

# CV

Prof. Dr. Richard Traunmüller

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

School of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim  
Professor (W3) of Political Science and Empirical Democracy Research  
February 2020 - Present

School of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim  
Associate Professor (W2) of Political Science  
January 2019 – February 2020

Graduate School of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Mannheim  
Professor (W3) of Quantitative Methods  
June 2017 – January 2019

Department of Social Sciences, Goethe University Frankfurt  
Assistant Professor (W1) of Empirical Democracy Research  
October 2014 – February 2020

Department of Government, University of Essex  
Research Fellow in Advanced Social Science Data Analysis  
October 2013 – October 2014

Mannheim Center for European Social Research, University of Mannheim  
Postdoc Fellow  
October 2012 – October 2013

Department of Social Sciences, University of Berne  
Senior Researcher and Lecturer (Oberassistent) in Political Sociology  
September 2011 – October 2012

Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz  
Researcher and Lecturer in Comparative Politics  
June 2007 – September 2011

## FUNCTIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Academy of Sociology  
Board Member, January 2024-Present

German Internet Panel  
Scientific Director, July 2023-Present

School of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim  
Vice-Dean, February 2022 – January 2024

School of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim  
Speaker of the Political Science Group, February 2022 – January 2024

DFG Research Group FOR 5173 “Reconfiguration and Internalization of Social Structure (RISS)”  
Co-Speaker, July 2021-Present

Research Institute Social Cohesion (RISC), Frankfurt  
Principal Investigator, June 2020-May 2024

Methods Section of the German Political Science Association (DVPW)  
Speaker, July 2019-May 2021

EITM Europe Summer Institute  
Instructor, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Mannheim Business School, University of Mannheim & University of Maryland  
Instructor in the International Program in Survey and Data Science, April 2018 – February 2024

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex  
Instructor, August 2015 – August 2017

## EDUCATION

Positive Evaluation of Assistant Professorship (Habilitationäquivalenz), Goethe University Frankfurt, 2017

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection 2008-2012

PhD in Political Science (Dr. rer. soc., summa cum laude), University of Konstanz, 2011

Degree in Social Sciences (Dipl.-Soz.), Humboldt University of Berlin, 2007

## JOB OFFERS & SHORTLISTS

Offer: Professor (W3) of Empirical Democracy Research, University of Mannheim (2019, accepted)

Offer: Guest Professor of Political Sociology, University of Vienna (2019, declined)

Short List: Professor of Methods in Political Science, University of Salzburg (2019)

Short List: Associate Professor of Quantitative Research Methods, University of Vienna (2019)

Short List: Professor (W3) of Quantitative Research Methods, University of Würzburg (2016)

Offer: Assistant Professor (W1) of Empirical Democracy Research, Goethe University Frankfurt (2013, accepted)

## HONORS & AWARDS

*2023 Teaching Award* of the Social Science Student Council

*2017 Best Paper Award* of the CES Immigration Research Network

*2017 Best Article Award* (‘honorable mention’) of the APSA Section on Citizenship and Migration

*2011 SOEP-Prize for Best Junior Publication* awarded by the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW)

## RESEARCH GRANTS

2021-2025 Research Group FOR 5173 „Reconfiguration and Internalization of Social Structure (RISS)“

(DFG, Co-Speaker, € 3'000'000,-)

2021-2024 „The Rural-Urban Divide in Europe (RUDE)“ (NORFACE, Co-PI, € 1'347'500,-)

2020-2021 „Global Preferences for Hate Speech Regulation“ (Facebook Research Grant, 98'880 Euro)

2020-2022 „Wie wollen wir miteinander sprechen? Surveyexperimente zur Meinungsfreiheit und Regulierung von Hate Speech“ (BMBF, RISC, € 62'964,-)

2021-2023 „Politische Konfliktregulierung und gesellschaftlicher Zusammenhalt“ (BMBF, RISC, € 358'570,-)

2019-2021 „Immigration, Integration, and Naturalization: Policy Decisions and Citizens' Response.“ (DFG, with Marc Helbling, € 300'230,-)

2018-2019 „Produktiver Streit: Konfliktkultur und gesellschaftlicher Zusammenhalt“ (BMBF, RISC, Co-PI, € 120'000,-)

2018 „What Are We Allowed To Say? Citizens' Preferences for the Regulation of Hate Speech“ (Faculty Activity Fund of the Hertie School, with Simon Munzert and Daniela Stockmann, €15'350,-)

2015 „MRP for Religious Minorities.“ (Fokus-Förderline A, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt. € 3'500,-)

## PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles in English

Munzert, S., Traunmüller, R., Barberà, P., Guess, A., & J.-H. Yang (2025). Citizen Preferences for Online Hate Speech Regulation. *PNAS Nexus* 4(2): pgaf032.

