Christopher Klamm

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1. EDUCATION

University of Mannheim (Mannheim, Germany)

12/2021 - Present

Ph.D. in Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science

- Automated (multilingual) analysis of populist rhetoric in debates
- Multidimensional frame mining and identification
- Political Bias in (multilingual) Language Models

Technical University of Darmstadt (Darmstadt, Germany)

M.Sc. Computer Science (minor Philosophy), Grade 1.3 with distinction 1-5(1=very good)

06/2018

- NLP and deep learning
- Technology assessment and responsibility

M.A. Political Science, Grade 1.63^{1-5(1=very good)}

07/2019

- Digital deliberation and participation
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis (text-as-data)

University of Zurich and ETH Zurich (Zurich, Switzerland)

08/2016 - 02/2017

Exchange and special student

- Human Computer Interfaces (ETH)^{5.5 very good}
- Deep Learning (UZH)^{5.5} very good

Technical School Center Jena-Göschwitz (Jena, Germany)

07/2010

Practical Qualification in Informatics

2. WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Associate

Oxford Computational Social Science Group (Oxford, UK)

12/2025 - Present

University of Cologne (Cologne, Germany)

08/2024 - Present

Research Associate E14 (Cologne Center of Comparative Politics, Computational Political Science)

Main Project: ERC MINORITYRULE

Research: rhetoric and framing of groups in multilingual texts

Teaching: guiding research assistants

University of Mannheim (Mannheim, Germany)

12/2021 - 07/2024

Research Associate/ PhD researcher (Data and Web Science Group, NLP and Computational Political Science)

Main Project: fine-grained modeling of populist rhetoric, narratives, and framing in text

Research: utilizing NLP for rhetoric and framing analysis in debates

Teaching: advised thesis students *Scholarship 04/2024 – 07/2024*

Technical University of Darmstadt (Darmstadt, Germany)

07/2018 - 08/2021

Research Associate (UKP lab, Natural Language Processing)

Main Project: ArguAna, Argument analysis for arguments on the web

Research: Argument mining, framing analysis and public reactions tracking in crisis times

Teaching: taught and coordinated NLP fundamental tutorials, coached NLP student software projects, advised multiple thesis students and taught guest lectures/ workshops for NLP methods and writing

Assistant Professor

University of Konstanz (Konstanz, Germany)

2025

Shortlisted W1, ranked 2nd

University of Birmingham (Birmingham, UK)

2024

Computational Social Science, selected candidate, declined the offer

Research Assistant (with degree)

Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung (MZES, Mannheim, Germany)

05/2024 - 07/2024

Research Assistant (with degree), Computational Social Science

Research: preparation and analysis of online newspapers, along with automatic analysis of survey responses using NLP and Large Language Models (e.g. retrieval-augmented generation)

Research Assistant

ETH Zurich (Zurich, Switzerland)

08/2016 - 03/2017

Research Assistant, Computational Social Science lab

Main Project: GrippeNet, analyzing influenza symptoms for decision-making Research: analyzed and visualized statistical reports for GrippeNet web page

