

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Ghent University (2018 – present)  
Postdoctoral fellow, FWO, KU Leuven (10/2017 – 12/2017)  
Postdoctoral fellow, KU Leuven (01/2017 – 10/2017)

### EDUCATION

**Ph.D.**, Social Science, KU Leuven (2016)  
Dissertation: “Causes and Consequences of Political Participation in Times of Rapid Social Change in Europe: A re-assessment of classical theories on political participation”  
**MS.c.**, Comparative and International Politics, KU Leuven, magna cum laude (2012)  
**B.A.**, Politics and Public Administration, Universität Konstanz (2011)

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

FWO – PhD Grant Jasmien Luypaert (2020-2024), co-promotor  
FWO – Project Grant (2019-2023), 250,000 €, PI together with Bram Wauters  
FWO – Postdoctoral Grant (2017-2020), 250,000 €, applicant  
KU Leuven – Postdoctoral Grant (2017), 85,000 €, applicant  
Belgian Political Science Association and Dutch Political Science Association – Jaarprijs Politicologie for the best Ph.D. dissertation (2017), shortlist  
Dutch and Belgian Public Administration Association – Van Poelje Jaarprijs for the best Ph.D. dissertation (2017), longlist  
FWO – Travel Grant for short stays abroad (2015, 2017, 2020), 3 x 1,000 €, applicant  
Belgian Political Science Association and Dutch Political Science Association – ‘Daniël Heinsius Prize’ for the best Master Thesis in the Low Countries (2013), 2<sup>nd</sup> laureate  
KU Leuven, Faculty of Social Sciences – ‘Best Master Thesis’ Prize 2012-2013 (2013), 2<sup>nd</sup> laureate  
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung – Scholarship to students of exceptional academic achievement and outstanding political or social commitment (2009-2012), 11,000 €, applicant  
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst – Scholarship for Internships Abroad (2009), 2,000 €, applicant

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Peer-reviewed articles– in SSCI index**

13. Lingier, L., **Kern, A.**, & Wauters, B. (forthcoming). 'Lost but not blown away. How do losers of party leadership contests react?' *Party Politics*, accepted.
12. **Kern, A.**, & Kölln, A.-K. (2022). The consequences of repeatedly losing on legitimacy beliefs. *European Journal of Political Research*, in press. doi: [10.1111/1475-6765.12512](https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12512)
11. Stiers, D., & **Kern, A.** (2021). Cyclical accountability. *Public Choice*, 189, 31–49. doi: [10.1007/s11127-020-00856-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11127-020-00856-9)
10. Wauters, B., & **Kern, A.** (2021). Does It Pay Off? The Effects of Party Leadership Elections on Parties' Trustworthiness and Appeal to Voters. *Political Studies*, 69(4), 881–899. doi: [10.1177/0032321720932064](https://doi.org/10.1177/0032321720932064)
9. **Kern, A.** (2018). What happens after a local referendum? The effect of direct democratic decision-making on protest intentions. *Local Government Studies*, 44(2), 183–203. doi: [10.1080/03003930.2017.1411809](https://doi.org/10.1080/03003930.2017.1411809)
8. **Kern, A.**, & Hooghe, M. (2018). The Effect of Direct Democracy on the Social Stratification of Political Participation: Inequality in Democratic Fatigue?. *Comparative European Politics*, 16(4), 724–744. doi: [10.1057/s41295-017-0093-y](https://doi.org/10.1057/s41295-017-0093-y)
7. Marien, S., & **Kern, A.** (2018). The Winner Takes it All: Revisiting the Effect of Direct Democracy on Citizens' Political Support. *Political Behavior*, 40(4), 857–882. doi: [10.1007/s11109-017-9427-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-017-9427-3)
6. Hooghe, M., & **Kern, A.** (2017). The Tipping Point Between Stability and Decline: Trends in Voter Turnout, 1950–1980–2012. *European Political Science*, 16(4), 535–552. doi: [10.1057/s41304-016-0021-7](https://doi.org/10.1057/s41304-016-0021-7)
5. **Kern, A.** (2017). The Effect of Direct Democratic Participation on Citizens' Political Attitudes in Switzerland: The Difference between Availability and Use. *Politics and Governance*, 5(2), 16–26. doi: [10.17645/pag.v5i2.820](https://doi.org/10.17645/pag.v5i2.820)
4. **Kern, A.** (2017). Identifikation mit politischen Parteien und Demokratiezufriedenheit: Eine Längsschnittanalyse zum Einfluss von Parteiidentifikation in Deutschland. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*, 58(1), 49–74.
3. Meeusen, C., & **Kern, A.** (2016). The relation between societal factors and different forms of prejudice: a cross-national approach on target-specific and generalized prejudice. *Social Science Research*, 55, 1–15. doi: [10.1016/j.ssresearch.2015.09.009](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2015.09.009)
2. Hooghe, M., & **Kern, A.** (2015). Party Membership and Closeness and the Development of Trust in Political Institutions: An Analysis of the European Social Survey, 2002-2010. *Party Politics*, 21(6), 944–956. doi: [10.1177/1354068813509519](https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068813509519)
1. **Kern, A.**, Marien, S., & Hooghe, M. (2015). Economic Crisis and Levels of Political Participation in Europe (2002-2010): The Role of Resources and Grievances. *West European Politics*, 38(3), 465–490. doi: [10.1080/01402382.2014.993152](https://doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2014.993152)

