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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### University of Toronto

Assistant Professor, Politics of Western Europe 2017–present  
Research Coordinator, Joint Initiative in German and European Studies (JIGES),  
Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy 2018–present

### Harvard University

John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow, Center for European Studies 2021–2022

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Political Science, George Washington University 2017  
M.A., Political Science, George Washington University 2013  
B.A., Social Sciences & Philosophy, University of Leipzig, Germany 2010

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Comparative & International Political Economy; European Politics; Welfare States; Housing;  
Finance; Business-Labor Relations; Credit Markets; Historical Institutionalism

## BOOK PROJECT

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Title: *Growth, Welfare, and the Entrenchment of Housing Capitalism in the United States and Germany* (work in progress).

## ACADEMIC ARTICLES (IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS)

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Alexander Reisenbichler and Kimberly J. Morgan. “From Sick Man to Miracle: Explaining the Robustness of the German Labor Market During and After the Financial Crisis 2008-09.” *Politics & Society* vol. 40 no. 4 (2012).

Alexander Reisenbichler. "The Domestic Sources and Power Dynamics of Regulatory Networks: Evidence from the Financial Stability Forum." *Review of International Political Economy* vol. 22 no. 5 (2015).

Alexander Reisenbichler. "The Politics of Quantitative Easing and Housing Stimulus by the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank, 2008-2018." *West European Politics* vol. 43 no. 2 (2020).

Kimberly J. Morgan and Alexander Reisenbichler. "Riding the Tiger: Managing Risk in U.S. Housing Finance and Health Insurance Welfare Markets." *Socio-Economic Review* (forthcoming).

#### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS (BOOK CHAPTERS, POLICY ANALYSIS & BOOK REVIEWS)**

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Alexander Reisenbichler and Kimberly J. Morgan. "How Germany Won the Euro Crisis: And Why Its Gains Could Be Fleeting." *Foreign Affairs*. Web. June 20, 2013.

Alexander Reisenbichler. "Safe as Houses: Comparing Housing Finance Policies in the U.S. and Germany." *Transatlantic Perspectives*. Web. Johns Hopkins University: AICGS. September 26, 2014.

Alexander Reisenbichler. Review of *The Political Construction of Business Interests: Coordination, Growth, and Equality* (Cambridge University Press, 2012) by Martin, Cathie Jo, and Duane Swank, in: *Perspectives on Politics* vol. 12 no. 4 (December 2014).

Alexander Reisenbichler and Kimberly J. Morgan. "The German Labor Market: No Longer the Sick Man of Europe." In: Brigitte Unger (ed.), *The German Model: Seen by Its Neighbors* (London: Social Europe Publishing, 2015).

Alexander Reisenbichler. "A Rocky Path to Homeownership: Why Germany Eliminated Large-Scale Subsidies for Homeowners." *Cityscape* vol. 18 no. 3 (2016).

Alexander Reisenbichler. "American Capitalism in Comparative Perspective: Insights from the Politics of Housing Finance Markets." *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association* vol. 24 no. 1 (2019).

Alexander Reisenbichler. "Housing Finance Markets Between Social Welfare and Growth Strategies." In: Anke Hassel and Bruno Palier, eds., *Growth and Welfare Reforms in Advanced Capitalist Economies: How Growth Regimes Evolve* (Oxford University Press, 2020).

#### **WORKING PAPERS**

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Alexander Reisenbichler. "Entrenchment or Retrenchment: The Political Economy of Mortgage Debt Subsidies in the United States and Germany." (Revise & resubmit)

\* Winner, APSA Best Paper Award, European Politics & Society Section, 2017

Alexander Reisenbichler and Andreas Wiedemann. “Credit- and Consumption-led Growth Models in the U.S. and UK” (Chapter prepared for edited volume in: Lucio Baccaro, Mark Blyth, and Jonas Pontusson (eds.), *The New Politics of Growth and Stagnation*)

#### **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

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Visiting Scholarship, Center for European Studies, Harvard University * John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship	2021–2022
Munk-Cambridge Visiting Fellowship, Cambridge University	2021
Research and Scholarly Activity Fund, UTM (CAD10,000)	2020
Research Grant, CERES, Munk School (CAD24,000)	2019
APSA Best Paper Award, European Politics & Society Section	2017
Hoffman Dissertation Fellowship, IERES, GWU	2016
Summer Dissertation Fellowship, GWU	2016
Council for European Studies (CES) Conference Travel Grant	2015
Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Free University Berlin * Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies	2014–2015
Research Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy * Robert K. Merton Award	2014
DAAD/AICGS Research Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University	2014
Doctoral Student Fellowship, IERES, GWU	2013–2014
Visiting Scholar Grant, Max Planck Institute, Cologne	2011
Graduate Student Fellowship, GWU	2010–2017
DAAD Semester Grant, University of Miami	2008

#### **ACADEMIC CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION**

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“Monetary Policy, Wage Bargaining, and Credit Regimes” (with Andreas Wiedemann), panel co-organizer & presenter at the **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Washington, D.C., August 29-September 1, 2019; presented at the workshop “The New Politics of Growth and Stagnation” at **Brown University**, August 27-28, 2019.

