

Dr. Tobias Rommel

Technical University of Munich
Hochschule für Politik München
Richard-Wagner-Straße 1
D-80333 München

Phone: +49 89 907 793 104
Email: tobias.rommel@hfp.tum.de
Webpage: www.tobirommel.com
Twitter: @tobirommel

Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Research and Teaching Fellow, Technical University of Munich
Since 04/2018, Chair of International Relations (Tim Büthe)

Research Associate, Technical University of Munich
Since 01/2020, affiliated with the TUM School of Management

Doctoral Research and Teaching Fellow, University of Zurich
11/2013 – 03/2018, Chair of International Relations/Political Economy (Stefanie Walter)

Visiting Doctoral Fellow, University of Aarhus
10/2016 – 12/2016, Department of Political Science (Sponsor: Svend-Erik Skaaning)

Research, Teaching, and Administrative Assistant, University of Heidelberg
02/2012 – 10/2013, Administrative Assistant at the Department of Political Science
09/2011 – 03/2012, Chair of Comparative Politics (Reimut Zohlnhöfer)
04/2010 – 08/2011, Chair of International Political Economy (Stefanie Walter)
09/2009 – 03/2010, Chair of Analytical Political Economy (Daniel Finke)

Education

PhD in Political Science, University of Zurich
– 03/2014 – 03/2018 (dissertation defended) / 08/2018 (title awarded)
– Dissertation: Foreign Direct Investment and the Politics of Autocratic Survival
– Committee: Stefanie Walter, Svend-Erik Skaaning, Marco Steenbergen

Master of Arts, University of Heidelberg
– 09/2011 – 02/2014
– Political Science (major) and Economics (minor)
– Supervisors: Stefanie Walter, Reimut Zohlnhöfer

Bachelor of Arts, University of Heidelberg
– 09/2008 – 08/2011
– Political Science (major) and Economics (minor)
– Supervisor: Manfred G. Schmidt

Publications and Work in Progress

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- The Electoral Consequences of Offshoring. How the Globalization of Production Shapes Party Preferences (with Stefanie Walter), *Comparative Political Studies*, 2018, 51 (5), 621-658.

- First Impressions: How Leader Changes Affect Bilateral Aid (with Paul Schaudt), *Journal of Public Economics*, 2020, 185 (5), 1-12.
- International Trade and Public Protest: Evidence from Russian Regions (with Tabea Palmtag and Stefanie Walter), 2020, forthcoming in *International Studies Quarterly*.

Other Publications

- Misremembering Weimar: Unpacking the Historical Roots of Germany's Monetary Policy Discourse (with Lukas Haffert and Nils Redeker), *Hertie School Jacques Delors Centre Policy Paper*, November 1, 2019.
→ Media coverage in Bloomberg, Die Zeit, and Süddeutsche Zeitung
- Erfahrungsbericht: Politische Regime und ausländische Direktinvestitionen, in: Hildebrandt, Achim, Sebastian Jäckle, Frieder Wolf, and Andreas Heindl, *Methodologie, Methoden, Forschungsdesign. Ein Lehrbuch für fortgeschrittene Studierende der Politikwissenschaft*, 2015, Wiesbaden, Springer, 133–137.

Book Manuscript

- Foreign Direct Investment and the Politics of Autocratic Survival

Manuscripts and Work in Progress

- Misremembering Weimar: Experimental Evidence on the Roots of German Stability Culture (with Lukas Haffert and Nils Redeker)
- Foreign Direct Investment and Political Preferences in Non-Democratic Regimes
- Societal Group Power and Foreign Direct Investment Liberalization in Autocratic Regimes
- The Economic Costs of Revolution (with Daniel Bischof)
- ‘Nothing’ is Not a Control Group: On the Need for Placebo Comparisons in Political Science Survey Experiments (with Lukas Haffert, Raphael Reinke, and Tim Büthe)
- Local Effects of Foreign Direct Investment on Inequality and Growth in Developing Countries (with Luca Messerschmidt and Tabea Palmtag)
- Electronic Health Records in Germany: Why People Tune In or Drop Out (with Tim Büthe and Cindy Cheng)
- The Spread of International Antitrust Agreements (with Tim Büthe)

Research Grants and Scholarships

Research Grant for Weimar project, 6,500 CHF (with Lukas Haffert and Nils Redeker)
Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, 2019

Research Grant for fDimarkets data access, 11,000 CHF
Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, 2018

Research Grant for Placebo project, 10,000 CHF (with Lukas Haffert and Raphael Reinke)
Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, 2017

Peer Mentoring Grant, 6,150 CHF (with Nathalie Faoro and Bernhard Reinsberg)
Graduate Campus, University of Zurich, 2016

Research Stay Grant for visiting scholarship in Aarhus, 2,000 CHF
Faculty of Philosophy and Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, 2016

Participation Grant for ECPR Winter and Summer School, 2,500 CHF
Faculty of Philosophy and Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, 2015

Teaching

Thesis Supervision

- Master's theses: 5
- Bachelor's theses: 44

Technical University of Munich

1. Advanced International Relations – International Political Economy, BA lecture
 - Winter 2019/2020, in English and in German
 - Winter 2018/2019, in English and in German
2. Advanced International Relations – International Political Economy, BA tutorial
 - Winter 2019/2020, in English and in German
 - Winter 2018/2019, in German
3. Conflict and Cooperation in the International Economy, BA seminar
 - Summer 2018, in German
4. International Political Economy of Finance, MA seminar
 - Summer 2019, in English
5. Political Regimes and the Economy, MA module
 - Seminar 1: Theoretical Approaches, Winter 2020/2021, in English
 - Seminar 2: Empirical Applications, Winter 2020/2021, in English
6. Politics for Rocket Scientists: An Introduction to Political Science for Non-Political Scientists, BA/MA lecture
 - Summer 2018, in English, with Tim Bütthe and Cindy Cheng
7. Research Design in International Relations, BA seminar
 - Summer 2020, in German
 - Summer 2019, in German

