

**Curriculum Vitae      Dr Katrin Auel**

**Education**

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| April 2002    | Dr phil in Politics (summa cum laude, distinction), University of Hagen, Germany   |
| December 1997 | Combined B.A. and M.A. (Diplom) in Politics and Public Administration (Verwaltungswissenschaft) (sehr gut, distinction), University of Konstanz, Germany |

**Academic posts**

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| Since 2017  | Head of Research Group, Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna  |
| Since 2013  | Senior Researcher, Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna   |
| 2012 - 2013 | Researcher at the Department of Political Science, Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna   |
| 2010 -2011  | Senior Researcher at the Frankfurt Institute for Transformation Studies, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/O.   |
| 2009 - 2010 | Lecturer and Supernumerary Fellow in Politics, Mansfield College, University of Oxford  |
| 2004 - 2009 | Lecturer in Politics at the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, and Supernumerary Fellow in Politics at Mansfield College, Oxford                                       |
| 2001 - 2003 | Post doc at the Institute for Political Science, University of Hagen, Germany   |
| 1998 - 2001 | Junior researcher and doctoral student at the Institute for Political Science University of Hagen and at the Institute for Political Science of the University of Halle-Wittenberg (until 2000), both Germany |

**Visiting positions**

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| 2020        | Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Vienna   |
| 2019        | Visiting Lecturer at the SCEUS, University of Salzburg   |
| 2015        | Visiting Lecturer at Sciences Po Grenoble  |
| 2011 - 2014 | Associated Researcher at the Centre for European Studies, Sciences Po Paris.   |
| 2009        | Visiting Lecturer at the Institute for Political Science, University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany<br>Visiting Lecturer at the EU Institute in Japan, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan |
| 2007        | Visiting Lecturer at the Faculty of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan   |
| 2006        | Visiting Lecturer, Stanford University (in Oxford)   |

## Publications

### *Books / edited volumes:*

'After Lisbon: National Parliaments in the European Union', Special issue of *West European Politics* 38 (2), 2015 (co-edited with Thomas Christiansen, also published as a book by Routledge 2016).

'Connecting with the Electorate? Parliamentary Communication in EU Affairs', Special issue of the *Journal of Legislative Studies* 20 (1), 2014 (co-edited with Tapio Raunio, also published as a book by Routledge 2015).

'Europeanisation of Parliamentary Democracy', special issue of the *Journal of Legislative Studies* 11 (3/4), 2005 (co-edited with Arthur Benz, also published as a book by Routledge 2006).

'Regionalisiertes Europa – Demokratisches Europa? Eine Untersuchung am Beispiel der europäischen Strukturpolitik' ('Regionalised Europe – Democratic Europe? An Analysis of European Structural Policy'), Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2003 (series 'Regieren in Europa' edited by Beate Kohler-Koch).

### *Peer reviewed articles*

'Differentiated Integration - Views from Austria', *Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies*, 13 (3), 2021: 9-23.

'Who's the Boss? An analysis of the vote on the 'European Union (Notice of Withdrawal) Bill' in the House of Commons, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* 29 (4), 2021: 468-484 (with Resul Umit).

*Winner of the JCES best article of 2021 award*

'Divergent preferences and legislative speeches on Brexit', *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, 30 (2), 2020: 202-220 (with Resul Umit).

'National parliaments and the European Union'. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, 2019, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.1490>.

'Eurosceptics into the Limelight? Eurosceptic Parliamentary Actors and Media Bias in EU Affairs', *Politics and Governance*, 7(3), 2019: 248-265.

'Exploring The Communication Function of National Parliaments in EU Affairs – The Use of Content Analysis to Generate Large Quantitative Datasets on Parliamentary Communication Activities and Their Media Visibility', *Sage Research Methods Cases*, 2019, doi:10.4135/9781526478443.

'Explaining MPs' communication to their constituents: Evidence from the UK House of Commons', *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 20(3), 2018: 731-752 (with Resul Umit).

'What Happens in Parliament Stays in Parliament? Newspaper Coverage of National Parliaments in EU Affairs', *Journal of Common Market Studies* 56(3), 2018: 628-645 (with Olga Eisele and Lucy Kinski).

'Multi-arena players in the making? Conceptualizing the role of national parliaments since the Lisbon Treaty', *Journal of European Public Policy* 24(10), 2017: 1547-1561 (with Christine Neuhold).

