

Jakob Wiedekind

1. Academic appointments and activities

Contact information

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Academic career

Since Aug. 2024	DAAD Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
Aug. 2023 – July 2024	Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer Research Group for International Relations and European Integration, Department of Political Science, Leibniz University Hannover, GER
Oct. 2017 – July 2023	Lecturer and Research Fellow Research Group for International Relations and European Integration, Department of Political Science, Leibniz University Hannover, GER
Dec. 2015 – July 2017	Student Research Assistant in the international research project „Militarization 2.0: Militarization’s social media footprint through a gendered lens“ (funded by the Swedish Research Council)
Sep. 2015 – July 2017	Student Research Assistant Research Group for International Relations and European Integration, Department of Political Science, Leibniz University Hannover, GER

International affiliations and research stays

Sep. 2021 – Oct. 2021	Visiting Scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
Sep. 2019 – Oct. 2019	Research trip to the US, Washington D.C. (additional locations: UNC, Emory University, Vanderbilt University)
Sep. 2018 – Oct. 2018	Research trip to the US, Washington D.C. (additional locations: UNC, Emory University, Vanderbilt University)

Education

- Oct. 2017 – June 2023 Dissertation in Political Science
Faculty of Philosophy, Leibniz University Hannover, GER
- „The Assertive Presidency – Understanding Preemptive Executive Pressure on Foreign Policy Legislation in the US”
- Date of Defense: June 27, 2023
- Overall mark: Summa cum laude (unanimous)
- Reviewers:
- Prof. Dr. Christiane Lemke (Emerita, Leibniz University Hannover, Chair for International Relations and European Integration)
 - Prof. Jordan Tama, PhD (School of International Service, American University, Washington D.C., USA)
 - Prof. Dr. Dominic Nyhuis (Leibniz University Hannover, Chair for Quantitative Methods in Political Science)
- Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017 M.A. Political Science
Faculty of Philosophy, Leibniz University Hannover, GER
Overall mark: 1,1 (with distinction)
MA thesis: The US Elections and the concept of power in international relations, Mark: 1,0
- Oct. 2012 – Sept. 2015 B.A. Political Science
Faculty of Philosophy, Leibniz University Hannover, GER
Overall mark: 2,1
BA thesis: „Uganda – Eine Analyse Europäischer Entwicklungszusammenarbeit unter besonderem Fokus auf den Wirtschaftssektor“ [Translation: Uganda – An Analysis of European Development Aid Focusing on Economic Policy], Mark: 1,5

Additional qualifications

- Sep. 2018– May 2019 „Pro Teaching“ Certificate of the Leibniz University Hannover
- Professional planning of classes
 - Examinations – student preparation and review
 - Applied teaching methods
 - Advising students
 - Competence-oriented planning of classes

Positions in university-administration / committees

Since April 2025	Member of the Advisory Committee for the TransAtlantic Masters Program at UNC Chapel Hill
Nov. 2021 – June 2024	Member of the joint examination board for the multidisciplinary BA and MA (High School Teaching Staff Education)
June 2019 – May 2024	Organizer of the research colloquium, Department of Political Science, Leibniz University Hannover
April 2018 – May 2022	Head of Web-Administration, Department of Political Science, Leibniz University Hannover
Oct. 2017 – May 2024	Member of the board as representative of PhD and PostDoc staff, Department of Political Science, Leibniz University Hannover
Jan. 2018 – May 2024	Deputy Student-Loan Advisor, Department of Political Science, Leibniz University Hannover
Feb. 2021 – Mar. 2022	Member of the appointment committee „Quantitative Methods in Political Science“, LUH

Additional academic activities

Active Memberships	American Political Science Association (APSA), Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), German Political Science Association (GPSA), German Studies Association (GSA), German Association for American Studies (GAAS), Cologne Forum for International Relations and Security Policy e.V. (KFIBS; Research Group „USA/Transatlantic Relations/NATO)
Reviewer	APSA, Section “Presidents and Executive Politics”, Award Committee for best graduate student paper 2024 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Selection Committees for a variety of programs (e.g., “Master in West-Europe”) SN Social Sciences German Association for Junior Scholars in Social Sciences e.V. (DNGPS) Working Papers
Active conference participation	APSA Annual Meeting (2019-2025); SPSA (2025); WPSA (2026) GSA (2024, 2025) Council of Europeanists (2022) GAAS PolSci Section Annual Conference (2021, 2023) ECPR (2021), ISA (2021), GPSA IB Section Annual Meeting (2020) American Politics Group of the UK PSA (2020, 2021)

