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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Communication and information technology, authoritarian regimes, contentious politics, quantitative methods and causal inference

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor/Postdoctoral Fellow 10/2020 - Present
ELDAR (ERC Project)
Department of Political Science
University of Oslo, Norway

Non-Resident Fellow 04/2020 - Present
Digital Democracy Lab
University of Zurich, Switzerland

Postdoctoral Researcher 02/2020 - 09/2020
The Politics of Inequality (Excellence Cluster)
Department of Politics and Public Administration
University of Konstanz, Germany

Researcher 06/2019 - 01/2020
The Politics of Inequality (Excellence Cluster)
Department of Politics and Public Administration
University of Konstanz, Germany

Affiliated Researcher 10/2016 - 09/2020
Communication, Networks and Contention Group
Department of Politics and Public Administration
University of Konstanz, Germany

EDUCATION

Dr.rer.soc. in Political Sciences 10/2016 - 01/2020
Graduate School of Decision Sciences
University of Konstanz, Germany
Title: *Censor & Contend: The Use of Denial-of-Service Attacks in Autocracies*
Committee: Nils B. Weidmann (chair), Karsten Donnay, and Margaret E. Roberts
Tracks: Political Science (major) and Statistical Analysis (minor)

M.Sc. in Conflict Resolution 10/2015 - 09/2016
Department of Government
University of Essex, United Kingdom

M.A. in Politics and Public Administration 04/2014 - 09/2016
Department of Politics and Public Administration
University of Konstanz, Germany

B.A. in Politics and Public Administration 10/2010 - 03/2014
Department of Politics and Public Administration
University of Konstanz, Germany
(incl. one semester abroad at the Marmara University, Turkey)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND PRIZES

UiO:Democracy Grant 05/2023 - Present
Project: Circumventing Online Censorship (NOK 30,000/€30,000)
Role: Co-principal investigator
Received from the University of Oslo, Norway

Småforsk Grant 01/2022 - 12/2023
Project: How Propaganda Works (NOK180,000/€18,000)
Role: Co-principal investigator
Received from the Department of Political Science
University of Oslo, Norway

Independent Research Grant 02/2020
Project: Propaganda in Crisis-Ridden Autocracies (€3,500)
Role: Principal investigator
Received from the Zukunftskolleg
University of Konstanz, Germany

Eric Tanenbaum Prize 12/2016
Prize for best postgraduate student in Political Science (2015/16)
University of Essex, United Kingdom

Ph.D. Fellowship 10/2016 - 01/2019
Received from the Graduate School of Decision Science
University of Konstanz, Germany

B.A./M.A. Fellowship 12/2010 - 10/2016
Received from the Friedrich Ebert Foundation

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Lutscher, Philipp M., Jonas Bergan Dræge & Carl Henrik Knutsen (2026), The Effects of Government Propaganda in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from Turkey. *European Journal of Political Research*, forthcoming
- Lutscher, Philipp M. & Karsten Donnay (2025) Does Hard Propaganda (Also) Work in Democracies? Evidence from the United States. *Perspective of Politics*, 23(4), 1426-1443
- Lutscher, Philipp M. *Censorship* (2025), in Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Communication, edited by Nai, Alessandro, Grömping, Max & Wirz, Dominique, 180–183. Cheltenham, UK: Elgar
- Del Rio, Adrian, Carl Henrik Knutsen & Philipp M. Lutscher (2025), Education Policies and Systems across Modern History: A Global Dataset, *Comparative Political Studies*, 58(5), 851-889
- Bøggild, Troels, Sascha Göbel, Philipp M. Lutscher & Jacob Nystrup (2024), Standing with Ukraine? How Citizens Trade Off Self-interest and Principles in Supporting War-torn International Partners, *Research & Politics*, 11(2), 1-8
- Lutscher, Philipp M. & Karsten Donnay (2025), A Difficult Test for Hard Propaganda: Evidence from a Choice Experiment in Venezuela, *Journal of Peace Research*, 62(2), 462-478
- Lutscher, Philipp M. (2023), Hot Topics: Denial-of-Service Attacks on News Websites in Autocracies, *Political Science Research and Methods*, 11(4), 696-711
- Lutscher, Philipp M. (2023), When Censorship Works: Exploring the Resilience of News Websites to Online Censorship, *British Journal of Political Science*, 53(4), 1342-1350
- Lutscher, Philipp M. & Neil Ketchley (2022), Online Repression and Tactical Evasion: Evidence from the 2020 Day of Anger Protests in Egypt, *Democratization*, 30(2), 325-345
- Breznau, Nate [...], Philipp M Lutscher, et al. (2022), Observing Many Researchers Using the Same Data and Hypothesis Reveals a Hidden Universe of Uncertainty, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119 (44) e2203150119¹
- Lutscher, Philipp M. (2021), Digital Retaliation? Denial-of-Service Attacks After Sanction Events, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, 6(4):1-11
- Vyas, Anjali, Ram Sundara Raman, Nick Ceccio, Philipp M. Lutscher & Roya Ensafi (2021), Lost in Transmission: Investigating Filtering of COVID-19 Websites, *FC: International Conference on Financial Cryptography and Data Security*, 417-436
- Lutscher, Philipp M. , Nils B. Weidmann, Margaret E. Roberts, Mattijs Jonker, Alistair King, Alberto Dainotti (2020), At Home and Abroad: The Use of Denial-of-Service Attacks during Elections in Non-democratic Regimes, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 64(2-3):373-401
- Lutscher, Philipp M. (2016), The More Fragmented the Better? - The Impact of Armed Forces Structure on Defection during Non-violent Popular Uprisings, *International Interactions* 42(2):350-375