Fraunhofer-Institute for Computer Graphics Research (Darmstadt, Germany) Research Assistant, Visual Analytics Main Project: integrating visual analytics in policy decision-making Research: reviewed work for automatic policy making and motivated the research gap as well as the chances and pitfalls for combining visual analytics and policy making Technical University of Darmstadt (Darmstadt, Germany) Research Assistant and Academic Coach Teaching: taught seminars, such as "Engineers in the Society", and computer science fundamentals Research: extended the serious argumentation learning game Argotario Coaching: designed workshops on writing skills, such as software project documentation and academic writing and, coached team and presentation training workshops (>15)	10/2013 - 02/2015 08/2012 - 06/2017
Research Visits University of Zurich (Zurich, Switzerland) Computational Political Science The Alan Turing Institute (London, UK) Computational Social Science	10/2024, 2026* planned 07/2024
Leibniz Institute for the Social Science (Cologne, Germany) Computational Social Science, NLP University of Cologne (Cologne, Germany) Cologne Center of Comparative Politics, Computational Political Science	04/2024 - 06/2024 05/2023 - 07/2023
Academic Writing Coach University of Hagen (Hagen, Germany) Writing Coach at the Computer Science department Technical University of Darmstadt (Darmstadt, Germany) Writing Coach at the Writing Center (SchreibCenter)	2021 – 2023 2014 – 2017
Further academic training Oxford Spring School on Advanced Methods for Political Science: Casual Inferences (DPIR/University KODAQS Data Quality Academy Certificate Program (GESIS, LMU & University of Mannheim) Oxford Spring School on Advanced Methods for Political Science: Casual Inferences (DPIR/University Advanced Language Processing Winter School (Naver Labs Europe, Cohere & University of Grenoble Oxford Summer School on Representation and Generative AI (OxML) Oxford Summer School on Machine Learning Fundamentals (OxML) Oxford Berlin Autumn School on Responsible and Open Research (OxBER at University of Oxford) Advanced Language Processing Winter School (by Naver Labs Europe & University of Grenoble) Mediterranean Machine Learning Summer School (by Google DeepMind)	2024 – 2025 (ty of Oxford) 2024
3. AWARDS/ SCHOLARSHIPS Teaching Support (GSCL, ~2000€) Data Quality Insights Award (LMU DataFest) Most Innovative Project Award (Cohere in Expedition Aya, ~2000€) KONVENS Workshop Support (GSCL, 1500€) API Research Grant (Cohere in Expedition Aya, ~1000€) Open Science Grant (University of Mannheim, ~6000€) PhD Thesis scholarship (University of Mannheim, ~8000€) Research Grant Postdoc (Bocconi, declined) Junior Researcher Program (GESIS, Leibniz Institute for the Social Science, ~2000€) Graduated with Distinction (Technical University of Darmstadt) Best Student in "Social Learning and Knowledge Sharing Technologies" (Technical University of Darmst Swiss-European Mobility Scholarship (University of Zurich, ~2000 CHF) Event Scholarship (Boston Consulting Group, ~100€) Master Online Scholarship (e-fellows.net)	2026 2025 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2023 2018 stadt) 2016 2015 2015

4. PUBLICATIONS

Citations: 2355, h-index: 9, i10-index: 8 (Google Scholar, Nov 2025)

* (shared) first author or top contributor

Articles

- 14. *AI in-depth Interviewing with Alexander Wuttke, Quirin Würschinger, Frauke Kreuter, Matthias Aßenmacher and Max Melchior Lang (https://osf.io/c8ymh). In: Workshop NAACL-LaTeCH-CLgf 2025.
- 13. Bridging the Data Provenance Gap Across Text, Speech, and Video with Data Provenance Initiative. ICLR 2025
- 12. Evaluating Multilingual Language Understanding with Regional Knowledge with Romanou et al.. ICLR 2025.
- 11. *Consent in Crisis: The Rapid Decline of the AI Data Commons. NeurIPS 2024 with Data Provenance Initiative
- 10. *Our kind of people? Detecting populist references in political debates. In: The 17th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association of Computational Linguistics (EACL 2023) with Ines Rehbein and Simone Ponzetto
- 9. *Multilabel Legal Element Classification on German Parliamentary Debates in a Low-Ressource Setting. In: KONVENS, Workshop on Computational Linguistics for the Political and the Social Sciences 2023) with Martin Hock
- 8. Responsibility for Scientific Writing in the Age of AI. In: Hochschulforum Digitalisierung with Sarah Brommer, Jochen Berendes, Isabella Buck, Ella Grieshammer, Christina Hollosi-Boiger, Dagmar Knorr, Anika Limburg, Margret Mundorf and Erika Unterpertinger (2023, German)
- 7. *FrameASt: Second-Level Agenda Setting in Parliamentary Debates. In: ParlaCLARIN III: Workshop on creating, enriching and using parliamentary corpora (LREC-ParlaCLARIN 2022) with Ines Rehbein and Simone Ponzetto
- 6. BLOOM: Open-Access Multilingual Language Model. In: BigScience Project (HuggingFace 2022) with many others
- 5. *Von der (Nicht-)Intelligenz der Algorithmen (SKILL 2018, Gesellschaft für Informatik).
- **4. Writing Support for the Bachelor's thesis.** In: Darmstädter Vielfalt in der Linguistik *with Sandra Drumm, Lisa Hertweck, Verena Hunsrucker* (2018, German).
- 3. Argotario: Computational argumentation meets serious games. In: Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing: System Demonstrations (EMNLP 2017) with Ivan Habernal, Raffael Hannemann, Christian Pollak, Patrick Pauli & Iryna Gurevych
- 2. * Anticipation of Consulting Situations in the Writing Center. In: Journal für Schreibwissenschaft (JoSch, 2016, German)
- 1. Comparison of e-Participation Roadmap in Industrial and Developing Countries based on Germany and Kenya (ICEGOV 2014) with Dirk Burkhardt, Kawa Nazemi, Jörn Kohlhammer and Arjan Kuijper

