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Current Appointment

- 10/2020 – present Apl. Professor, Akademischer Rat (tenured), Working Group of Empirical Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Duisburg-Essen
- 04/2019 – present Principal investigator (DFG projects, Thyssen project)

Previous Appointments

- 09/2021 Visiting scholar, University of British Columbia, Centre for Migration Studies
- 04/2019 – 09/2020 Postdoctoral researcher and principal investigator (DFG project), Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology, University of Cologne
- 10/2011 – 09/2020 Associated member, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne
- 04/2018 – 03/2019 Visiting Associate Professor (*W2-Vertretungsprofessor*), Chair of Empirical Social and Economic Research, Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology
- 04/2015 – 03/2018 Postdoctoral researcher, Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology, University of Cologne
- 03/2018 Visiting scholar, Danish Centre for Welfare Studies, University of Southern Denmark
- 02/2016 – 03/2016 Visiting scholar, Oxford Centre for the Study of Intergroup Conflict, University of Oxford
- 10/2011 – 03/2015 Doctoral student, Research Training Group SOCLIFE, University of Cologne
- 10/2013 – 03/2014 Research assistant, Institute of Sociology and Social Psychology, University of Cologne
- 04/2009 – 09/2011 Research assistant, Institute of Political Science, University of Marburg

Education

- 2020 *Venia legendi* (Dr. habil.), 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

Research and Teaching Interests

Migration in politics and society; policy effects on citizens; social and political trust; radical right parties; quantitative methods

Awards

2021	Member of Global Young Faculty, Stiftung Mercator & UA Ruhr
2016	Young Scholar Award (Nachwuchspreis), Arbeitsgemeinschaft Sozialwissenschaftlicher Institute
2016	German Thesis Award (Deutscher Studienpreis, 2. Preis), Körber Foundation
2016	Honorable mention DVPW-Förderpreis

Current Third-Party Funded Projects

2022 – 2025	Democracy in Crisis: The Role of Emotions and Affective Polarization for Citizens' Political Support During Threatening Events, funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation
2021 – 2024	Social Openness, Social Control, and the Integration of Muslim Immigrants – A Panel Study in Neighborhoods of Selected German Cities (principal investigator, together with Hans-Jürgen Andreß), funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)
2019 – 2022	Interethnic Trust Asymmetries and Immigrant Integration (principal investigator), funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)

Fellowships and Grants (total amount approx. € 1,400,000)

2024	Fritz Thyssen Foundation grant for a one-year extension (applicant and principal investigator), ~€ 59,000
2021	Fritz Thyssen Foundation grant (applicant and principal investigator), € 168,148
2019	German Research Foundation (DFG) grant (applicant and principal investigator, together with Hans-Jürgen Andreß), € 806,465
2018	Danish Centre for Welfare Studies early career grant, 10,000 DKK (~ € 1,300)
2017	German Research Foundation (DFG) grant (applicant and principal investigator), € 317,778
2016	Travel grant APSA Annual Meeting, DAAD, € 1,848
2016	Experimental research grant, SOCLIFE (together with Carl Berning), € 2,200
2011 – 2015	Fellowship Research Training Group SOCLIFE, German Research Foundation (DFG), ~ € 70,000
2011	Travel grant German-Israeli Summer School, German-Israeli Future Forum, ~ €1,500

Publications

Habilitation

Ziller, Conrad. 2020. *Essays on Policy Effects on Political Engagement and Intergroup Relations*. Kumulative Habilitationsschrift zu Erlangung der *Venia legendi* in Politikwissenschaft, Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät, Universität zu Köln. [[Introduction](#)]

