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# Benjamin Gerhard Engst, M.A.

## Curriculum Vitae

### Academic Career

- since 7.2018 *Research Associate, University of Mannheim (Germany)*
- 2012 to 2018 *Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences, Mannheim (Germany)*  
Dissertation submitted 6.2018
- 2014 to 2015 *Visiting Ph.D. Candidate, Emory University (USA)*  
6.2013 *EITM Europe - Summer Institute*
- 2010 to 2011 *Master of Arts, University of Mannheim*  
Political Science (program taught in English); with distinction  
8.2010 *Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*
- 2009 to 2010 *Visiting Graduate Student, Johns Hopkins University (USA)*
- 2006 to 2009 *Bachelor of Arts, University of Mannheim*  
Political Science and Public Law

### Research Interests

- Areas *Comparative Political Institutions, Comparative Political Behavior, Judicial Politics, Causal Inference, Computer-Assisted Text Analysis and Quantitative Methods*
- Dissertation *The Two Faces of Judicial Power: The Dynamics of Judicial-Political Bargaining*  
Committee: Thomas Gschwend, Christoph Hönnige, Jeffrey K. Staton, Tom S. Clark

### Publications (\* peer review)

- \* Clark, Tom S. / Benjamin G. Engst / Jeffrey K. Staton. "Estimating the Effect of Leisure on Judicial Performance." Accepted for publication *Journal of Legal Studies*.
- Engst, Benjamin G. / Thomas Gschwend / Nils Schaks / Sebastian Sternberg / Caroline Wittig. 2017. "Zum Einfluss der Parteinähe auf das Abstimmungsverhalten der Bundesverfassungsrichter. Eine quantitative Untersuchung." [The Influence of Party Identification on Judicial Votes at the German Federal Constitutional Court. A Quantitative Assessment.] *Juristen Zeitung (JZ)* 72 (17): 816-826.
- Engst, Benjamin G. 2017. "Die vierte Gesetzeslesung. Verfassungsgerichte des deutsch-österreichischen Modells als Vetospieler." [The 'Fourth Reading'. Constitutional Courts as Veto Players.] In: Verena Frick, Oliver Lembcke, Roland Lhotta (eds). *Politik und Recht: Umrisse eines politikwissenschaftlichen Forschungsfeldes*. Baden-Baden: Nomos: 281-301.
- \* Sternberg, Sebastian / Thomas Gschwend / Caroline Wittig / Benjamin G. Engst. 2016. "Zum Einfluss der öffentlichen Meinung auf Entscheidungen des Bundesverfassungsgerichts: Eine Analyse von abstrakten Normenkontrollen sowie Bund-Länder-Streitigkeiten 1974 - 2010." [On the Influence of Public Opinion on decisions of the Federal Constitutional Court. An Analysis of Abstract Judicial Reviews and Federal State Disputes 1974 - 2010.] *Politische Vierteljahresschrift (PVS)* 56 (4): 570-598.
- Engst, Benjamin G. / Christoph Hönnige. [Accepted]. "Modern Times? Das Internet vor dem Bundesverfassungsgericht." [Modern Times? The Internet before the German Federal Constitutional Court.] In: Andreas Busch, Yana Breindl, Tobias Jakobi (eds). *Arbeitsbuch Netzpolitik*. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften.

### Manuscripts Under Review

- Engst, Benjamin G. "Do Legal Signals Cause Policy Shifts? Estimating the Effect of Autolimitation."
- Engst, Benjamin G. / Thomas Gschwend / Sebastian Sternberg. "How Judicial Integrity Generates Public Support for Judicial Nominees."

## Current Working Papers

Bass, Leeann. / Benjamin G. Engst "Signaling in the Spotlight: Judicial Manipulation of Accountability."

Lichtmanegger, Christina / Benjamin G. Engst "Domestic Responses to European Developments: Europeanization and the Extent of Intra-Ministerial Change."

Engst, Benjamin G. / Philipp Meyer. "Constitutions Without Protection? Judicial Strength in a State of Emergency."

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## Public Scholarship

Engst, Benjamin G. / Thomas Gschwend / Christoph Hönnige. 2016. "Zum Dilemma des Verfassungsgerichtszugangs kleiner Oppositionsparteien: Was sagen eigentlich die Zahlen?" [The Dilemma of Small Opposition Parties referring to the Constitutional Court: What do numbers tell us?] *Verfassungsblog* (VerfBlog) 2016/01/25. Online at: <http://verfassungsblog.de/zum-dilemma-des-verfassungsgerichtszugangs-kleiner-oppositionsparteien-was-sagen-eigentlich-die-zahlen/>.

Panel Expert: "# whatsappAmerica: Wake-up breakfast following the US Presidential Election." 2016/11/09. Organized by: Naumann Stiftung. With radio interviews for: Norddeutscher Rundfunk; Radio FFN.

