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Education

Ph.D. / M.A. Political Science (with Distinction) | Sep 2008 – Aug 2014 *Northwestern University* Dissertation: *Coping with Economic Insecurity: Labor-Market Risk and Trust* GPA: 3.98/4.00

B.A. Economics & International Studies | Sep 2002 – May 2006 *Colby College & London School of Economics* Cum Laude, with Distinction | GPA: 3.49/4.00

Academic Positions

Senior Lecturer (Tenured) | Jan 2017 – present *Otto-Suhr-Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Freie Universität Berlin*

- Teaching load of 5-6 courses per semester (12 contact hours) at undergraduate and graduate level; supervision of Bachelor's and Master's theses
- Research focus: Political psychology and emotions (anger, anxiety, resentment); populism and radical-right party support; affective polarization (partisan and territorial); federalism and multilevel governance; welfare states and labor market insecurity; immigration attitudes and discrimination
- Methods expertise: Random intercept cross-lagged panel models (RI-CLPM), computational text analysis and text-as-data methods (quanteda, sentiment analysis), survey experiments, factorial and vignette designs, multilevel and panel regression, structural equation modeling, qualitative content analysis
- Academic service: Appointment committees, examination board, internship advising, curriculum planning

Postdoctoral Researcher | Sep 2014 – Dec 2016 *Centre for Welfare State Research, University of Southern Denmark*

- Teaching in social policy, methods, and research design at the graduate level
- Survey and experimental design in Germany, USA, and Denmark
- Collaboration with external partners on NORWELL project linking labor market insecurity, depression, and psychopharmaceutical use

Graduate Fellow | Aug 2008 – Aug 2014 *Department of Political Science, Northwestern University*

- Independent teaching of seminars and lectures for approximately 50 undergraduates per semester

- Advanced econometrics instruction for doctoral students (based on high teaching evaluations, avg. 5.4/6)
- Developed curriculum and exam repository in collaboration with colleagues
- Managed political science laboratory for survey experiments (~300 participants)

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Nguyen, C. G., Beltermann, E., Kropp, S., & Souris, A. (Forthcoming). Decoding German politics with StateParl: A text corpus of plenary protocols in the 16 German Länder parliaments. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*.

Nguyen, C. G., & Starke, P. (2025). To support or punish? Analyzing the relationship between welfare state attitudes and penal punitiveness. *Punishment & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14624745251391307>

Souris, A., Kropp, S., & **Nguyen, C. G.** (2024). Navigating conflicting incentives: Discursive strategies of political parties in Germany's cooperative federalism. *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, 54(4), 656–682.

Souris, A., Kropp, S., & **Nguyen, C. G.** (2024). Attributing blame: How political parties in Germany leverage cooperative federalism. *West European Politics*, 47(7), 1529–1555.

Mayer, S. J., **Nguyen, C. G.**, Dollmann, J., & Veit, S. (2023). The hidden majority/minority consensus: Minorities show similar preference patterns of immigrant support as the majority population. *The British Journal of Sociology*, 74(4), 711–716.

Wunderlich, P., **Nguyen, C. G.**, & von Scheve, C. (2023). Angry populists or concerned citizens? How linguistic emotion ascriptions shape affective, cognitive, and behavioural responses to political outgroups. *Cognition and Emotion*, 37(1), 147–161.

Nguyen, C. G., Mayer, S. J., & Veit, S. (2022). The impact of emotions on polarization: Anger polarizes attitudes towards vaccine mandates and increases affective polarization. *Research & Politics*, 9(3).

Kropp, S., **Nguyen, C. G.**, & Souris, A. (2022). Zusammenhalt im Bundesstaat? Bundesfreundliche und opportunistische Argumentationsstrategien in der Pandemie. *der moderne staat*, 15(1), 20–41.

Mayer, S. J., & **Nguyen, C. G.** (2021). Angry reactionary narcissists? Anger activates the link between narcissism and right-populist party support. *Politics and Governance*, 9(3), 248–259.

Marx, P., & **Nguyen, C. G.** (2018). Anti-elite parties and political inequality: How challenges to the political mainstream reduce income gaps in internal efficacy. *European Journal of Political Research*, 57(4), 919–940.

Steinberg, D., Nelson, S., & **Nguyen, C. G.** (2018). Does democracy promote capital account liberalization? *Review of International Political Economy*, 25(6), 854–883.

Marx, P., & **Nguyen, C. G.** (2018). Political participation in European welfare states: Does social investment matter? *Journal of European Public Policy*, 25(6), 912–943.

Nguyen, C. G. (2017). Labor market insecurity and generalized social trust in welfare state context. *European Sociological Review*, 33(2), 225–239.

Marx, P., & **Nguyen, C. G.** (2016). Are the unemployed less politically involved? A comparative study of internal political efficacy. *European Sociological Review*, 32(5), 634–648.