### **Other peer-reviewed articles**

5. van Erkel, P, **Kern, A.**, & Petit, G. (2020). Explaining Vote Choice in the 2019 Belgian Elections: Democratic, Populist and Emotional drivers. *Politics of the Low Countries*, in press.

4. Goovaerts, I., **Kern, A.** van Haute, E., & Marien, S. (2020). Drivers of Support for the Populist Radical Left and Populist Radical Right in Belgium: An Analysis of the VB and the PVDA-PTB Vote at the 2019 Elections. *Politics of the Low Countries*, in press.
3. Caluwaerts, D., **Kern, A.**, Reuchamps, M., & Valcke, T. (2020). Between Party Democracy and Citizen Democracy: Explaining Attitudes of Flemish Local Chairs Towards Democratic Innovations. *Politics of the Low Countries*, 2(2), 192–213.
2. van der Meer, T., & **Kern, A.** (2019). Consensualism, democratic satisfaction, political trust and the winner-loser gap: State of the art of two decades of research. *Politics of the Low Countries*, 1(1), 63–77.
1. Hooghe, M., & **Kern, A.** (2016). Onderzoek uitgelicht: Partijlidmaatschap, nabijheid bij een politieke partij en politiek vertrouwen: een analyse van de European Social Survey, 2002-2010. *Res Publica: Tijdschrift voor Politologie*, 58(1), 125–127.

### **Edited books**

1. J.-B. Pilet, P. Baudewyns, K. Deschouwer, **A. Kern**, & J. Lefevere (2020). *De Belgen verheffen hun stem: Een analyse van het stemgedrag op 26 mei 2019*. Louvain-la-Neuve: Presses universitaires de Louvain, in press.
1. J.-B. Pilet, P. Baudewyns, K. Deschouwer, **A. Kern**, & J. Lefevere (2020). *Les Belges haussent leur voix: Une analyse des comportements électoraux du 26 mai 2019*. Louvain-la-Neuve: Presses universitaires de Louvain, in press.

