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## Benjamin G. Engst

### Curriculum Vitae

#### Academic Career

- since 7.2018 *Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Mannheim  
Collaborative Research Center - SFB 884*
- 2012 to 2018 *Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Mannheim, (summa cum laude)  
Center for Doctoral Studies in Social and Behavioral Sciences*
- 2014 to 2015 *Visiting Ph.D. Candidate, Emory University (USA)*
  - 6.2013 *EITM Europe - Summer Institute*
- 2010 to 2011 *Master of Arts in Political Science, University of Mannheim (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 in Political Science and Public Law, University of Mannheim*

#### 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. 2019. "Estimating the Effect of Leisure on Judicial Performance." *Journal of Legal Studies* 47 (2): 349-390.
- Engst, Benjamin G. / Christoph Hönnige. 2018. "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). *Netzpolitik. Ein einführender Überblick*. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften: 163-187.
- 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* 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* 56 (4): 570-598.

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## Current Projects

- Engst, Benjamin G. "The Two Faces of Judicial Power: The Dynamics of Judicial-Political Bargaining." Book project.
- Engst, Benjamin G. / Thomas Gschwend / Sebastian Sternberg. "Who reaches the Bench? Evaluation of Judicial Nominees for Constitutional Courts." Under review.
- Engst, Benjamin G. / David M. Grundmanns / Thomas Gschwend. "Judicial Positions on Political Reform: Designing common policy scores from judicial text."
- Arnold, Christian / Benjamin G. Engst / Thomas Gschwend. "Scaling Lower Court Decisions."
- Garwe, Christoph / Benjamin G. Engst / Yannick Stawicki / Christoph Hönnige. "Turning the Clock: Legislative Timing as a Strategy in Bicameral Bargaining."
- Bass, Leeann / Benjamin G. Engst. "Signaling in the Spotlight: Judicial Manipulation of Accountability."

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## Research

- 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

- 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 & Awards

- 2019 *Lorenz-von-Stein-Price 2018*  
Dissertation award in the social sciences from the University of Mannheim
- 2019 *Funding for a survey in 8 EU countries*  
Collaborative Research Center - SFB 884
- 2019 *Funding for a survey in 12 EU countries*  
Collaborative Research Center - SFB 884
- 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

## Conference Participation

- 2019 *The 13th General Conference of the ECPR* (presenter)  
*The 9th Annual General Conference of the EPSA* (presenter)
- 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).

## 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.de* (VerfBlog) 2016/01/25.

Panel Expert: "# whatsupAmerica: TheUSA following the den Mid Terms." 11/15/2018 Organized by: Naumann Stiftung.

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

Panel Expert: "# whatsupAmerica: Wake-up breakfast following the US Presidential Election." 2016/11/09. Organized by: Naumann Stiftung.

## Professional Activities

- Memberships *EPSA; ECPR*
- Reviewer *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies; European Policy Analysis; der moderne staat*

## 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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## References

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*Prof. Jeffrey K. Staton*, Emory University, jkstaton@emory.edu, +1 (404) 727-6559

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