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<b>Research Areas</b>	international politics with a special focus on the polar regions, ocean governance, international organizations, social stratification in global governance, science-policy interactions, network analysis
<b>Current Position</b>	<i>Postdoctoral Researcher</i> Since April 2019 Faculty of Sociology, University of Bielefeld
<b>Previous Positions</b>	<i>Research Associate</i> Feb. 2016 - Jan. 2017 Research Project 'Governance of Resources for Arctic Sustainable Policy and Practice (GRASP)', Alfred Wegener Institute Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research  <i>Visiting Researcher</i> Oct. 2015 Balsillie School of International Affairs, University of Waterloo, Canada  <i>Visiting Researcher</i> Feb. - April 2015 Department of Sociology, Political Science and Community Planning, University of Tromsø, Norway  <i>Ph.D. Student</i> Sept. 2014 - March 2019 Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies (BTS), Department of Political and Social Sciences, Freie Universität Berlin  <i>Research Associate</i> April 2013 - Aug. 2014 ERC-Project 'Delegation of Power to International Organizations and Institutional Empowerment over Time (DELPOWIO)', Chair of International Politics, Technische Universität Dresden  <i>Research Assistant</i> Jan. 2013 - Aug. 2013 School of International Studies, Technische Universität Dresden  <i>Research Fellow</i> Oct. - Dec. 2012 Kolleg-Forschergruppe <i>The Transformative Power of Europe</i> , Otto Suhr Institute for Political Science, Freie Universität Berlin

## Education

*Ph.D. (Dr. rer pol.)*, International Relations March 2019  
Department of Political and Social Sciences, Freie Universität Berlin

*Dissertation: The Politics of Tiered Membership in Intergovernmental Organizations: Institutional Design between Horizontal Differentiation and Vertical Stratification*  
Committee: Lora Anne Viola (1st supervisor), Jonas Tallberg (2nd supervisor),  
Simon Koschut, Tobias Berger, Ingo Peters

*Master of Arts*, Contemporary European Studies 2012  
University of Bath

*Bachelor of Arts*, Political Sciences 2010  
Freie Universität Berlin

## Publications

### BOOKS

Stephen, Kathrin, Knecht, Sebastian and Golo M. Bartsch (2018). *Internationale Politik und Governance in der Arktis: Eine Einführung*. Heidelberg: Springer Spektrum.

Keil, Kathrin and Sebastian Knecht (Eds.) (2017). *Governing Arctic Change: Global Perspectives*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

### JOURNAL ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED)

Knecht, Sebastian and Maria Debre (2018). Die "digitale IO": Chancen und Risiken von Online-Daten für die Forschung zu Internationalen Organisationen. *Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen*, 25(1): 175-188.

Knecht, Sebastian (2017). The Politics of Arctic International Cooperation: Introducing a Dataset on Stakeholder Participation in Arctic Council Meetings, 1998 - 2015. *Cooperation and Conflict*, 52(2): 203-223.

Knecht, Sebastian (2016). Procedural Reform at the Arctic Council: The Amended 2015 Observer Manual. *Polar Record*, 52(5): 601-605.

Knecht, Sebastian (2015). Die Mär vom Kalten Krieg: Wie geopolitische Paradigmen in den Internationalen Beziehungen des Arktisraums (re)produziert werden. *S+F Security and Peace*, 33(3): 121-126.

Knecht, Sebastian and Kathrin Keil (2013). Arctic Geopolitics Revisited: Spatialising Governance in the Circumpolar North. *The Polar Journal*, 3(1): 178-203.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

Knecht, Sebastian and Jennifer Spence (Forthcoming). State Observers and Science Cooperation in the Arctic Council: Same Same but Different? In: Shibata, Akiho et al. (Eds.). *Emerging Legal Orders in the Arctic: The Role of Non-Arctic Actors*. London: Routledge.

Knecht, Sebastian, Herber, Andreas and Kathrin Stephen (2018). Governance of Resources for Arctic Sustainable Policy and Practice (GRASP) - Stakeholder Mapping.

In: Krause, Gesche (Ed.). *Building Bridges at the Science-Stakeholder Interface: Towards Knowledge Exchange in Earth System Science* (pp. 55-61). Cham: Springer International.