Claassen, C. et al. (2005). Measuring Rural and Urban Consciousness in Europe. *Electoral Studies* (forthcoming)

Debus, M. & Traunmüller, R. (2025). Former social democratic partisanship, working-class background and support for radical right parties: A research note. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* (forthcoming)

Koos, C. & Traunmüller, R. (2023). The Gendered Costs of Stigma: How Experiences of Wartime Sexual Violence Affect Civic Engagement for Women and Men. *American Journal of Political Science* (Online First)

Ivarsflaten, E., Helbling, M., Sniderman, P. M. & Traunmüller, R. (2023). Value Conflicts Revisited: Muslims, Gender Equality and Gestures of Respect. *British Journal of Political Science* (Online First)

Gonzalez, B. & Traunmüller, R. (2023). The Political Consequences of Wartime Sexual Violence: Evidence from a List Experiment. *Journal of Peace Research* (Online First)

Helbling, M., Maxwell, R. & Traunmüller, R. (2023). Numbers, Selectivity and Rights: The Conditional Nature of Immigration Policy Preferences. *Comparative Political Studies* 57(2): 254-286.

Helbling, M., Jäger, F., Maxwell, R., & Traunmüller, R. (2023). Broad and Detailed Agreement: Public Preferences for German Immigration Policy. *International Migration Review* (Online First)

Grunow, D., Sachweh, P., Schimank, U. & Traunmüller, R. (2023). Social Integration: Conceptual Foundations and Open Questions. An Introduction to this Special Issue. *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie* 75 (Suppl 1), 1-34.

Grunow, D., Sachweh, P., Schimank, U. & Traunmüller, R. (2023). What We Have Learned About Social Integration: Conclusion. *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie* 75 (Suppl 1), 415–430.

Stoetzer, L., Leemann, L. & Traunmüller, R. (2022). Learning From Polls during Electoral Campaigns. *Political Behavior* (Forthcoming.)

Helbling, M., Maxwell, R., Munzert, S. & Traunmüller, R. (2022). The importance of citizenship for deserving COVID-19 treatment. *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications* 9(302)

Menzner, J. & Traunmüller, R. (2022). Subjective Freedom of Speech: Why Do Citizens Think They Cannot Speak Freely? *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11615-022-00414-6>.

Bucher, H. et al. (2022). Concluding Remarks on the GLES Open Science Challenge 2021. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*

Stoetzer, L. et al. (2022). Affective partisan polarization and moral dilemmas during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Political Science Research & Methods* doi:10.1017/psrm.2022.13.

Murr, A., Traunmüller, R. & Gill, J. (2022). Computing quantities of interest and their uncertainty using Bayesian simulation. *Political Science Research & Methods* doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2022.18.

Helbling, M., Jäger, F. & Traunmüller, R. (2022). Muslim Bias or Fear of Fundamentalist Religion? A Survey Experiment in Five Western European Democracies. *Research & Politics* doi.org/10.1177/20531680221088491.

Traunmüller, R. & Helbling, M. (2022). Backlash to Policy Decisions: How Citizens React to Immigrants' Rights to Demonstrate. *Political Science Research & Methods* 10(2): 279 - 297.

Hanson, T. et al. (2021). Developing a COVID-19 module for the European Social Survey. *Measurement Instruments for the Social Sciences* (Online First)

Leemann, Lucas, Stoetzer, Lukas & Traunmüller, Richard (2020). Eliciting Beliefs as Distributions in Online Surveys. *Political Analysis* (Online First)

Revers, Matthias & Traunmüller, Richard (2020). Is Free Speech in Danger on University Campus? Some Preliminary Evidence from a Most Likely Case. *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie* 72(3): 471-497.

Helbling, Marc & Traunmüller, Richard (2020): What is Islamophobia? Disentangling Citizens' Feelings Toward Ethnicity, Religion, and Religiosity Using a Survey Experiment. *British Journal of Political Science*. 50(3): 811-828.

Plümper, Thomas & Traunmüller, Richard (2020): The Sensitivity of Sensitivity Analysis. *Political Science Research & Methods* 8(1): 149-159.

Traunmüller, Richard, Kijewski, Sara & Freitag, Markus (2019): The Silent Victims of Wartime Sexual Violence. Evidence from a List Experiment in Sri Lanka. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(9): 2015-2042.