Book Chapter

• Text-as-Data and Causal Inference in Sociology (Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie) with Nicole Schwitter and Ruben L. Bach (2026)

Under review

- *How parties frame the Covid-19 pandemic: an analysis of parties' press releases with Sarah Wagner, Ines Rehbein, Simone Ponzetto and Marc Debus (presented at MPSA 2023), submitted to Party Politics, currently in R&R (August 2025)
- "Towards an account of dynamics of framing with Zlata Kiteva, Annette Hautli-Janisz, Steve Oswald, Henning Wachsmuth, Wassilik Siskou, Manfred Stede and Chris Reed (accepted for Framing in Communication, Dagstuhl (2022) and DGfS2024-Framing, submitted to Linguistics and Philosophy (July 2025).
- *Pixels, Texts and Politics: Decoding Ideological Framing on YouTube with a Multimodal Approach with Jordi Ingawsa and Simone Ponzetto (presented at PolMeth London 2025, EPSA 2025 and COMPTEXT 2025), submitted to CCR (August 2025).

Working paper

- *Measuring Personal Attacks in Parliamentary Debates. A Multilingual Approach with Small LLMs with Hauke Licht and Sven-Oliver Proksch (EPSA 2025, EPSA-Workshop-LLMs 2025, ECPR joint-session 2025 and COMPTEXT 2025)
- *From Job Titles to ISCO Codes: How LLMs Are Enhancing Occupational Classification with Ruben Bach, Stefanie Heyne, Irena Kogan and Olga Kononykhina (pre-print online)
- *Resource-Efficient Text Classification Using Pre-Trained Language Models and Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning for Topic Modelling with Moritz Osnabrügge, Sascha Mayer, and Simone Ponzetto (EPSA 2024, and COMPTEXT 2024)
- *Tiny Tweets, Tall Tales: Exploring (Populist) Narrative Elements in Political Tweets with Adapted Large Languages Models with Gabriella Lapesa and Sebastian Stier

5. CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- Measuring Personal Attacks in Parliamentary Debates, ECPR Joint Session on "Text-as-Data Analysis in Political Science: Unlocking Political Insights with New Research Tools", Prague, 2025
- Pixels, Texts and Politics, PolMeth London 2025, EPSA 2025 and COMPTEXT 2025
- Measuring Personal Attacks in Parliamentary Debates, EPSA 2025, EPSA-Workshop-LLMs 2025, ECPR joint-session 2025 and COMPTEXT 2025
- Sharing and Charing: Enhancing Open Data Quality through Community Engagement, GESIS 2024, ESRA 2025
- Resource-Efficient Text Classification in Political Science, EPSA 2024, and COMPTEXT 2024
- Consent in Crisis: The Rapid Decline of the AI Data Commons, NeurIPs@Paris, Sorbonne University 2024

- Should we stop fine-tuning BERT? The benefits and limitations of in-context learning on analyzing group mentions and appeals in German parliamentary debates with Simone Ponzetto and Ines Rehbein (EPSA 2024, DVPW 2024 and COMPTEXT 2024)
- Utilizing a domain-enriched opinion role labeling framework to investigate populist rhetoric in political debates. In: 6th Monash-Warwick-Zurich Text-As-Data Workshop (2023) with Ines Rehbein, Ines Reinig and Simone Ponzetto
- How German political parties frame the COVID-19 pandemic: an analysis of press releases. In: Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA 2023) with Sarah Wagner, Marc Debus, Ines Rehbein and Simone Ponzetto
- Standards and Open-Source Large Language Models for Academic Writing. In: LearningAID (2023, German)
- Towards measuring populism from text. In: The 12th Annual Conference on New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data (TADA 2022) with Ines Rehbein und Simone Ponzetto
- Rhetorical Patterns of Political Justification: In: Digital Democracy Workshop Zurich (2021) and The 11th Annual Conference on New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data (TADA 2021) with Hauke Licht
- Public Reactions Tracking Framework (2020). In: Norms of Public Argument: Concepts and Methods (Workshop)