Outreach, organized events, and talks

January 2026	Podcast recording with the Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA): “Quo Vadis America”.
April 2025	Guest Lecture in the “Great Decisions Lecture Series at UNC”, topic “Climate Change Policy in Times of Crisis”
February 2025	Panelist at UNC’s Joint Graduate Research Symposium on extremism, the media, and elections in the EU
October 2024	Workshop “Threats to Democracy: Media and the 2024 Elections in Transatlantic Perspective” (UNC, CITAP, Thomas Mann Haus LA)
August 2023	Invited Keynote „Gleichzeitige Krisen, diverse Triebfedern: Von der geopolitischen Großwetterlage zu inneren Herausforderungen“, Annual Meeting of the DNGPS, Hannover.
July 2023	Invited talk: „The Modern Presidency: Handlungsspielräume zwischen Verfassung und Parteipolitik“, Summer School, Atlantische Akademie Rheinland-Pfalz.
April 2023	Special event with the Ukrainian ambassador to Germany discussing Germany’s role in supporting Ukraine
March 2023	Blog-post „Why divided government means we should expect President Biden to be more vocal about Congress’ foreign policy legislation”, <i>United States Politics and Policy Blog der London School of Economics</i> .
December 2022	Special event with two members of the German Bundestag discussing the war in Ukraine: „Zeitenwende– Deutsche Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik im Zeichen des Krieges in der Ukraine“
September 2022	Blog-post, GPSA-blog, „Multilateralism in Uncertain Times – Challenges and Opportunities in Transatlantic Relations. Ein Lehrprojekt von Jakob Wiedekind“.
Mar. 2020 – Feb. 2021	Founder (with Prof. Dr. Christiane Lemke) and author of the blog „Die Präsidentschaftswahl 2020 in den USA“ (24 posts).
Since 2019	Frequent interviews and commentary for different networks (TV and Radio): Table.Media, Deutschlandfunk Nova, FFN, Radio Hannover, SAT1 Regional, RTL Nord, H1.

2. Publications

Books

Wiedekind, Jakob (prospective 2026, R&R, advance contract):
Legislative Politics and the Making of US Foreign Policy – Modern Presidents and the Power of the Purse. Ann Arbor: Michigan University Press.

Lemke, Christiane; Jakob Wiedekind. 2022. “[The Battle for the White House](#) – The US Presidential Election under the impression of Polarization, Coronavirus Pandemic, and Social Tension.” Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

Dissertation

Wiedekind, Jakob. 2023. The assertive presidency – understanding preemptive executive pressure on foreign policy legislation in the US. Repository of the Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany.
<https://doi.org/10.15488/13948>

Journal articles

(*peer reviewed;

** Editorial Review

*** Work in Progress)

***Wiedekind, Jakob. 2025. “Beyond Win or Loss: Conditional Checks on Presidential Success.” APSA Paper. Won the Founders Award for best paper on Executive Politics

**Wiedekind, Jakob, and Florian Böller. 2025. “The Declining Reliability of U.S. Foreign Policy and its Domestic Sources Under Trump II. German Journal for Foreign and Security Policy (Zeitschrift für Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12399-025-01075-0>. (Introduction to the special issue Still a Reliable Ally? US Foreign Policy, Domestic Politics, and the 2024 Elections, co-edited with Florian Böller).

**Wiedekind, Jakob, and Florian Böller. 2025. “Beyond Stable Alliances: Uncertainty at the Dawn of Trump’s Second Act.” *Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft (German Journal of Political Science)*. 35 (1): 67-74. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41358-025-00401-4>.

**Wiedekind, Jakob. 2025. “Biden administration and foreign policy.” In: Michael Genovese, and Alison Howard (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of the American Presidency* (5th Ed.).

** Simon, Julia and Jakob Wiedekind. 2025. “Polarization”, in: Nai, Alessandro, Max Grömping, and Dominique Wirz (eds.): *The Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Communication*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing: 199-203.

*Wiedekind, Jakob. 2025. Amerika zuerst, Europa zuletzt? Trumps Comeback (America first, Europe last? Trump’s Comeback), *GWP* –

Gesellschaft. Wirtschaft. Politik. 2-2025. 153-158.
<https://doi.org/10.3224/gwp.v74i2.03>.

