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## Research Interests

Autocracies, security apparatus, repression, coups, civil wars.

## Employments

- 05/2022 - present     Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics (tenure-track).  
Department of Political Science,  
University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 03/2018 - 04/2022     Postdoctoral Research Fellow.  
Research Program Peace and Security & Institute for Latin American Studies,  
Speaker of the Research Team “Institutions for Sustainable Peace,”  
German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Germany.

## Education

- 09/2012 - 03/2018     Ph.D. in Political Science (*Summa cum laude*).  
Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences,  
University of Mannheim, Germany.  
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. Schrod.
- 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

2024. "Does Sportswashing Work? First Insights from the 2022 World Cup in Qatar." *Journal of Politics*, accepted for publication (with Christian Gläsel and Pearce Edwards).
2023. "The Political Effects of Witnessing State Atrocities: Evidence from the Nazi Death Marches" *Comparative Political Studies*, online first (with Alexander De Juan, Christian Gläsel, and Felix Haass).
2022. "International Sports Events and Repression in Autocracies: Evidence from the 1978 FIFA World Cup." *American Political Science Review*, 117(3): 909-926 (with Christian Gläsel and Pearce Edwards).
2022. "Career Pressures and Organizational Evil: A Novel Perspective on the Study of Organized Violence." *International Studies Review*, 24(3): 1-23 (with Christian Gläsel).
2022. "Pro-Government Militias and Conflict." *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.33> (with Sabine C. Carey and Neil Mitchell).
2020. "Capturing Group Alignments: Introducing the Government and Armed Actors Relations Dataset (GAARD)." *Research & Politics*, DOI: 10.1177/2053168020971891 (with Sabine Otto and Anita R. Gohdes).

2020. "Why Governments Have Their Troops Trained Abroad: Evidence from Latin America." *International Studies Quarterly*, 64(3): 734-747.
2020. "Grist to the Mill of Subversion: Strikes and Coups in Counterinsurgencies." *European Journal of International Relations*, 26(4): 1032-1060 (with Belén González and Christian Gläsel).
2020. "Why Underachievers Dominate Secret Police Organizations: Evidence from Autocratic Argentina." *American Journal of Political Science*, 64(4): 791-806 (with Christian Gläsel).
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).
2013. "Die Blutspur des Vetos: 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).

## Policy Papers

2022. "The Recipient Dilemma of Foreign Military Training." *On Track*, 29: 33-46.
2020. "Die gefährliche Allianz zwischen Populisten und Militär." *KoBra Brasilicum*, 257: 38-39.
2020. "Dangerous Alliances: Populists and the Military." *GIGA Focus Latin America*, 1: 1-12.
2018. "The Return of the Military." *GIGA Focus Latin America*, 7: 1-11 (with Sabine Kurtenbach).

## Blog Posts

2022. "The Repression Behind International Sporting Events." *Inkstick* (with Pearce Edwards and Christian Gläsel).
2018. "Making Sense of Trump's War against the Islamic State." *Political Violence at @ Glance*.

## Work in progress

Book manuscript "Making Career in Dictatorship: The Secret Logic Behind Coups and Repression" With Christian Gläsel (Hertie School).

"Foreign Military Training and Soldiers' Influence over Politics." With Jesse Dillon Savage (Trinity College Dublin).

"The Authoritarian Security Apparatus: Officer Careers and the Trade-offs in Command." With Belén González (University of Lüneburg) and Christian Gläsel (Hertie School).

"Who Participates in Coups?" With Christian Gläsel (Hertie School).

"Who Gets Targeted with Soft Power? Evidence from Kissinger's International Seminar."

"Which Dictators Hire PR-Firms?"

## 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

- 2023 Research Grant, German Research Foundation (DFG), Germany.  
2017 Travel Grant, Network of European Peace Scientists (NEPS), Italy.  
2016 Travel Grant, Program on Order, Conflict, Violence, Yale University, USA.  
2016 Travel Grant, University of Mannheim, Germany.  
2015 - 2016 Travel Grants, International Studies Association, USA.  
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

- 02/2023 CIS Colloquium, Uni Zurich & ETH Zurich, Switzerland.  
10/2023 Department of Sociology and Political Science, NTNU, Norway.  
04/2023 School of Economics and Political Science, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.  
03/2023 Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.  
02/2023 Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany.  
11/2022 Department of Government, Uppsala University, Sweden.  
09/2022 Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.  
05/2022 Political Economy Seminar, Hertie School, Germany.  
11/2021 Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, Norway.  
07/2021 Department of Governance, Technical University Munich, Germany.  
06/2021 Institute of Political Science, Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany.