### **Book chapters**

6. Goovaerts, I., Kern, A., van Haute, E., & Marien, S. (2020). Proteststem of ideologische stem? De determinanten van het stemgedrag tijdens de 2019 verkiezingen in België. In J.-B. Pilet, P. Baudewyns, K. Deschouwer, Kern, A., & J. Lefevere (Eds.), *De Belgen verheffen hun stem: Een analyse van het stemgedrag op 26 mei 2019* (in press). Louvain-la-Neuve: Presses universitaires de Louvain.\*
5. van Erkel, P., Lefevere, J., Walgrave, S., Jennart, I., **Kern, A.**, Marien, S., & Baudewyns, P. (2020). Verschuivingen voor of tijdens de campagne? Verschuivingen in partijkeuze tijdens de 2019 verkiezingen in België. In J.-B. Pilet, P. Baudewyns, K. Deschouwer, Kern, A., & J. Lefevere (Eds.), *De Belgen verheffen hun stem: Een analyse van het stemgedrag op 26 mei 2019* (in press). Louvain-la-Neuve: Presses universitaires de Louvain.\*
4. Pilet, J.-B., **Kern, A.**, Gallina, M., Lefevere, J. Deschouwer, K., & Baudewyns, P. (2020). Inleiding: De belangrijkste cijfers en trends van de verkiezingen van 26 mei 2019. In J.-B. Pilet, P. Baudewyns, K. Deschouwer, Kern, A., & J. Lefevere (Eds.), *De Belgen verheffen hun stem: Een analyse van het stemgedrag op 26 mei 2019* (in press). Louvain-la-Neuve: Presses universitaires de Louvain.\*
3. Hooghe, M., & **Kern, A.** (2017). Social Capital and the Development of Political Support in Europe. In C. van Ham, J. Thomassen, K. Aarts, & R. B. Andeweg (Eds.), *Myth and Reality of the Legitimacy Crisis. Explaining Trends and Cross-National Differences in Established Democracies* (pp. 59–75). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2. **Kern, A.**, Marien, S., & Hooghe, M. (2016). Economic crisis and non-institutionalised political participation. In M. Voicu, I. C. Mochmann, & H. Dülmer (Eds.), *Values, Economic Crisis and Democracy* (pp. 163–192). Abingdon/ New York: Routledge.

1. Close, C., Kelbel, C., & **Kern, A.** (2015). Kiezen voor de verkiezingen. In K. Deschouwer, P. Delwit, M. Hooghe, P. Baudewyns, & S. Walgrave (Eds.), *De kiezer ontcijferd : over stemgedrag en stemmotivaties* (pp. 232–252). Leuven: LannooCampus.\*

\* These book chapters were also published in French.

### Policy Reports

2. Kern, A., & Werner, H. (2018). Der Bürgerdialog im Parlament der Deutschsprachigen Gemeinschaft Belgiens. Leuven: Centrum voor Politicologie, KU Leuven.
1. Hooghe, M., Kern, A., Louw, G., Marien, S., & Seynaeve, A. -C. (2016). De volksraadpleging in de wijk Nekkerspoel, Mechelen. April-mei 2015. Leuven: Centre for Citizenship and Democracy.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2018, 2014)  
 Annual Conference of the Netherlands Institute of Governance (2017, 2016)  
 Arbeitskreis quantitative Religionsforschung (2011)  
 Dutch-Belgian Political Science Conference (2017)  
 Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Conference (2017)  
 European Consortium for Political Research General Conference (2022, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2015, 2014, 2013)  
 European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions (2015, 2014)  
 German Political Science Association Congress (2018)  
 GESIS conference on values, crisis and democracy. (2013)  
 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2018, 2017, 2016)  
 PARTIREP Workshop on conceptualizing political participation (2014)

### ORGANISATION (INTER)NATIONAL WORKSHOPS

**Organizer International Conferences:** “Voting in Regional Elections: The Rise of Regional Authority and Electoral accountability” (2017, together with Marc Hooghe), “Democratic Innovation” (2013, together with Marc Hooghe and Sofie Marien), “State of the Federation” (2020, together with Robin Devroe, Gilles Pittoors, Audrey Vandeleene and Bram Wauters)

**Organizer Workshop Belgian-Dutch Political Science Conference:** “The causes and effects of democratic innovations: a remedy for the democratic malaise?” (2016, together with Kristof Jacobs)

**Organizer Panel at the ECPR General Conference:** “Democratic Innovations within Political Parties” (2018, together with Emilie van Haute), “Measuring rising forms of political participation” (2017, together with Ariadne Vromen)

