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— Call for papers and presentations —

SekMethoden 2027

— Annual Meeting of the DVPW Section "Methods of Political Science" —

Date: March 18-19, 2027
Location: University of Hamburg, Germany
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We invite applications for the Annual Meeting of the DVPW Section "Methods of Political Science", **SekMethoden 2027**, to be held at the **University of Hamburg, Germany**, on **March 18-19, 2027**.

We envision a start around noon on March 18 and an end around early afternoon on March 19, depending on the number of submissions. The conference will be held in English and on-site.

Submissions

We welcome all contributions with a clear focus on political research methods, including the following topics:

- Best practices for research
- Causal inference
- Computational social science
- Didactics of teaching research methods
- Field, lab, and survey experiments
- Innovative methodological applications in substantive research
- Mixed-methods research
- Survey-based research and survey design
- Text as data, large language models

The methodological aspects of the submission should be stressed in the abstract. We provide an inspiring and friendly atmosphere to discuss early-stage research projects, pre-registrations/registered reports, other work in progress, or polished contributions. Please have a look at last year's program to get a feeling for the wide range of topics we welcome. Feel free to contact us at methoden@dvpw.de with any questions you may have.

We value and seek to foster diversity within the discipline. Hence, we especially encourage applications from early-career researchers, women, ethnic minority colleagues, researchers with disabilities, and members of other structurally underrepresented groups.

Please submit your proposal via the application portal by **November 30, 2026**. Submissions will be blinded and then reviewed and rated by the members of the organizing committee. We will send out decisions on acceptance in mid-December.

Submission tracks

To accommodate both early stage and advanced work, we offer two submission tracks:

1. *Paper Track:* Papers will be circulated at least one week before the conference and will be assigned a discussant.
2. *Presentation Track:* Present your work without assignment of a discussant and without circulating a paper.

Travel Grants

We offer two travel grants to early-career researchers who lack funding for conference travel. Each grant covers the conference dinner and accommodation, as well as an estimated amount for early-bird, second-class rail travel within Germany. Applicants can apply for a grant when submitting their proposal through the application portal.