

# Tobias Gerhard Schminke · CV

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## EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Political Science 2021-2025  
*Dalhousie University*, Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Thesis: Unintended Consequences: Political Financing, Party Organization and Party Systems

Master of Arts, International Development Studies (GPA: 3.95/4.3) Jan 2020  
*Saint Mary's University*, Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Thesis: Labour-Centred Development and Decent Work. A Structuralist Perspective on Informal Employment and Trade Union Organizing in Uganda

Bachelor of Arts, Media and Communication Science (major) (GPA: 4.0/4.3) June 2017  
Minor: Political Science  
*Johannes-Gutenberg University*, Mainz, Germany and 'One Year Study Abroad Program' at *University of Haifa*, Haifa, Israel  
Thesis: News reception online: The bursting filter bubble? – An empirical comparison of online search results of users with differing political opinions with the case of news.google.de

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political parties and party systems; electoral behaviour; political psychology; transnational vertical party integration; development economics; labour and trade union transformation

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

Schminke, T. G., & Fridell, G. (2021). Trade union transformation and informal sector organising in Uganda: The prospects and challenges for promoting labour-led development. *Global Labour Journal*, 12(2), 95–112.  
<https://doi.org/10.15173/glj.v12i2.4394>

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Pruysers, S. and T. G. Schminke. "Prejudicial Populists?" In Kiran Banerjee and Craig Smith (eds.) *North American Migration Governance*.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS [SELECTED]

"What balance of forces in the next European Parliament," 2019 Annual Conference: Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels, Belgium, February 19, 2019. "

"Labour Centred Development and Decent Work: A structuralist perspective on informal employment and trade union organizing in Uganda", Alumni guest lecture at the Virtual Student Conference 2021, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, March 3, 2021.

"Lost and Confused? Canada in the world after 2022", Panel discussion at the Centre for the Study of Security and Development (CSSD), Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, October 3, 2022.

“Earthquake, Erdoğan, Elections: Türkiye in 2023”, Panel discussion at the Centre for the Study of Security and Development (CSSD), Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, March 21, 2023.

“European and Latin American Populism”, Panel discussion at the Jean Monnet European Union Centre of Excellence, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, October 11, 2023.

## **NON-PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)**

### **Government Reports**

Schminke, T. G., & Fridell, G. (2021, October). Organizing the informal sector in Uganda as labour-led development. *Au Courant* (Global Affairs Canada; Government of Canada), 9.

### **Works for Foundations and Think-Tanks**

#### **Audiovisual documentaries**

Schminke, T.G. (forthcoming). *Between the Andes and the Amazon: Lessons for the global economy from Bolivia?* Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation.

#### **Reports and articles**

Schminke, T. G. (2022, December 1). *Pyrrhic victories? The Green electoral year 2022*. Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung. Retrieved December 14, 2022, from <https://eu.boell.org/en/greens-elections-2022>

Schminke, T. G. (2022). The ECR Party in the electoral year 2021. *The European Journal* 2022, 1(3).

Schminke, T. G. (2021, December 17). *Bittersweet victories: The European Greens and the elections of 2021*. Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung. Retrieved January 11, 2022, from <https://eu.boell.org/en/greens-elections-2021>

Schminke, T. G. (2021, January 18). *The present and future of the Green Wave – Part 2: The future: Heinrich Böll Stiftung: Brussels Office - European Union*. Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung. Retrieved January 11, 2022, from <https://eu.boell.org/en/2021/01/18/present-and-future-green-wave-part-2-future>

Schminke, T. G. (2020, December 16). *The present and future of the #greenwave – part 1: The present*. Heinrich-Böll-Foundation. Retrieved January 11, 2022, from <https://eu.boell.org/en/2020/12/16/present-and-future-greenwave-part-1-present>

Schminke, T. G. (2019). The Green Wave: A tsunami or just a storm in a teacup? In *The European Parliament Goes Green!* Essay, Heinrich-Böll- Foundation European Union & Green European Foundation.