**Organizer Panel at the DVPW Congress:** “Consequences of Political Losing” (2018, together with Kathrin Ackermann)

**Discussant:** Annual Conference of the NIG (2017, 2016), Dutch-Belgian Political Science Conference (2017, 2016), ECPR General conference (2018, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2013), German Political Science Association Congress (2018), PARTIREP Workshop on conceptualizing political participation (2014), One year of Permanent Citizens’ Dialogue in the German-speaking Community of Belgium (2020)

## **EDUCATION RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES**

**At Ghent University:** “Survey Design”(BA, 2019), “Research Design” co-teaching with Tony Valcke (BA, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022), Supervision of 8 master theses, “Citizens and Government” co-teaching with Bram Wauters (MA, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021), “Current topics in Belgian politics” co-teaching with Nicolas. Bouteica (MA, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021), “Quantitative Methods” co-teaching with Tom Verhelst (BA, 2020, 2021, 2022).

**At the Free University of Brussels (VUB):** PhD training on “Methodological challenges in cross-national survey research”, Free University of Brussels (VUB)

**At KU Leuven:** Seminar on “Voting Behavior” (BA, 2017), “Fundamental topics of comparative politics” co-teaching with Prof. S. Marien (MA, 2017), “Political Sociology” co-teaching with Sofie Marien (BA, 2016, 2015), Supervision of 4 master theses (2014-2017)

**PhD advisor:** Ine Goovaerts (2016 - 2020) with Sofie Marien, Leen Lingier (2020 onwards) with Bram Wauters, Jasmien Luypaert (2020 onwards) with Bram Wauters, Lore Baeten (2021 onwards), Lisa Janssen (2022 onwards)

**Member of PhD guidance committee:** Nina De Smedt (2021 onwards), Cato Waeterloos (2020 onwards), Chloé Mayeur (2020 onwards), Rebecca Gebauer (2020 onwards)

**Member of PhD jury:** Sofie Komujuni (2019), Robin Devroe (2019), Hannah Werner (2020), Thibaut Renson (2021), Richard Schobess (2022), Cato Waeterloos (2020), Edward De Vooght (2022)

## **SCHOLARLY SERVICES**

**Referee** for Acta Politica, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Canadian Journal of Development Studies /Revue canadienne d'études du développement, Democratization, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Political Science Review, European Societies, European Sociological Review, Frontiers, Government and Opposition, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Political Science Review, Italian Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Local Government Studies, Political Behavior, Political Opinion Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, Political Studies, Political Science Review, Social Science Review, Representation, Sociological Review, Swiss Political Science Review, West European Politics

**Member of the scientific committee** for the conference of the Belgian Political Science Association (*Association Belge Francophone de Science Politique*) (2017)

## **INVITED TALKS**

2021 – Key note speech “Partizipation der Zukunft - Fragen und innovative Antworten aus der Forschung”, Impulstag “Partizipation praktisch”, Stiftung Risiko-Dialog and Kanton Zürich

2020 – Guest lecture “The Effect of Repeated Losses on Legitimacy Perceptions” at the University of Stuttgart

## **CONTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC DEBATE**

2022 – Interview with Joël De Ceulaer (*De Morgen*) in “Wat als dit straks de uitslag is? Een provocerende vooruitblik op de verkiezingen van 2024”, February 2nd.

2021 – Interview with Phara de Aguirrein (*De Afspraak*) on the new government in Germany, December 8th.

2019 – Opinion Piece together with Sofie Marien in *De Morgen*, “Heiligt het klimaatdoel een sms-bombardement?”, February 10th.

2019 – Interview with *Karrewiet*. “Politiek over Klimaat”, February 8th.

2019 – Interview with Eveline Vergauwen (*De Standaard*) in “Het lot van het klimaatprotest: groeien of doodbloeden?”, January 18th.

2018 – Blog post together with Sofie Marien at *Political Behavior Blog*, “The Winner Takes it All: Revisiting the Effect of Direct Democracy on Political Support”.

2015 – Blog post together with Sofie Marien and Marc Hooghe at *Democratic Audit UK*, “Fierce but short-lived: how do economic crises affect political participation?”.

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