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Research Interests

Political Violence, State Repression, Coercive Bureaucracies, Civil Wars, Micro-Comparative Study of Violence, Prediction & Forecasting.

Education

- 09/2012 - present Ph.D. in Political Science [Successfully defended November 2017].
Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences,
University of Mannheim, Germany.
Title: *The Military Organization of State Repression*.
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 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.

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. Schrodt.
- 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.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

2018. "Ideology and State Terror: How Officer Beliefs Shaped Repression during Argentina's 'Dirty War.'" *Journal of Peace Research*, forthcoming.
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*.

In Preparation

2017. "Dirty Skills: Guerrilla Wars and Military Training at the School of Americas."
2018. "How Dictators Staff Their Secret Police: The Case of Argentina's Battalion 601." with Christian Gläsel (University of Mannheim).
2018. "Rebel Threat or Political Connections? The Contextual Logic of Military Home Deployment." with Belén González and Christian Gläsel (University of Mannheim).
2018. "How Non-Violent Tactics Trigger Coups in Civil Wars." with Belén González and Christian Gläsel (University of Mannheim).

- 2016. "The Military You Can't Control: How Organizational Rivalry Fosters Repression in Counterinsurgency Wars."
- 2016. "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).
- 2015. "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

- 2013 - present *The Military Organization of State Repression.*
 In this project I explore the organizational causes of state repression during counterinsurgency campaigns. Drawing on a variety of data sources, I study how military recruitment, training, staffing, and deployment systems influence patterns of civilian targeting on the macro and the micro level. An integral part of this project is the collection of original data on the military and repression during the Argentina's Dirty War.
- 2014 - present *The Diversity of Non-state Armed Actors in Civil Conflicts: A New Dataset* with Sabine Otto (Uppsala University) and Anita Gohdes (University of Zürich).
 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.

Conferences & Workshops

- 12/2017 Workshop on Political Dissent: Causes, Tactics, and Outcomes, University of Essex, UK (Paper).
- 11/2017 Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, USA (Paper).
- 10/2017 Workshop on Mixed Methods Approaches to Studying Peace and Conflict, University of Mannheim, Germany (Organization).
- 09/2017 Workshop on New Perspectives on the Micro-Dynamics of Political Violence, University of Konstanz, Germany (Paper).
- 07/2017 Tactics in Conflict Workshop, University of Konstanz, Germany (Paper).
- 06/2017 Jan Tinbergen Conference of the Network of European Peace Scientists, Belgium (Paper).
- 06/2017 Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Italy (Paper).
- 02/2017 Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, USA (Paper).
- 10/2016 Workshop on Empirical Methods in Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Konstanz, Germany (Discussant).

04/2016	Workshop by the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University, USA (Paper).
04/2016	Virtual Workshop, Conflict Consortium (Paper).
03/2016	Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, USA (Paper).
03/2016	Annual Conference of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies, Germany (Paper).
10/2015	European Network for Conflict Research Meeting, Institute for Economic Analysis, Spain (Paper).
03/2015	European Network for Conflict Research Meeting, German Development Institute, Germany (Paper).
02/2015	Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, USA (Paper).
07/2014	Workshop on Militias and the Construction of (In-)Security, University of Osnabrück, Germany (Paper).
04/2014	Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, USA (Paper).
08/2013	American Political Science Annual Meeting, USA (Paper*).
09/2012	European Network for Conflict Research Meeting, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Norway (Attendance).

Invited Talks

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

Awards

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.

*Paper presented by co-author.

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.

Research Experience

Field Work

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

09/2015 - 02/2016	Doctoral Researcher, Repression and the Escalation of Violence (RATE) Project.
09/2013 - 08/2015	Doctoral Researcher, 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.

Memberships

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