Nina Straub

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EDUCATION

PhD in Government *2026–present*

Harvard University, Department of Government, Cambridge, MA

– Carl J. Friedrich Fellow

MSc in Statistics and Data Science (Econometrics) *2023–2026 (expected)*

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU), Department of Statistics, Munich, Germany

– Thesis: "Causal Identification Under Complex Designs: Estimating Dynamic Effects of Local Infrastructure Development on Electoral Behaviour"

MSc in Public Policy and Administration *2024–2025*

London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE), Department of Government, UK

– Thesis: "Wind Power Expansion and Electoral Backlash: Does Compensation Increase Support for the Green Transition?" (Best Dissertation Award)

BSc in Psychology *2020–2023*

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU), Department of Psychology, Munich, Germany

– Thesis: "Assessing Measurement Invariance with Exploratory Factor Analysis Trees" (published in EJPA)

RESEARCH

Publications

– **Straub, N.**, Goretzko, D., & Sterner, P. (2025). "Assessing Measurement Invariance With Exploratory Factor Analysis Trees: A Practical Guide." *European Journal of Psychological Assessment.* Open Access Paper | Open Code

Working Papers

– "Wind Power, Compensation and Electoral Backlash: Evidence from 35 Years of Wind Power Expansion in Germany" (draft available on request)

– "How to Hack Democracy: Parameter Estimation for Constrained Spatial Models" (with Caroline Belka, Vanessa Kleisch, and Carl Müller-Crepon)

HONORS & AWARDS

Awards

– Institute Prize for the Best Statistical Consulting Project ("How to Hack Democracy"), LMU *2026*

– Peter Self Prize for Best Overall Performance, MSc Public Policy and Administration, LSE *2025*

– Peter Self Prize for Best Dissertation, MSc Public Policy and Administration, LSE *2025*

Scholarships, Fellowships & Grants

- Carl J. Friedrich Fellowship, Department of Government, Harvard University *2026–2027*
- Study Grant for Postgraduate Studies (DAAD & Studienstiftung), $50,500 *2024–2025*
- Scholar, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) *2024–2025*
- Scholar, German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung) *2020–present*

SERVICE

National Association of Psychology Students, *Germany* *2022–2025*

- Member of the Open Science committee
- Campaign leader & student negotiator in the Bavarian State Ministry of Science and Arts (in 2022)

Academic Representative, *LSE, London, UK* *2024–2025*

- Elected student representative & organizer of student workshop "Public Policy in Practice"

Student Council, *LMU, Munich, Germany* *2021–2024*

- First speaker, treasurer and elected representative of psychology students, LMU
- Student representative of the faculty council, Department of Psychology, LMU

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

- **Languages:** German (native), English (fluent, C2), Spanish (proficient, C1), French (beginner, A2)
- **Skills:** R (proficient), Python (advanced), LaTeX, Markdown, Git, MATLAB (elementary)

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