6. INVITED TALKS

- AI Conversational Interviewing, Google, 2025
- Measuring Personal Attacks in Parliamentary Debates, University of Namur, 2025
- Pixels, Texts and Politics, Computational Visual Media Research, University of Zurich, 2025
- AI Conversational Interviewing: Transforming Surveys with LLMs as Adaptive Interviewers, FU Berlin 2025
- Framing in Crisis, Advanced Text as Data Methods for Political Science, University of Milan 2025
- Tiny Tweets, Tall Tales: Exploring Story Elements in Political Social Media Posts with LLMs, UZH 2024
- Enhancing Open Data Quality through Community Engagement, University of Mannheim, 2024
- AI Conversational Interviewing: Transforming Surveys with LLMs as Adaptive Interviewers, UZH 2024
- Populism Analysis through the Lens of Group-Based Aspects with (Large) Language Models, Talk, CIVICA Data Science Seminar Series, EUI, Bocconi, LSE, SciencesPo and HUBerlin, 2024
- Transformer-based Language Models, Talk, Methods Bites, MZES, University of Mannheim 2023
- Towards modeling populism in text, Talk, Cologne Center of Comparative Politics, 2023
- Populism Detection and other ways of working at the intersection of NLP and Political Science, Talk, 2022, UZH
- Personal Academic Writing Challenges, Panel discussion, Writing Night, UHagen, 2022
- Challenges in Automatic Populism Detection, Bocconi University 2022

7. TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Software engineering with Python (> 5 years), R, C/C++ & Java
- Machine learning experience with LLMs and experience with PyTorch, HuggingFace, LangChain, SpaCy, etc.
- Annotation projects with crowdsourcing & expert studies on data from multiple domains (with crawled data from Twitter/X, Reddit, parliamentary debates, comments, news, press releases, YouTube, etc.)
- **Prototyping of applications** experience with Streamlit, Gradio, and Flask for front-end development
- Images and tutorials (e.g., Argotario) with Midjourney, Adobe Photoshop, Premiere, etc.

8. ADDITIONAL (ACADEMIC) TRAINING	
Laboratory for Higher Education (TU Darmstadt, > 670h)	
Presentation and Team Coach, University Certificate (> 270h)	2017
Higher Academic Teaching, University Certificate (> 500h)	2021
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Stress Management (TU Darmstadt, >98h)	
Relaxing Coach, University Certificate (18h)	2017
Autogenous Training Coach, University Certificate (32h)	2018
Stress Management Coach, University Certificate (24h)	2020
Resilience Coach, University Certificate (24h)	2025
Dog-Supported Teaching Team, Certificated training (>100h)	2025-today
Memory Trainer, DRK Certificate (>35h)	2025
Academic Writing Center (TU Darmstadt, > 380h)	
Academic Writing Coach, University Certificate (> 300h)	2014
Writing Center Management, University Certificate (20h)	2016
Creative and Journalistic Writing, University Certificate (20h)	2018
Academic Writing, University Certificate (20h)	2019
Writing in School, University Certificate (20h)	2021

Further higher education training for teaching (>175h)

