

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Policy-making and policy change
- Policy complexity and accumulation
- Democratic legislative design
- Gun policy
- Morality policy and politics
- Legislative politics in the European Union
- Legislative organization

### ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

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- 10/2024 – **Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen**  
*Professor of European Politics*
- 04/2019 – 09/2024 **Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich**  
EUPLEX – Coping with Policy Complexity in the European Union  
*Post-Doctoral Researcher / Emmy Noether Research Group Leader*
- 07/2015 – 03/2019 **Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich**  
Chair of Empirical Theories of Politics (Prof. Christoph Knill)  
*Post-Doctoral Researcher*
- 05/2011 – 05/2015 **Doctor of Social Sciences (Dr. rer. soc.)**, University of Konstanz  
Dissertation: ‘The conditional impact of rampage shootings on gun policies in Western Europe, 1990-2010’

Committee: Prof. Christoph Knill, Prof. Christian Breunig, Prof. Dirk Leuffen

Grade: summa cum laude

04/2014 – 06/2015 **Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich**

Chair of Empirical Theories of Politics (Prof. Christoph Knill)

*Junior Researcher*

05/2011 – 03/2014 **University of Konstanz**

Chair of Political and Administrative Sciences (Prof. Christoph Knill)

*Junior Researcher (ERC Advanced Grant “MORAPOL – Comparative Analysis of Moral Policy Change”)*

10/2008 – 04/2011 **Master of Political Science and Administration (M.A.)**, Specialization in International Relations and European Integration, University of Konstanz

MA thesis: ‘Changing the Output – The Logic of Amendment Success in the European Parliament’s Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)’

Grade: 1.0 (VEUK-Prize for the best MA thesis)

10/2004 – 04/2008 **Bachelor of Political Science and Administration (B.A.)**, University of Konstanz, Exchange year at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, USA

BA thesis: “Intergovernmentalists vs. Supranationalists: Individual Preference Formation of Top Officials in the European Commission – A Replication Study”

Grade: 1.4

## GRANTS

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- Consolidator Grant (European Research Council): DEMOLAW – The Design, Creation and Survival of Democratic Laws (Total funding: **1,974,936 €**, Project duration: 2024-2029)
- Emmy Noether Research Group (German Research Foundation): EUPLEX – Coping with Policy Complexity in the European Union (Total funding: **1,098,798 €**, Project duration: 2019-2025)
- Junior Researcher Fund of the LMU Munich (LMUexcellent): EUPLEX – Coping with Policy Complexity in the European Union (Seed funding, total funding: **22,600 €**)

## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

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### Monographs

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- (1) Adam, Christian, **Hurka, Steffen**, Steinebach, Yves and Knill, Christoph (2019). *Policy Accumulation and the Democratic Responsiveness Trap*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- (2) **Hurka, Steffen** (2017). *Rampage shootings and gun control - Politicization and policy change in Western Europe*. London: Routledge.

### Editions

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- (3) Knill, Christoph, Adam, Christian and **Hurka, Steffen** (2015). *On the Road to Permissiveness? Change and Convergence of Moral Regulation in Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

### Peer-reviewed articles

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- (4) **Hurka, Steffen** and Steinebach, Yves (2026). Legal Complexity Undermines Effective Climate Policy Implementation. *Climate Policy* (online first, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14693062.2026.2629393>).
- (5) **Hurka, Steffen** and Sieber, Amelie (forthcoming). Gun Regulations and Gun Violence: Challenges for Comparative Cross-National Research. *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*.
- (6) **Hurka, Steffen**, Rueß, Stefanie, Cowburn, Mike & Kaplaner, Constantin (2025). Laws as Blades: A Conceptual Framework of Legislative Design. *Policy Sciences* 58 (4): 733-752.
- (7) **Hurka, Steffen** (2025). Treated by the Treaty? How the expansion of co-decision affected the volume and complexity of EU legislation. *Journal of European Public Policy* (online first, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2025.2519563>).
- (8) Daniel, William T., and **Hurka, Steffen** (2024). Unpacking the European Commission: Cabinet Composition and EU Policymaking. *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* 63 (3): 987-1007.
- (9) Haag, Maximilian, **Hurka, Steffen** and Kaplaner, Constantin (2024). Policy complexity and implementation performance in the European Union. *Regulation & Governance* 19 (3): 656-674.