Keil, Kathrin and Sebastian Knecht (2017). Introduction: The Arctic as a Globally Embedded Space. In: Keil, Kathrin and Sebastian Knecht (Eds.). *Governing Arctic Change: Global Perspectives* (pp. 1-18). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Knecht, Sebastian (2017). Exploring Different Levels of Stakeholder Activity in International Institutions: Late Bloomers, Regular Visitors, and Overachievers in Arctic Council Working Groups. In: Keil, Kathrin and Sebastian Knecht (Eds.). *Governing Arctic Change: Global Perspectives* (pp. 163-185). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Knecht, Sebastian and Kathrin Keil (2017). Conclusion: Governing the Arctic as a Globally Embedded Space. In: Keil, Kathrin and Sebastian Knecht (Eds.). *Governing Arctic Change: Global Perspectives* (pp. 301-310). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Knecht, Sebastian (2013). Arctic Regionalism in Theory and Practice: From Cooperation to Integration? In: Heininen, Lassi (Eds.). *Arctic Yearbook 2013* (pp. 164-183). Akureyri: Northern Research Forum.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

The Arctic Council: Governance within the Far North, by Douglas C. Nord (London: Routledge, 2016). *Global Affairs*, 2016, 2(3): 367-368.

Asian Countries and the Arctic Future, edited by Leiv Lunde, Jian Yang and Iselin Stensdal (Singapore: World Scientific, 2016). *International Affairs*, 2016, 92(2): 475-476.

Policy-Making in EU Security and Defense: An Institutional Perspective, by Hylke Dijkstra (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013). *European Security*, 2015, 24(1): 160-163.

International Relations and the Arctic: Understanding Policy and Governance, edited by Robert W. Murray and Anita Dey Nuttall (Amherst, New York: Cambria Press, 2014). *Polar Record*, 2015, 51(4): 462-463.

The Eskimo and the Oil Man: The Battle at the Top of the World for America's Future, by Bob Reiss (New York and Boston: Business Plus, 2012). *Polar Geography*, 2013, 36(3): 250-252.

Arctic Security in an Age of Climate Change, edited by James Kraska (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011). *Berlin Reviews in Social Sciences*, 2012, 5(2): 1-2.

#### Work in Progress

IO Membership as Institutional Design: A New Dataset and Analysis of Membership Stratification in Global Governance. *Manuscript*.

Tiered Membership in Intergovernmental Organizations: Institutional Design between Horizontal Differentiation and Vertical Stratification. *Manuscript*

Conceptualization and Measurement of IO Membership. *Manuscript.*

Accession without Full Membership: A Historical Institutional Explanation of Membership Stratification in International Organizations. *Manuscript.*

I want you! Why IGOs fail to attract the Member States they want. *Manuscript.*

Against Arctic Exceptionalism (with Christoph Humrich). *Manuscript.*

Northern Lights: A Bibliometric State of the Art Review of Arctic International Relations Research. *Manuscript.*

## Grants and Scholarships

Travel Grant (EUR 1.000), FAZIT Foundation 2016

Graduate Student Scholarship (CAD 4.000), International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) 2015

Conference Grant (EUR 10.000) (with Kathrin Keil), Fritz Thyssen Foundation 2015

Mobility Grant (NOK 37.000), E.ON Scholarship Programme/Research Council of Norway 2015

Research Scholarship in the context of Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies (BTS) (EUR 46.800), Fritz Thyssen Foundation 2014 - 2017

Travel Grant (EUR 1.500), Graduate Academy of Technische Universität Dresden 2014

Research Fellowship (EUR 3.900), Kolleg-Forschergruppe *The Transformative Power of Europe*, Freie Universität Berlin 2012

## Teaching

*International Ocean Governance: Between 'Last Frontiers' and 'Global Commons'*  
Winter term 2017-18  
BA-level seminar, Freie Universität Berlin, Department of Political and Social Sciences

*How to Write a Master's Thesis* 2017 - 2019  
MA-level seminar, Postgraduate Programme in European Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

*Introduction to Political Science* 2016 - 2018  
MA-level seminar, Postgraduate Programme in European Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

*Introduction to Academic Writing in Political Science* 2015 - 2018  
MA-level seminar, Postgraduate Programme in European Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

*Germany's Energy Transition 2050* Winter term 2013-14  
MA-level seminar, Technische Universität Dresden, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science

*International Institutions and the Principal-Agent-Approach* Summer term 2013

MA-level seminar, Technische Universität Dresden, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science (with Prof. Eugénia da Conceição-Heldt)

**Service**

*Editorial Board*

Since 2017

Polar Record (Cambridge University Press)

*Reviewer*

Cooperation and Conflict, Regional Studies, Global Affairs, SAGE Open, Arctic Review on Law and Politics, Arctic, Polar Record, Polar Geography, Barbara Budrich, Routledge

*Examination Board*

2013 - 2014

BA and MA final exams, Technische Universität Dresden, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science

*Selection Committee*

2013

MA programme 'International Relations', Technische Universität Dresden, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Science