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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Immigration in politics and society · political psychology and behaviour (attitudes, extremism, electoral behaviour) · immigrant integration · policy effects on citizens · social and political trust · quantitative methods

POSITIONS

10/2020 – present	Apl. Professor and Akademischer Oberrat (tenured), Working Group of Empirical Political Science, University of Duisburg-Essen; deputy head of the group
04/2019 – 09/2020	Postdoctoral researcher and principal investigator (DFG project), Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology, University of Cologne
04/2018 – 03/2019	Visiting Associate Professor (W2), Chair of Empirical Social and Economic Research, University of Cologne
04/2015 – 03/2018	Postdoctoral researcher, Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology, University of Cologne
10/2011 – 03/2015	Doctoral researcher, Research Training Group SOCLIFE, University of Cologne
Visiting	University of British Columbia (2021) · University of Southern Denmark (2018) · University of Oxford (2016)

EDUCATION

2020	Habilitation, Venia legendi in Political Science, University of Cologne
2015	Dr. rer. pol. (summa cum laude), Social Sciences, University of Cologne
2008	M.A., Political Science, University of Tübingen

AWARDS

2021 – 2022	Member, Global Young Faculty, Stiftung Mercator and University Alliance Ruhr
2016	Young Scholar Award, Arbeitsgemeinschaft Sozialwissenschaftlicher Institute
2016	German Thesis Award (Deutscher Studienpreis, 2nd prize), Körber Foundation

THIRD-PARTY FUNDING

Approx. €1,400,000 awarded as applicant and principal investigator.

2022 – 2025	Democracy in Crisis: The Role of Emotions and Affective Polarization for Citizens' Political Support During Threatening Events — Fritz Thyssen Foundation
2021 – 2024	Social Openness, Social Control, and the Integration of Muslim Immigrants — German Research Foundation
2019 – 2022	Interethnic Trust Asymmetries and Immigrant Integration — German Research Foundation
2011 – 2015	Fellowship, Research Training Group SOCLIFE, German Research Foundation

PUBLICATIONS

[Link] leads to the published version. Preprints and replication files are linked at conradziller.com

JOURNAL ARTICLES · PEER-REVIEWED

[36] Goerres, A., **Ziller, C.** (in press). Democracy's Challengers: Need for Chaos and Desire for Greatness in German Political Culture. *Democratization*.

[35] Schulz, N., **Ziller, C.** (in press). Von der ökonomischen Teilhabefrage zur Identitätsfrage: Die Transformation der Wiedervereinigungskritik in Ostdeutschland. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*. [Link]

[34] Aczel, B., Szaszi, B., Clelland, H. T., […] **Ziller, C.**, […] (2026). Investigating the analytical robustness of the social and behavioural sciences. *Nature*, 652(8108), 135–142. [Link]

[33] Herold-Blasius, R., Kleinschmidt, H., **Ziller, C.** (2026). Dimensions of heuristic use in mathematical problem solving: Evidence from early secondary school students. *J. für Mathematik-Didaktik*, 47(1), 6 (1–40). [Link]

[32] Kuhlmann, J., **Ziller, C.** (2026). Between Socioeconomic Decline and Lack of Political Competition: What Explains the Success of the AfD in North Rhine-Westphalia's 2025 Integration Council Elections? *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*. [Link]

[31] Vierus, P., **Ziller, C.** (2026). Political Support in Times of Progressive Policy Change and Radical-Right Populist Party Success. *West European Politics*, 49(4), 1042–1069. [Link]

[30] **Ziller, C.**, Hummler, T. (2025). Beyond Religious Categories: Understanding Differences between Muslims and Non-Muslims in Accepting Parenting Styles Involving Physical Discipline. *Social Science Research*, 131, 103221. [Link]

[29] Claassen, J., Lenzner, T., Höhne, J. K., **Ziller, C.** (2025). A survey mode of the future? Investigating respondents' willingness to participate in self-administered video-based web surveys. *methods, data, analyses*. [Link]

