

# Sebastian Karcher

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## Current Position

- Associate Director, Qualitative Data Repository, Syracuse University (2016-)
- Research Assistant Professor of Political Science, Syracuse University (2019-)

## Education

- 2014 **Ph.D. in Political Science**, *Northwestern University*.
- 2007 **MA in Political Science**, *Northwestern University*.
- 2004 **Magister Artium**, *Tübingen University*.

## Peer Reviewed Publications

1. Kapiszewski, Diana, and Sebastian Karcher. 2021a. “Empowering Transparency: Annotation for Transparent Inquiry (ATI).” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 54 (3): 473–78. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096521000287>. Introduction to a guest-edited symposium “Annotation for Transparent Inquiry (ATI): Transparency in Practice in Qualitative and Multi-Method Research.” Ungated.
2. Karcher, Sebastian, Dessislava Kirilova, Christiane Pagé, and Nic Weber. 2021. “How Data Curation Enables Epistemically Responsible Reuse of Qualitative Data.” *The Qualitative Report* 26 (6): 1996–2010. <https://doi.org/10.46743/2160-3715/2021.5012>.
3. Kapiszewski, Diana, and Sebastian Karcher. 2021. “Transparency in Practice in Qualitative Research.” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 54 (2): 285–91. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096520000955>.
4. Weber, Nicholas, Sebastian Karcher, and James Myers. 2020. “Open Source Tools for Scaling Data Curation at QDR.” *The Code4Lib Journal*, no. 49 (August). <https://journal.code4lib.org/articles/15436>.
5. Weber, Nicholas, and Sebastian Karcher. 2020. “Seeking Justification: How Expert Reviewers Validate Empirical Claims with Data Annotations.” In *Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries in 2020*, 227–34. JCDL '20. New York, NY, USA: Association for Computing Machinery. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3383583.3398537>.
6. Alexander, Steven M., Kristal Jones, Nathan J. Bennett, Amber Budden, Michael Cox, Mercè Crosas, Edward T. Game, et al. 2020. “Qualitative Data Sharing and Synthesis for Sustainability Science.” *Nature Sustainability* 3 (2): 81–88. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41893-019-0434-8>. Preprint.
7. Karcher, Sebastian, and Nicholas Weber. 2019. “Annotation for Transparent Inquiry: Transparent Data and Analysis for Qualitative Research.” *IASSIST Quarterly* 43 (2): 1–9. <https://doi.org/10.29173/iq959>.

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8. Karcher, Sebastian, and Sophia Lafferty-Hess. 2019. "An Epic Journey in Sharing: The Story of a Young Researcher's Journey to Share Her Data and the Information Professionals Who Tried to Help." *IASSIST Quarterly* 43 (1): 1–10. <https://doi.org/10.29173/iq942>.
9. Fenner, Martin, Mercè Crosas, Jeffrey S. Grethe, David Kennedy, Henning Hermjakob, Phillippe Rocca-Serra, Gustavo Durand, et al. 2019. "A Data Citation Roadmap for Scholarly Data Repositories." *Scientific Data* 6 (1): 28. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-019-0031-8>.
10. Kirilova, Dessi, and Sebastian Karcher. 2017. "Rethinking Data Sharing and Human Participant Protection in Social Science Research: Applications from the Qualitative Realm." *Data Science Journal* 16 (September): 43. <https://doi.org/10.5334/dsj-2017-043>.
11. Karcher, Sebastian, Dessislava Kirilova, and Nicholas Weber. 2016. "Beyond the Matrix: Repository Services for Qualitative Data." *IFLA Journal* 42 (4): 292–302. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0340035216672870>. Ungated.
12. Karcher, Sebastian, and David A. Steinberg. 2013. "Assessing the Causes of Capital Account Liberalization: How Measurement Matters." *International Studies Quarterly* 57 (1): 128–37. <https://doi.org/10.1111/isqu.12001>. Ungated. Data.
13. Schneider, Ben Ross, and Sebastian Karcher. 2010. "Complementarities and Continuities in the Political Economy of Labor Markets in Latin America." *Socio-Economic Review* 8 (4): 623–51. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwq022>. Ungated.

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## Book Chapters and Other Publications

1. Weber, Nicholas, Sebastian Karcher, and James Myers. 2020. "Open Source Tools for Scaling Data Curation at QDR." *The Code4Lib Journal*, no. 49 (August). <https://journal.code4lib.org/articles/15436>.
2. Karcher, Sebastian, Dessi Kirilova, and Christiane Pagé. 2020. "Case Study: Sharing Qualitative Social Science Data." In *Qualitative and Mixed Methods Data Analysis Using Dedoose: A Practical Approach for Research across the Social Sciences*, by Michelle Salmona, Dan Kaczynski, and Eli Lieber, 226–34. Los Angeles: SAGE. Ungated.
3. Gerring, John, Sebastian Karcher, and Brendan Apfeld. 2020. "Impact Metrics." In *The Production of Knowledge: Enhancing Progress in Social Science*, edited by Colin Elman, James Mahoney, and John Gerring, 371–400. Strategies for Social Inquiry. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108762519.015>. Ungated.
4. Kapiszewski, Diana, and Sebastian Karcher. 2020. "Making Research Data Accessible." In *The Production of Knowledge: Enhancing Progress in Social Science*, edited by Colin Elman, James Mahoney, and John Gerring, 197–220. Strategies for Social Inquiry. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108762519.008>. Ungated.
5. Karcher, Sebastian. 2019. "Qualitative Data Repository: Case Study." In *Looking for Insight, Transformation, and Learning in Online Talk*, by Trena M. Paulus and Alyssa Friend Wise. New York, NY: Routledge.
6. Karcher, Sebastian, and Christiane Pagé. 2017. "Workshop Report: CAQDAS Projects and Digital Repositories' Best Practices." *D-Lib Magazine* 23 (3/4). <https://doi.org/10.1045/march2017-karcher>.
7. Karcher, Sebastian. 2013. "Review of: Labor Relations in New Democracies: East Asia, Latin America and Europe by José A. Alemán." *Political Studies Review* 11 (3): 421–421. [https://doi.org/10.1111/1478-9302.12028\\_48](https://doi.org/10.1111/1478-9302.12028_48).
8. Thelen, Kathleen A, and Sebastian Karcher. 2013. "Resilience and Change in Federal

