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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Postdoctoral Researcher**, University of Mannheim, 2022 - present

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D.**, Sociology, University of Chicago, 2022

Dissertation Title: *Portraits of a Political World: The Structure of the First Party System in New York, 1777-1822*

Committee: John Levi Martin (chair), Elisabeth Clemens, John Padgett, Peter Bearman

**M.A.**, Sociology, University of Mannheim, 2015

**B.A.**, Philosophy, University of Leipzig, 2012

**B.A.**, Sociology, University of Leipzig, 2012

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

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political sociology, historical sociology, organizations, social movements, social networks, quantitative and computational methods

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal Articles

Rohr, Benjamin, and John Levi Martin. "The Structure of the First American Party System: The Case of New York." Forthcoming at *American Sociological Review*.

Rohr, Benjamin. "Elite Cohesion in the American Administrative State, 1898-1998." Forthcoming at *Social Science History*.

Rohr, Benjamin, and John Levi Martin. 2024. "How (Not) to Control for Population Size in Ecological Analyses." *Sociological Methods and Research* 51(1):421-447.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0049124120986188>

Padgett, John F., Katalin Prajda, Benjamin Rohr, and Jonathan Schoots. 2020. "Political Discussion and Debate in Narrative Time: The Florentine *Consulte e Pratiche*, 1376-1378." *Poetics* 78. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.poetic.2019.101377>

Schoots, Jonathan, Benjamin Rohr, Katalin Prajda, and John F. Padgett. 2020. "Political Conflict and Revolt in Generational Time: The Florentine *Consulte e Pratiche* and Ciompi Revolt, 1376-1378." *Poetics* 78. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.poetic.2019.101386>

#### Book Chapters

Bokanga, Maurice, Benjamin Rohr, and John Levi Martin. 2025. "Economic Networks and Political Culture." Pp. 66-76 in *Handbook of Culture and Social Networks*, edited by Nick Crossley and Paul Widdop. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781803928784.00011>

#### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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Combs, Marissa, and Benjamin Rohr. "Escape from the Sargasso Sea: Elite Political Action in the Early American Republic."

Jia, Shilin, and Benjamin Rohr (equal authorship). "Vacancy Chains as Strategy: Intra-organizational Job Mobility of Political Elites in Reform China." Preprint available [here](#).

*Honorable Mention, 2023 Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award from the ASA Comparative-Historical Sociology Section*

#### MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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Rohr, Benjamin. "State Formation, Patronage, and Parties in the Early American Republic."

Rohr, Benjamin, and William McAllister. "State Building and the Changing Structure of American Elite Recruitment, 1850-2000."

Rohr, Benjamin. "Turnover in the New York State Assembly, 1777-1825."

Rohr, Benjamin, John Levi Martin, Jan Kamlah, Julius Diener, and David Schweizer. "The Weimar Parliament Database."

Rohr, Benjamin, and John Levi Martin. "Mapping Elite Conflict in Weimar Germany: The Structure of Parliamentary Interactions."

Son, Keonhi, and Benjamin Rohr. "The Structure of Parliamentary Discourse about Women in the Weimar Republic, 1919-1932."

Rohr, Benjamin. "Organization and Mobilization in the Case of the Tea Party."

#### FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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Summer Institute on Organizations and Their Effectiveness at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Stanford, 2025

Mellon Foundation/Social Sciences Dissertation-Year Fellowship, 2021 - 2022

NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award (\$15,861), 2020

Social Sciences Research Center Graduate Student Fellowship, 2020

Larry J. Hackman Research Residency Program, New York State Archives (\$1,796), 2019

Charles R. Henderson Research Grant (\$3,000), 2018

SSHA/Tilly Graduate Student Travel Award, 2018

DAAD Graduate Fellowship, German Academic Exchange Service, 2013 - 2014

Scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation, 2008 - 2015

#### INVITED TALKS

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"New York, Party Systems, and The Development of the American Political Field." TEMPO Workshop, University of Virginia. March 18, 2022.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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"Patronage Politics in the Early American Republic: The Case of New York." Meeting of the Arbeitskreis historische Soziologie. Heidelberg, September 19-20, 2024.

"Patronage Politics in the Early American Republic: The Case of New York." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, August 9 - 13, 2024.

"Escape from the Sargasso Sea: Elite Political Action in the Early American Republic." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, August 9 - 13, 2024.

"Elite Cohesion in the American Administrative State, 1898-1998." Sunbelt Conference. Edinburgh, June 24 - 30, 2024.

"Elite Political Action and the Formation of the First American Party System: The Case of New York." Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association. Washington, D.C., November 16 - 19, 2023.

"The Formation of the First American Party System: The Case of New York." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, August 16 - 21, 2023.

"The Changing Structure of American Elite Recruitment, 1850-2000." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, August 16 - 21, 2023.

"The Formation of Legislative Parties in the New York State Assembly, 1788-1803." Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association. Chicago, November 17 - 20, 2022.

"The Boundaries of the American State: Transformations in the Recruitment Structure of Elite Administrative Positions, 1850-2000." Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association. Chicago, November 17 - 20, 2022.

"Parties and Political Careers in New York, 1777-1821." Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association. Chicago, November 21 - 24, 2019.

"The Emergence of Political Parties in New York, 1787-1801." II Annual Chicago Area Comparative Historical Social Sciences Conference. Chicago, May 17, 2019.

“Party Formation in New York, 1788-1801.” Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association. Phoenix, November 8 - 11, 2018.

“How to Control for Population Size in Ecological Analyses.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, August 10 - 14, 2018.

“Organization and Mobilization in the Case of the Tea Party Movement.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, August 12 - 15, 2017.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Instructor of Record

“Political Networks,” University of Mannheim, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025

“Social Networks and Politics,” University of Mannheim, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025

“Introduction to Political Sociology,” University of Mannheim, Fall 2023, Fall 2024

“B.A. Thesis Colloquium,” University of Mannheim, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024

“B.A. Thesis Seminar,” University of Chicago, Spring 2017 - Winter 2018

### Teaching Assistant

“Practicum in Historical Sociology,” University of Chicago, Spring 2020

“Political Sociology,” University of Chicago, Autumn 2019

“Applications of Hierarchical Models in Longitudinal and Multilevel Research,” University of Chicago, Spring 2018

“Introduction to Sociology II,” University of Leipzig, Summer 2012

“Microeconomics,” University of Leipzig, Winter 2009

### Other

Consultant at “DataFest Germany 2024”

Mentor at “Summer Institute in Social Research Methods,” University of Chicago, Summer 2021

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Research Assistant for Prof. John Padgett, University of Chicago, 10/2016 - 04/2019

Research Assistant for Prof. Henning Hillmann, University of Mannheim, 01/2013 - 07/2013

Research Assistant for Prof. Frank Kalter, University of Mannheim, 09/2012 - 07/2013

Research Assistant for Prof. Klaus Dörre, University of Jena, Summer 2011

Internship, Institute for Social Research in Frankfurt, 02/2011 - 04/2011

## SERVICE

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Advisory Board, *Mannheim Center for European Social Research (MZES)*, 2024 - present

Associate Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2018 - 2019

Student member, Manuscript Board, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2017 - 2019

Occasional reviewer for the *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Science Research*

Coordinator, *Politics, History, and Society Workshop*, University of Chicago, 2018 – 2019

## REFERENCES

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