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Positions

Professor of Comparative Politics, Department of Politics & Public Administration, University of Konstanz, Germany, 2012-
Principle investigator, Cluster Politics of Inequality
Principal investigator, Graduate School of Decision Sciences
Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, Canada, 2012
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, Canada, 2008 - 2012
Affiliated Faculty, School of Public Policy & Governance
Associate Member, Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies
Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany, 2007-2008

Education

Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of Washington, 2007
Major Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Economy, and Methodology
M.A., Department of Political Science, University of Washington, 2004
M.A., Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma, 2001
Zwischenprüfung, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany, 1996
Major Fields: Political Science and Mathematics, minor in Geography

Awards

Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Data Set Award, Comparative Agendas Project, American Political Science Association (APSA) Comparative Politics Section, 2019
Baschwitz Award, with Vliegthart, R., Walgrave, S., Wouters, R., Hutter, S., Jennings, W., Gava, R., Tresh, A., Varone, F., Grossman, E., Brouard, S., Chaques-Bonafont, L. for the best article ("The Media as a Dual Mediator of the Political Agenda—Setting Effect of Protest. A Longitudinal Study in Six Western European Countries." in *Social Forces*), Amsterdam School of Communication Research, 2017
Theodore J. Lowi Award, with Koski, C. for the best article ("The Tortoise or the Hare?") in the *Policy Studies Journal*, APSA Public Policy Organized Section, 2013
Harold D. Lasswell Award, for the best dissertation in the field of public policy, Policy Studies Organization and the APSA Public Policy Organized Section, 2008

Grants - Selection

- Agence Nationale de la Recherche - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft Cooperation Grant (ANR-DFG) “Conditional Responsiveness in France and Germany” (with Emiliano Grossman), 2016-2019
- Committee on Research & Freedom of Creativity Grant, University of Konstanz, 2013-2014
- OBW Faculty Research Exchange Grant, Ontario/Baden-Württemberg Program, Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, 2011
- Research Challenge Grant, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, 2011
- Standard Research Grant, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), 2010-2012
- Connaught Start-Up Grant and New Staff Matching Grant, University of Toronto, 2008-2010
- National Science Foundation (NSF), Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, Political Science Program, 2006–2007
- Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, 2003

Edited Volumes

- Baumgartner, Frank, Christian Breunig, and Emiliano Grossman, editors. 2019. *Comparative Agendas Project: Theory, Tools, Data*. Oxford University Press.

Special Issues of Journals

- Breunig, Christian, Christine S. Lipsmeyer, and Guy D. Whitten, editors. 2017. “Political Budgeting Across Europe.” Special Issue *Journal of European Public Policy* 24(6) (also published as a book with Routledge).

Articles

- Adolph, Christopher, Christian Breunig, and Chris Koski. forthcoming. “The Political Economy of Budget Trade-offs.” *Journal of Public Policy*.
- Breunig, Christian and Chris Koski. forthcoming. “Topping Off and Bottoming Out: Setting Budget Priorities through Executive Power.” *Policy Studies Journal*.
- Breunig, Christian and Chris Koski. 2018. “Interest Groups and Policy Volatility.” *Governance* 31(2), 279–297.
- Breunig, Christian, Christine S. Lipsmeyer, and Guy D. Whitten. 2017. “Political Budgeting from a Comparative Perspective.” *Journal of European Public Policy* 24(6), 789 – 791.
- Vliegenthart, Rens, Stefaan Walgrave, Swen Hutter, Emiliano Grossman, Marco Giugni, Ruud Wouters, Frédéric Varone, Anke Tresch, Roy Gava, Sylvain Brouard, Laura Chaques, Christian Breunig, and Will Jennings. 2016. “The Media as a Dual Mediator of the Political Agenda Setting Effect of Protest. A Longitudinal Study in Six West-European Countries.” *Social Forces* 95(2), 837 – 859.
- Breunig, Christian, Chris Koski, and Samuel Workman. 2016. “Knot Policy Theory.” *Policy Studies Journal* 44(S1), 123 – 132.
- Vliegenthart, Rens, Stefaan Walgrave, Frank R. Baumgartner, Shaun Bevan, Christian Breunig, Sylvain Brouard, Laura Chaqués Bonafont, Emiliano Grossman, Will Jennings, Peter Mortensen, Pascal Sciarini, Anke Tresch. 2016. “Do the Media set the Parliamentary Agenda? A Comparative Study in Seven Countries.” *European Journal of Political Research* 55(2), 283 – 301.

