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Belgium	Family Status:	Married (1 child, born 2017)

Research Interests

Parliaments (e.g. Legislative Behavior and Decision-Making), Representation (e.g. of women), Political Institutions (e.g. Quotas), Political Careers (of Women), Gender and Politics (e.g. Women in Parliamentary Leadership), Parenthood and Politics.

Academic Positions

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| from 12/2023 | Post-doctoral Researcher in the EVOLV'EP - MEPs' Career & Behaviour Project at the Departement de Sciences Politiques, Sociales et de la Communication at the <i>Universite de Namur, Belgium</i> . |
| 4/2021-11/2023 | Post-doctoral Researcher in the "Coordination Committees as Parliamentary Agenda Setters" (CoCoPAS) Project at the Chair for Empirical Political Science at the <i>University of Bamberg, Germany</i> . |
| 10/2020-3/2021 | Post-doctoral Researcher at the Department for Political and Administrative Science at the <i>University of Konstanz, Germany</i> . |
| 5/2020-9/2020 | (Academic) Researcher at the Geschwister-Scholl-Institute for Politics at the <i>Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Germany</i> . |
| 2/2020-07/2020 | Teaching Fellow at the Department for Political Science at the <i>University of Basel, Switzerland</i> . |
| 9/2016-2/2020 | Post-doctoral Researcher in the "Parliamentary Careers in Comparison" project at the Department of Political Science and International Relations, <i>University of Geneva, Switzerland</i> . |
| 5/2010-8/2016 | Doctoral Researcher at the Collaborative Research Center SFB 884 "Political Economy of Reforms", <i>University of Mannheim, Germany</i> , in project C6: "The domestic foundation of governmental preferences over European politics". |

Education

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| 9/2010-4/2018 | Doctor of Social Science in Political Science at the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences of the <i>University of Mannheim, Germany</i> .
Thesis: "Re-Selecting MEPs: Candidate Selection, Party Goals, and Re-election Probabilities". |
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- 9/2007–8/2008 **Master of Science** in Political Science in International Relations (cum laude/with honor) at the *University of Amsterdam (UvA), Netherlands*.
- 10/2003–03/2007 **Bachelor of Arts** in Political and Administrative Science at the *University of Konstanz, Germany*. Chair of International Relations.

Publications

In peer-reviewed Journals

Impact Factors: IO (7.8, 2024), EUP (2.3, 2024), ES (2.9, 2023), PG (2.2, 2022), LSQ (1.5, 2022), PA (1.2, 2024), SPSR (2.0, 2023)

1. **Frech, Elena** 2024. “Mothers, Parliamentarians, Leaders: Career Factors Influencing Women’s Representation in the European Parliament – A Case Study of German MEPs”, *European Politics and Society*. (Accepted subject to Minor Revisions).
2. **Frech, Elena**, Philip Manow and Tomas Turner-Zwinkels. 2024. “How (not) to Keep a Promise in Two Stages: The Context-Dependent Gaps Between Parties’ Representational Goals and Outcomes Through Nomination and Election”, *Journal of Politics*. (Accepted subject to Minor Revisions).
3. **Frech, Elena** 2024. “Gendered Exits: The Role of Parliamentarians, Parties and Voters in Women’s Departure from the European Parliament”, *European Union Politics* (Accepted).
4. **Frech, Elena** and Simon Hug 2024. “Candidate Selection and its Behavioral Consequences”, *Electoral Studies* 91. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2024.102849>
5. **Frech, Elena**, Stefanie Bailer and Sarah Buetikofer. 2024. “Can(’t) Have it All? Parenthood in the Swiss Parliament” *Swiss Political Science Review*. (Accepted).
6. **Frech, Elena** and Sophie Kopsch. 2024. “Beyond Rhetoric: The European Parliament as a Workplace for Parents and Current Reform Debates”, *Politics and Governance* 12: 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.8078>
7. **Frech, Elena** and Ulrich Sieberer. 2023. “Coordination Committees and Legislative Agenda Setting Power in 31 European Parliaments”, *Historical Social Research* 48 (3): 189–208. <https://doi.org/10.12759/hsr.48.2023.30>
8. Turner-Zwinkels, Tomas, Huwyler, Oliver, **Frech, Elena**, Goet, Niels D, Manow, Philip, Bailer, Stefanie and Hug Simon. 2022. “Parliaments Day-by-Day: A New Open Source Database to Answer the Question of Who Was in What Parliament, Party and Party-group and When”, *Legislative Studies Quarterly (LSQ)* 47 (3): 761-784. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lsq.12359>
9. Euchner, Eva-Maria and **Frech, Elena**. 2022. “Mandated Representation: Exploring the Consequences of Gender Quota Design on Parliamentary Activity”, *Parliamentary Affairs (PA)* 75 (2): 281–307. <https://doi.org/10.1093/pa/gsaa016>
10. **Frech, Elena**, Goet, Niels D. and Hug, Simon. 2021. “Shirking and Slacking in Parliament”, *Legislative Studies Quarterly (LSQ)* 46 (2): 493–523. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lsq.12288>
11. Euchner, Eva-Maria and **Elena Frech**. 2020. “Candidate Selection and Parliamentary Activity in the EU’s Multi-Level System: Opening a Black-Box”, *Politics and Governance (PG)* 8 (1): 72–84. <https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.v8i1.2553>
12. Hahm, Hyeonho, Thomas König, Moritz Osnabrügge and **Elena Frech**. 2019. “Who Settles Disputes? Treaty Design and Trade Attitudes toward the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)”, *International Organization (IO)* 72 (4): 881 - 900. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818319000249>