[28] **Ziller, C.**, Loepp, B., Kindermann, B., Köchling, G., Fadeeva, Y. (2025). Willingness to Share Personal Data Online: The Role of Social Influence and Sustainability. *Technology in Society*, 83, 102974. [Link]

[27] Vierus, P., Elis, J., Goerres, A., **Ziller, C.**, Höhne, J. K. (2025). Following Political Science Students Through Their Methods Training: Statistics Anxiety, Student Satisfaction, and Final Grades in the COVID Year 2021/22. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*, 66, 867–884. [Link]

[26] Breznau, N., Rinke, E. M., Wuttke, A. et al. […] **Ziller, C.** […] (2025). The reliability of replications: A study in computational reproductions. *Royal Society Open Science*, 12(3), 241038. [Link]

[25] Hummler, T., **Ziller, C.** (2025). Exploring the Role of Social Openness for Pro-Diversity Attitudes in Urban and Rural Places. *Political Psychology*, 46(5), 1151–1167. [Link]

[24] Höhne, J. K., **Ziller, C.**, Lenzner, T. (2024). Investigating Respondents' Willingness to Participate in Video-based Web Surveys. *Int. J. of Market Research*, 66(1), 3–13. [Link]

[23] Pepinsky, T., Goodman, S. W., **Ziller, C.** (2024). Modeling Spatial Heterogeneity and Historical Persistence: Nazi Concentration Camps and Contemporary Intolerance. *American Political Science Review*, 118(1), 519–528. [Link]

[22] Trüdinger, E.-M., **Ziller, C.** (2023). Setting Limits to Tolerance: An Experimental Investigation of Individual Reactions to Extremism and Violence. *Frontiers in Political Science*. [Link]

[21] **Ziller, C.**, Schlösser, T., Schück, K., Partos, K. (2023). Local ties that bind: The role of perceived neighborhood cohesion and disorder for immigrants' national identification. *Social Science Research*, 112, 102803. [Link]

[20] Vierus, P., **Ziller, C.**, Marx, N. (2022). Grenzen politischer Repräsentation: Determinanten der Wahlbeteiligung bei Integrationsratswahlen in Nordrhein-Westfalen. *Kölner Z. für Soziologie u. Sozialpsychologie*, 74(4), 525–551. [Link]

[19] Breznau, N., Rinke, E. M., Wuttke, A. et al. […] **Ziller, C.** […] (2022). Observing many researchers using the same data and hypothesis reveals a hidden universe of uncertainty. *PNAS*, 119(44), e2203150119. [Link]

[18] Trüdinger, E.-M., **Ziller, C.** (2022). Considered Effective? How Policy Evaluations and Threat Perceptions Affect Support for Surveillance in the Context of Terrorism. *Politics & Policy*, 50(5), 894–912. [Link]

[17] **Ziller, C.**, Andreß, H.-J. (2022). Quality of Local Government and Social Trust in European Cities. *Urban Studies*, 59(9), 1909–1925. [Link]

[16] **Ziller, C.** (2022). Established and Excluded? Immigrants' Economic Progress, Attitudes toward Immigrants, and the Conditioning Role of Egalitarianism and Intergroup Contact. *Political Studies*, 70(1), 236–256. [Link]

[15] **Ziller, C.**, Berning, C. C. (2021). Personality Traits and Public Support of Minority Rights. *J. of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 47(3), 723–740. [Link]

[14] **Ziller, C.**, Helbling, M. (2021). Public Support for State Surveillance. *European J. of Political Research*, 60(4), 994–1006. [Link]

[13] Berning, C. C., **Ziller, C.** (2020). Green Versus Radical Right as the New Political Divide? The European Parliament Election 2019 in Germany. *J. of Common Market Studies*, 58(S1), 43–56. [Link]

