



Newsletter

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News From the Chair

Collaboration with the German Institute for Development Evaluation

In the fall 2024, the Chair signed an exciting collaboration agreement with the German Development Institute for Development Evaluation (2024-2026). The two partners will work together to map the literature on public attitudes toward foreign aid. The study aims to provide a detailed picture of attitudes towards development policy, development cooperation and sustainable development in Germany, Canada and around the world. We aim to identify, appraise and synthesize the existing literature in the field of attitudes toward foreign aid (i.e. quantitative studies using experimental and observational methods). The results of the study should provide one of the first comprehensive meta-analysis in the field of development policy and inform and improve policy making and communication to citizens and the media.

Memorandum of Understanding with Flinders University

The Chair signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Jeff Bleich Centre for Democracy and Disruptive Technologies at Flinders University in December 2024. The agreement will allow one of the Ph.D. students of the Chair to spend two months at Flinders to work with the Bleich Centre's Director Rodrigo Praino on a joint research project. This annual initiative is fully funded by Flinders University. Beyond the student exchange, the MoU also foresees close research cooperation in the fields of democracy promotion and electoral mis/disinformation. In the MoU the two partners also pledge to work closely together to apply for a large-scale international grant. To find out more about the Bleich Centre, please click here: <https://www.flinders.edu.au/jeff-bleich-centre>

Annual Workshop/ Conference

The Chair organized a two-day workshop on the topic Dissatisfaction with Democracy with scholars from Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, the US, and Sweden. The participants discussed their research on the supply and demand side of democratic dissatisfaction. The papers emanating from the workshop will be published in an edited volume with Springer Nature

Event with US Election Commissioner Thomas Hicks

On January 15, 2025, the Chair had the immense pleasure to host US Election Commissioner Thomas Hicks for a discussion on the US 2024 Elections and Foreign Election Interference during this election. The event, which was a resounding success attracted more than 180 people at the University of Ottawa and over 150 online. Students, government agencies and the public benefited greatly from Mr. Hick's insights. If you missed the talk, you could still watch the recording here: <https://lnkd.in/eKAdrtBx>

KAS-Chair Holiday Fundraising

This past holiday season, the Konrad Adenauer Research Chair organized a fundraiser/ raffle to increase food security on campus. We could collect \$550 dollars through this initiative. I want to thank the many students, professors and community members, who participated and donated. We also want to thank our sponsors LevelOne, ByTowne Cinema, and Odd Bunch, who all contributed prizes to the raffle, as well as the two Ph.D. students of the chair Kamila Kolodziejczyk and Engi Abou-El-Kheir, who were instrumental in organizing this event.

Achievements

Daniel Stockemer was appointed as a new member of the International Science Council Global Roster of Experts in November 2024.

New Publications (September 2024-January 2025)

Stockemer, D., & Bordeleau, J. N. (2024). Conspiracy theories and their believers in an era of misinformation. *Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review*, 5(6).

Stockemer, D., & Bordeleau, J. N. (2024). Understanding climate change conspiracy beliefs: A comparative outlook. *Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review*, 5(6).

Stockemer, D., & Kolodziejczyk, K. (2024). Introducing the World Age Representation in Cabinet (WARC) Dataset. *Representation*, 1-13.

Snagovsky, F., & Stockemer, D. (2024). Does it matter how we measure conspiracy beliefs? A test of three measurement approaches. *Social Science Quarterly*.

Bordeleau, J. N., & Stockemer, D. (2024). On the relationship between age and conspiracy beliefs. *Political Psychology*.

Upcoming Events

Together with the Centre for European Studies (Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence) at Carleton University, the Chair will organize an international conference "Do Populists in Power Undermine Liberal Democracy?" on September 25-26. For more information and to submit a paper, please visit <https://carleton.ca/ces/2024/call-for-papers-research-workshop-on-populists-in-power>, or contact the Chair at dstockem@uottawa.ca