'From Constraining to Catalysing Dissensus? The Impact of Political Contestation on Parliamentary Communication in EU Affairs', *Comparative European Politics* 14 (2), 2016: 154–176 (with Olga Eisele and Lucy Kinski).

'After Lisbon: National Parliaments in the European Union', *West European Politics* 38 (2), 2015: 261-281 (with Thomas Christiansen).

'National Parliaments and the Eurozone Crisis: Taking Ownership in Difficult Times?', *West European Politics* 38 (2), 2015: 375–395 (with Oliver Höing).

'To Scrutinise or not to Scrutinise? Explaining Variation in European Activities Within National Parliaments', *West European Politics* 38 (2), 2015: 282–304 (with Olivier Rozenberg and Angela Tacea).

- 'Parliaments in the Euro Crisis: Can the Losers of Integration Still Fight Back?', *Journal of Common Market Studies* 52 (6), 2014, 1184–1193 (with Oliver Höing).
- 'Intergovernmental Relations in German Federalism: Co-operative Federalism, Party Politics and Territorial Conflicts', *Comparative European Politics* 12 (4/5), 2014: 422–443.
- 'Introduction: Parliamentary Communication in EU Affairs', *Journal of Legislative Studies* 20 (1), 2014, 1-12 (with Tapio Raunio).
- 'Debating the State of the Union? Comparing Parliamentary Debates on EU Issues in Finland, France, Germany and the United Kingdom', *Journal of Legislative Studies* 20 (1), 2014: 12-28 (with Tapio Raunio).
- 'Between Reformstau and Länder Strangulation? German Cooperative Federalism Re-Considered', *Regional & Federal Studies* 20 (2), 2010, 227-247.
- 'Still no Exit from the Joint Decision Trap. The German Federal Reform(s)', *German Politics* 17 (4), 2008, 424-439.
- 'Democratic Accountability and National Parliaments – Re-Defining the Impact of Parliamentary Scrutiny in EU Affairs', *European Law Journal* 13 (4), 2007, 487-504.
- 'The Europeanisation of the German Bundestag: Institutional Change and Informal Adaptation', *German Politics* 15 (3), 2006, 249-268.
- 'Introduction: Europeanisation of Parliamentary Democracy', *Journal of Legislative Studies* 11 (3/4), 2005, 303-318.
- 'The Politics of Adaptation: Europeanisation of National Parliamentary Systems', *Journal of Legislative Studies* 11 (3/4), 2005, 372-393 (with Arthur Benz).

#### Book Chapters

- 'Austria: Weathering the Storm and Greening the Economy?', in Michael Käding, Johannes Pollak and Paul Schmidt (eds.), *Climate Change and the Future of Europe: Views from the Capitals*, Cham (CH): Springer Nature, 2023 (with Paul Schmidt).
- 'National Parliaments and European Public Policy', in Paolo Graziano and Jale Tosun (eds.), *Encyclopedia of European Union Public Policy*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2022, 89 - 99 (with Ivana Skazlic).
- 'Die Europapolitik in den Mitgliedstaaten der Europäischen Union: Österreich', in Werner Weidenfeld and Wolfgang Wessels (eds.), *Jahrbuch der Europäischen Integration*, 2022, Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, 2022 (with Johannes Pollak).
- 'Austria First?', in Michael Käding, Johannes Pollak and Paul Schmidt (eds.), *Solidarity in Action and the Future of Europe: views from the capitals*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2022 (with Paul Schmidt).
- 'Parliaments and parties in multilevel governance', in Arthur Benz, Jörg Broschek and Markus Lederer (eds.), *A Research Agenda for Multilevel Governance*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2021, 135-151.
- 'Die Europapolitik in den Mitgliedstaaten der Europäischen Union: Österreich', in Werner Weidenfeld and Wolfgang Wessels (eds.), *Jahrbuch der Europäischen Integration*, 2021, Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, 2021, 541-544 (with Johannes Pollak).
- 'Österreichische Europapolitik im Wandel', in Peter Hilpold, Andreas Raffener and Walter Steinmair (eds.), *Rechtsstaatlichkeit, Grundrechte und Solidarität in Österreich und in Europa. Festgabe zum 85. Geburtstag von Professor Heinrich Neisser, einem europäischen Humanisten*, Vienna: Facultas, 2021, 362-376 (with Johannes Pollak).
- 'Die Europapolitik in den Mitgliedstaaten der Europäischen Union: Österreich', in Werner Weidenfeld and Wolfgang Wessels (eds.), *Jahrbuch der Europäischen Integration*, 2020, Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, 2020, 563-568 (with Johannes Pollak).