[12] **Ziller, C.**, Spörlein, C. (2020). Residential Segregation and Social Trust of Immigrants and Natives: Evidence from the Netherlands. *Frontiers in Sociology*, 5:45, 1–13. [Link]

[11] **Ziller, C.**, Goodman, S. W. (2020). Local Government Efficiency and Anti-Immigrant Violence. *The Journal of Politics*, 82(3), 895–907. [Link]

[10] **Ziller, C.**, Heizmann, B. (2020). Economic Conditions and Native-Immigrant Asymmetries in Generalized Social Trust. *Social Science Research*, 87, 102399. [Link]

[9] Heizmann, B., **Ziller, C.** (2020). Who Is Willing to Share the Burden? Attitudes Towards the Allocation of Asylum Seekers in Comparative Perspective. *Social Forces*, 98(3), 1026–1051. [Link]

[8] **Ziller, C.** (2019). Policy Effects on Political Engagement. *Kölner Z. für Soziologie u. Sozialpsychologie*, 71(Suppl 1), 285–312. [Link]

[7] **Ziller, C.**, Helbling, M. (2019). Antidiscrimination Laws, Policy Knowledge and Political Support. *British J. of Political Science*, 49(3), 1027–1044. [Link]

[6] **Ziller, C.**, Wright, M., Hewstone, M. (2019). Immigration, Social Trust, and the Moderating Role of Value Contexts. *Social Science Research*, 79, 115–126. [Link]

[5] **Ziller, C.** (2017). Equal Treatment Regulations and Ethnic Minority Social Trust. *European Sociological Review*, 33(4), 563–575. [Link]

[4] Berning, C. C., **Ziller, C.** (2017). Social Trust and Radical Right-Wing Populist Party Preferences. *Acta Politica*, 52(2), 198–217. [Link]

[3] **Ziller, C.**, Schübel, T. (2015). "The Pure People" versus "the Corrupt Elite"? Political Corruption, Political Trust and the Success of Radical Right Parties in Europe. *J. of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*, 25(3), 368–386. [Link]

[2] **Ziller, C.** (2015). Ethnic Diversity, Economic and Cultural Contexts, and Social Trust: Cross-Sectional and Longitudinal Evidence from European Regions, 2002–2010. *Social Forces*, 93(3), 1211–1240. [Link]

[1] **Ziller, C.** (2014). Societal Implications of Antidiscrimination Policy in Europe. *Research & Politics*, 1(3), 1–9. [Link]

BOOK

[1] **Ziller, C.** (2024). Introduction to Statistics and Data Analysis — A Case-Based Approach. Open access, introstatistics.netlify.app.

ARTICLES IN HANDBOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES

[5] **Ziller, C.** (2025). Nachbarschaft als politischer Raum: Eine Untersuchung Duisburger Stadtteile. In: Baykara-Krumme, H. et al. (Hrsg.), Duisburg – Transitionen (in) einer Stadt, 423–426. *Transcript*. [Link]

[4] **Ziller, C.**, Goerres, A. (2023). Migrations- und Integrationspolitik. In: Wenzelburger/Zohlnhöfer (Hrsg.), Handbuch Policy-Forschung, 2. Aufl., 683–707. *Springer*. [Link]

[3] Berning, C. C., **Ziller, C.** (2022). Verbreitung und Entwicklung rechtsextremer Einstellungen in Ost- und Westdeutschland. In: Ackermann, K. et al. (Hrsg.), Wahlen und politische Einstellungen in Ost- und Westdeutschland, 307–338. *Springer VS*. [Link]

[2] **Ziller, C.**, Careja, R. (2022). Personal and Contextual Foundations of Welfare Chauvinism in Western Europe. In: Crepaz, M. (Hrsg.), Handbook on Migration and Welfare, 175–193. *Edward Elgar*. [Link]