Dissertation

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

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

- [31] Ziller, C., Hummler, T. (forthcoming): Beyond Religious Categories: Understanding Differences between Muslims and Non-Muslims in Accepting Parenting Styles Involving Physical Discipline. *Social Science Research*.
- [30] Claassen, J., Lenzner, T., Höhne, J. K., Ziller, C. (forthcoming): A survey mode of the future? Investigating respondents' willingness to participate in self-administered video-based web surveys. *methods, data, analyses (mda)*
- [29] 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](#)]
- [28] 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*. [[Link](#)]
- [27] Vierus, P., Ziller, C. (2025): Political Support in Times of Progressive Policy Change and Radical-Right Populist Party Success. *West European Politics*. [[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. (forthcoming): Exploring the Role of Social Openness for Pro-Diversity Attitudes in Urban and Rural Places. *Political Psychology*. [[Link](#)]
- [24] Höhne, J. K., Ziller, C., Lenzner, T. (2024): Investigating Respondents' Willingness to Participate in Video-based Web Surveys. *International Journal of Market Research*. 66(1): 3-13 [[Link](#)]
- [23] Pepinsky, T., Goodman, S. W., and Ziller, C. (2024): Modeling Spatial Heterogeneity and Historical Persistence: Nazi Concentration Camps and Contemporary Intolerance. *American Political Science Review*. 118(1): 519-528. [[Link](#)] [[Preprint](#)] [[Replication](#)]
- [22] Trüdinger, E.-M., and Ziller, C. (2023): Setting Limits to Tolerance: An Experimental Investigation of Individual Reactions to Extremism and Violence. *Frontiers in Political Science*. [[Link](#)]
- [21] Ziller, Conrad, Thomas Schlösser, Katharina Schück, and Katalin Partos (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 (Limits of Political Representation: Determinants of Electoral Turnout for Integration Councils in North-Rhine-Westphalia). *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie*. 74 (4): 525–551. [[Link](#)] [[Preprint](#)] [[Replication](#)] [English translation]
- [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 – Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*. 119 (44) e2203150119 [[Link](#)]
- [18] Trüdinger, Eva-Maria and Conrad Ziller (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, Conrad and Hans-Jürgen Andreß (2022): Quality of Local Government and Social Trust in European Cities. *Urban Studies*. 59 (9): 1909-1925. [[Link](#)]
- [16] Ziller, Conrad (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, Conrad and Marc Helbling (2021): Public Support for State Surveillance. *European Journal of Political Research*. [[Link](#)] [[Pre-analysis plan](#)] [[Replication files](#)]
- [14] Ziller, Conrad and Carl C. Berning (2021). Personality Traits and Public Support of Minority Rights. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. 47 (3): 723-740. [[Link](#)]
- [13] Berning, Carl C. and Conrad Ziller (2020): Green Versus Radical Right as the New Political Divide? The European Parliament Election 2019 in Germany. *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*. 58 (S1): 43-56. [[Link](#)]
- [12] Ziller, Conrad and Sara Wallace Goodman (2020). Local Government Efficiency and Anti-Immigrant Violence. *The Journal of Politics*. 82 (3): 895-907 [[Preprint](#)] [[Link](#)] [[Replication files](#)]
- [11] Ziller, Conrad and Boris Heizmann (2020). Economic Conditions and Native-Immigrant Asymmetries in Generalized Social Trust. *Social Science Research* 87: 102399 [[Link](#)]
- [10] Heizmann, Boris and Conrad Ziller (2020). Willing to Share the Burden? Attitudes Towards the Allocation of Asylum-Seekers in Comparative Perspective. *Social Forces* 98 (3) 1026-1051. [[Link](#)]
- [9] Ziller, Conrad and Christoph Spörlein (2020). Residential Segregation and Social Trust of Immigrants and Natives: Evidence from the Netherlands. *Frontiers in Sociology*. 5:45. 1-13. [[Link](#)]
- [8] Ziller, Conrad (2019). Policy Effects on Political Engagement. *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie* 71(Suppl 1): 285-312. [[Preprint](#)] [[Link](#)]
- [7] Ziller, Conrad, Matthew Wright, and Miles Hewstone (2019). Immigration, Social Trust, and the Moderating Role of Value Contexts. *Social Science Research* 79: 115-126. [[Link](#)]
- [6] Ziller, Conrad and Marc Helbling (2019). Antidiscrimination Laws, Policy Knowledge and Political Support. *British Journal of Political Science* 49 (3): 1027-1044. [[Link](#)] [[Replication files](#)]
- [5] Ziller, Conrad (2017). Equal Treatment Regulations and Ethnic Minority Social Trust. *European Sociological Review* 33 (4): 563-575. [[Link](#)]
- [4] Berning, Carl C. and Conrad Ziller (2017). Social Trust and Radical Right-Wing Populist Party Preferences. *Acta Politica* 52 (2): 198-217. [[Link](#)]
- [3] Ziller, Conrad and Thomas Schübel (2015). “The Pure People” versus “the Corrupt Elite”? Political Corruption, Political Trust and the Success of Radical Right Parties in Europe. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 25 (3): 368-386. [[Link](#)]

- [2] Ziller, Conrad (2015). Ethnic Diversity, Economic and Cultural Contexts, and Social Trust: Cross-Sectional and Longitudinal Evidence from European Regions, 2002-2010. *Social Forces* 93 (3): 1211-40. [[Link](#)]
- [1] Ziller, Conrad (2014). Societal Implications of Antidiscrimination Policy in Europe. *Research & Politics* 1 (3): 1-9. [[Link](#)] [[Replication files](#)]

Book

- [1] Ziller, Conrad (2024). *Introduction to Statistics and Data Analysis – A Case-Based Approach*. Available online at <https://bookdown.org/conradziller/introstatistics>

Handbook Article (peer-reviewed)