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- Institutions: The Case of the German Federal Council.” In *Federal Dynamics: Continuity, Change, and the Varieties of Federalism*, edited by Jörg Broschek and Arthur Benz, 117–39. Oxford: Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780199652990.003.0006>. Ungated.
9. Karcher, Sebastian, and Ben Ross Schneider. 2012. “Business Politics in Latin America: Investigating Structure, Preferences, and Influence.” In *Routledge Handbook of Latin American Politics*, edited by Peter R. Kingstone and Deborah J. Yashar, 273–84. New York, NY: Routledge. Republished in Spanish as:
  10. Schneider, Ben Ross, and Sebastian Karcher. 2012. “La Política de Las Empresas En Latinoamérica: Investigando Sus Estructuras, Preferencias e Influencia.” *Apuntes: Revista de Ciencias Sociales* 39 (70): 7–28. <https://doi.org/10.21678/apuntes.70.644>.
  11. Karcher, Sebastian. 2011. “Ungleichheit Und Das Trilemma Lateinamerikanischer Arbeitsmärkte.” In *Soziale Ungleichheiten in Lateinamerika: Neue Perspektiven Auf Wirtschaft, Politik Und Umwelt*, edited by Hans-Jürgen Burchardt and Ingrid Wehr, 179–200. Studien Zu Lateinamerika 10. Baden-Baden: Nomos. <https://doi.org/10.5771/9783845229614-179>.

## Work in Progress

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2. Jacobs, Alan, Diana Kapiszewski, and Sebastian Karcher. 2021. “Using Annotation for Transparent Inquiry (ATI) to Teach Qualitative Research Methods.” APSA Preprints. <https://doi.org/10.33774/apsa-2021-1fnv8-v2>. (Accepted for Publication in PS: Political Science)
3. Crosas, Mercè, Julian Gautier, Sebastian Karcher, Dessi Kirilova, Gerard Otalora, and Abigail Schwartz. 2018. “Data Policies of Highly-Ranked Social Science Journals.” SocArXiv. <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/9h7ay>.

## Pedagogical Writing

- Managing Qualitative Social Science Data: An Interactive Online Course (with Diana Kapiszewski, commissioned by the Social Science Resource Council). <https://managing-qualitative-data.org/>
- Author Carpentry: Open authoring and publishing. <https://doi.org/10.7907/Z96H4FFZ> (with Gail Clement and Tom Morrel)
- Mastering Zotero (with Rintze Zelle). Book Manuscript in progress: <http://zotero-manual.github.io/zotero-manual/>

## Grants and Scholarships

- Empowering Open Law and Science (2020-2023), National Science Foundation. (PI, \$218,851)
- Qualitative Data Repository (2019-2022), National Science Foundation (Co-PI, \$1,667,886)
- Privacy Interoperability (2018-2022), Sloan Foundation, Subaward from the University of Washington, Seattle (Co-PI, \$140,520)
- Teaching with Qualitative Data, CUSE Seed Grant, Syracuse University (PI, \$5,000)
- Guest Scholar, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2010–2011

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- International Dissertation Research Fellowship – Social Science Research Council, 2008–2009

## Software Development

- Citation Style Language (CSL) – co-maintainer of the largest open source repository of automated citations styles (used in Zotero, Mendeley, Papers, etc.) [www.citationstyles.org](http://www.citationstyles.org) (XML, git).
- Zotero – co-maintainer, translator development and maintenance. (javascript)
- archiv. R-package for archiving weblinks. Co-author and maintainer
- Zotero-ODF-Scan. Zotero add-on for google docs and Scrivener integrations. Co-author. (javascript, some XUL)

## Invited Talks and Workshops

- UC Merced
- Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
- Guttmacher Institute
- Universität Mannheim
- Albany University
- TU Delft
- University of Cincinnati
- The Ohio State University
- Caltech
- University of Kansas
- UW Seattle

## Work Experience

- Course Design – In the Telling, LLC, Boulder CO, production of online courses (2014–2016).
- Workshop Facilitator for “Zotero Trainer” workshops. Workshops for librarians and others supporting Zotero at university libraries across the United States. <http://www.zotero.org/support/training>
- Teaching Assistant Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, 2005–2009.

## Membership in Professional Organizations

- IASSIST, RDA, RDAP, Force11, American Political Science Association, PAA

## Professional Service

- Reviewer for International Studies Review, International Studies Quarterly, Latin American Research Review, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Development Studies, PLOS One, PeerJ Computer Science, and Business Politics.
- Grant review (panel), National Science Foundation
- Technical Steering Groups, Datacite

## Languages

- German (native), English (functionally native), Spanish (fluent), Portuguese, French (reading, basic conversation), Latin (good reading).

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## — Coding

- R, Javascript, python, git, xml/html

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