

# Jelle Koedam, Ph.D. — CV

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Polarization • Dimensionality • Democratic representation • European politics	
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT	<b>Senior researcher (SNSF Ambizione Career Grant)</b> Department of Political Science University of Zurich, Switzerland	2024 – present
PREVIOUS POSITIONS	<b>Postdoctoral researcher</b> Department of Political Science University of Zurich, Switzerland	2019 – 2023
	<b>Visiting researcher</b> European University Institute, Italy University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands	Spring 2022 Fall 2017
EDUCATION	<b>Ph.D. Political Science</b> University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA	2019
	<b>M.A. Political Science</b> University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA	2015
	<b>M.Sc. Social Research</b> ( <i>cum laude</i> , highest honor) VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands	2011
	<b>B.Sc. Political Science</b> ( <i>cum laude</i> , highest honor) VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands	2009
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	“A Global Scale of Economic Left-Right Party Positions: Cross-National and Cross-Expert Perceptions of Party Placements” (with N. de la Cerda, R. Bakker, et al.). <i>Journal of Politics</i> . 2025. “Multidimensional Party Polarization in Europe: Cross-cutting Divides and Effective Dimensionality” (with G. Binding and M. Steenbergen). <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> . 2025. “The Ideological Profile of the Technocratic Citizen” (with E. Bertsou and D. Caramani). <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> . 2025. “CHES Canada” (with R. Dassonneville). <i>Canadian Journal of Political Science</i> . 2024.	

- “The Comparative Meaning of Political Space: A Comprehensive Modeling Approach” (with G. Binding and M. Steenbergen). *Political Science Research and Methods*. 2024.
- “A Change of Heart? Analyzing Stability and Change in European Party Positions”. *West European Politics*. 2022.
- “Parties’ Voter Targeting Strategies. What can Facebook Ads tell Us?” (with S. Stuckelberger). *Electoral Studies*. 2022.
- “Avoidance, Ambiguity, Alternation: Position Blurring Strategies in Multidimensional Party Competition”. *European Union Politics*. 2021.
- “Who’s at the Helm? When Party Organization Matters for Party Strategy”. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*. 2019.
- “Explaining the Salience of Anti-Elitism and Reducing Political Corruption for Political Parties in Europe with the 2014 Chapel Hill Expert Survey Data” (with J. Polk, J. Rovny, et al.). *Research and Politics*, 4(1): 1-9. 2017.
- WORKING PAPERS
- “Revisiting the relationship between party polarization and voter turnout” (with C. Vaterlaus).
- “Ideological and Affective Polarization in a Multidimensional European Space” (with R. Dassonneville, G. Binding, and M. Steenbergen).
- “Comparative Trends in Cultural Liberalism” (with D. Epp).
- “Explaining the Effective Dimensionality of the Political Space across Europe” (with S. Hix, G. Binding, and M. Steenbergen).
- “The Dimensionality of Party Competition as Seen by Citizens” (with R. Dassonneville, P. Fournier, Z. Somer-Topcu, and M. Taylor).
- BOOK PROJECT
- Polarized Europe? Studying Party Conflict Across Multiple Divides* (with C. Vaterlaus and M. Steenbergen). Cambridge University Press – Elements in European Politics.
- BOOK CHAPTER
- “Parliamentary Parties in the Netherlands: Informal Investiture Behind Closed Doors” (with A. Krouwel). In: B.E. Rasch, S. Martin, and J.A. Cheibub (eds.), *Parliaments and Government Formation: Unpacking Investiture Rules*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2015.
- GRANTS & AWARDS
- Career grant**
- Ambizione Grant, SNSF (CHF 882’130) 2023
- “Multidimensional Polarization and its Consequences for Democracy in Europe”

### Research grants & fellowships

- Center for Comparative & Int'l. Studies, UZH/ETH (CHF 5'500) 2025
- IPZ Inequality Research Fund, UZH (CHF 8'500) 2023
- Off-Campus Dissertation Research Fellowship, UNC (\$10'000) 2017
- Research fellowship "EUENGAGE", Horizon 2020 (\$7'000) 2016-2017
- Uhlman summer fellowship, UNC Dept. Political Science (\$2'000) 2017
- European Research Council research fellowship (\$8'000) 2014-2015
- Summer grant, UNC Dept. Political Science (\$3'000 p/a) 2014-2017
- Research fellowship, VU University Graduate School (\$2'500) 2011