‘Die Wahl zum Europäischen Parlament 2019: Einheit in Vielfalt?’, in Christoph Grabenwarter and Erich Vranes (eds.) *Die EU im Lichte des Brexits und der Wahlen: Faktoren der Stabilität und Desintegration*. Wien: Manz, 2020, 247-260 (with Johannes Pollak).

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‘Der österreichische Nationalrat und seine Mitwirkung in EU Angelegenheiten: eine vergleichende Betrachtung’, in Annegret Eppler and Andreas Maurer (eds.), *Die Koordination der österreichischen Europapolitik*, Baden-Baden/Innsbruck: Nomos/IUP, 2019, 185-210 (with Johannes Pollak).

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‘Nationale Parlamente seit Lissabon: Eine neue Rolle als „Multi-Arena Player“?’, in: Peter Becker and Barbara Lippert (eds.): *Handbuch Europäische Union*, Wiesbaden: Springer VS Verlag, 2018, DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-17436-1\\_17-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-17436-1_17-1).

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‘Österreich’, in Werner Weidenfeld and Wolfgang Wessels (eds.), *Jahrbuch der Europäischen Integration 2016*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2016, 547-512 (with Johannes Pollak).

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‘A Life in the Shadow? Regional Parliaments in the EU’, in Gabriele Abels and Annegret Eppler (eds.), *Subnational Parliaments in the EU Multi-Level Parliamentary System: Taking Stock of the Post-Lisbon Era*, Innsbruck: Studienverlag, 2015, 339-350 (with Martin Große Hüttmann).

‘Fighting Back? And if Yes, How? Measuring Parliamentary Strength and Activity in EU Affairs’, in Claudia Heffler, Christine Neuhold, Olivier Rozenberg and Julie Smith (eds.) *The Palgrave Handbook of National Parliaments and the European Union*, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015: 60-93 (with Olivier Rozenberg and Angela Tacea).

‘Europeanisation of National Parliaments’, in José Magone (ed.), *Handbook of Comparative European Politics*, London: Routledge, 2015: 366-385.

‘Grenzziehungen in der Mehrebenendemokratie – Zur ‘Europatauglichkeit’ nationaler Demokratie’, in Claudio Franzius, Franz C. Mayer and Jürgen Neyer (eds.), *Grenzen der europäischen Integration? Herausforderungen an Recht und Politik*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2014: 233-249.

‘Europäisierung nationaler Politik’, in Marika Lerch and Hans-Jürgen Bieling (eds.): *Theorien der europäischen Integration*, Opladen: Leske + Budrich (UTB), completely revised 3rd. edition, 2012: 248-269.

‘Introduction: National Parliaments, Electorates and EU Affairs’, in Katrin Auel and Tapio Raunio (eds.), ‘National Parliaments and Their Electorates in EU Affairs’, *IHS Political Science Series No. 129*, 2012: 7-28 (with T. Raunio).

‘Debating the State of the Union? A Comparative Analysis of National Parliamentary Debates on EU Affairs’ in Katrin Auel and Tapio Raunio (eds.), ‘National Parliaments and Their Electorates in EU Affairs’, *IHS Political Science Series No. 129*, 2012: 47-78 (with T. Raunio).

‘Europäisierung der parlamentarischen Demokratie - theoretische Perspektiven und methodologische Herausforderungen’, in Gabriele Abels and Annegret Eppler (eds.), *Auf dem*

*Weg zum Mehrebenenparlamentarismus? Zukünftige Funktionen von Parlamenten im Integrationsprozess*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2011, 65-77.

‘Parties in Democratic Theory’, in George Kurian et al. (eds.), *The Encyclopaedia of Political Science*, Washington: CQ Press, 2010, 404-405.

‘Just Another Link in the Chain? Delegation, Agency Theory and National Parliaments in EU Affairs’, in Deirdre Curtin and Anchrit Wille (eds.), *Meanings and Practice of Accountability in the EU Multi-Level Context*, Connex Report Series Vol. 7, Mannheim, 2008.