[1] **Ziller, C.** (2020). Multiple Regressionen mit voneinander abhängigen Beobachtungen: Random-Effects und Fixed-Effects. In: Wagemann/Goerres/Siewert (Hrsg.), Handbuch Methoden der Politikwissenschaft, 467–493. *Springer*. [Link]

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

[11] **Ziller, C.**, Alali, A. (2026). Von der Statistikangst zur Selbstwirksamkeit: Erfahrungen aus einem Jahr DataVibes. Blog. [Link]

[10] Kuhlmann, J., **Ziller, C.** (2026). Paradoxe Erfolge: Warum die AfD bei den Integrationsratswahlen 2025 punkten konnte. Blog. [Link]

[9] **Ziller, C.** (2025). Aktivierte Vorbehalte: Wie Migration zum Schlüsselthema der Bundestagswahl 2025 wurde. Blog. [Link]

[8] **Ziller, C.**, Hummler, T. (2024). Integration und Zusammenhalt in Nachbarschaften deutscher Großstädte: Ergebnisse der ersten Befragungswelle der Umfrage „Leben im Viertel" (LiV). Report. [Link]

[7] Pepinsky, T., Goodman, S. W., **Ziller, C.** (2024). Causation and History in Legacy Studies: A Reply to Homola, Pereira, and Tavits. Reply. [Link]

[6] **Ziller, C.** (2023). Fremdenhass durch Wohnortnähe zu ehemaligen Konzentrationslagern? Drei Lehren über aktuelle Entwicklungen in der Politikwissenschaft. Blog. [Link]

[5] Trüdinger, E.-M., **Ziller, C.**, Van der Noll, J. (2023). Editorial: Contemporary threats, surveillance, and the balancing of security and liberty. *Frontiers in Political Science*. [Link]

[4] **Ziller, C.** (2020). Essays on Policy Effects on Political Engagement and Intergroup Relations. Habilitation, Kumulative Habilitationsschrift, Universität zu Köln. [Link]

[3] Breznau, N., […] **Ziller, C.** […] (one of 165 collaborators) (2019). The Crowdsourced Replication Initiative: Investigating Immigration and Social Policy Preferences using Meta-Science. Executive report. [Link]

[2] **Ziller, C.**, Schübel, T. (2015). Voter experience of corrupt officials is an overlooked reason for the electoral success of radical right parties. *LSE EUROPP*. [Link]

[1] **Ziller, C.** (2015). Social Trust in the Face of Ethnic Diversity: The Moderating Role of Economic, Cultural, and Political Contexts. Dissertation, Universität zu Köln. [Link]

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

since 2024	Co-editor, Springer book series Wahlen und politische Einstellungen
since 2024	Editorial Board, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies
since 2024	Co-spokesperson, DVPW working group Wahlen und politische Einstellungen
2021 – 2025	Associate Editor, European Societies
Reviewing	75+ reviews for international journals including the American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science and Social Forces · Grant review for the ERC, DFG, AHRC, NWO and Riksbankens Jubileumsfond
Conferences	Organiser, Current Directions in Research on Political Support (2024) and Workshop on Political Polarization (2022), Duisburg-Essen · Chair and discussant at EPSA and APSA · ALLBUS 2027 module on migration and integration (GESIS)

TEACHING

Duisburg-Essen	Statistics · Introduction to Empirical Social Research · Local Politics · Inequality and Democracy · Right-Wing Populism · Advanced Regression Modeling · Racism and Discrimination
Textbook	Introduction to Statistics and Data Analysis — A Case-Based Approach (open access, 2024)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Media	Interviews and commentary in The New York Times, BBC, Deutschlandfunk, SRF, RTVE, Tagesspiegel and WDR. Full list at conradziller.com
DataVibes	Science communication channel on TikTok and Instagram explaining statistics and empirical methods to students and the wider public (since 2025); 1,200+ followers · tiktok.com/@datavibes_ude · instagram.com/datavibes_ude