Chair for panel at the workshop “The Politics Central Banks Make,” **University of Oxford**, February 21-22, 2019.

Chair for panel on “1968 and the End of Rhenish Capitalism: Left-Wing Anti-Capitalism and Long-Term Changes in the (West-)German Work Society,” at the **German Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Pittsburgh, PA, September 27-30, 2018.

“Riding the Tiger: Managing Risk in the U.S. Social Welfare Marketplaces in Housing Finance and Health Insurance” (with Kimberly J. Morgan), panel co-organizer, chair & presenter at the **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Boston, MA, August 30-September 2, 2018; presented at the workshop “American Political Development & Social Policy,” **Northwestern University**, May 24, 2019.

Chair & discussant for panel on “Homes Alone: How Housing Markets Shape Welfare States and Welfare States Shape Housing,” at the **Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting**, Kyoto, Japan, June 23-25, 2018.

“The Politics of Entrenchment: Growth Models and Housing Finance in the United States and Germany,” presented at the **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Philadelphia, PA, September 1-4, 2016; at the Comparative Politics Workshop, **George Washington University**, December 16, 2016; at the **Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting**, Lyon, France, June 29-July 1, 2017; presented at the **Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting**, Kyoto, Japan, June 23-25, 2018; at the workshop “The Politics of Credit Markets” at the **University of Oxford**, May 9-11, 2019.

“The Politics of Quantitative Easing and Housing Stimulus by the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank, 2008-2017,” presented at the **Council for European Studies Annual Meeting**, Chicago, March 28-30, 2018.

Discussant at the Comparative Politics Workshop, “Does Democracy Promote Capital Account Liberalization,” presented by David Steinberg, **George Washington University**, January 19, 2017.

“Tax Breaks on the Chopping Block: Explaining Path Shifting of Homeownership Subsidies in Germany,” presented at the Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies Colloquium, **Free University Berlin**, June 2, 2015; at the **Council for European Studies Annual Meeting**, Paris, July 8-10, 2015; at the workshop “Fiscal Welfare in Europe,” **Sciences Po**, Paris, May 26-27, 2016.

“Subsidizing Homeowners or Renters? Federalism and the Politics of Large-Scale Social Housing Programs in Germany,” presented at **Council for European Studies Annual Meeting**, Philadelphia, PA, April 14-16, 2016.

Discussant for a panel on “Finance and Monetary Policy” at the workshop, “Transnational Relations and the Transatlantic Relationship,” **Georgetown University**, February 4-5, 2016.

Roundtable participant on “Varieties of Euroskepticism” at the **Council for European Studies Annual Meeting**, Paris, July 8-10, 2015.

Moderator for a panel on “Civil Disobedience in West Germany” at the Berlin Program Workshop, “Violence, Oppression, and Civil Disobedience: From the Cold War Past to the Neoliberal Present,” **Free University Berlin**, June 18-19, 2015.

“Pump It Up: What Drives Housing Finance Policy in the United States?” Presented at the **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 2014.

“The Domestic Sources and Power Dynamics of Regulatory Networks: Evidence from the Financial Stability Forum,” presented at the **Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting**, Cambridge, MA, June 28-30, 2012; at the Comparative Politics Workshop, **George Washington University**, December 6, 2013.

“From Sick Man to Miracle: Explaining the Robustness of the German Labor Market During and After the Financial Crisis 2008-09,” with Kimberly J. Morgan, presented at the workshop, “Germany and the Financial Crisis,” **Georgetown University**, December 3-4, 2010; at the **NordWel Summer School**, “State, Society, and Citizen,” Sigtuna, Sweden, August 21-26, 2011; at the **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Seattle, WA, September 1-4, 2011; at the workshop, “Varieties of Capitalism and Varieties of Responses to the European Crisis,” **University of Denver & University of Colorado Boulder**, June 1-2, 2012.

Discussant at the European Politics Speaker Series, “Global Crisis, European Cooperation, and the Political Economy of National Unity in Modern Greece,” presented by Orfeo Fioretos, Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, **George Washington University**, November 10, 2011.

#### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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“The Politics of Homeownership Subsidies in the United States and Germany.” **WZB Berlin Social Science Center**, Berlin, November 6, 2015.

“Safe as Houses: Comparing Housing Finance Policies in the United States and Germany.” American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, **Johns Hopkins University**, Washington, D.C., September 11, 2014.

“Whither Germany? Reflections on the German Election and Its Consequences for Europe.” Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, **George Washington University**, September 27, 2013.

## TEACHING

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### **University of Toronto**

UTM: Politics of Western Europe and the European Union (undergraduate)

St. George: Political Economy of Europe (graduate/undergraduate)

### **George Washington University**

Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer

Intro to Comparative Politics (undergraduate)

Comparative Politics of Western Europe (undergraduate)

European Integration (undergraduate)

Teaching Writing in the Discipline (WID) Certification, 2013

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Journal Referee, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *German Politics*, *Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy*

Member, Selection Committee, DAAD Visiting Professorships of European and German Studies at North American universities, Bonn

Co-Organizer (with Egor Lazarev), Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Toronto (2018-19)

## REFERENCES

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