

## Sebastian Thieme

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	<b>American Politics, Money in Politics, Political Methodology</b> Lobbying, interest groups, campaign finance, legislative politics, campaigns & elections, state politics, polarization, political business cycles, causal inference, Bayesian modeling	
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<b>Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse</b> Research Fellow	2021–present
	<b>Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics</b> Postdoctoral Research Associate	2019–2021
	CSDP Fellow / Postdoctoral Research Associate	2018–2019
	<b>Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)</b> Pre-doctoral researcher	2010–2011
EDUCATION	<b>New York University</b> Ph.D. in Politics Dissertation: <i>Essays on the Ideology of Private Interests, Campaign Spending, and Legislative Agenda Control</i> Committee: Sanford C. Gordon (Chair), Patrick J. Egan, Howard Rosenthal	May 2018
	<b>London School of Economics and Political Science</b> M.Sc. in Political Science and Political Economy	2010
	<b>Sciences Po Paris</b> Erasmus exchange semester	Spring 2007
	<b>University of Mannheim</b> B.A. in Political Science (major) and Economics (minor)	2008
ARTICLES	“(When) Are Lobbying Expenditures a Good Proxy for Lobbying Activity?” (Conditionally Accepted at <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> )  2023. “Institutional Constraints on the Executive, Investment, and Elections,” with Brandice Canes-Wrone and Christian Ponce de León. <i>Presidential Studies Quarterly</i> 53(2): 273–292.  2021. “A Direct Test of Legislative Gatekeeping.” <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> 46(4): 855–888. – APSA Legislative Studies Section’s 2022 <i>Jewell-Loewenberg Prize in Subnational Politics</i> for the best article in the field published in LSQ in the previous year.  2020. “Moderation or Strategy? Political Giving by Corporations and Trade Groups.” <i>Journal of Politics</i> 82(3): 1171–1175.	
CURRENT RESEARCH	<b>Selected Working Papers:</b> “Fundraising Events and Non-Ideological Donation Motivations,” with Sean Kates (Revise & Resubmit at <i>Journal of Politics</i> )	

“Disaster Recovery Expenditures: Intergovernmental Cooperation or Politicization?”

“Who Governs the Association?” with Benjamin Egerod and Brian Libgober

“Welcome to the Party, Pal: Donors at Political Fundraising Events,” with Sean Kates

**Work in Progress:**

“Source Credibility, Prior Beliefs, and Their Effects on Reasoning About Climate Change,” with Bence Bago

“Political Business Cycles in Private Consumption and Central Bank Independence,” with Brandice Canes-Wrone & Christian Ponce de León

“Issue Selection in Congressional Primary and General Election Campaigns”

**AWARDS &  
GRANTS**

2022: Legislative Studies Section’s Jewell-Loewenberg Prize in Subnational Politics

2022: IAST Multidisciplinary Grant, joint with Bence Bago and Zoe Purcell

2018: APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant

2017: GSAS Dean’s Travel Grant (NYU)

2017: Center for Social & Political Behavior Graduate Student Travel Award (NYU)

2017: Departmental Dissertation Grant (NYU)

2016: George Downs Prize Grant for summer research (NYU)

2013–2017: Bradley Foundation Fellowship

2013 & 2016: Department of Politics Travel Grant (NYU)

2011–2016: McCracken Fellowship (NYU)

**TEACHING &  
ADVISING**

**Teaching Assistant at New York University:**

Political Theory Core (Dimitri Landa) Fall 2017

Quantitative Methods in Political Science (Arthur Spirling) Fall 2016

Quantitative Methods in Political Science (Gizem Acikgoz) Spring 2016

Political Theory Core (Dimitri Landa) Fall 2015

Quantitative Methods in Political Science (Gizem Acikgoz) Spring 2015

Quantitative Methods in Political Science (Gizem Acikgoz) Spring 2014

Power and Politics in America (Patrick Egan) Fall 2013

**Advising:**

Toulouse School of Economics (TSE) Summer School Summer 2023

**PRESENTATIONS  
AT SEMINARS,  
WORKSHOPS, &  
CONFERENCES**

APSA Annual Meeting, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2023

APSA Pre-Conference: Frontiers in Money in Politics Research, USC, 2023

CSAP American Politics Summer Conference, Yale University, 2017 (Poster)

CSDP Seminar Series, Princeton University, 2019

CSDP Workshop on Lobbying & Institutional Performance, Princeton University, 2019

EPSA Annual Meeting, 2023

Friends of IAST Conference, IAST, 2023

Joint IAST-Oxford-Sciences Po Paris Political Economy Conference, Sciences Po, 2023

Political Economy Workshop, IAST, 2022

Pyrenean Interdisciplinary Research Event, IAST, 2021, 2022, 2023

Money in Politics Conference, Copenhagen Business School, 2022, 2023  
 MPSA Annual Meeting, 2013, 2016, 2017  
 Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting, 2017 (Poster)  
 SPSA Annual Meeting, 2018  
 State Politics and Policy Conference, 2019

ADDITIONAL  
 TRAINING

Geographic Information Systems Workshop Series, Princeton University Fall 2019  
 Teaching and Learning Certificate Program, New York University  
*Preparing Future Faculty 2: Achieving Success Through Communication* Spring 2018  
*Preparing Future Faculty 1: The Art and Craft of Teaching* Fall 2017  
 EITM Europe, University of Mannheim June 2011  
*Theoretical and Methodological Foundations* (Randal Calvert, Andrew Martin)  
*Agent Based Modelling* (Michael Laver)  
*Quantitative Analyses of Political Texts* (Will Lowe, Sven-Oliver Proksch)  
 ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Ljubljana, Slovenia Aug 2008  
*Mathematical Concepts and Formal Modelling* (Rebecca Morton)

COMPUTER SKILLS

R, Stata, Python, Stan, ArcGis, QGis, SQL, Qualtrics, z-Tree

SERVICE &  
 PROFESSIONAL  
 ACTIVITIES

**Referee:**  
*American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, and *Political Analysis*

**Discussant:**  
 IAST-Oxford-Sciences Po Conference in Political Economy, Toulouse, 2024  
 European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023  
 Money in Politics Conference, Copenhagen Business School, 2022, 2023  
 APSA Pre-Conference: Frontiers in Money in Politics Research, UQÀM, 2022  
 Leadership, Power, and Inequality Workshop, TSE/IAST, 2022  
 CSDP Workshop on Interest Groups, Policy Outcomes and Representation in U.S. Politics, Princeton University, 2020  
 Accountability and Public Policy - Festschrift in Honor of R. Douglas Arnold, Princeton University, 2019  
 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2019  
 CSDP Workshop on Candidates and Competition in American Elections, Princeton University, 2019

**Organizing:**  
 Co-Organizer, IAST-Oxford-Sciences Po Conference in Political Economy, 2023 (Paris), 2024 (Toulouse)  
 Co-Organizer, IAST General Seminar Series, IAST, Spring 2022–Summer 2023  
 Co-Organizer, Political Economy & Economic History Working Group, IAST, Fall 2021–Spring 2022  
 Co-Organizer, CSDP Workshop on Lobbying and Institutional Performance, Princeton University, 2019

**Committee Activities:**

APSA Legislative Studies Section's Jewell-Loewenberg Prize Committee, 2023

**Memberships:**

American Political Science Association, European Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, and Southern Political Science Association