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## List of Abbreviations

ADF	Augmented Dickey Fuller test
ADL	autoregressive distributed lag model
AIC	Akaike information criterion
BIC	Schwarz Bayesian information criterion
BLUE	best linear unbiased estimator
BTW	Bundestagswahlen (German national elections)
CAP	Comparative Policy Agendas project
CCF	cross-correlation function
CDU	Christlich Demokratische Union (Christian Democratic Union)
CHES	Chapel Hill Expert Survey
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CMP	Comparative Manifesto Project
CSU	Christlich Soziale Union (Christian Social Union)
d	deviation
df	degrees of freedom
DIP	Dokumentations- und Informationssystem für Parlamentarische Vorgänge (Parliamentary Material Information System)
e. V.	eingetragener Verein (registered association)
ECM	error correction model
ECOFIN	Economic and Financial Affairs Council of the EU
EU	European Union
EuGH	Europäischer Gerichtshof (European Court of Justice)
EUROPUB	The Transformation of Political Mobilisation and Communication in European Public Spheres project
EZB	Europäische Zentralbank (European Central Bank)
FA	Foreign affairs
FAZ	Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung
FDP	Freie Demokratische Partei (Free Democratic party)
FT	Foreign trade
GAL-TAN	green-alternative-libertarian/ traditional-authoritarian-nationalist
Grüne	Bündnis90/Die Grünen (Green party)
Hartz IV	colloquial: long-term unemployment benefits

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HQIC	Hannan-Quinn information criterion
ID	identification number
IRF	impulse-response functions
Linke	Partei DIE LINKE (Left party)
LR	likelihood ratio test
max	maximum
min	minimum
MIP	most important problem
ML	multi-level
MP	Member of Parliament
MRG	Manifesto Research Group
NPD	Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands (National Democratic Party of Germany)
O.-W.	Ost-West (East-West)
OLS	Ordinary least squares
PaO	partisan opinion
Parl	parliamentary activities
PC	party communication
PCG	party communication of government
PCO	party communication of opposition
PDF	portable data format
PISA	Programme for International Student Assessment
PO	public opinion
PP	party position
PR	press releases
Prob	probability
r	Pearson's correlation coefficient
RILE	left-right position
S	salience
saldiss	salience-dissent
sd	standard deviation
se	standard error
SEQ	structural equation model
SFB	Sonderforschungsbereich (Collaborative Research Center)
SPD	Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands (Social Democratic Party)

SZ	Süddeutsche Zeitung
TEURO	colloquial: the expensive Euro
UK	United Kingdom
US	United States of America
v	volume
VAR	vector autoregression
var	variance
ver	vertical
ZACAT	social science data portal provided by GESIS (Leibniz Institute for Social Sciences)
ZDF	Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen (Second German television network)

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