*Wiedekind, Jakob. 2024. „The new normal“: Warum die Republikanische Partei Trumps Partei bleibt, obwohl er 2020 verloren hat (Why the Republican Party remains Trump’s party despite his defeat in the 2020 election), *GWP – Gesellschaft. Wirtschaft. Politik*, 2-2024, S. 143-148. <https://doi.org/10.3224/gwp.v73i2.03>

*Lemke, Christiane, and Jakob Wiedekind. 2023. „Finding Common Ground in Uncertain Times – Assessing the Prospect of Multilateralism in Transatlantic Climate Change Policy.” *Journal of Transatlantic Studies* 21: 73-99. [Open Access](#).

*Wiedekind, Jakob. 2022. “Preemptive Action: Measuring Presidential Assertiveness in Foreign Policy Lawmaking.” *American Politics Research*, 51 (6): 763-780.

Wiedekind, Jakob. 2022. „Auf verlorenem Posten? Wie wir die Krise der liberalen internationalen Ordnung verstehen können.“ *Politik Unterrichten* (Zeitschrift der DVPB) 37 (1): 8-17. [Title translation: „A lost cause? How we can understand the crisis of the LIO“]

Lemke, Christiane, and Jakob Wiedekind. 2018. „Transatlantische Turbulenzen: Die Beziehungen zwischen Europa und den USA nach der Wahl von Donald Trump.“ *Universitätsmagazin der Leibniz Universität Hannover*, 2–4. [Title translation: “Transatlantic Turbulence: The EU-US relationship under Trump”].

Contributions to edited volumes
(*peer reviewed)

*Wiedekind, Jakob. 2023. „Transatlantische Perzeptionen im Zeichen der Trump-Präsidentschaft – Die Rolle von öffentlicher Meinung in den transatlantischen Beziehungen.“ [Title translation: „Transatlantic Perceptions under the impression of the Trump presidency – The role of public opinion in transatlantic relations“] In: Aylin Matlé, Sascha Arnautović and Jakob Wiedekind (Eds.): *Transatlantische Perspektiven unter Obama und Trump – Eine Vergleichsstudie zur Frage nach Kontinuität und Wandel US-amerikanischer Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik*. [Title translation: *Transatlantic Perspectives under Obama and Trump: A comparative perspective on continuity and change in American foreign and security policy*] Wiesbaden: Springer VS: 85-116.

*Wiedekind, Jakob. 2023. “Transatlantische Beziehungen im Zeichen von „America first“ – Die politische Polarisierung in den USA als Triebfeder transatlantischer Spannungen.” [Title translation: „*Transatlantic relations under the impression of*

„America first“ – Political polarization as a driver of transatlantic tensions”] In.: *ibid.*: 285-320.

Wiedekind, Jakob. 2021. „Die transatlantischen Beziehungen unter Trump: Implikationen von „America first“ für die amerikanisch-europäische Wertegemeinschaft.“ [Title translation: „Transatlantic Relations under Trump: Implications of ‚America first‘ for the European-American community of values] In: Arnautović, Sascha (Ed.), *Die europäisch-amerikanischen Beziehungen unter US-Präsident Trump. Eine Bilanz mit Politikempfehlungen.* [Title translation: “*The European-American Relationship under US President Trump – Tacking stock and policy advise*”] Baden-Baden: Tectum Verlag (Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft): 43-75.

Wiedekind, Jakob. 2021. „Der außenpolitische Kurs der Trump-Administration und europäische Antworten darauf: Turbulenzen zwischen miteinander fremdelnden Freunden.“ [Title translation: „Trump’s foreign policy and European responses – Turbulence in a strained friendship”] In: *ibid.*: 105-139.

Wiedekind, Jakob, und Sascha Arnautović. 2021. „Einleitung. Problemstellung und Zielsetzung der Forschungsgruppenstudie.“ [Title translation: „Introduction: The Puzzle and Goals of this study”] In: *ibid.*: 1-8.

Edited Volumes and Special Issues

Böller, Florian, and Jakob Wiedekind. 2025. “Still a Reliable Ally? US Foreign Policy, Domestic Politics, and the 2024 Elections.” *German Journal for Foreign and Security Policy* (Zeitschrift für Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik).