‘Adapting to Europe – Institutional Reform and Strategic Adaptation’, in Ronald Holzhaacker and Erik Albaek (eds.), *Democratic Governance and European Integration*, Aldershot: Edward Elgar, 2007, 157-179.

‘Expanding National Parliamentary Control: Does it Further European Democracy?’, in Beate Kohler-Koch and Berthold Rittberger (eds.): *Debating the Democratic Legitimacy of the European Union*, Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2007, 57-74 (with Arthur Benz).

‘Multilevel Governance, Regional Policy and Democratic Legitimacy in Germany’, in Arthur Benz and Ioannis Papadopoulos (eds.): *Governance and Democracy - Comparing National, European and Transnational Experiences*, London: Routledge, 2006, 44-62.

‘Fluctuant nec merguntur: the European Parliament, National Parliaments, and European Integration’, in Jeremy Richardson (ed.): *European Union: Power and Policy-Making*, London: Routledge, 2006, 121-145 (with Berthold Rittberger).

‘Europäisierung nationaler Politik’, in Marika Lerch and Hans-Jürgen Bieling (eds.): *Theorien der europäischen Integration*, Opladen: Leske + Budrich (UTB), 2005, 293-318.

‘Die deutschen Landtage im europäischen Mehrebenensystem’, in Ulrich von Alemann and Claudia Münch (eds.): *Landespolitik im europäischen Haus. NRW und das dynamische Mehrebenensystem*, Wiesbaden: Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, 2005, 133-151.

‘Strategische Anpassung nationaler Parlamente an das europäische Mehrebenensystem – Ein deutsch – britischer Vergleich’, in Edgar Grande and Rainer Prätorius (eds.): *Politische Steuerung und neue Staatlichkeit*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2003, 259-280.

‘Regieren im Mehrebenensystem: Deutschland zwischen nationaler und europäischer Politikverflechtungsfalle?’, in Michael Meimeth and Joachim Schild (eds.): *Die Zukunft von Nationalstaaten in der europäischen Integration: Deutsche und französische Perspektiven*, Opladen: Leske und Budrich, 2002, 109-128.

‘Akteure oder nur Statisten? Regionale Parlamente im europäischen Mehrebenensystem’, in Thomas Conzelmann and Michèle Knodt (eds.): *Regionales Europa - Europäisierte Regionen*, Frankfurt/New York: Campus, 2002, 191-212.

‘The Role of Regional Development Concepts (RDC) in Promoting Regional Cooperation in Urban Areas - Experiences in Bremen and Magdeburg’, in Dietrich Fürst and Jörg Knieling (eds.): *Regional Governance. New Modes of Self-Government in the European Community*, Hanover: Verlag der ARL, 2002, 115-121.

#### *Working Papers and other publications*

‘Competing preferences, MPs and the triggering of Brexit: who’s the boss?’. UK in a Changing Europe Commentary, 7 September 2021, online at: <https://ukandeu.ac.uk/competing-preferences-mps-brexit/> (with Resul Umit).

'The politics of differentiated integration: what do governments want? Country Report – Austria', European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, *RSCAS Working Papers 2020 (80)* (with Anna Pixler).

'Europeanising European Public Spheres', study requested European Parliament's Committee on Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs, 2020, online at: [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2020/654628/IPOL\\_STU\(2020\)654628\\_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2020/654628/IPOL_STU(2020)654628_EN.pdf) (with Guido Tiemann).

'Democracy and the Pandemic', IHS Blog, 9 May 2020.

'The Champions of Euroscepticism? Austria's Citizens and the EU, TEPSA Brief, September 2018, online at: <http://www.tepsa.eu/tepsa-brief-the-champions-of-euroscepticism-austrias-citizens-and-the-eu-katrin-ael/>

'Doing Good, but Reluctant to Talk About It: The Swedish Riksdag and EU Affairs', SIEPS European Policy Analysis 9, August 2018, online at: <http://www.sieps.se/en/publications/2018/doing-good-but-reluctant-to-talk-about-it--the-swedish-riksdag-and-eu-affairs/>

'Europeanisation of National Parliaments: Experiences and Best-Practices', study for the European Parliament's Greens/EFA Group, July 2018, [https://reinhardbuetikofer.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Study\\_Europeanisation\\_June-2018.pdf](https://reinhardbuetikofer.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Study_Europeanisation_June-2018.pdf). (with Christine Neuhold).