13. **Frech, Elena.** 2016. "Re-electing MEPs: The factors determining re-election probabilities", *European Union Politics (EUP)* 17 (1): 69 - 90. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1465116515615681>
14. **Frech, Elena,** Thomas König, and Moritz Osnabrügge. 2015. "Öffentliche Unterstützung von Reformen und ihre Stabilität in Zeiten der Eurokrise – eine experimentelle Untersuchung der Wirksamkeit von Gegenargumenten", *Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft* 25 (2): 191–217. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5771/1430-6387-2015-2-219>

Books

Frech, Elena. 2018. "Re-Selecting Members of the European Parliament: Candidate Selection, Party Goals, and Re-Election Probabilities". Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

Editorships and Special Issues

Frech, Elena. 2025. "Gendered EUropean Careers? The Political Careers of European Elites and the Challenges for Women". Introduction to Special Issue in *European Union Politics*

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Frech, Elena, Goet, Niels and Hug, Simon (2021). "Switzerland: The Politics of Legislative Debate in Switzerland". In: Hanna Bäck, Marc Debus, and Jorge M. Fernandes (eds) *The Politics of Legislative Debate Around the World*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Book Reviews

Frech, Elena. 2019. "Europe at the Crossroads: Confronting Populist, Nationalist, and Global Challenges, Bevelander, Pieter and Wodak, Ruth (Eds.), Lund, Nordic Academic Press (2019), 284p., ISBN 978-91-88909-18-3", *Swiss Political Science Review*.

Other Publications/Public Outreach

Elena Frech, Niels D. Goet and Simon Hug. 2021. 'Wenn das Ende des Mandats naht: Wie sich die Amtszeitbeschränkung auf Parlamentsmitglieder auswirkt', Article on Higgs.ch, published on February 16th, 2021, available at: <https://www.higgs.ch/wie-sich-die-amtszeitbeschraenkung-auf-parlamentsmitglieder-auswirkt/40027/>

Elena Frech, Niels D. Goet and Simon Hug. 2021. 'Passiver und weniger parteitreu: Wie sich die Amtszeitbeschränkung auf Parlamentsmitglieder auswirkt', Article on the academic platform DeFacto, published on February 1st, 2021, available at: <https://www.defacto.expert/2021/02/01/passiver-und-weniger-parteitreu-wie-sich-die-amtszeitbeschraenkung-auf-parlamentsmitglieder-auswirkt/>

Euchner, Eva-Maria and Frech, Elena. 2020. 'Speaking or drafting? How parties' candidate selection procedures shape the prioritization of parliamentary activities in the European Parliament" Blog post on the Academic Blog 'Counting Counts', published on June 9th, 2020, available at: <https://countingcountsblog.wordpress.com/2020/06/09/speaking-or-drafting-how-parties-candidate-selection-procedures-shape-the-prioritization-of-parliamentary-activities-in-the-european-parliament/>.

Elena Frech. 2019. Scientific responsibility and supervision of the party ranking within the Swiss campaign and social movement 'Helvetia ruft!', ranking published on October 18th, 2019, report available at:[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d6634d713625100019724a7/t/5e453d7184e5fe5d9c7faca2/1581596036532/Pressedossier_Rating_Helvetia+ruft_20191018.docx+\(1\).pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d6634d713625100019724a7/t/5e453d7184e5fe5d9c7faca2/1581596036532/Pressedossier_Rating_Helvetia+ruft_20191018.docx+(1).pdf).

Frech, Elena. 2016. "Jostling for position: What determines where candidates are placed on electoral lists during European elections?", Article on LSEs European Politics and Policy Blog (EUROPP Blog), published on May 23rd, 2016, available at:<http://bit.ly/1TQ9JBI>.

Teaching Experience

Spring 2016	Quantitative Methods of International Relations (Undergraduate, University of Mannheim)
Spring 2018	The European Parliament: its election, its actors, and its powers (Undergraduate, University of Heidelberg)
Spring 2020	The European Parliament: its election, its actors, and its powers (Undergraduate, University of Heidelberg and LMU Munich)
Spring 2020	Regionalism: Integration in Europe and in other Regions of the World (Graduate, University of Basel)
Winter 2020/2021	The European Parliament: Representation and Policy-Making (Undergraduate, Proseminar, University of Konstanz)
Winter 2020/2021	Regionalism: Integration in Europe and on Other Continents (Undergraduate, University of Konstanz)
Spring 2022	Comparative Political Institutions and Gender (Graduate, Research Seminar)
2015–2018	Freelance collaborator of the State Agency for Political Education Baden-Württemberg. Member of the junior expert team on Europe . Lectures and simulation of political decision making processes with teenagers and young adults.