- Breunig, Christian, Xun Cao, and Adam Luedtke. 2012. "Global Migration and Political Regime Type: A Democratic Disadvantage." *British Journal of Political Science* 42(4), 825–854.
- Breunig, Christian and Marius Busemeyer. 2012. "Fiscal Austerity and the Trade-off between Public Investment and Social Spending." *European Journal of Public Policy* 19(6), 921–938.
- Ahlquist, John S. and Christian Breunig. 2012. "Model-Based Clustering and Typologies in the Social Sciences." *Political Analysis* 20(1), 92–112.
- Breunig, Christian and Chris Koski. 2012. "The Tortoise or the Hare? Incrementalism, Punctuations, and their Consequences." *Policy Studies Journal* 40(1), 45–67.
- Walgrave, Stefaan, W. Lance Bennett, Jeroen van Laer and Christian Breunig. 2011. "Multiple Engagements and Network Bridging in Contentious Politics: Digital Media Use of Protest Participants." *Mobilization*. 16(3): 325–350.
- Breunig, Christian and Achim Goerres. 2011. "Searching for Electoral Irregularities in an Established Democracy: Applying Benford's Law Tests to Bundestag Elections in Unified Germany." *Electoral Studies*. 30(3): 534–545.
- Breunig, Christian. 2011. "Reduction, Stasis, and Expansion of Budgets in Advanced Democracies." *Comparative Political Studies*. 44(8), 1060–1088.
- Breunig, Christian and Rose Ernst. 2011. "Race, Inequality, and the Prioritization of Corrections Spending in the American States." *Race and Justice* 1(3), 233–253.
- Breunig, Christian and Bryan D. Jones. 2011. "Stochastic Process Methods with an Application to Budgetary Data." *Political Analysis*. 19(1), 103–117.
- Lundsgaarde, Erik, Christian Breunig and Aseem Prakash. 2010. "Instrumental Philanthropy: Trade and the Allocation of Foreign Aid." *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. 43(3), 733–761.
- Breunig, Christian, Chris Koski, and Peter B. Mortensen. 2010. "Stability and Punctuations in Public Spending: A Comparative Study of Budget Functions." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*. 20(3), 703–722.
- Breunig, Christian, Chris Koski, and Peter B. Mortensen. 2009. "Les Dynamiques Budgétaires Dans Une Perspective Comparée." *Revue Internationale de Politique Comparée*. 16(3), 441–462.
- Brouard, Sylvain, John Wilkerson, Frank R. Baumgartner, Arco Timmermans, Shaun Bevan, Gerard Bree-man, Christian Breunig, Laura Chaqués, Christopher Green-Pedersen, Will Jennings, Peter John, Bryan D. Jones, David Lowery. 2009. "Comparer Les Productions Législatives : Enjeux Et Méthodes." *Revue Internationale de Politique Comparée*. 16(3), 381–404.
- Breunig, Christian and Chris Koski. 2009. "Punctuated Budgets and Governors' Institutional Powers." *American Politics Research*. 37 (6), 1116–1138.
- Jones, Bryan D., Frank R. Baumgartner, Christian Breunig, Christopher Wlezien, Stuart Soroka, Martial Foucault, Abel François, Christoffer Green-Pedersen, Peter John, Chris Koski Peter B. Mortensen, Frédéric Varone, and Stefaan Walgrave. 2009. "A General Empirical Law of Public Budgets: A Comparative Analysis." *American Journal of Political Science* 53 (4), 855–873.
- Baumgartner, Frank R., Christian Breunig, Christoffer Green-Pedersen, Bryan D. Jones, Peter B. Mortensen, Michiel Nuytemans and Stefaan Walgrave. 2009. "Punctuated Equilibrium in Comparative Perspective." *American Journal of Political Science* 53(3), 603–620.
- Breunig, Christian. 2008. "Legislative Politics in Germany: Some Lessons and Challenges." *German Politics* (17) 3, 383–394.

- Bennett, W. Lance, Christian Breunig, and Terri Givens. 2008. "Communication and Political Mobilization: Digital Media and the Organization of Anti-Iraq War Demonstrations in the U.S." *Political Communication* 25 (3), 269–289.
- Breunig, Christian and Adam Luedtke. 2008. "What Motivates the Gatekeepers? Explaining Governing Party Preferences on Immigration." *Governance* 21 (1), 123–146.
- Jones, Bryan D. and Christian Breunig. 2007. "Noah and Joseph Effects in Government Budgets: Analyzing Long-Term Memory." *Policy Studies Journal* 35 (3), 329–348.
- Lundsgaarde, Erik, Christian Breunig, and Aseem Prakash. 2007. "Trade versus Aid: Donor Generosity in an Era of Globalization." *Policy Sciences* 40 (2), 157–179.
- Breunig, Christian. 2006. "The More Things Change, the More Things Stay the Same: A Comparative Analysis of Budget Punctuations." *Journal of European Public Policy* 13 (7), 1065–1081.
- Breunig, Christian and Chris Koski. 2006. "Punctuated Equilibria and Budgets in the American States." *Policy Studies Journal* 34 (3), 363–379.