Sascha Arnautović, Aylin Matlé. and Jakob Wiedekind. 2023. „[Transatlantische Perspektiven unter Obama und Trump](#) – Eine Vergleichsstudie zur Frage nach Kontinuität und Wandel US-amerikanischer Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik.“ [Title translation: “*Transatlantic Perspectives under Obama and Trump: A comparative perspective on continuity and change in American foreign and security policy*”] Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

3. Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2026	APSA Section “Presidents and Executive Politics” Founders Award for Best Paper on Executive Politics by a Ph.D.-holding scholar
2025	Diplomacy Lab Curriculum Development Award (\$2.500), Fall 2025
2024	John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship of the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University (65.000 €, declined)
2024	Feodor Lynen Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Humboldt Foundation (Two-year Research Fellowship at the UNC Chapel Hill, declined)
2023	APSA (American Political Science Association) Travel Grant and DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Conference Grant, APSA Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA, USA (2.400€)
2022	DAAD Conference Grant for the APSA 2022 in Montreal, Canada
2021	DAAD grant for PhD students (2.900€), Visiting Scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, US
2019	International travel grant, Graduate Academy, Leibniz University Hannover (1.800€), Research trip to the US
2018	PROMOS grant, International Office, Leibniz University Hannover (1.900€), Research trip to the US
2016	Lower Saxony grant, Leibniz University Hannover (450€),

4. Teaching & Advising

<i>Honors Theses (UNC)</i>	<i>TAM Theses (UNC)</i>	<i>BA Theses (LUH)</i>	<i>MA Theses (LUH)</i>
3	6	45	25

<i>Term</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Type of Class</i>	<i>Level</i>
Spring 2026 (UNC)	Polarization and Partnership: American Politics and Transatlantic Relations	Seminar	Graduate
	EU Climate Change Policy	Seminar	Undergraduate/ Graduate
Fall 2025 (UNC)	EU Foreign Policy in Times of Uncertainty (Research and Discovery Curriculum)	Seminar	Undergraduate/ Graduate
Spring 2025 (UNC)	Transatlantic Relations	Seminar	Graduate
	EU Climate Change Policy	Seminar	
Fall 2024 (UNC)	EU Foreign Policy	Seminar	Undergrad

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Fall 2024 (UNC)	EU Foreign Policy in Times of Uncertainty	Seminar	BA
Summer 2024 (LUH)	Navigating Turbulence: The EU and Germany in Transatlantic Relations		MA
Winter 2023/24 (LUH)	Research Design in Political Science	Seminar	MA
	Multilateralism in Uncertain Times – Challenges and Opportunities in Transatlantic Relations	Seminar	BA
Summer 2023 (LUH)	Quo Vadis Transatlantic Relations? Multilateralism under the Impression of Global Power Shifts	Seminar	MA
	The European Union as a Global Actor	Seminar	BA
Winter 2022/23 (LUH)	Qualitative Methods in International Relations	Seminar	MA
	Multilateralism in Uncertain Times – Challenges and Opportunities in Transatlantic Relations	Seminar	BA
Summer 2022 (LUH)	Quo Vadis Transatlantic Relations? Global Power Shifts and European/German Responses	Seminar	MA
	The Domestic Arena of American Foreign Policy Making – From National Dynamics to International Implications	Seminar	BA
Winter 2021/22 (LUH)	Qualitative Methods in International Relations	Seminar	MA
	Multilateralism in Uncertain Times – Challenges and Opportunities in Transatlantic Relations	Seminar	BA

<i>Term</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Type of Class</i>	<i>Level</i>
Summer 2021 (LUH)	Transatlantic Relations in Flux – Resurgence of Multilateralism and German Foreign Policy	Seminar	MA
	Analyzing American Foreign Policy – From Domestic Determinants to International Implications	Seminar	BA
Winter 2020/21 (LUH)	Qualitative Methods in International Relations	Seminar	MA
	Drifting Further Apart or Coming Together Again? The US Presidential Elections of 2020 and their Implications for Transatlantic Relations	Seminar (Joint Sessions with UNC, USA)	BA
Summer 2020 (LUH)	The Executive Unbound? Congress and President in US Foreign Policy Decision Making	Seminar	BA
Winter 2019/20 (LUH)	Qualitative Methods in International Relations	Seminar	MA
	Reelecting ‚Greatness‘? The Trump Presidency and the Democratic Challenge	Seminar	BA
Summer 2019 (LUH)	Concept of Power in International Relations – theoretical premises and qualitative research design	Seminar	BA
Winter 2018/19 (LUH)	Qualitative Methods in International Relations	Seminar	MA
	Foreign Policy Analysis between hard power and soft power: Theoretical premises and empirical research	Seminar	BA
Summer 2018 (LUH)	Power in International Relations	Seminar	BA