- [4] Ziller, C., and Goerres, A. (2023): Migrations- und Integrationspolitik. In: Wenzelburger/Zohlnhöfer (eds.): *Handbuch Policy-Forschung*. 2nd edition. Springer. 683–707. [[Link](#)]
- [3] Berning, Carl C. and Conrad Ziller (2022): Verbreitung und Entwicklung rechtsextremer Einstellungen in Ost- und Westdeutschland. In: Ackermann, Kathrin et al. (Ed.): *Wahlen und politische Einstellungen in Ost und Westdeutschland: Persistenz, Konvergenz oder Divergenz?* Wiesbaden: Springer VS. 307-338. [[Link](#)]
- [2] Ziller, Conrad and Romana Careja (2022): Personal and Contextual Foundations of Welfare Chauvinism in Western Europe. In: Crepaz, M. (Ed.): *Handbook on Migration and Welfare*. Edward Elgar. 175-193. [[Link](#)]
- [1] Ziller, Conrad (2020). Multiple Regressionen mit voneinander abhängigen Beobachtungen: Random-Effects und Fixed-Effects. In: Wagemann/Goerres/Siewert (eds.): *Handbuch Methoden der Politikwissenschaft*. Springer. 467-493. [[Link](#)]

Other Publications

- [6] Pepinsky, T., Goodman, S. W., and Ziller, C. (2024): Causation and History in Legacy Studies: A Reply to Homola, Pereira, and Tavits. [[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] Breznau, N., [...] Ziller, C. [...]; one of 165 collaborators (2019). The Crowdsourced Replication Initiative: Investigating Immigration and Social Policy Preferences using Meta-Science. Executive Report.
- [3] Ziller, C. (2016). Schwächt Zuwanderung den sozialen Zusammenhalt? Körber-Stiftung.
- [2] Ziller, C. and Schübel, T. (2015). Voter experience of corrupt officials is an overlooked reason for the electoral success of radical right parties. LSE – EUROPP Blog-Entry.
- [1] Neubauer, G., Winter, R, assisted by Sachs, J. and Ziller, C. (2007). Geschlechter differenzierende Aspekte in Angeboten der Gewaltprävention in der außerschulischen Jugendarbeit. Expertise: Deutsches Jugendinstitut.

Invited Presentations

2024	Panelist Institute for Humane Studies “Perceptions and Impacts of Immigration”, San Francisco
2022	Department of Political Science, University Konstanz
2022	University of British Columbia, Centre for Migration Studies (Workshop Public Views of Immigration and Diversity)
2021	Anti-Discrimination Policies. Exploring the Links between Indicators of Integration Policies and Outcomes through MIPEX. Migration Policy Group.
2021	Voters of Populist Radical Right Parties – Empirical Evidence and Current Debates. University of Southern Denmark.
2020	Politics of Crime Control and Social Protection, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne.
2019	Workshop on East Germany, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
2017	Local Government Efficiency and Anti-Immigrant Violence. Department of Political Science and Public Management, University of Southern Denmark, Odense
2017	Spatial Patterns of Residential Mobility. IRB-Workshop, BBSR Bonn
2016	Citizens’ Trust in Politics and the Media. WDR Cologne

Conference Participation

2024	European Political Science Association (Cologne); Conference DVPW (Göttingen); AK Wahlen (Siegen); PROTEMPO /Saarbrücken)
2023	European Political Science Association (Glasgow); 24 Hours of Political Psychology (Bielefeld); DVPW AK Wahlen (Friedrichshafen); RUDE Workshop on Rural and Urban Differences (Frankfurt)
2022	EPSA, Prague.
2021	ECPR General Conference.
2021	AK Wahlen.
2020	DVPW Tagung “ 30 Jahre nach der Wiedervereinigung: Regieren in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland“, Jena.
2019	9th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Belfast.
2019	Frühjahrstagung DGS-Sektion Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse, Berlin.
2019	DVPW AK Wahlen Tagung, Mannheim.
2019	International Sociological Association RC28 Spring Meeting, Frankfurt.
2018	8th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Vienna.
2018	DaWS Early Career Workshop, Odense.
2017	Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), Lisbon.
2017	14th IMISCOE Conference, Rotterdam.

2017	7th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Milan.
2016	Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia.
2015	12th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA), Prague.
2015	5th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Vienna.
2014	Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Washington.
2014	4th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Edinburgh.
2013	Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Chicago.
2013	3rd Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Barcelona.
2012	2nd Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Berlin.

Professional Service

Since 09/2021 Associate Editor [European Societies](#)

Conferences: Panel chair: EPSA 2024, 2023, 2017, 2015, 2014; Discussant: EPSA 2024, 2023, 2017, 2015; APSA 2013

Institutional service: 04/2018 – 03/2019 member of faculty staff meetings, University of Cologne; 10/2010-09/2011 Faculty committee delegate (non-tenured staff), University of Marburg

Peer-Review: 63 verified peer reviews for 29 peer-reviewed academic journals
(<https://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/record/1306016>)

Membership

Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft, European Political Science Association (EPSA)

Teaching

BA and MA-Level:

University of Duisburg-Essen: Statistics; Introduction to Empirical Social Research; Local Politics; Right-Wing Populism; Advanced Regression Modeling; Racism and Discrimination

University of Cologne: Analysis of Longitudinal Data; Analysis of Cross-Sectional Data; Multilevel Analysis; Immigrant Integration and the Welfare State; Survey Research Methods; Mechanism of Social Exclusion; Sociology of Communities

University of Marburg: Deliberative Democracy; Forecasting Methods; Political Tolerance; Stereotypes, Prejudice, and Discrimination; Authoritarianism