Refereed Working Papers

- Ahlquist, John S. and Christian Breunig. 2009. "Country Clustering in Comparative Political Economy." *MPIfG Discussion Paper 09/5*. Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies.

Book Chapters

- Baumgartner, Frank R., Christian Breunig, and Emiliano Grossman. 2019. "The Comparative Agendas Project: Intellectual Roots and Current Developments." in Baumgartner, Frank R., Christian Breunig, and Emiliano Grossman. eds. *Comparative Agendas Project: Theory, Tools, Data*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Breunig, Christian and Tinette Schnatterer. 2019. "Policy Agendas in Germany." in Baumgartner, Frank R., Christian Breunig, and Emiliano Grossman. eds. *Comparative Agendas Project: Theory, Tools, Data*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Breunig, Christian, Emiliano Grossman, and Tinette Schnatterer. 2019. "Connecting Government Announcements and Public Policy." in Baumgartner, Frank R., Christian Breunig, and Emiliano Grossman. eds. *Comparative Agendas Project: Theory, Tools, Data*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Baumgartner, Frank R., Christian Breunig, and Emiliano Grossman. 2019. "Advancing the Study of Comparative Public Policy." in Baumgartner, Frank R., Christian Breunig, and Emiliano Grossman. eds. *Comparative Agendas Project: Theory, Tools, Data*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Beyer, Daniela, Christian Breunig, and Marco Radojevic. 2017. "Punctuated Equilibrium Theory." in Nikolaos Zahariadis and Laurie Buonanno, eds. *Routledge Handbook of European Public Policy* London: Routledge.
- Beyer, Daniela, Christian Breunig, and Graeme Boushey. 2015. "Die Punctuated Equilibrium Theorie." in Reimut Zohlnhöfer and Georg Wenzelburger. eds. *Handbuch Policy-Forschung*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.
- Breunig, Christian and John Ahlquist. 2014. "Quantitative Methodologies in Public Policy." in Isabelle Engeli and Christine Rothmayr Allison. eds. *Comparative Policy Studies: Conceptual and Methodological Challenges*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

- Breunig, Christian. 2014. "Content and Dynamics of Legislative Agendas in Germany." in Green-Pedersen, Christoffer and Walgrave, Stefaan. eds. *Agenda Setting, Policies, and Political Systems: A Comparative Approach*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Bennett, W. Lance, Terri Givens, and Christian Breunig. 2010. "Crossing Political Divides: Communication, Political Identification, and Protest Organization" in Walgrave, Stefaan and Dieter Rucht, eds. *Protest Politics. Demonstrations against the War on Iraq in the US and Western Europe*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
- Stefaan Walgrave, W. Lance Bennett, Jeroen van Laer and Christian Breunig. 2010. "Netwerken tussen activisten, diverse engagementen en de rol van het internet" in Stefaan Walgrave, Marc Hooghe, W. Lance Bennett, and Dietlind Stolle. eds. *Politieke mobilisatie en nieuwe communicatietechnologie: een multilevel studie van de digital divide*. Gent: Academia Press.

Other Publications

- Breunig, Christian and Mortensen, Peter B. 2012. "Budget Dynamics." *Perspectives on Europe* 42(2), 35–40.
- Breunig, Christian. 2010. "Budgeting." in Kurian, George T. ed. *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Washington DC: CQ Press.
- Cox, Robert Henry and Christian Breunig. 2000. "How Global Is the Oklahoma Economy?" *Oklahoma Business Bulletin* 68 (2), 11–23.

Book Review

- "The Politics of Precaution: Genetically Modified Crops in Developing Countries." Robert L. Paarlberg. *Governance* 17 (2). 2004.

Under Review

- Breunig, Christian. "Legislative Policy Trade-offs."
- Breunig, Christian and Tinette Schnatterer. "German Policy Agendas - Database and Initial Insights"
- Bailer, Stefanie, Christian Breunig, Nathalie Giger, and Andreas Wüst. "The Diminishing Value of Minority Representation: Between Group Representation and Individual Career Paths."
- Breunig, Christian, Emiliano Grossman, and Miriam Hänni. "Salience, Vulnerability and Legislators' Responsiveness: An Elite Experiment in France and Germany."
- Hänni, Miriam, Christian Breunig and Emiliano Grossman. "Responsiveness and Democratic Accountability: Evidence from a Mixed-Member Proportional System."
- Traber, Denise, Miriam Hänni, Nathalie Giger and Christian Breunig. "What rich and poor consider important and how this matters for representation"

In Preparation

- Breunig, Christian and Chris Koski. *How the American States Spend Public Monies: Governors, Interest Groups, and Political Issues*. book manuscript.
- Breunig, Christian. *Attention, Institutions, and Budgeting in Advanced Democracies*. book manuscript.
- Breunig, Christian and Chris Koski. "Reconceiving Policy Change and Punctuated Equilibrium – A Typology."
- Beyer, Daniela and Christian Breunig. "Individual-level determinants of MIPs."