- (10) **Hurka, Steffen**, Knill, Christoph, and Steinebach, Yves (2024). Rules as Policy Data? Measuring and Linking Policy Substance and Legislative Context. *Regulation & Governance* 18 (3): 724-739.
- (11) **Hurka, Steffen**, Haag, Maximilian and Kaplaner, Constantin (2023). Proposal complexity and report allocation in the European Parliament. *European Union Politics* 24 (2): 307-326.
- (12) **Hurka Steffen** (2023). The Institutional and Political Roots of Complex Policies - Evidence from the European Union. *European Journal of Political Research* 62 (4): 1168-1190.
- (13) Adam, Christian, **Hurka, Steffen**, Knill, Christoph and Steinebach, Yves (2022). On Democratic Intelligence and Failure: The Vice and Virtue of Incrementalism under Political Fragmentation and Policy Accumulation. *Governance* 35 (2): 525-543.
- (14) **Hurka, Steffen**, Haag, Maximilian and Kaplaner, Constantin (2022). Policy complexity in the European Union, 1993-today: introducing the EUPLEX dataset. *Journal of European Public Policy* 29 (9): 1512-1527.
- (15) Fernández-i-Marín, Xavier, **Hurka, Steffen**, Knill, Christoph and Steinebach, Yves (2022). Systemic Dynamics of Policy Change: Overcoming Some Blind Spots of Punctuated Equilibrium Theory. *Policy Studies Journal* 50 (3): 527-552.
- (16) **Hurka, Steffen** and Steinebach, Yves (2021). Legal Instrument Choice in the European Union. *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* 59 (2): 278-296.
- (17) **Hurka, Steffen**, & Kaplaner, Constantin (2020). Are popular and powerful committees more representative? Evidence from the ninth European Parliament. *Research & Politics*, 7(2), 2053168020914453.
- (18) **Hurka, Steffen** and Haag, Maximilian (2020). Policy complexity and legislative duration in the European Union. *European Union Politics* 21 (1): 87-108.
- (19) **Hurka, Steffen** and Knill, Christoph (2020). Does regulation matter? A cross-national analysis of the impact of gun policies on homicide and suicide rates. *Regulation & Governance* 14 (4): 787-803.
- (20) Adam, Christian, **Hurka, Steffen**, Knill, Christoph, Peters, B. Guy and Steinebach, Yves (2019). Introducing Vertical Policy Coordination to Comparative Policy Analysis: The

Missing Link Between Policy Production and Implementation. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice* 21 (5): 499-517.

(21) Obholzer, Lukas, **Hurka, Steffen** and Kaeding, Michael (2019). Party group coordinators and rapporteurs: Discretion and agency loss along the European Parliament's chains of delegation. *European Union Politics* 20 (2): 239-260.

(22) Daniel, William T., Obholzer, Lukas, and **Hurka, Steffen** (2019). Static and dynamic incentives for Twitter usage in the European Parliament. *Party Politics* 25 (6): 771-781.

(23) **Hurka, Steffen**, Daniel, William T. and Obholzer, Lukas (2018). Determinants of moonlighting in the European Parliament. *The Journal of Legislative Studies* 24(1): 127-147.

(24) **Hurka, Steffen**, Knill, Christoph and Rivière, Léonie (2018). Four worlds of morality politics: the impact of institutional venues and party cleavages. *West European Politics* 41 (2): 428-447.

(25) Budde, Emma, Heichel, Stephan, **Hurka, Steffen**, and Knill, Christoph (2018). Partisan effects in morality policy making. *European Journal of Political Research* 57(2): 427-449.

(26) **Hurka, Steffen**, Obholzer Lukas, and Daniel, William T. (2018). When time is money: sideline jobs, ancillary income and legislative effort. *Journal of European Public Policy* 25(5): 651-669.

