

# Marc S. Jacob

(he/him/his)

Keough School of Global Affairs,  
University of Notre Dame,  
O236 Hesburgh Center for International Studies,  
Notre Dame, IN 46556.

[marc.jacob@nd.edu](mailto:marc.jacob@nd.edu)  
[www.marc-s-jacob.com](http://www.marc-s-jacob.com)  
[scholar.google.com](https://scholar.google.com)

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

---

- **University of Notre Dame** Notre Dame, IN, USA  
*Assistant Professor of Democracy and Global Affairs, Keough School of Global Affairs* 2024 –
- **Stanford University** Stanford, CA, USA  
*Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Political Science* 2023 – 2024  
*Postdoctoral Fellow, Polarization Research Lab (PRL)* 2023 – 2024  
*Affiliated Researcher, King Center on Global Development* 2024
- **UNSW Sydney** Sydney, Australia  
*Affiliated Senior Research Fellow, Resilient Democracy Lab* 2022 –

## EDUCATION

---

- **ETH Zurich** Zurich, Switzerland  
*Ph.D., Political Science* 2023
- **Yale University** New Haven, CT, USA  
*Visiting Assistant in Research, Department of Political Science* 2021 – 2022
- **Freie Universität Berlin** Berlin, Germany  
*M.A., Political Science* 2020
- **University of Edinburgh** Edinburgh, UK  
*M.Sc. by Research, Politics* 2019
- **Leipzig University** Leipzig, Germany  
*B.A., Political Science* 2016  
*B.A., Study of Religion* 2016

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

---

Comparative Political Behavior, Comparative Political Economy, Democratization & Autocratization, European and German Politics

## ARTICLES

---

9. Jöst, Paula, Ioannis Vergioglou, and Marc S. Jacob. Forthcoming. "Living in Different Worlds: Electoral Authoritarianism and Partisan Gaps in Perceptions of Electoral Integrity." *British Journal of Political Science*.
8. Wunsch, Natasha, Marc S. Jacob, and Laurenz Derksen. Forthcoming. "The Demand Side of Democratic Backsliding: How Divergent Understandings of Democracy Shape Political Choice." *British Journal of Political Science*.
7. Lipps, Jana, and Marc S. Jacob. 2024. "Undermining Liberal International Organizations from Within: Evidence from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe." *Review of International Organizations*.
6. Jacob, Marc S. 2024. "Citizen support for democracy, anti-pluralist parties in power and democratic backsliding." *European Journal of Political Research*.

5. Jacob, Marc S. 2024. "Citizens as a democratic safeguard? The sequence of sanctioning elite attacks on democracy." *American Journal of Political Science*.
4. Jacob, Marc S. 2023. "Financing Party Branches: Evidence from the German Federal System." *Regional & Federal Studies* 33 (2): 259-281.
3. Ozdemir, Ugur, and Marc S. Jacob. 2022. "Values, Taboos, and Votes: How Basic Human Values Affect Populist Electoral Support." *Swiss Political Science Review* 28 (3): 455-476. \* [DeFacto Blog-Post](#)
2. Jacob, Marc S., and Jan Pollex. 2022. "Party Fragmentation and Campaign Spending: A Subnational Analysis of the German Party System." *Party Politics* 28 (4): 770-782.
1. Jacob, Marc S., and Greta Schenke. 2020. "Partisanship and institutional trust in Mongolia." *Democratization* 27 (4): 605-623.

#### WORKING PAPERS

---

5. [Voting Behavior and Alliances in the House of Lords](#), with Ugur Ozdemir (UEdinburgh), *revise & resubmit*
4. [Undemocratic Incumbents and the Shifting Electorate: Evidence from Polish Elections](#)
3. [From Gridlock to Polarization](#), with Barton E. Lee (ETH Zurich) and Gabriele Gratton (UNSW Sydney), *revise & resubmit*  
\* [UChicago Not Another Politics Podcast](#) \* [UChicago Promarket Blogpost](#)
2. [Entrepreneurs of Conflict: Media Attention without Consequences](#), with Yphtach Lelkes (UPenn), Sean J. Westwood (Dartmouth), and Matthew T. Wetzel (Dartmouth)
1. Does Democracy Always Erode from the Top? Levels of Office, Norm Violations, and Party Defections, with Tadeáš Celý (Dartmouth/Masaryk) and Sean J. Westwood (Dartmouth)

#### DATA COLLECTIONS

---

3. UK House of Lords Roll Call Data Base; in progress, with Ugur Ozdemir (UEdinburgh)
2. Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) Roll Call Dataset. [Harvard Dataverse, v1](#), with Jana Lipps (ETH Zurich).
1. German Party Finance Dataset (2009-2017). [Harvard Dataverse, v2](#).

#### PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

---

- 2024 APSA, MPSA, WPSA
- 2023 APSA, MPSA, WPSA, SwissPSA, Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series, Leiden University, UC Davis, East European Politics Graduate Workshop
- 2022 EITM Summer Institute, EUSA, MPSA, Yale Comparative Politics Workshop, WPSA
- 2021 APSA, CES, ECPR Joint Sessions, EPSA, MPSA, PolMeth Europe
- 2020 ECPR, ESA
- 2019 ECPR, EPSA, PSA

#### GRANTS

---

- Stanford Lemann Center/King Center on Global Development; with Hanna Folsz (Stanford) (\$22,100)
- Swiss National Science Foundation; postdoctoral scholarship, 2024-2026 (~ \$150,000, *declined*)
- Center for Comparative and International Studies (CIS), UZH/ETH Zurich: Funding of Collaborative Research Activities by Junior Members at CIS; research project with Franziska Quoß (ETH Zurich) & Ivo Bantel (UZurich) (~ \$6,000)

## AWARDS

---

- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Studentship, UC Berkeley
- German National Scholarship Foundation: Doctoral Scholarship (2021 – 2023)
- German National Scholarship Foundation: Study Scholarship (2017 – 2020)

## TEACHING

---

### University of Notre Dame

- *Instructor of Record (undergraduate), Research Methods for Global Affairs* Spring 2025
- *Instructor of Record (undergraduate), Research Methods for European Studies* Fall 2024

### ETH Zurich

- *Co-instructor of Record (undergraduate/graduate), Contemporary European Politics* Spring 2022, Spring 2023
- *Teaching Assistant (graduate), Research Design, Qualitative Methods, and Data Collection* Fall 2022
- *Teaching Assistant (undergraduate), Introduction to International Politics* Spring 2021

### University of Lucerne

- *Co-instructor of Record (undergraduate), Introduction to International Relations* Fall 2020

### Leipzig University

- *Teaching Assistant (undergraduate), Politics and Organization in Practice* Spring 2016, Spring 2017
- *Teaching Assistant (undergraduate), Political Systems and Political Science* Fall 2015, Fall 2016

## WORK EXPERIENCE

---

### Freie Universität Berlin

- *Student Research Assistant, Center for Political Sociology of Germany* Berlin, Germany  
2018 – 2020
- *Student Research Assistant, Department of Educational Research and Social Systems* 2017

### Parliamentary Office of Achim Post, MP

- *Intern* Berlin, Germany  
2015

### Leipzig University

- *Student Research Assistant, Institute of Political Science* Leipzig, Germany  
2015 – 2017

## OTHER WRITING

---

4. Hendrik Träger, and Marc S. Jacob. 2021. "Parallel Systems Don't Stand a Chance: A Response to Christian Naundorf." *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen* 52 (1): 182-187 [in German].
3. Träger, Hendrik, Jan Pollex, and Marc S. Jacob. 2020. "Incumbency effects in 'contested' constituencies – an analysis of the state elections in Brandenburg, Saxony, and Thuringia (1990 to 2019)." *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen* 51 (2): 349-366 [in German].
2. Jacob, Marc S. 2019. "From squaring the circle to electoral reform? Negotiations on the electoral law in the 19th German Bundestag." *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen* 50 (3): 478-493 [in German].
1. Träger, Hendrik, and Marc S. Jacob. 2018. "(How) Can the German electoral system be reformed? Model calculations of the 2017 federal election and a plea for a "de-personalized" representative electoral formula." *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen* 49 (3): 531-551 [in German].

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

---

- Co-convener of Bay Area Polarization Workshop, Stanford University (with James Adams) (2024)
- Co-convener of PhD Lunch Workshops at ETH Zurich/UZurich (2022, 2023)
- Co-convener of PhD retreats at ETH Zurich/UZurich (2021)

- Reviewer for *Acta Politica*, *American Political Science Review*, *East European Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *German Politics*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Party Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Exchange*, *Regional & Federal Studies*, and *Swiss Political Science Review*

## SKILLS

---

- *Programming*: R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics
- *Pedagogical training*: Teaching Workshop Series for Early Career Faculty (Notre Dame, 2024), Facilitating discussions in class (UZurich, 2020); Advising students in academic writing (UZurich, 2020)
- *Languages*: English (fluent), German (native), Spanish (intermediate)

## REFERENCES

---

Professor Monika Nalepa  
Department of Political Science  
University of Chicago  
5828 S. University Ave  
Chicago, IL 60615  
USA  
✉ [mnalepa@uchicago.edu](mailto:mnalepa@uchicago.edu)

Professor Milan Svolik  
Department of Political Science  
Yale University  
P.O. Box 208301  
New Haven, CT 06520-8301  
USA  
✉ [milan.svolik@yale.edu](mailto:milan.svolik@yale.edu)

Professor Frank Schimmelfennig  
Department of Humanities, Social and  
Political Sciences  
ETH Zurich  
Haldeneggsteig 4  
8092 Zürich, Switzerland  
✉ [frank.schimmelfennig@eup.gess.ethz.ch](mailto:frank.schimmelfennig@eup.gess.ethz.ch)

Professor Gabriele Gratton  
School of Economics  
UNSW Business School  
UNSW Sydney, 2052  
NSW  
Australia  
✉ [g.gratton@unsw.edu.au](mailto:g.gratton@unsw.edu.au)

Last updated: October 15, 2024