Breunig, Christian and Marco Radojevic. "Issue Saliency, Bureaucratic Capacity, and Oversight."

Breunig, Christian, Martin Elff, and Samuel Workman. "Dynamics of Policy Change."

Professional Experience

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM V) Summer Institute, University of Michigan, 2006

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, 2003

Visitorships

Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, 2017

Academic Visitor, Sciences Po, LIEPP/ CEE, 2014

Academic Visitor, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, University of Mannheim, 2011

Academic Visitor, Nuffield College and Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, 2006

Visiting Guest Researcher, Social Science Center Berlin, Germany, 2005

Research Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Aarhus Universitet, Denmark, 2005

Invited Presentations

Ludwig Maximilian University Munich (2018), University of Stuttgart (2018), University of Bamberg (2018), University of Kentucky (2018), University of Hamburg (2017), Humboldt University of Berlin (2017), Technical University Munich (2017), Ludwig Maximilian University Munich (2017), London School of Economics and Political Science (2016), ETH Zürich (2016), University of Bielefeld (2016), Texas A&M (2015), University of Glasgow (2015), University of Potsdam (2015), University of Texas (2014), University of Wisconsin (2014), Sciences Po (2014), University of Zürich (2014), Hertie School of Governance (2013), University of Cologne (2011), Université de Montréal (2011), Duke University (2007, 2009), University of Oklahoma (2009), Aarhus University (2006, 2008, 2017), Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (2007, 2008), Simon Fraser University (2006), University of Pittsburgh (2006), Yale University (2006), University of Oxford (2006)

Conference Presentations

APSA: 2004–2006, 2008–2011, 2013–2015, 2017–2019; MPSA: 2004–2007, 2009–2011, 2013, 2016–2017; EPSA: 2014–2018; CES: 2010, 2011; CPA: 2008, 2009, 2011–2018; ECPR: 2008, 2013; ICPP: 2015; EPOP: 2009; IPES: 2006, 2008, 2009; SOG: 2008; POLMETH: 2008; APPAM: 2005, 2006; WPSA: 2004, 2005; EUSA: 2003

Teaching Experience

Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz.

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Political Systems of Europe, Introduction to Comparative Political Economy, Comparative Policy Agendas, Politics and the Economy in Industrialized Democracies, Thesis Seminar, Comparative Public Policy and Politics (Graduate)

Department of Political Science, University of Toronto.

Introduction to Political Economy, European Politics in a Global World, Politics and the Economy in Industrialized Democracies, Politics of Public Monies, Comparative Public Policies (Graduate)

Department of Political Science, University of Washington.
Introduction to Political Economy

Service - Selection

Editorial Board Member: PSJ and JPP

Executive Council APSA, Public Policy Section, 2013 – 2017

Reviewer for: (1) journals: A&S, AJPS, APSR, ART, BJPS, CJPS, CJMS, CPS, EJPR, EPSR, EUP, GOV, II, IO, IPSR, JEPP, JEMS, JLEO, JOP, JPAM, JPART, JPP, MPIFG, PA, PBAF, PHYSA, PRQ, PSRM, PSJ, PUCH, PBUF, RAP, REGGOV, SER, STAMET, WEP, WP; (2) books: CUP and UofCP; (3) grants: ISE, DFG

Section Head: MPSA 2011 Political Methodology posters, MPSA 2013 Public Policy, ICPP 2015 Agenda-Setting, EPSA 2016 Comparative Politics and Political Economy

Discussant/Chair: MPSA: 2010, 2011, 2013, APSA: 2010, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018

Co-organizer Comparative Policy Agendas Conference, University of Konstanz, 2014

External Examiner, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2012–2016; Hertie School of Governance, 2017

External Member on Searches, University of Zürich, 2015; University of Oklahoma, 2015; Zeppelin University, 2017

University of Konstanz

Executive Board, Graduate School of Decision Sciences and Cluster Politics of Inequality, 2018–; Dean of Studies, 2015–2019; Co-organizer Comparative Political Economy Workshop, 2015–; Section and Department Executive Council, 2014–; International Outreach Committee, 2014 –; Undergraduate Chair, 2013–2019; Comparative Politics and Policy Analysis MA Programme Coordinator, 2013–; Selection Committee Zukunftskolleg Fellows, 2013

University of Toronto, Department of Political Science.

Placement Co-Director, 2009–2012; Faculty Search Comparative Public Policy, 2011

Professional Membership

APSA (including the Society for Political Methodology, Comparative Politics, Political Economy, & Public Policy sections), MPSA, EPSA, CES, ICPP