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Research Interests

Political Violence, State Repression, Coercive Bureaucracies, Civil Wars, Forecasting.

Employment

03/2018 - present Postdoctoral Research Fellow.
Research Program Peace and Security & Institute of Latin American Studies,
German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA),
Hamburg.

Education

09/2012 - 03/2018 Ph.D. in Political Science
Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences,
University of Mannheim, Germany.
Title: *The Military Organization of State Repression*.
Grade: *Summa cum laude*.
Committee: Sabine C. Carey, Kristian S. Gleditsch, Nikolay Marinov.

10/2009 - 05/2012 M.A. in Politics and Public Administration.
University of Konstanz, Germany.

10/2005 - 04/2009 B.A. in Political and Administrative Science.
University of Konstanz, Germany.

Research Training

07/2014 Olympia Summer Academy, Olympia, Greece.
Course: "Conflict & Political Violence."
Instructors: Stathis N. Kalyvas, Laia Balcells, Jonah Schulhofer Wohl,
Yvan Guichaoua.

02/2014 University of Mannheim, Germany.
Course: "Applying Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to Armed
Conflict Research."
Instructor: Jan Ketil Rød.

- 10/2013 Graduate School of Decision Sciences, University of Konstanz, Germany.
Course: "Forecasting Conflict."
Instructor: Philip A. Schrodtt.
- 08/2012 ENCoRe Training School, ETH Zürich, Switzerland.
Course: "SQL and PostGIS."
Instructors: Nils B. Weidmann, Andreas Forø Tollefsen.
- 08/2012 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, UK.
Course: "Non-parametric and Semi-parametric Methods."
Instructor: Luke J. Keele.
- 08/2011 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, UK.
Course: "Spatial Econometrics."
Instructor: Jude C. Hays.
- 08/2011 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, UK.
Course: "Discrete Choice Models in the Social Sciences."
Instructor: Garrett Glasgow.

Research Stays

- 03/2014 Visiting PhD Student.
Department of Government, University of Essex, UK.
- 10/2010 - 07/2011 Visiting Graduate Student.
Department of Government, University of Essex, UK.
- 09/2008 - 02/2009 Visiting Undergraduate Student.
School of Economics and Political Science, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2018. "Ideology and State Terror: How Officer Beliefs Shaped Repression during Argentina's 'Dirty War.'" *Journal of Peace Research*, 55(2): 206-221.
- 2014. "Forecasting the Risk of Extreme Massacres in Syria." *European Review of International Studies*, 1(2): 50-68 (with Gerald Schneider, Anna Nöh, and Aaron Clauset) [first published in German].
- 2013. "Die Blutspur des Vetoes: Eine Prognose zur Gefahr von extremen Massakern in Syrien." *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung*, 2(1): 6-31 (with Gerald Schneider, Anna Nöh, and Aaron Clauset).

Peer-Reviewed Blog Post

- 2018. "Making Sense of Trump's War against the Islamic State." *Political Violence at @ Glance*.

Work in progress

“Covert Repression and Voting Behavior.” with Sarah Berens (University of Cologne).

“Dirty Skills: Guerrilla Wars and Military Training at the School of Americas.”

“How Dictators Staff Their Secret Police: The Case of Argentina’s Battalion 601.”
with Christian Gläsel (University of Mannheim).

“Rebel Threat or Political Connections? The Contextual Logic of Military Home Deployment.”
with Belén González and Christian Gläsel (University of Mannheim).

“How Non-Violent Tactics Trigger Coups in Civil Wars.”
with Belén González and Christian Gläsel (University of Mannheim).

“The Military You Can’t Control: How Organizational Rivalry Fosters Repression
in Counterinsurgency Wars.”

“The Composition of the Security Sector and the Duration and Outcome of Counterinsurgency
Wars.” with Sabine C. Carey (University of Mannheim) and Neil Mitchell (University College
London).

“The Diversity of Non-state Armed Actors in Civil Conflicts: A New Dataset.” with Sabine
Otto (Uppsala University) and Anita Gohdes (University of Zürich).

Ongoing Research Projects

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| 2013 - present | <p><i>The Organization of Coercive Bureaucracies.</i></p> <p>In this project I explore the organizational causes of state repression. Drawing on a variety of data sources, I study how recruitment, training, staffing, and deployment systems influence patterns of civilian targeting. An integral part of this project is the collection of original data on the military and repression during the Argentina’s Dirty War.</p> |
| 2014 - present | <p><i>The Diversity of Non-state Armed Actors in Civil Conflicts: A New Dataset</i> with Sabine Otto (Uppsala University) and Anita Gohdes (University of Zürich).</p> <p>We collect original data on all major armed groups involved in civil conflict between 1989 and 2007. The data set will provide scholars of conflict with extensive and new information on the non-state perpetrators of violence in contemporary conflicts including their formation, their dynamic history of political alignment, and their termination.</p> |