### Honors & awards

- Dean's Graduate Fellow, UNC College of Arts and Sciences 2018-2019
- James W. Prothro Award for Outstanding Research: Best Paper 2017  
(for "A Change of Heart?"), Dept. Political Science, UNC Chapel Hill

PHD SUPERVISION	Cheryl Vaterlaus, primary advisor, University of Zurich Paride Carrara, external reviewer, University of Bologna	2024–2028 2025
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### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### **Instructor, University of Zurich**

##### *MA-level*

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| MA thesis supervision                               | 2024–     |
| Left-Right in Comparative Perspective               | 2019–2023 |
| Political Representation in Comparative Perspective | 2020–2023 |

##### *BA-level*

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| BA thesis supervision        | 2020–2023 |
| Populism & Electoral Protest | 2020–2023 |
| Parties & Electoral Systems  | 2020–2021 |

#### **Instructor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

##### *BA-level*

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| Introduction to European Government (online) | 2017–2019 |
| Introduction to European Government          | 2017–2018 |
| Introduction to Comparative Politics         | 2018      |

#### **Teaching assistant**

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| University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | 2014-2016 |
| VU University Amsterdam                     | 2012      |

### CONFERENCES/ TALKS

#### **Invited talks**

- Institute of Political Science, University of St. Gallen 2024
- Department of Political Science, University of Montreal 2021
- Uhlman Seminar, Department of Political Science, UNC Chapel Hill 2018
- Centre for European Research, University of Gothenburg 2017
- Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam 2017

## Conferences

- European Union Studies Association (EUSA) 2025
- Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW) 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- European Political Science Association (EPSA) 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023
- American Political Science Association (APSA) 2018, 2019, 2022
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) 2020, 2022
- Council for European Studies (CES) 2022
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2018, 2021
- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) 2017, 2020
- Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties (EPOP) 2017

## Workshops

- Representation in Divided Democracies, ETH/University of Zurich 2025
- Advances in Cleavage Research, European University Institute 2024
- MMM Polarization, ETH Zurich 2023
- RETHINK Europe, University of Pittsburgh 2022
- Lessons in Post-Functionalism, European University Institute 2022
- Partisan Divides, UNC Chapel Hill 2019
- Frontiers of Political Science, Duke University 2015, 2018
- Grad. workshop on the EU, University of Washington, Seattle 2016, 2018
- Ph.D. workshop on Multilevel Governance, VU University Amsterdam 2016

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Kieskompas (Election Compass)**, the Netherlands 2007-2013
- Developer of Voting Advice Applications (VAAs)  
Project leader & researcher

## ACADEMIC SERVICE & OUTREACH

- Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Comparative European Politics*; *East European Politics and Societies*; *Electoral Studies*; *European Journal of Political Research*; *European Political Science Review*; *European Union Politics*; *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*; *Journal of Common Market Studies*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*; *Journal of European Integration*; *Journal of European Public Policy*; *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*; *Journal of Politics*; *Party Politics*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Political Research Exchange*; *Political Studies Review*; *Politics*; *Representation*; *Swiss Political Science Review*; *West European Politics*
- Speaker, “Politikwissenschaft meets Kantis”, Zurich 2024
- Moderator, Swiss Summer School in Democracy Studies, Fribourg 2024
- Organizer Pre-Publication Seminar, UZH Dept. Political Science 2021–2022
- Instructor outreach program, UNC Center for European Studies 2017–2018
- Graduate Field Chair, UNC Dept. Political Science 2015–2016
- Graduate Social Chair, UNC Dept. Political Science 2014–2015
- Member Graduate and Professional Honor Court, UNC 2013–2014
- Member Education Committee, VU University Amsterdam 2010–2011

## LANGUAGES

Dutch: Native — English: Fluent — German: Advanced (C1)