Book Chapters and Other Publications

Dollmann, J., Jacobsen, J., **Nguyen, C. G.**, & Mayer, S. J. (2025). Faktoren der Rückkehrbereitschaft nach gewaltsamer Vertreibung: Eine empirische Untersuchung ukrainischer Geflüchteter. Fischer Taschenbuch Verlag.

Veit, S., Mayer, S. J., & **Nguyen, C. G.** (2023). Mein rechter, rechter Platz ist leer: Wie Schutzmasken, Geschlecht und zugeschriebene Ethnizität die Sitzplatzwahl in der U-Bahn beeinflussen. *DeZIM Insights*, 13.

Nguyen, C. G., Salmela, M., & von Scheve, C. (2021). From specific worries to generalized anger: The emotional dynamics of right-wing political populism. In M. Oswald (Ed.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Populism* (pp. 145–160). Palgrave Macmillan.

Kropp, S., **Nguyen, C. G.**, & Souris, A. (2022). Prägt Opportunismus das föderale System? Herausforderungen des “bundesfreundlichen Verhaltens” in der Corona-Krise. In W. Muno et al. (Eds.), *Staat, Rechtsstaat und Demokratie* (pp. 41–66). Springer VS.

Kropp, S., & **Nguyen, C. G.** (2020). Föderale Leitbilder als verfassungspolitischer Handlungsrahmen im deutschen Bundesstaat: Ein Baukasten aus Wettbewerb und Solidarität. In *Reformbaustelle Bundesstaat* (pp. 159–186).

Marx, P., & **Nguyen, C. G.** (2020). Political participation in European welfare states: Does social investment matter? In *The Future of the Social Investment State* (pp. 112–143).

Suda, K., Mayer, S. J., & **Nguyen, C. G.** (2020). Antiasiatischer Rassismus in Deutschland. *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte*, 70(42/44), 39–44.

Mahoney, J., Mohamedali, K., & **Nguyen, C. G.** (2016). Causality and time in historical institutionalism. In O. Fioretos et al. (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Historical Institutionalism*. Oxford University Press.

Working Papers and Manuscripts Under Review

Nguyen, C. G. (Under Review). Angry chickens, populist eggs? The temporal dynamics of negative emotions and radical-right, populist party support. *Political Psychology*.

Nguyen, C. G., Mayer, S. J., Dollmann, J., & Jacobsen, J. (2024). Navigating Peace? Factors shaping internationally displaced Ukrainian return intentions. *So-cArXiv*. <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/ehmbw>

Nguyen, C. G., Masch, L., Schnabel, J., & Souris, A. (2024). Regional affective polarization & voting behavior. *OSF*.

Funding

Grants and Fellowships

Year	Grant
2024	James Madison Charitable Trust (€6,000, with L. Masch & A. Souris)
2020	Berlin University Alliance (€100,000, with S. Mayer): Anti-Asian Racism Project
2012–13	Hans-Böckler Foundation External Doctoral Fellowship (\$17,000)
2011	Council of European Studies Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (\$4,500)
2011	Roberta Buffet Center Summer Grant (\$2,000)
2011	Northwestern University MacArthur Fund (\$2,000)
2008–14	Northwestern University Fellowship (\$120,000)

Current Research Applications

- Belonging by not belonging: Understanding negational identities and their impact on social and democratic cohesion (DFG Sachbeihilfe, with S. Mayer)

Teaching

Freie Universität Berlin

Course	Level
Introduction to the German Political System	Lecture
Social Policy in Germany	BA Seminar
Comparative Institutional Analysis: The Case of Germany	BA Proseminar
The German Political System in Comparative Perspective	BA Proseminar
Who Votes for Whom? Voting Behavior in Germany and Comparative Perspective	BA Proseminar
Quantitative Techniques in Political Science	BA Seminar
Data Literacy: Acquisition and Instruction	BA Seminar
The Politics of Social Inequalities	MA Seminar
Techniques of Empirical Parliamentary Analysis in R	MA Seminar

Course	Level
Theory and Applications of Political Psychology	MA Seminar
Political Perceptions in Times of Crisis: Theories and Applications in Survey Research	Project Seminar

University of Southern Denmark

Course	Level
Mixed Methods	MA Seminar
Quantitative Methods	MA Seminar

Northwestern University

Course	Level
Advanced Topics in Econometrics	PhD Seminar
Methods of Political Inference	BA Seminar
Statistical Research Methods	BA Seminar
Logics of Political Inquiry	BA Seminar
Politics of China	BA Seminar
Politics of Europe	BA Seminar
International Political Economy	BA Seminar
Politics of the Middle East	BA Seminar

Service and Memberships

Professional Service

- Conference Coordinator: EspaNet 2015
- Founding Coordinator: Quantitative Methods Workshop, Northwestern University
- Coordinator: Comparative Historical Social Science Workshop, Northwestern University
- Peer Review: *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Sociological Review*, *Innovation: The European Journal of Social Science Research*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *Journal of European Social Policy*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Socio-Economic Review*

Professional Memberships

- Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)
- Deutscher Hochschulverband
- European Political Science Association (EPSA)
- European Sociological Association (ESA)