (BA 2st year module – lecture)
 GV 373 Political Integration and the EU (BA 3rd year module – seminar)
 GV 383 Post-war German Politics (BA 3rd year module – seminar)

Universität Mannheim

Spring term 2009 *Proseminar* (B.A. studies Political Science): “Einführung in die Politische Soziologie: Politische Beteiligung” (Introduction to Political Sociology: Political Participation) *Proseminar* (B.A. studies Political Science): “Einführung in die Politische Soziologie: Politics and Society in the United States” (taught in English)

Autumn term 2008 *Lecture* (M.A. studies Political Science): “Politische Soziologie: Zentrale Konzepte und Forschungsergebnisse” (Political Sociology: Central Concepts and Results)
Übung (practical course, B.A. studies Political Science): “Ausgewählte Themen der Politischen Soziologie: Öffentliche Meinung und politische Meinungsbildung” (Selected Topics of Political Sociology: Public Opinion and the Formation of Political Attitudes)

Spring term 2008 *Proseminar* (B.A. studies Political Science): “Einführung in die Politische Soziologie: Politische Beteiligung” (Introduction to Political Sociology: Political Participation)
Proseminar (B.A. studies Political Science): “Einführung in die Politische Soziologie: Wahlen und Wählerverhalten” (Introduction to Political Sociology: Elections and Voting Behavior)

Autumn term 2007 *Übung* (graduate level practical course, M.A. studies Political Science): “Empirische Analysen in der Politischen Soziologie mit SPSS” (Empirical Analyses in Political Sociology using SPSS).
Übung (practical course, B.A. studies Political Science): “Ausgewählte Themen der Politischen Soziologie: Öffentliche Meinung und politische Meinungsbildung” (Selected Topics of Political Sociology: Public Opinion and the Formation of Political Attitudes)

Spring term 2007 *Übung* (graduate level practical course — Magister in Political Science and University Diploma in Social Sciences): “Demokratie und ihre gesellschaftlichen Grundlagen” (Democracy and its Social Foundations)
Proseminar (B.A. studies Political Science): “Einführung in die Politische Soziologie: Politische Beteiligung” (Introduction to Political Sociology: Political Participation)

Autumn term 2006 *Übung* (practical course, B.A. studies Political Science): “Ausgewählte Themen der Politischen Soziologie: Öffentliche Meinung und politische Meinungsbildung” (Selected Topics of Political Sociology: Public Opinion and the Formation of Political Attitudes)
Übung (graduate level practical course — Magister in Political Science and University Diploma in Social Sciences): “Empirische Analysen in der Vergleichenden

- Politikwissenschaft mit SPSS" (Empirical Analyses in Comparative Politics with SPSS)
- Summer term 2006 *Proseminar* (B.A. studies Political Science): "Einführung in die Politische Soziologie: Politische Beteiligung" (Introduction to Political Sociology: Political Participation)
- Winter term 2005/6 *Grundseminar* (first year course, B.A. studies Political Science, 4hrs): "Das politische System der Bundesrepublik Deutschland in vergleichender Sicht" (The German Political System in Comparative Perspective)
- Summer term 2005 *Proseminar* (B.A. studies Political Science): "Einführung in die Politische Soziologie: Wählerverhalten" (Introduction to Political Sociology: Electoral Behavior)
Übung für Fortgeschrittene (graduate level practical course, Magister in Political Science and University Diploma in Social Sciences): "Sozialstruktur und Wählerverhalten im internationalen Vergleich" (Social Structure and Electoral Behavior in Cross-National Perspective)
- Winter term 2004/05 *Proseminar* (Magister in Political Science and University Diploma in Social Sciences): "Demokratie und ihre gesellschaftlichen Grundlagen" (Democracy and its Societal Foundations)
Bibliographische Übung
- Summer term 2004 *Proseminar* (Magister in Political Science and University Diploma in Social Sciences): "Substanz und Struktur der öffentlichen Meinung" (Nature and Structure of Public Opinion)
Übung für Fortgeschrittene (graduate level practical course, Magister in Political Science and University Diploma in Social Sciences): "Quantitative Analysen für den Vergleich politischer Systeme" (Quantitative Political Analyses in Comparative Politics)
- Winter term 2003/04 *Proseminar* (Magister in Political Science and University Diploma in Social Sciences): "Einführung in die Theorie und Empirie des Wählerverhaltens" (Introduction to Theory and Research on Electoral Behavior)
Bibliographische Übung
- Summer term 2003 *Übung für Fortgeschrittene* (graduate level practical course, Magister in Political Science and University Diploma in Social Sciences): "Quantitative Analysen in der vergleichenden Politikwissenschaft" (Quantitative Political Analyses in Comparative Politics)
Proseminar (graduate level practical course, Magister in Political Science and University Diploma in Social Sciences): "Einführung in die Politische Soziologie: Politische Beteiligung" (Introduction to Political Sociology: Political Participation)
- Winter term 2002/03 *Grundseminar* (first year course, Magister in Political Science, 4hrs): "Das politische System der Bundesrepublik Deutschland in vergleichender Sicht" (The German Political System in Comparative Perspective)
- Summer term 2002 *Grundseminar* (first year course, Magister in Political Science, 4hrs): "Das politische System der Bundesrepublik Deutschland in vergleichender Sicht" (The German Political System in Comparative Perspective)

- Winter term 2001/02 *Proseminar* (Magister in Political Science and University Diploma in Social Sciences): “Die sozialen Grundlagen der Demokratie” (The Social Bases of Democracy)
Bibliographische Übung
- Summer term 2001 *Proseminar* (Magister in Political Science and University Diploma in Social Sciences): “Theorie und Empirie des Wählerverhaltens” (Theory and Research on Electoral Behavior)
- Winter term 2000/01 *Proseminar* (Magister in Political Science and University Diploma in Social Sciences): “Einführung in die Politische Soziologie” (Introduction to Political Sociology)

Essex Summer School

- 2009 Course 2Q “Social Inquiry in Time and Space: Issues and Strategies of Comparative Survey Research,” 27–31 July 2009
Course 2U “Data Analysis, Graphics, and Simulation with R,” 3–7 August 2009
- 2008 Course 1T “Regression Analysis Using R,” 14–18 July 2008
- 2007 Course 2Q “Introduction to Programming in R,” 30 July–3 August 2007
- 2006 Course 3N “Introduction to Programming in R,” 7–11 August 2006

Other Teaching

- 2009 “Mathematical Tools for Social Scientists”, GESIS Society for Social Infrastructure, Cologne, 21–25 September 2009
“Einführung in R” (Introduction to R), PhD Methods Course, Universität Zürich, 8–9 April 2009
- 2008 “Einführung in R” (Introduction to R), Graduiertenzentrum der Universität Trier, 18–19 March 2008
- 2006 Work Sessions on Methods and Statistics der Institute für Politikwissenschaft und Soziologie: “Einführung in das Programmieren mit R” (Introduction to Programming in R), Universität Bern, Departement Sozialwissenschaften, 24–25 November 2006

Contribution to departmental administration

- 10/2004–08/2009 Elected member of the Fakultätsrat (Department Council) of the Department of Social Sciences, Universität Mannheim
- 04/2006–08/2008 Students’ adviser (Fachstudienberater) for Political Science studies at the Department of Social Sciences, Universität Mannheim