¹Participant in a large-scale collaborative replication exercise.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Neundorf, Anja, Eugenia Nazrullaeva, Ksenia Northmore-Ball, Katerina Tertytchnaya, Wooseok Kim, Aaron Benavot, Patricia Bromley, Carl Henrik Knutsen, Philipp M. Lutscher, Kyle Marquardt, Agustina Paglayan, Dan Pemstein, Brigitte Seim, and Oskar Rydén (2023), Varieties of Political Indoctrination in Education and the Media (V-Indoc) Dataset V1. DEMED Project.

Lutscher, Philipp M. (2023), Welche Argumente überzeugen Deutsche und Dänen, die Ukraine weiterhin zu unterstützen? Kommentar in *Ukraine-Analysen* 278

Lutscher, Philipp M. (2020), Censor & Contend: The Use of Denial-of-Service Attacks in Autocracies. Cumulative dissertation.

Lutscher, Philipp M. (2020), Iranian Cyberattacks: A Likely Retaliation Scenario? Blog post for *Political Violence @ a Glance*

Lutscher, Philipp M. (2018), Stier, Sebastian 2017. Internet und Regimotyp. Netzpolitik und politische Online-Kommunikation in Autokratien und Demokratien, *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft* 12(2):453-455

Kurtenbach, Sabine & Philipp M. Lutscher (2015), Kolumbien - den Frieden gewinnen, *GIGA Focus Lateinamerika*, 6:1-7

WORKING PAPERS

Dræge, Jonas Bergan & Lutscher, Philipp M. (2026), Do Voters Blame the Opposition for Losing in Electoral Autocracies? Evidence from Turkey (under review)

SELECTIVE WORK IN PROGRESS

Kelenem, Xenia Knusten, Knutsen, Carl Henrik, Lutscher, Philipp M & Skaaning, Sven Erik (2026), Autocratic Subtypes and the Uneven Politics of Knowledge Control

Lutscher, Philipp M. & Vilde Lunnan Djuve (2026), Information Seeking Behavior in Censored Online Environments

Dræge, Jonas Bergan & Lutscher, Philipp M. (2026), Whom to Blame and Why? Evidence from the 2026 Hungarian Election

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Oslo:

- PhD seminar: Introduction to R workshop (2021, co-course convener)
- MA lecture: Topics in Autocratic Politics (2022-24, co-course convener), Survey Research for Political Scientist (2023, lecturer)
- MA seminars: R-Seminar (2021), Research Design Seminar (2021)
- BA lecture: Honor BA Program on Artificial Intelligence (2022, lecturer), Autocratic Politics (2022-24, lecturer), Introduction to Comparative Politics (2022, lecturer), Chaos Politics. Theory Meets Reality in Comparative Politics (2021 & 23, lecturer)

- Supervision: First and second supervisor; examiner (since 2021)

University of Konstanz:

- MA research seminars: Authoritarian Information Control (2020), Political Conflict in the Digital Age (2019/20)
- BA research seminars: Contentious Politics (2020), How to Loose Power (2019/20)
- MA lecture (teaching assistant): Research Design and Causal Inference (2014/15 & 2017/18)

University of Lucerne:

- MA research seminar: Political Conflict in the Digital Age (2019)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITIONS

04/2016 - 10/2016: Katharina Holzinger (University of Konstanz)

07/2015 - 09/2015: Sabine Kurtenbach (German Institute of Global and Area Studies)

03/2015 - 06/2015 & 08/2013 - 10/2014: Nils B. Weidmann (University of Konstanz)

SKILLS AND SERVICES

Languages	German (C2), English (C1), Spanish (B2), Norwegian (A2)
Software/Programming	R, LaTeX, Qualtrics, Python (basic)
Methods	Time-series-cross-section/panel modeling Multi-level modeling Quantitative text analysis Web scraping Survey experiments
Service	Examination board (2019-20) Organizer research colloquium (2017-20) Doctoral representative (2016-19) Student representative (2011-12)
Reviewer	<i>American Political Science Review</i> <i>Journal of Politics</i> <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> <i>International Organization</i> <i>Comparative Politics</i> <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> <i>Research & Politics</i> <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> <i>International Interactions</i> <i>Democratization</i> <i>Journal of Information Technology & Politics</i>

Europe-Asia Studies
SAGE Open
Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft
Swiss Political Science Review
Politics
International Journal of Information Security
Humanities and Social Sciences Communications

SUMMER SCHOOLS

Essex Summer School, training in quantitative text analysis, University of Essex, United Kingdom (08/2018)

Belgrade - Konstanz Summer School, seminar on democratization and European integration, University of Belgrade, Serbia (07/2015)

Cuba study trip, seminar on Cuba and its international relations, University of Vienna and University of Havana, Cuba (03-04/2015)

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

EPSA (non-presenting/attending), Cologne, Germany (06/2024)

PRIO workshop on social media and conflict, Oslo, Norway (09/2023)

APSA General Conference (non-presenting/attending), Los Angeles, USA (09/2023)

EPSA General Conference (non-presenting/attending), Glasgow, United Kingdom (06/2023)

PRIO workshop on change-point estimations, Oslo, Norway (03/2023)

PRIO workshop on mobilization and democratization, Oslo, Norway (12/2022)

Experimental approaches to authoritarianism and political violence, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway (11/2022)

APSA General Conference (non-presenting/attending), Montreal, Canada (09/2022)

Comparative Institutions and Regimes Series Workshop, University of Oslo, Norway (11/2021)

APSA General Conference (non-presenting), Seattle/Zoom, USA (10/2021)

ECPR General Conference, Innsbruck/Zoom, Austria (09/2021)

Oslo Nuclear Forum, Oslo/Zoom, Norway (04/2021)

ISA Conference, Las Vegas/Zoom, United States (04/2021)

Comparative Institutions and Regimes Series, University of Oslo/Zoom, Norway (12/2020)

Digital Democracy Workshop, University of Zurich/Zoom, Switzerland (11/2020)

German IR Section Conference, Freiburg/Zoom, Germany (10/2020)

Workshop on Inequality in Autocracies, Konstanz, Germany (12/2019)

Academy of Sociology (AS): Digital Societies Conference, Konstanz, Germany (09/2019)

EPSA General Conference, Belfast, United Kingdom (06/2019)

Quantitative Text Analysis Dublin (QTA-DUB) Workshop, Dublin, Ireland (06/2019)

Conference on Decision Science, University of Konstanz, Germany (09/2018)
German Political Science Conference, Frankfurt, Germany (09/2018)
New Data in Peace and Conflict Research Workshop, German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg, Germany (09/2018)
Internet Measurement and Political Science (IMAPS) Workshop, Center for Applied Internet Data Analysis, UC, San Diego, USA (09/2018; 09/2017; 09/2016)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, USA (04/2018)
IPSA Conference: Political Science in the Digital Age, Hannover, Germany (12/2017)
The Empirical Study of Autocracy (ESTA) Workshop, University of Konstanz, Germany (09/2017)
Telecommunication Politics in Authoritarian Contexts Workshop, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland (05/2017)