Schminke, T. G. (2019, February 15). *What's in for the Greens in the 2019 European elections?* Heinrich-Böll -Stiftung. Retrieved January 11, 2022, from <https://eu.boell.org/en/2019/02/15/whats-greens-2019-european-elections>

### **Copy Editor**

Gwayaka, P. M. (2018). *Community information needs in the oil and gas sector in Uganda*. Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

### **Relevant works with Europe Elects (Selected)**

Schminke, T. G. (2022, March 7). *Fragmentation: The animal party-isation of European Party Systems*. Europe Elects. Retrieved March 8, 2022, from <https://europeelects.eu/2022/03/07/fragmentation/>

Note: I am the founder of Europe Elects, which has been featured in academic publications such as “Die Europawahl 2019. Ringen um die Zukunft Europas”. Michael Kaeding and Manuel Muller. Springer VS. See [www.europeelects.eu](http://www.europeelects.eu) or the attached document for more information.

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES [SELECTED]**

“Dal’s latest Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholar deciphers our changing democracy,” interview with Dal News, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, May 27, 2022. <https://www.dal.ca/news/2022/05/27/trudeau-scholar-2022-dalhousie-tobias-gerhard-schminke.html>

“Tobias Gerhard Schminke. Von treffpunkteuropa.de zu Europe Elects,” interview with Florian Bauer for treffpunkteuropa/Young European Federalists, Berlin, Germany, April 3, 2020. <https://www.treffpunkteuropa.de/tobias-gerhard-schminke-von-treffpunkteuropa-de-zu-europe-elects>

“Latest polls and projections for the national parliament election in Spain,” live interview for Euronews, Lyon, France, November 5, 2019.

“Europa United Eurochat podcast episode 9 – Interview with Tobias Gerhard Schminke from Europe Elects,” Podcast interview with Ken Sweeney and Ola Jasińska, for the Europa United, Dublin, Ireland, September 6, 2019. On Spotify, Google, and iTunes.

“Grad student helms influential Europe Elects site,” interview with Saint Mary’s University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, July 11, 2019. <https://campusnews.smu.ca/campusnotes/2019/7/11/saint-marys-student-helms-influential-europe-elects-site>

“Latest polls and projections for the European election,” live interview for Euronews, Lyon, France, May 15, 2019.

“European Parliament: The illiberal take-over is not on the cards,” interview with Progressive Post/Foundation for European Progressive Studies, Brussels, Belgium, January 25, 2019. <https://progressivepost.eu/progressive-trends/european-parliament-illiberal-take-over-is-not-on-the-cards>

## **TEACHING ASSISTANT**

### **Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS**

- POLI 1001.01 2021: Introduction to Government and Politics
- POLI/SOSA 1500 2022: Global Politics and Society
- POLI 3492 2022: Political Inquiry I
- POLI 2220 2023: Structures of Canadian Parliamentary Government

### **Department of Anthropology, Saint Mary’s University, Halifax, NS**

- ANTH 1202 2017: Introduction to Socio-Cultural Anthropology

## MEDALS, AWARDS & GRANTS

<b>The OpenThink Initiative fellowship – \$1,500</b>	2023
<i>Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia</i>	
<b>Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholarship – \$180,000</b>	2022-2025
<i>Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation, Montreal, Quebec</i>	
<b>Student Entrepreneur of the Year Dalhousie University IMPACT Awards</b>	2022
<i>Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia</i>	
<b>Nova Scotia Graduate Scholarship – \$60,000</b>	2021-2025
<i>Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia</i>	
<b>Faculty of Graduate Studies Dalhousie Political Science scholarship – \$6,803</b>	2021
<i>Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia</i>	
<b>Governor’s Gold Medal</b>	2020
<i>Saint Mary’s University, Halifax, Nova Scotia</i>	
<b>James Morrison International Development Studies Medal</b>	2020
<i>Saint Mary’s University, Halifax, Nova Scotia</i>	
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> Place, Innovation Challenge 2019, Halifax, NS</b>	Sept
2019	
<i>IBM/RBC/Deloitte, Halifax, Nova Scotia</i>	
<b>German National Academic Foundation Scholarship – ~\$50,000.00</b>	2014-2019
<i>German Federal Government, Bonn, Germany</i>	
<b>Faculty of Graduate Studies Research Scholarship – \$8,000</b>	2017-2018
<i>Saint Mary’s University, Halifax, Nova Scotia</i>	
<b>Faculty of Graduate Studies Research Award – \$3,000</b>	2017-2018
<i>Saint Mary’s University, Halifax, Nova Scotia</i>	