Claassen, Christopher & Traunmüller, Richard (2018): Improving and Validating Survey Estimates of Religious Demography Using Bayesian Multilevel Models with Poststratification. *Sociological Methods & Research*. Online First: DOI: 10.1177/0049124118769086

Helbling, Marc & Traunmüller, Richard (2016): How State Support of Religion Shapes Attitudes Toward Muslim Immigrants. New Evidence from a Subnational Comparison. *Comparative Political Studies* 49(1): 391-424.

Traunmüller, Richard, Murr, Andreas & Gill, Jeff (2015): Modeling Latent Information in Voting Data with Dirichlet Process Priors. *Political Analysis* 23(1): 1-20.

Gundelach, Birte & Traunmüller, Richard (2014): Beyond Generalized Trust: Norms of Reciprocity as an Alternative Form of Social Capital in an Assimilationist Integration Regime. *Political Studies* 62(3): 596-617.

Rapp, Carolin, Traunmüller, Richard, Freitag, Markus & Vatter, Adrian (2014): Moral Politics: The Religious Factor in Referenda Voting. *Politics & Religion* 7(2): 418-443.

Krech, Volkhard, Hero, Markus, Huber, Stefan, Ketola, Kimmi, & Traunmüller, Richard (2013): Religious Diversity and Religious Vitality: New Measuring Strategies and Empirical Evidence. *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion* 9(3): 1-21.

Traunmüller, Richard (2011): Moral Communities? Religion as a Source of Social Trust in a Multilevel Analysis of 97 German Regions. *European Sociological Review* 27(3): 346-363.

Traunmüller, Richard & Freitag, Markus (2011): State Support of Religion: Making or Breaking Faith-Based Social Capital? *Comparative Politics* 43(3): 253-269.

Freitag, Markus & Traunmüller, Richard (2009): Spheres of Trust. An Empirical Analysis of the Foundations of Particularised and Generalised Trust. *European Journal of Political Research*

48(6): 782–803.

Traunmüller, Richard (2009): Individual Religiosity, Religious Context, and the Creation of Social Trust in Germany. *Schmollers Jahrbuch - Journal of Applied Social Science Studies* 129(2): 357-365. 3

#### Peer-Reviewed Articles in German

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Traunmüller, Richard (2015): Preaching to the Converted? Probleme politikwissenschaftlicher Theoriebildung im Zusammenhang von Religion und Politik. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 56(4): 672-681.

Ackermann, Kathrin & Traunmüller, Richard (2015): Zur neuen Relevanz des sozialen Kontexts für das Wahlverhalten. Antwort auf die kritischen Anmerkungen von Franz Urban Pappi. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 56(2): 285-299.

Ackermann, Kathrin & Traunmüller, Richard (2014): Jenseits von Schwerkraft und Höllenfeuer. Nicht-lineare Kontexteffekte auf das Wahlverhalten religiöser Gruppen bei fünf Bundestagswahlen. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 55(1): 33-66.

Traunmüller, Richard (2014): Nationale Pfadabhängigkeit oder internationale Konvergenz? Eine quantitativ-vergleichende Analyse religionspolitischer Entwicklungen in 31 europäischen Demokratien, 1990-2011. *Zeitschrift für Politik* 62(2): 160-181.

Traunmüller, Richard (2013): Religiöse Diversität und Sozialintegration im internationalen Vergleich. *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie* 65(1): 437-465.

Traunmüller, Richard (2012): Zur Messung von Staat-Kirche-Beziehungen. Eine vergleichende Analyse neuerer Indizes. *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft/Comparative Governance and Politics* 6(2): 207-231.

Stadelmann-Steffen, Isabelle & Traunmüller, Richard (2011): Der religiöse Faktor in der Familienpolitik. Ein empirischer Test klassischer und neuerer Ansätze im Vergleich von 27 OECD-Ländern. *Zeitschrift für Sozialreform* 57(4): 383-408.

Freitag, Markus, Griefhaber, Nicolas & Traunmüller, Richard (2009): Vereine als Schulen des Vertrauens? Eine empirische Analyse zur Zivilgesellschaft in der Schweiz. *Swiss Political Science Review* 15(3): 463-495.

Traunmüller, Richard (2009): Religion und Sozialintegration. Eine empirische Analyse der religiösen Grundlagen sozialen Kapitals. *Berliner Journal für Soziologie* 19(3): 435-468.

Freitag, Markus & Traunmüller, Richard (2008): Sozialkapitalwelten in Deutschland. Soziale Netzwerke, Vertrauen und Reziprozitätsnormen im subnationalen Vergleich. *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft/Comparative Governance and Politics* 2(1): 221-256.

## REFERENCES

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