06/2021	Department of Politics, York University, UK.
03/2021	Department of Political Science, University College London, UK.
01/2020	Geschwister-Scholl Institute for Political Science, Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich, Germany.
03/2019	Institute of Political Science, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany.
06/2017	Institute of Political Science, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany.
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.*

2024	Play the Game (P).
2023	APSA(P*), DPSA(P,D).
2022	ISA(P,P*), DPSA(P,P*,D).
2021	EPSA(P,D).
2020	APSA(P), DVPW-IR(P*,D).
2019	ISA(P), AFK(P), EPSA(P), APSA(P).
2018	ISA(P*), NEPS(P), ECPR(P), APSA(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

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

12/2023	Book Workshop on Authoritarian Snapback, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (D).
06/2023	Pre-EPSA Mini-Conference on Authoritarian Politics, Glasgow (O,P,D).
02/2023	Danish Historical Political Economy Workshop, University of Southern Denmark (P,D).
10/2022	Workshop on Empirical Peace and Conflict Research, Aarhus University (P,D).
06/2022	Money in Politics Conference, Copenhagen Business School (D).

09/2021 Virtual Workshop on Empirical Research on Peace and Conflict, University of Potsdam & Goethe University Frankfurt (P).

02/2021 Virtual Workshop on the Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship, University of Münster (P\*,D).

11/2020 Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (VWAR), Florida State University (D).

09/2020 Virtual Workshop on Conflict Dynamics, Oxford University (D).

09/2020 Virtual Workshop on Empirical Peace and Conflict Research, Hertie School of Governance (P\*,D).

04/2020 Virtual Workshop on New Perspectives in Peace and Conflict Studies, Uppsala University and German Institute for Global and Area Studies (D).

12/2019 Workshop on Inequality in Autocracies, University of Konstanz, (A).

09/2019 Workshop on Empirical Research on Peace and Conflict, German Development Institute (P).

09/2019 Graduate Workshop on Conflict Dynamics, Oxford University (P\*).

10/2018 International Futures Seminar, German Council on Foreign Relations and German Federal Foreign Office (P).

09/2018 Workshop on New Qualitative and Quantitative Data in Peace and Conflict Research, German Institute for Global and Area Studies (O).

03/2018 Conference on the Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship, University of Münster (P).

12/2017 Workshop on Political Dissent: Causes, Tactics, and Outcomes, University of Essex (P).

10/2017 Workshop on Mixed Methods Approaches to Studying Peace and Conflict, University of Mannheim (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 (P).

07/2017 Tactics in Conflict Workshop, University of Konstanz (P).

10/2016 Workshop on Empirical Methods in Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Konstanz (D).

04/2016 Workshop by the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University (P).

04/2016 Virtual Workshop, Conflict Consortium (P).

10/2015 European Network for Conflict Research Meeting, Institute for Economic Analysis (P).

03/2015 European Network for Conflict Research Meeting, German Development Institute (P).

- 07/2014 Workshop on Militias and the Construction of (In-)Security, University of Osnabrück (P).
- 09/2012 European Network for Conflict Research Meeting, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) (A).

## Roundtable

- 05/2022 Virtual roundtable on the Promises and Pitfalls of Foreign Military Training. Conference of Defence Associations (CDA) Institute, Ottawa, Canada.

## Research Experience

### *Field Work*

- 10/2015 - 11/2015 Expert Interviews and Data Collection in Argentina.

### *University of Mannheim*

- 09/2015 - 02/2018 Doctoral Researcher, Repression and the Escalation of Violence (RATE) Project (ERC Grant No. 336019), Sabine C. Carey.
- 09/2013 - 08/2015 Doctoral Researcher, Chair of Political Science - International Relations, Sabine C. Carey.

### *University of Konstanz*

- 09/2011 - 12/2011 Copy Editor, European Union Politics (EUP).
- 01/2010 - 12/2010 Research Assistant, Gerald Schneider.

## Teaching Experience

### *University of Copenhagen*

- 2023, 2024 Postgraduate Course: "Comparative Authoritarianism and Political Violence."
- 2023, 2024 Undergraduate Lecture: "International Relations."
- 2022, 2023 Postgraduate Course: "Autocratic Politics."
- 2022, 2023 Undergraduate Lecture: "Comparative Politics."
- 2022, 2023 Undergraduate Lecture: "Public Administration"

### *German Institute for Global and Area Studies*

- 2020 Doctoral Course: "Philosophy of Science, Causation, and Explanation."

### *University of Hamburg*

2020 Postgraduate Course: "Administrative Evil? Bureaucracies in Democracies and Dictatorships."

### *University of Mannheim*

2015 Undergraduate Course: "Military, 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 and Political Violence."  
2014 Postgraduate Course: "Causes and Perpetrators of (Extreme) Political Violence."  
2013 Undergraduate Course: "Peace and 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

### *Review: Journals*

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management & Peace Science, Contemporary Politics, Democracy & Security, European Journal of International Relations, European Political Science Review, Foreign Policy Analysis, International Interactions, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie, Latin American Research Review, Political Research Exchange, Research & Politics, Terrorism & Political Violence, World Politics, Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung.

*Review: Organization*

European Research Council (ERC), Swedish Riksbankens Jubileumsfond.

*Memberships*

American Political Science Association (APSA), International Studies Association (ISA).