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Midterm Evaluation in Teaching, Workshop, University of Cologne	2025
Creativity Methods in Teaching, Workshop, University of Cologne	2025
Storytelling in Teaching, Workshop, University of Cologne	2025
Smart Self-Leadership, Workshop, University of Cologne	2025
Diversity-sensitive Teaching, Workshop, University of Cologne	2024
Professional Leadership (Professors/ Team Leaders), Workshop, University of Cologne	2024
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International Classroom, Workshop, University of Mannheim	
Inclusive Digital Teaching and Learning, Workshop, University of Hohenheim	2024
Healthy and Motivational Teaching, Workshop, Karlsruher Institute for Technology	2024
Hybrid Teaching, Workshop, University of Mannheim	2023
Supporting Students in Mindful Learning, University of Heidelberg	2023
Gender Equality and Diversity in Teaching, University of Mannheim	2021
Teaching Materials, Workshop, Technical University of Darmstadt	2021
Individual Teaching Styles, Workshop, Technical University of Darmstadt	2021
Teaching Portfolios, Workshop, Technical University of Darmstadt	2021
Design Thinking in Teaching, Workshop, Technical University of Darmstadt	2021
Vocal Training, Workshop, Technical University of Darmstadt	2020
Rhetoric Training, Workshop, Technical University of Darmstadt & University of Zurich	2016, 2020
Assessment/ Grading in University, Workshop, Technical University of Darmstadt	2020
Oral Exams, Workshop, Technical University of Darmstadt	2020
Science Communication, Workshop, Technical University of Darmstadt	2019
Leadership Skills, Workshop, Technical University of Darmstadt	2018
Systematic Coaching, Workshop, Technical University of Darmstadt	2018
Awareness in Communication, Workshop, Technical University of Darmstadt	2018
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Design Thinking, Workshop, Technical University of Darmstadt	2017
9. ACADEMIC SERVICE/ ENGAGEMENTS/ OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTI	ONS
Co-organizing a Special Issue on Validating Methods and Data in Social Sciences, Political Science & with Bastián González-Bustamante and Steffen Eckhard	Politics 2020
Commenciation (Malidates Control Tout on Date Male 1-9 (Mandalan MARCH))	2025
Co-organizing "Validating Social Text-as-Data Methods" (Workshop, ICWSM)	2025
Co-organizing "Computer Linguistics for the Social and Political Sciences" (Workshop, KONVEN	NS) $2022 - today$
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10. TEACHING EXPERIENCES	
Teaching (*class taught for a whole semester) Reforming the Toolkit: What's Next for Social Science Methods, MZES, University of Mannheim Machine Learning and Artifical Inteligence for Social Science Methods, LMU, Munich	$2026^{*planned}$ $2026^{*planned}$
Introduction to Python for Social Sciences Featuring Text Analysis Examples, University of Cologne LLMs for the Study of Political Representation, Guest Lectures, University of Cologne Transformer-based Language Models, Guest Lecture, Machine Learning for Social Scientists, MZES Open-Source Models, Teaching Module, AI Campus, Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft Foundations of Language Technology (NLP), Practical Class, Technical University of Darmstadt	2025* 2025 2024 2023 2020*, 2021*
Machine Learning Lifecycle and Standards for Transparency, Guest Lecture, Technical University of Word and Sentence Embeddings, Guest Lecture, Philipps University of Marburg Sesame Street, NLP and Political Science, Guest Lecture. Technical University of Darmstadt	f Munich SS/WS 2022 2021 2021
Engineers in the Society, Seminar, SchreibCenter, Technical University of Darmstadt Presentation Training for Computer Science Students, Practical Class (>40h), Higher Education Lab, Technical University of Darmstadt Foundations of Computer Science 3, Practical Class, Technical University of Darmstadt	2016* 2016*, 2018 2012*, 2013*, 2015*
Conference Tutorials/Summer Schools Large Language Models – Tune and Train your own Models (for Social Science) In: MethodsNet Summer School 2025, University of Vienna	$2026^{*planned}$
The Hands-On Transformers: From Model Fine-Tuning to Automated Label Generation In: FU Berlin, two days workshop The Power of Less: Efficient LLM Training with Adapters	$2026^{*planned}$
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Leveraging Parameter-Efficient, Small-Scale Models with Adapters for Social Science Research usi with Moritz Osnabrügge. In: COMPTEXT, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam	
Natural Language Processing Methods and Political Science Applications In: Machine Learning and Democracy, <i>University of Tübingen</i> From NLP to CSS: A Practical Tutorial on using Transformers in your Research	2022
with Moritz Laurer and Elliott Ash. In: IC2S2, ETH Zurich Academic Skills Teaching	2021
AI-Assisted Academic Data Research, Workshop, TH Offenburg	WS 2025 SS/WS 2024 & SS/WS 2025 WS 2024 2023 2023 2022 2022 2021 – Present 2021, 2022 2020 2019, 2020 2018 2016

Supervised Students

- 5+ tutors and 20+ student helpers
- 10 software project students
- 7 thesis students (Bachelor and Master)

11. LANGUAGES

German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (basic)

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