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Press Release

Marc Debus Appointed Editor-in-Chief of the Leading Political Science Journal in German-Speaking Countries

The Mannheim scientist has been the Editor-in-Chief of the *Politische Vierteljahresschrift/German Political Science Quarterly* since January 2026.

Scientific journals serve as a forum for exchanging new findings and ensuring quality of research. In particular, they use a peer review process to ensure that only works adhering to high standards are published. Their editorial teams consist of experienced researchers who not only perform excellent work themselves but also give impetus to the further development of their disciplines.

Since January 2026, Mannheim political scientist Professor Marc Debus has served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Politische Vierteljahresschrift/German Political Science Quarterly (PVS)*—the leading political science journal in German-speaking countries. “We are very happy that he receives this recognition for his work and that the editorial team will henceforth be based at the School of Social Sciences at the University of Mannheim,” says Dr. Julian Dierkes, Dean of the school. “Marc Debus embodies all qualities that characterize strong editorial personalities,” adds Dierkes.

The *Politische Vierteljahresschrift/German Political Science Quarterly* has been published since 1960 and is nowadays partly in English, thereby increasing the authors’ international visibility and citability.

Debus was appointed six years after another Mannheim academic, Professor Thomas König, ended his term of office as Editor-in-Chief of the *American Political Science Review*. Under the latter’s editorial leadership, this flagship of US political science was published from outside the US for the first time.

The PVS is published by the German Political Science Association (GPSA) and can be accessed at <https://link.springer.com/journal/11615>.

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