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'We Need to Talk about Europe. How Parliaments Communicate EU Affairs to their Citizens', ÖGfE Policy Brief 33a, 2015.

'National parliaments are not the losers of EU integration – at least not anymore', LSE Democratic Audit, April 2015, <http://www.democraticaudit.com/?p=12368>

'Scrutiny in Challenging Times - National Parliaments in the Eurozone Crisis', SIEPS European Policy Analysis 2014 (1) (with Oliver Höing).

'National Parliaments and Their Electorates in EU Affairs', IHS Political Science Series No. 129, 2012 (co-edited with Tapio Raunio).

'Lost in Transaction? Parliamentary Reserves in EU Bargains', *OPAL Online Paper* No. 10/2012 (with O. Rozenberg and A. Thomas).

'Europas Parlamente auf dem Prüfstand', *Treffpunkt Europa*, 8 June 2013

'Missing the Point: The Decision of the German Constitutional Court on the Lisbon Treaty and the Democratic Deficit of the EU', in Katrin Auel and Julio Baquero Cruz, *Karlsruhe's Europe*, *Notre Europe Studies and Research* 78, 2010, 23-45.

'National Parliaments in the EU – Realistic Expectations' – short expert report for the European Affairs Committee of the Irish Oireachtas, 2010.

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'Strength and Weakness of Parliaments in EU Multilevel Governance - Accountability in a Compounded Representative Democracy', in Katrin Auel, Arthur Benz and Thomas Esslinger, 'Democratic Governance in the EU - The Case of Regional Policy', *polis-Heft* Nr. 48, 2000, (working papers of the Institute of Political Science, University of Hagen) (with Arthur Benz).

**Research projects and grants (selection)**

- Since 11/19: 'Who Gets What, When and How? Budgetary Politics in the European Union', research project funded by the Austrian National Bank.
- 2020: 'Europeanising European Public Spheres', study for European Parliament, Committee on Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs (with Guido Tiemann).
- 2017/2020: 'Post-Crisis Legitimacy of the European Union (PLATO)', MSCA-ITN Training Network funded by the European Commission under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Horizon 2020 program (Partner, Network Coordinator: ARENA Centre for European Studies, Oslo)
- 2017: 'Europeanisation' of National Parliaments in European Union Member States: Experiences and Best-Practices', Study for European Parliament, Greens/EFA Group (with Christine Neuhold)
- Since 2014: 'National Parliaments and the European Policy Process', Project in Cooperation with the Observatoire des institutions européennes der Sciences Po Paris (with O. Rozenberg), internal funding.
- 2013 – 2016: PADEMIA – Erasmus Academic Network on Parliamentary Democracy in Europe, leader of work package 4: Parliaments and Citizens in Europe (with Johannes Pollak).
- 2012 - 2016: 'PACE – Parliamentary Communication of Europe', four-year research project funded by the Austrian Science Fund (Fonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung, FWF), [www.ihs.ac.at/pace/index.html](http://www.ihs.ac.at/pace/index.html).
- 2011 - 2014: 'OPAL – Observatory of Parliaments after Lisbon', three year research project funded by the Agence Nationale de Recherche (ANR) (with O. Rozenberg). This project was part of a larger consortium with partners at the Universities of Cambridge, Maastricht and Cologne, funded through the Open Research Area for the Social Sciences (ORA), [www.opal-europe.org](http://www.opal-europe.org).
- 2011: 'National Parliaments and Their Electorates in EU Affairs', Fritz Thyssen Stiftung (conference grant).
- 2010: Visiting Research Fellowship at the Centre d'Etudes Européennes, Sciences Po Paris, granted by the Conseil Scientifique de la Ville de Paris
- 2008 – 2010: 'Legislatures in Europe', research project funded under the framework of the Oxford – Sciences Po Research Group (OXPO) (with O. Rozenberg)
- 2005 – 2008: 'Democratic Accountability and National Parliaments in the EU', CONNEX-Network of Excellence, Member of Research Group 2 'Democratic Governance and Multilevel Accountability'
- 2001 – 2003: 'Europeanisation of National Parliaments', two-year project funded by the German Research Council (DFG) (principal investigator: Arthur Benz)
- 1998 – 2001: 'Democratic Legitimacy in the European Multi-Level System', three-year project funded by the DFG (principal investigator: Arthur Benz)