

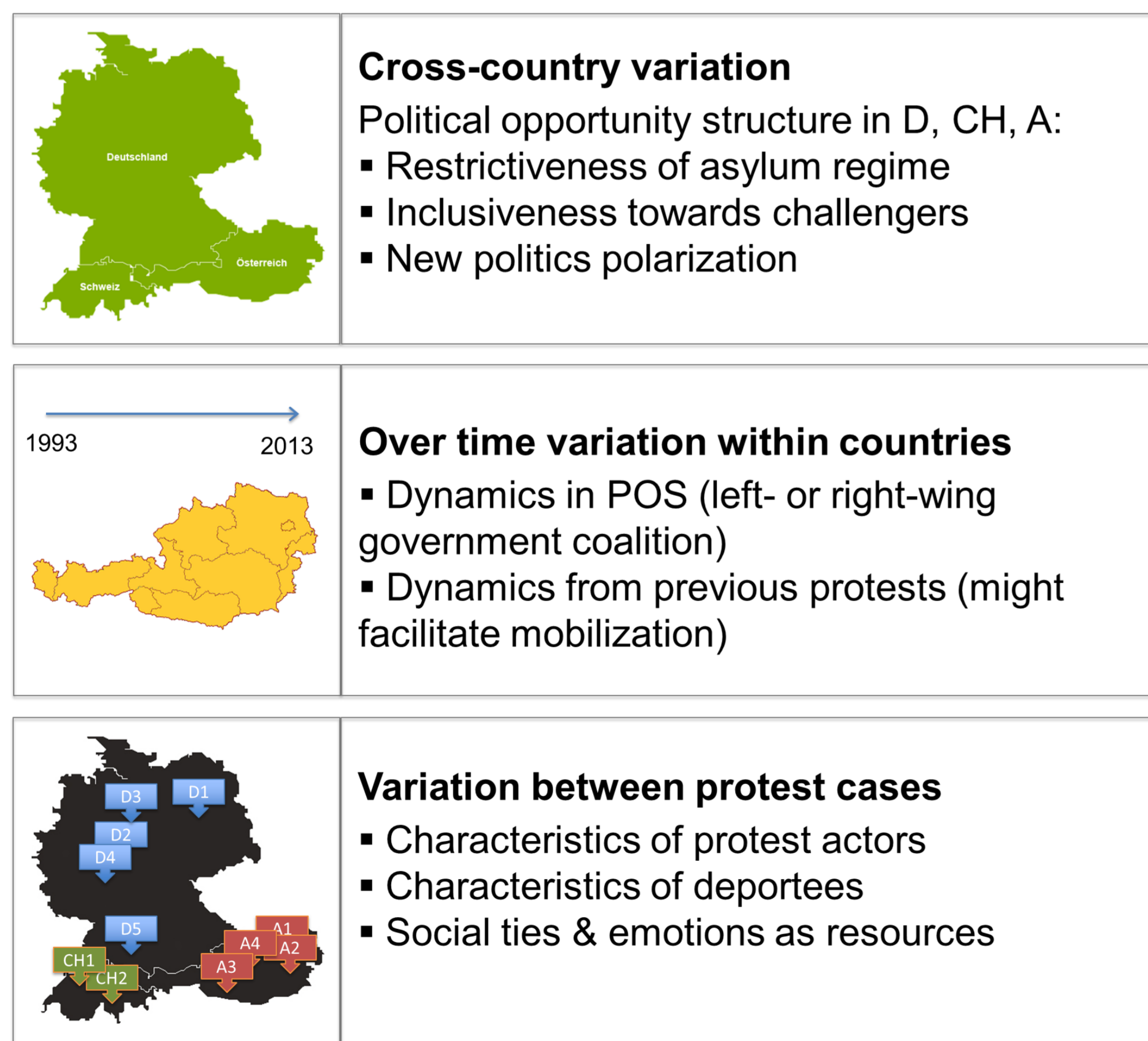
Taking Sides: Protest Against the Deportation of Asylum Seekers

Research Interest

TAKING SIDES studies anti-deportation protests in Germany, Switzerland and Austria from a comparative angle, covering a period of 21 years (1993-2013).

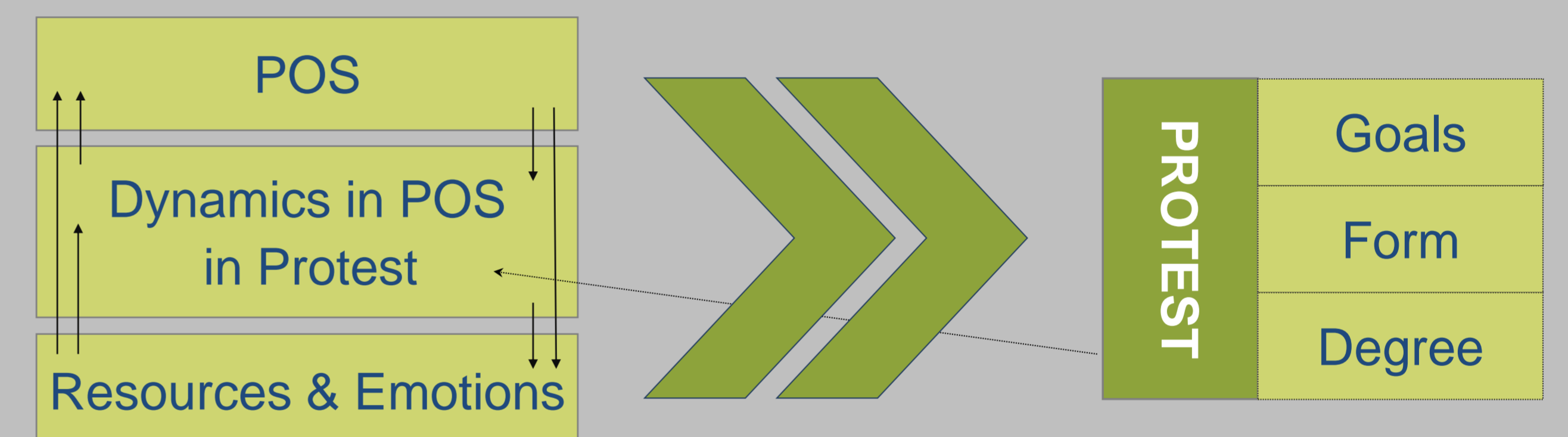
We are interested in three dimensions of protest: **GOALS – FORM – DEGREE**

Particular focus is put on **social & emotional ties** between protesters and deportees as potential triggers of protest.



Theoretical Framework

Variation in protests might appear across countries, within countries over time, and between individual protest cases. We thus combine potential explanations at different levels, integrating them into a single model: Political opportunity structure (POS); dynamic in POS and protest; resources & emotions:



Background

The forcible expulsion of asylum seekers has become a central element of immigration control. Since it can be regarded as contradicting human rights obligations for individuals in need of protection, this tension is reflected in feelings of unease and moral outrage that can lead to anti-deportation protests.

Empirical Design

MEDIA ANALYSIS: Two newspapers per country, covering articles on deportation between 1993 and 2013; automated plus manual coding.

CASE STUDIES: Five per country; selected deportation cases that triggered protest; content analysis of in-depth interviews and documents.