(27) Adam, Christian, **Hurka, Steffen**, and Knill, Christoph (2017). Four Styles of Regulation and their Implications for Comparative Policy Analysis. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice* 19 (4): 327-344.

(28) **Hurka, Steffen**, Adam, Christian, and Knill, Christoph (2017). Is Morality Policy Different? Testing Sectoral and Institutional Explanations of Policy Change. *Policy Studies Journal* 45 (4): 688-712.

(29) Person, Christian, **Hurka, Steffen**, and Knill, Christoph (2016). Opposite Trends in the Regulation of Pornography? Policy Differentiation and Policy Convergence Across 26 Countries Between 1960 and 2010. *The Journal of Sex Research* 53 (7): 860-872.

(30) **Hurka, Steffen**, Kaeding, Michael and Obholzer, Lukas (2015). Learning on the Job? EU Enlargement and the Assignment of (Shadow) Rapporteurships in the European Parliament. *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* 53 (6): 1230-1247.

(31) **Hurka, Steffen** (2013). Changing the Output: The Logic of Amendment Success in the European Parliament's ENVI Committee. *European Union Politics* 14 (2): 273-296.

(32) **Hurka, Steffen** and Nebel, Kerstin (2013). Framing and Policy Change After Shooting Rampages: A Comparative Analysis of Discourse Networks. *Journal of European Public Policy* 20 (3): 390-406.

(33) **Hurka, Steffen** and Kaeding, Michael (2012). Report Allocation in the European Parliament After Eastern Enlargement. *Journal of European Public Policy* 19 (4): 512-529.

### **Chapters in edited volumes**

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(34) **Hurka, Steffen** (2025). Die Komplexität von Richtlinien und Verordnungen der Europäischen Union: Empirische Trends und Konsequenzen für die Implementation, in Johannes Saurer (ed.): *Handlungsformen des Umweltrechts der Europäischen Union. Beiträge zu Grundfragen und Dimensionen des Wandels*. Berlin: Duncker & Humblot, 81-98.

(35) Adam, Christian and **Hurka, Steffen** (2021). Regulatory Styles and their Implications, in Michael Howlett and Jale Tosun (eds.): *Routledge Handbook of Policy Styles*, London: Routledge, 355-365.

(36) Knill, Christoph, Steinebach, Yves, Adam, Christian and **Hurka, Steffen** (2020). Policy Dismantling, Accumulation and Performance, in Giliberto Capano and Michael Howlett (eds.): *A Modern Guide to Public Policy*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 242-264.

(37) **Hurka, Steffen** and Kaplaner, Constantin (2020). Präferenzverteilungen in den Ausschüssen des neu gewählten Europäischen Parlaments, in: Michael Kaeding, Manuel Müller and Julia Schmäster (eds.): *Die Europawahl 2019: Ringen um die Zukunft Europas*. Wiesbaden, Springer VS, 391-405.

(38) **Hurka, Steffen** (2015). Zäsur oder ‚Business-as-Usual‘? Die Verteilung der Abstimmungsmacht im neu gewählten Europäischen Parlament, in: Michael Kaeding and Niko Switek (eds.): *Die Europawahl 2014: Spitzenkandidaten, Protestparteien, Nichtwähler*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 323-333.

(39) **Hurka, Steffen** (2015). Handguns: on target for authority?, in: Christoph Knill, Christian Adam and Steffen Hurka (eds.): *On the Road to permissiveness? Change and Convergence of Moral Regulation in Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 183-205.

(40) Nebel, Kerstin and **Hurka, Steffen** (2015). Abortion: finding the impossible compromise, in: Christoph Knill, Christian Adam and Steffen Hurka (eds.): *On the Road*

to Permissiveness? Change and Convergence of Moral Regulation in Europe. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 58-78.

(41) Knill, Christoph, Adam, Christian and **Hurka, Steffen** (2015). Introduction, in: Christoph Knill, Christian Adam und Steffen Hurka (eds.): *On the Road to Permissiveness? Change and Convergence of Moral Regulation in Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1-10.

