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## Areas of interest

### *Political Economy of the Welfare State*

Socio-economic consequences of European integration • Welfare-state implications of technological change • Institutional foundations of inequality and redistribution • Globalization and the welfare state • Climate change and social policy

### *Applied Quantitative Methods*

Bayesian statistics • Hierarchical mixed-effects modeling • Item response theory • Multivariate statistics • Time-series cross-section analysis • Causal inference

## Current and past positions

- 2024- ZENiT Fellow at Zukunftscolleg (Institute of Advanced Study) at the University of Konstanz, Germany  
Leader of research group: Rage against the Machine? The Distributional and Political Implications of Artificial Intelligence
- 2020- Postdoctoral Researcher at the Cluster of Excellence 'The Politics of Inequality' at the University of Konstanz, Germany  
Project: Digitalization, Automation and the Future of Work in Post-Industrial Welfare States  
Member of working group: Comparative Political Economy
- 2019-2020 Senior Researcher at the Geschwister-Scholl Institute of Political Science, Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich, Germany

## Education

- 2016-2020 PHD in Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland  
Title: The Political and Social Economy of the Eurozone  
Advisers: Lucio Baccaro (University of Geneva), Jonas Pontusson (University of Geneva)  
Committee: Jason Beckfield (Harvard University), Anke Hassel (Hertie School Berlin), Thomas Sattler (University of Geneva)
- 2015 MA in Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz, Germany
- 2013 BA in Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz, Germany

## Additional training

- 2018 Game Theory for Social Scientists, ECPR Winter School, University of Bamberg, Germany
- 2017 Panel Data Analysis for Comparative Research, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex, United Kingdom
- 2015-2016 Politics Research, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- 2014 Item Nonresponse and Multiple Imputation, GESIS Summer School in Survey Methodology, GESIS Cologne, Germany
- Data Analysis and Programming with R, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex, United Kingdom

## Awards

- 2015 Prize of the Alumni Association of the University of Konstanz for outstanding academic achievement

## Publications & work in progress

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2024 Baute, Sharon and Tobias Tober, "European Institutional Integration and the Educational Divide in Support for the European Union", *British Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming.
- 2024 Stutzmann, Sophia, Tober, Tobias and Marius R. Busemeyer, "Digitalization and the Green Transition: Different Challenges, Same Social Policy Responses?", *Regulation & Governance*, forthcoming.
- 2023 Lauterbach, Ann Sophie, Tober, Tobias, Busemeyer, Marius R. and Florian Kunze, "Can Welfare States Buffer Technostress? Income and Technostress in the Context of Various OECD Countries", *PLOS ONE*, 18(12): e0295229.
- 2023 Tober, Tobias, "The Launch of EMU and German Export Interests", *The Socio-Economic Review*, 21(3): 1657-1678.
- 2023 Busemeyer, Marius R. and Tobias Tober, "Dealing with Technological Change: Social Policy Preferences and Institutional Context", *Comparative Political Studies*, 56(7): 968-999.
- 2023 Busemeyer, Marius R., Gandenberger, Mia, Knotz, Carlo and Tobias Tober (2022), "Preferred Policy Responses to Technological Change: Survey Evidence from OECD Countries", *The Socio-Economic Review*, 21(1): 593-615.
- 2022 Baccaro, Lucio and Tobias Tober, "The Role of Wages in the Eurozone", *The Review of International Political Economy*, 29(4): 1263-1286.
- 2022 Tober, Tobias and Marius R. Busemeyer, "Breaking the Link? How European Integration Shapes Social Policy Demand and Supply", *The Journal of European Public Policy*, 29(2): 259-280.
- 2022 Tober, Tobias, "European Institutional Integration, Trade Unions and Income Inequality", *The Socio-Economic Review*, 20(1): 351-371.
- 2018 Höhmann, Daniel and Tobias Tober, "Electoral Rules and Partisan Control of Government: A Replication Study", *The Journal of Politics*, 80(1): 342-347.
- 2015 Busemeyer, Marius R. and Tobias Tober, "European integration and the political economy of inequality", *European Union Politics*, 16(4): 536-557.

### ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 Busemeyer, Marius R. and Tobias Tober (October 27, 2021), "Globalization and the Welfare State", *Oxford Bibliographies*.
- 2021 Baccaro, Lucio and Tobias Tober (April 23, 2021), "Reassessing the role of wages in the Eurozone",

*London School of Economic's EUROPP blog.*

2020 Tober, Tobias (October 26, 2020), "How European integration breaks the link between demand for social spending and its supply", *London School of Economic's EUROPP blog*.

2015 Tober, Tobias (September 8, 2015), "Political integration has contributed to rising inequality in the Eurozone", *London School of Economic's EUROPP blog*.

#### POLICY PAPERS

Busemeyer, Marius R. and Tobias Tober (September 16, 2021), "Sozialtransfers, Weiterbildung, kürzere Arbeitszeiten? Studie zu den sozialpolitischen Prioritäten von Arbeitnehmer:innen im Zeitalter der Automatisierung", *University of Konstanz and Progressives Zentrum Berlin*.

*Press coverage:* "Nimm das, Kollege Roboter!", *WirtschaftsWoche*, September 17, 2021.