Grants and Scholarships

2022	"Infrequent, Insignificant or Influential? Parents in the European Parliament": Research Project financed by the FNK University of Bamberg (2500 Euro). PI
2022	Workshop Grant from the SPOT Programme of the University of Bamberg (5375 Euro). PI
2021	Research Grant from the CatchUP Programme of the University of Bamberg (1472 Euro). PI.
2020	Workshop Grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation (10.000 CHF). Drafted with PCC project members.
09/2018 - 08/2019	"Candidate Selection in Swiss Parties": Project (co)financed by the Swiss Parliamentary Services (20.000 CHF). Co-PI.
2014	German Research Foundation (DFG) grant for the project C6 within the Collaborative Research Center "Political Economy of Reforms"(SFB 884) at the University of Mannheim (ca. 430.000 Euro). Co-Author.

Methods and Training

- 2020 **Machine Learning in Python** at the Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences, Köln, Germany. Practical introduction to machine learning for text analysis.
- 2016 **Baden-Württemberg Certificate for Didactic Skill Enhancement** (Hochschuldidaktikzentrum BW)
Module I
- 2011 **Qualitative Interview Research** (FU Berlin)
Workshop on Interview Research taught by Prof. Jan Kruse.
- 2011 **ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques** (Ljubljana)
Course on **Political Game Theory** taught by Prof. Kristopher Ramsay.
- 2011 **CDSS Winter School** (University of Mannheim)
Workshop on **Bayesian Analysis** taught by Prof. Susumu Shikano.
- 2010, 2011 and 2012 **Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM)** Europe (University of Mannheim)
Theoretical and Methodological Foundations (R. Calvert and A. Martin), Random Utility Models (M. Fey), Experimental Applications (R. Wilson and C. Eckel), Agent Based Modeling (M. Laver), Quantitative Analysis of Political Texts (W. Lowe and S. Proksch), QRE and Experiments (M. Fey).

Recent Invited Talks and Workshops

- 2024 *University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (UK)*: Invited talk at the faculty colloquium 2024. Presentation on “Navigating Multi-Level Political Careers: Examining Gendered Career Paths in the Women-Friendly European Parliament”
- 2023 *College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium)*: Invited talk at the Colloquium 2023 “EU Staff and Professionals’ studies: where are we and where do we go?”. Presentation on “the Political Careers of Women in the European Parliament”
- 2022 *Central European University (Austria)*: Invited talk on the “Can(’t) Have it All? Mothers in Parliament”
- 2021 *Universite de Namur (Belgium)*: Invited talk on the “Unequal Opportunities? The Political Careers of Female Members of the European Parliament”
- 2021 *Tampere University (Finland (online because of Covid 19))*: Invited presentation at the EUGenDem Workshop “Gendering Representative Institutions: Actors, Inner Lives, and Political Struggles” on “Gender Quotas in the elections to the European Parliament: design, pattern and consequences”

Recent International Conference Participation

- 2024
29th Scientific Congress of the German Political Science Association, Goettingen, September 2024. (*Presentation*)
European Conference on Politics and Gender, Gent, July 2024. (*Presentation*)
Bi-Annual Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union, Lisbon, June 2024. (*Presentation*)
- 2023
EUropean Political Careers: The Careers of European Political Elites and their Representative Effects, Bamberg, May 2023. (*Organizer, Panel Chair, Discussant, Presentation*)
EUGenDem Final Conference on European Politics, Equality and Democracy, Helsinki, May 2023. (*Presentation*)
8th General Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, Vienna, July 2023. (*Presentation*)
- 2022
Virtual Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference, February 2022. (*Discussant, Presentation*)
Bi-Annual Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union, Rome, June 2022. (*Presentation*)
Parliamentary Careers Conference, Basel, June 2022. (*Co-Organizer, Discussant, Presentation*)
Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Prague, June 2022. (*Discussant, Presentation*)
- 2021
Virtual Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference, February 2021. (*Discussant, Presentation*)
Virtual Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union, June 2021. (*Presentation*)
- 2020
Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference, Lucerne, February 2020. (*Discussant, Presentation*)
- 2019
9th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Belfast, June 2019. (*Presentation*)
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Wroclav, August 2019. (*Panel Chair, Presentation*)

Professional Activities and University Administration

- Elected Offices: Vice Equal Opportunities Officer of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Bamberg, 2021-2023.
- (PhD) Examination Committee: Isabelle De Coninck (KU Leuven)
- Conference Organizer: SFB 884 Conference "Quantifying Europe"(co-organizer), 2010, Mannheim, Germany.
Parliamentary Careers in Comparison Workshop, June 2019, The Hague, Netherlands.
Conference on Political Careers, June 2022, Basel, Switzerland.
Workshop on European Careers and their Representative Effects, May 2023, Bamberg, Germany (sole organizer).
- Journal Referee for: *European Union Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Party Politics, Swiss Political Science Review, Parliamentary Affairs, Journal of Politics, etc.*
- Member of: *European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), European Political Science Association (EPSA), Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (German Political Science Association, DVPW).*

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