(42) Adam, Christian, **Hurka, Steffen** and Knill, Christoph (2015). Conceptualizing and measuring styles of moral regulation, in: Christoph Knill, Christian Adam and Steffen Hurka (eds.): *On the Road to Permissiveness? Change and Convergence of Moral Regulation in Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 11-31.

(43) **Hurka, Steffen**, Knill, Christoph and Adam, Christian (2015). Empirical trends and conventional explanations: some puzzling misfits, in: Christoph Knill, Christian Adam and Steffen Hurka (eds.): *On the Road to Permissiveness? Change and Convergence of Moral Regulation in Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 32-44.

(44) Adam, Christian, Knill, Christoph and **Hurka, Steffen** (2015). Theoretical expectations regarding sources and directions of morality policy change, in: Christoph Knill, Christian Adam and Steffen Hurka (eds.): *On the Road to Permissiveness? Change and Convergence of Moral Regulation in Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 45-57.

(45) Adam, Christian, Knill, Christoph and **Hurka, Steffen** (2015). Conclusion, in: Christoph Knill, Christian Adam and Steffen Hurka (eds.): *On the Road to Permissiveness? Change and Convergence of Moral Regulation in Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 265-276.

(46) **Hurka, Steffen** (2015). Schnellschüsse oder Volltreffer? Die Regulierung privater Handfeuerwaffen, in: Christoph Knill, Stephan Heichel, Caroline Preidel, and Kerstin Nebel (eds.): *Moralpolitik in Deutschland - Staatliche Regulierung gesellschaftlicher Wertkonflikte im historischen und internationalen Vergleich*, Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 225-241.

## REVIEWER EXPERIENCE

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Comparative Political Studies; Energy Policy; European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science Review; European Union Politics; Government and Opposition; International Review of Public Policy; JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies; Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice; Journal of Contemporary European Studies; Journal of European Integration; Journal of European Policy; Journal of Policy History; Parliamentary

Affairs; Party Politics; Policy Sciences; Policy Studies Journal; Political Research Exchange; Political Science Research & Methods; Politics & Governance; Politische Vierteljahresschrift; Psychological Reports; Public Administration Review; Regulation & Governance; Representation; Scandinavian Journal of Public Health; West European Politics; Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AS PRESENTER, CHAIR, DISCUSSANT

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- Council for European Studies (CES): 2023 (Reykjavik)
- European Political Science Association (EPSA): 2012 (Berlin), 2015 (Vienna), 2018 (Vienna), 2019 (Belfast), 2020 (Virtual), 2021 (Virtual), 2022 (Prague), 2023 (Glasgow), 2024 (Cologne), 2025 (Madrid)
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2015 (Chicago), 2018 (Chicago)
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR): 2013 (Bordeaux)
- ECPR Standing Group on the European Union (SGEU): 2016 (Trento), 2021 (Virtual)
- ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments: 2016 (Munich)
- ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance: 2015 (Barcelona)
- International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP): 2013 (Grenoble), 2015 (Milan)
- Celebratory Comparative Policy Analysis Conference: 2013 (Leuven)
- Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW): 2018 (Frankfurt)

## MEMBERSHIPS IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

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- Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)
- European Political Science Society (EPSS)

## OTHER SERVICES TO THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

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| 01/2026 -         | <b>Senate</b> , Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen<br><i>Elected member</i>    |
| 09/2025 -         | <b>Doctoral Committee</b> , Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen<br><i>Chair</i> |
| 05/2025 – 12/2025 | <b>Senate</b> , Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen<br><i>Substitute member</i> |
| 10/2021 – 07/2024 | <b>Center for Advanced Studies (CAS)</b> , LMU Munich                           |

*Member of the Executive Board*

04/2019 – 07/2024 **Center for Advanced Studies (CAS)**, LMU Munich  
*Member of the Young Center*

08/2010 – 12/2010 **European Union Politics**, Konstanz  
*Managing editor of the journal*

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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- German (native speaker)
- English (professional proficiency)
- French (basic)

## COMPUTING SKILLS

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- Microsoft Office (advanced)
- Stata (advanced)
- R (basic)

## REFERENCES

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