University of Zurich

1. Advanced International Relations, BA lecture
 - Fall 2017, in German, with Stefanie Walter
 - Fall 2016/Spring 2017, in German, with Thomas Malang and Stefanie Walter
 - Fall 2014/Spring 2015, in German, with Stefanie Walter
2. Autocracies in International Relations, BA seminar
 - Fall 2015, in German
3. Bilateral Relations between Switzerland and the EU, BA thesis seminar
 - Fall 2015/Spring 2016, in German, with Ruth Beckmann, Nils Redeker, and Stefanie Walter
4. Globalization, BA thesis seminar
 - Fall 2013/Spring 2014, in German, with Ruth Beckmann and Stefanie Walter
5. Regionalism and Global Politics, BA thesis seminar
 - Spring 2017, in German, with Manuela Spindler

University of Heidelberg

1. Introduction to Political Science, BA tutorial
 - Winter 2010/2011, in German
2. Introduction to Programming with Stata, BA tutorial
 - Summer 2013, 1 tutorial, in German
 - Summer 2012, 2 tutorials, in German
 - Summer 2010, 2 tutorials, in German

Methods Training

Multi-Method Social Science, taught by Jason Seawright
Spring 2014, Doctoral Program in Political Science, University of Zurich

Causal Inference in the Social Sciences, taught by Dominik Hangartner
Fall 2014, Doctoral Program in Political Science, University of Zurich

Modern Statistical Inference, taught by Marco Steenbergen
Fall 2014, Doctoral Program in Political Science, University of Zurich

Respondent-Driven Sampling, taught by Lisa Johnston
02/2015, ECPR Winter School, University of Bamberg

Introduction to Programming with R, taught by Thorsten Schnapp
02/2015, ECPR Winter School, University of Bamberg

Event History and Survival Analysis, taught by Janez Stare
08/2015, ECPR Summer School, University of Ljubljana

Democracy – Concepts and Measurement, taught by Gerardo Munck
11/2015, NCCR Democracy, University of Zurich

Essentials of Interview-Based Qualitative Research, taught by Liz Spencer
Fall 2015, Doctoral Program in Political Science, University of Zurich

Field Experiments, taught by Donald Green
Spring 2016, Doctoral Program in Political Science, University of Zurich

Conference Presentations

Conferences (P = presentation; Co = presentation by co-author; D = discussant)

- American Political Science Association – 2014 (Co)
- European Consortium for Political Research – 2014 (P)
- European Political Science Association – 2015 (Co), 2016 (P), 2017 (P,Co), 2018 (P), 2019 (Co)
- Midwest Political Science Association – 2016 (P,P), 2017 (P,Co), 2019 (P,P)
- Political Economy of International Organizations – 2016 (Co)
- Section Comparative Politics, German Political Science Association – 2017 (P)
- Section Development Economics, German Economics Association – 2016 (Co)
- Section Political Economy, German Political Science Association – 2013 (P)
- Swiss Political Science Association – 2013 (P), 2016 (P,P), 2017 (P,Co), 2018 (P,D), 2019 (P,Co,D)

Workshops

- DEDERE workshop ‘Correlates of Regime Change’, University of Aarhus, 2016.
- Executive Education Program ‘European Perspectives on Industrial and Competition Law and Policy’, Technical University of Munich, 2018.
- NCCR Democracy workshop ‘Democracy – Concepts and Measurement’, University of Zurich, 2015.
- Workshop ‘Authoritarian Stability and Breakdown in Russia and its Neighbor Countries’, University of Aarhus, 2016.
- Workshop ‘Comparative Authoritarianism’, Technical University of Munich, 2019.

Service to the Profession

- Reviewer for scientific journals: *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*; *American Journal of Political Science* (2x); *British Journal of Political Science*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *European Political Science Review*; *International Theory*; *Party Politics*; *Review of International Organizations* (2x); *Swiss Political Science Review*.
- Reviewer for funding agencies: TUM ForTe
- Co-Organizer of the first Joint International Political Economy Conference of the Austrian, German, and Swiss Political Science Associations, Technical University of Munich Academic Conference Center in Raitenhaslach, June 2021 (local organizing committee with Timm Betz, Tim Bütthe, and Amy Pond).
- Organizer of the pre-PhD colloquium, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, 2015 and 2017.
- Head of the PhD peer mentoring group of the ETH and University of Zurich, 2016.
- Vice-president of the Staff Council (Personalrat) at the Hochschule für Politik, Technical University of Munich, 2019-2021.
- Elected student representative in the Faculty Council (Fakultätsrat), Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Heidelberg, 2009-2011.
- Co-President of the Student Council (Fachschaftsrat) and representative in the MA Commission, Department of Political Science, University of Heidelberg, 2008-2012.

Additional Skills

Didactics

- Participation in Teaching Skills Program, University of Zurich
 - Introduction to University-level Teaching
 - Advising Students Writing BA and MA theses
 - Improving Exams – Theory and Practice
 - Designing Multiple Choice Exams
 - Motivating and Activating Students in Large Lectures

Skills

- Languages: German (mother tongue), English (proficient), Swedish (beginner)
- Statistical and data analysis software: Stata, R
- Text processing: Latex, Microsoft Office, Mendeley

Last updated: August 29, 2020