

# 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**

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| 08/2009         | Travel grant of the German Science Foundation for the participation at the MPSA Annual National Conference, Chicago.     |
| 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**

American Political Science Association

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

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Wahlforschung (German Society for Electoral Studies)

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)

EPOP – Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Specialist Group of the Political Studies Association

International Association for the Study of German Politics

Midwest Political Science Association

## **Professional activities**

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

Reviewer for

- Acta Politica
- American Political Science Review
- American Journal of Sociology
- British Journal of Political Science
- Comparative Political Studies
- 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

Director for Workshop 13: “The Dilemma of Political Sophistication and Political Equality”, ECPR 2010 Joint Sessions of Workshops, 22—27 March 2010, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster.

Discussant in Panel “Discrete Choice” (Methods Section) MPSA Annual National Conference, 2–5 April 2009, Chicago.

Chair of Session 8 “The enduring impact of class and religion in contemporary party politics. Part VIII”, Research Committee 18 (Political Sociology), First ISA Forum of Sociology, 2–5 September 2008, Barcelona

## 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. 2010. “Social Divisions and Political Choices in Germany, 1980-2006”, to appear in: Geoffrey Evans und Nan Dirk de Graaf (eds.): *How Social Divisions Explain Political Choices: Examining Social and Political Change in Cross-National Perspective*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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.
- 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

- "mclgfit: Mixed Conditional Logit"  
<http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/mclgfit>
- "memisc: Tools for Management of Survey Data, Graphics, Programming, Statistics, and Simulation"  
<http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/memisc>
- "munfold: Metric Unfolding"  
<http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/munfold>

### 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.

## Recent Working papers

- "Disenchanted Workers, Selective Abstention and the Electoral Defeat of Social Democracy in Germany"; presented at the annual meeting of the International Association for the Study of German Politics, 24–25 May 2010, London.
- "Political Knowledge in Comparative Perspective: The Problem of Cross-National Equivalence of Measurement" 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).
- "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, Department of Government

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)

### Essex Summer School

2010                    Course 2C "Data Analysis with R" (2 wks), 26 July–6 August 2010

2009                    Course 2Q "Social Inquiry in Time and Space: Issues and Strategies of Comparative Survey Research" (1 wk), 27–31 July 2009  
                               Course 2U "Data Analysis, Graphics, and Simulation with R" (1 wk), 3–7 August 2009

2008                    Course 1T "Regression Analysis Using R" (1 wk), 14–18 July 2008

2007                    Course 2Q "Introduction to Programming in R" (1 wk), 30 July–3 August 2007

2006                    Course 3N "Introduction to Programming in R" (1 wk), 7–11 August 2006

### Universität Mannheim

EITM Europe Summer School 2010    "Refresher Course in Mathematics and R", 21–22 June 2010

- 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)

### **Other Teaching**

2010 “Mathematical Tools for Social Scientists”, GESIS Society for Social Infrastructure, Cologne, 20–24 September 2010

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