Panel Expert: "# whatsappAmerica: Trump's new America." 2017/03/16. Organized by: Naumann Stiftung.

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## Conference Participation

2017 *The 7th Annual General Conference of the EPSA* (presenter; panel chair; discussant)

2016 *6. Tagung der DVPW Themengruppe "Politik und Recht"* (presenter)

*The 1st Conference on Empirical Legal Studies in Europe* (presenter; discussant)

2015 *The 5th Annual General Conference of the EPSA* (presenter; panel chair; discussant)

*The 73rd MPSA Annual Conference* (presenter)

2014 *The 8th General Conference of the ECPR* (co-author)

*The 110th APSA Annual Meeting* (co-author; poster presenter)

*The 23rd World Congress of the IPSA* (presenter; discussant)

*The 4th Annual General Conference of the EPSA* (presenter; discussant)

*The 72nd MPSA Annual Conference* (presenter)

2013 *The 7th General Conference of the ECPR* (presenter; panel chair; discussant)

*2. Tagung der DVPW Themengruppe "Politik und Recht"* (presenter)

*Gründungstagung der DVPW Themengruppe "Politik und Recht"* (presenter)

*The 41st Joint Sessions of the ECPR* (presenter)

2012 *The 108th APSA Annual Meeting* (presenter)

*The 22nd World Congress of the IPSA* (presenter; discussant)

*The 2nd Annual General Conference of the EPSA* (presenter; discussant)

*The 11th International Postgraduate Conference at SSEES UCL* (presenter).

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## Research Experience

since 7.2018 *Research Associate, University of Mannheim*  
Collaborative Research Center SFB 884 - Project C4

2015 to 2018 *Research Associate, University of Hannover*  
Chair of Comparative and German Politics

2016 to 2017 *Contributor to German Internet Panel at SFB 884, University of Mannheim*  
Experiment with Thomas Gschwend & Sebastian Sternberg

2011 to 2014 *Research Associate, University of Göttingen*  
Research project 'The German Federal Constitutional Court as a Veto Player'

2007 to 2009 *Research Assistant, University of Mannheim*

2010 to 2011 *Chair for Political Science and International Comparative Social Research*

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## Teaching Experience

- Summer 2018 *Rational Choice for Theory Building in Comparative Politics* (in German); Graduate Seminar  
Winter 2017 *Rational Choice for Theory Building in Comparative Politics* (in German); Graduate Seminar  
*Judicial Politics in Comparative Perspective* (in German); Undergraduate Seminar  
Summer 2017 *Advanced Readings in Comparative Politics* (in English); Graduate Seminar  
*Positive Political Theory to Analyze Political Processes* (in German); Undergraduate Seminar  
Fall 2016 *Judicial Politics in Comparative Perspective* (in German); Undergraduate Seminar  
*Undergraduate Thesis Colloquium in Comparative Politics* (in German)  
Summer 2016 *Advanced Readings in Comparative Politics* (in English); Undergraduate Seminar  
*Positive Political Theory to Analyze Political Processes* (in German); Undergraduate Seminar  
Fall 2015 *Judicial Politics in Comparative Perspective* (in German); Undergraduate Seminar  
since 2011 *Adviser for Bachelors and Masters Thesis in Comparative Politics*

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## Scholarships & Grants

- 2014 to 2015 *German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)*  
Fully funded Ph.D. Scholarship to visit Emory University, USA  
2014 to 2015 *Emory University - Laney Graduate School*  
Tuition Waiver for the Academic Year 2014 to 2015  
6.2013 *Graduate School of Economic & Social Sciences at the University of Mannheim*  
Scholarship to Participate at the EITM Summer School  
2009 to 2010 *German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) & University of Mannheim*  
Fully funded Scholarship for Graduate Studies at the Johns Hopkins University, USA  
2009 to 2010 *Johns Hopkins University - Department of Political Science*  
Tuition Waiver for the Academic Year 2009 to 2010

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## Academic Services

- 2.2016 to 9.2017 *Ph.D. & Post-Doc Representative Institute for Political Science; University of Hannover*  
2014 *Member of an Appointment Committee for an Associate Professorship; University of Göttingen*  
9.2012 to 8.2014 *Ph.D. Student Representative; University of Mannheim*

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## Further Qualifications

- Language Skills *German - first language; English - business fluent*  
Computer Skills *R & Stata; L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X; SQL (pgAdmin); HTML*

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## Professional Activities

- Memberships *EPSA; ECPR*  
Reviewer *European Policy Analysis; der moderne staat*

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## References

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Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences, A 5, 6 - Building C, 68131 Mannheim - GERMANY.  
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*Prof. Jeffrey K. Staton*, Emory University, jkstaton@emory.edu, +1 (404) 727-6559  
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