Awards

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| 2017 | CDSS Young Scholar Award, University of Mannheim. |
| 2017 | Stuart A. Bremer Award, Network of European Peace Scientists (NEPS). |
| 2016 | Dina Zinnes Award, International Studies Association (ISA-SSIP Section). |

Grants

2017	Travel Grant, Network of European Peace Scientists (NEPS).
2016	Travel Grant, University of Mannheim, Germany.
2015	CDSS Graduation Scholarship, University of Mannheim, Germany.
2015	Travel Grants, University of Mannheim, Germany.
2014	Short-Term Scientific Mission Grant, ETH Zürich, Switzerland.
2014	Travel Grant, University of Mannheim, Germany.
2014	Olympia Summer Academy Scholarship, Navarino Network, Greece.
2012 - 2015	Travel Grants, ETH Zürich, Switzerland.
2012 - 2013	Graduate Scholarship, Ministry of Science, Research and Culture Baden-Württemberg, Germany.

Invited Talks

03/2014	Department of Government, University of Essex, UK.
12/2013	Hessische Stiftung Friedens- und Konfliktforschung, Frankfurt, Germany.

Conferences

P=Paper, P=Paper presented by co-author, D=Discussant, A=Attendance.*

2018	ISA(P*), NEPS(P).
2017	ISA(P), EPSA(P), NEPS(P), PSSI(P).
2016	ISA(P), AFK(P).
2015	ISA(P).
2014	MPSA(P).
2013	APSA(P*).

Workshops

P=Paper, P=Paper presented by co-author, D=Discussant, A=Attendance, O=Organization.*

03/2018	Conference on the Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship, University of Münster, Germany (P).
12/2017	Workshop on Political Dissent: Causes, Tactics, and Outcomes, University of Essex, UK (P).
10/2017	Workshop on Mixed Methods Approaches to Studying Peace and Conflict, University of Mannheim, Germany (O).

09/2017	Graduate Workshop on Conflict Dynamics, Oxford University, UK (P*).
09/2017	Workshop on New Perspectives on the Micro-Dynamics of Political Violence, University of Konstanz, Germany (P).
07/2017	Tactics in Conflict Workshop, University of Konstanz, Germany (P).
10/2016	Workshop on Empirical Methods in Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Konstanz, Germany (D).
04/2016	Workshop by the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University, USA (P).
04/2016	Virtual Workshop, Conflict Consortium (P).
10/2015	European Network for Conflict Research Meeting, Institute for Economic Analysis, Spain (P).
03/2015	European Network for Conflict Research Meeting, German Development Institute, Germany (P).
07/2014	Workshop on Militias and the Construction of (In-)Security, University of Osnabrück, Germany (P).
09/2012	European Network for Conflict Research Meeting, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Norway (A).

Research Experience

Field Work

10/2015 - 11/2015 Field Work (Expert Interviews, Data Collection) in Argentina.

University of Mannheim

09/2015 - 02/2018 Doctoral Researcher, Repression and the Escalation of Violence (RATE) Project, Prof. Sabine C. Carey.

09/2013 - 08/2015 Doctoral Researcher, Chair in Political Science IV, Prof. Sabine C. Carey.

University of Konstanz

09/2011 - 12/2011 Managing Editor of European Union Politics (EUP).

01/2010 - 12/2010 Research Assistant, Gerald Schneider.

Teaching Experience

University of Mannheim

2015 Undergraduate Course: "Militaries, Militias, and Rebels: Analyzing Armed Actors in Civil War."

2014, 2015 Undergraduate Course: "Visualizing Data and Statistical Results in Stata."

- 2014 Undergraduate Course: "Armed Conflict & Political Violence."
- 2014 Graduate Course: "Causes & Perpetrators of (Extreme) Political Violence."
- 2013 Undergraduate Course: "Peace & Conflict."
- 2012 Undergraduate Course: "Stata Refresher."
- 2012 Teaching Assistant: "Data Analysis."
Instructor: Sean Carey.

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis

- 2013, 2014 Teaching Assistant: "Advanced Quantitative Data Analysis."
Instructor: Vera E. Troeger.
- 2012 Teaching Assistant: "Pooled Time-Series Cross-Sectional Analysis."
Instructor: Robert Walker.
- 2011 Teaching Assistant: "Introduction to Quantitative Data Analysis."
Instructor: Sona Golder.

University of Konstanz

- 2010 Teaching Assistant: "Introduction to International Relations."
Instructor: Gerald Schneider.

Professional Activities

Peer Review

American Political Science Review, European Political Science Review, International Security, International Interactions, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Terrorism & Political Violence, Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie.

Memberships

European Political Science Association (EPSA), International Studies Association (ISA), Network of European Peace Scientists (NEPS).