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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

International conflict resolution and peacebuilding, peacekeeping, United Nations, transitional justice, public diplomacy and social media, social science methodology, simulations and active teaching methods

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Goethe University**, Frankfurt, Germany

Since 2013      Research Fellow and Lecturer, Department of Political Science,  
Chair for international institutions and peace processes

2011 – 2013      Research Assistant, Department of Political Science

#### **University of Liberia**, Monrovia, Liberia

03/-04/2019      Visiting Researcher, Kofi Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation

#### **Columbia University**, New York, USA

2015 – 2016      Fulbright Visiting Researcher, Department of Political Science

#### **German Armed Forces Command and Staff College**, Hamburg, Germany

Since 2014      Guest Lecturer, Modules "UN Peacekeeping Operations" and "UN-Staff Officer Course"

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### EDUCATION

#### **Goethe University**, Frankfurt, Germany

Ph.D. in Political Science (focus in peace and conflict studies), *expected June 2020*

M.A. in International Studies / Peace and Conflict Studies, *June 2013*

M.A. in English Studies, Spanish and Cultural Anthropology, *July 2011*

B.A. in Political Science and Cultural Anthropology, *November 2010*

Dissertation: Making peace last. A systematic comparative case analysis of successful post-conflict peacebuilding (working title)

Advisors:      Tanja Brühl and Claudius Wagemann

#### **University of Southampton**, United Kingdom

Erasmus Semester in English Studies, *February - July 2010*

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### PRIZES AND AWARDS

02/2014      Josef Esser Award of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Goethe University Frankfurt, for the best Master thesis in Political Science (endowed with €1.000)

07/2011      Dagmar Westberg University Award for an outstanding Master thesis on the literature, culture, or history of Great Britain (endowed with €1.000)

RESEARCH FUNDING

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The sum of fellowships and grants acquired: ~ €78.300

Since 2019	Mentee in the "Mentoring Hessen" funding line "ProAcademia" for the promotion of women in science and business
06/2019	Frankfurt Graduate Center Social Sciences (GRASOC) travel grant for a conference in The Hague, Netherlands (€400)
02/-04/2019	DAAD short-term scholarship for doctoral students for education and training abroad, for field research in Sierra Leone and Liberia (€7.480)
09/2018	Frankfurt Graduate Center Social Sciences (GRASOC) travel grant for a conference in Hamburg (€400)
04/2018	DAAD travel grant for a conference in San Francisco, USA (€1.629)
11/2014 – 10/2017	Full Predoctoral Fellowship, Polytechnic Society Foundation Frankfurt am Main (fellowship, plus research and travel expenses, ~€51.000)
08/2017	ECPR Funding Grant for the Summer School in Methods and Techniques (€415)
09/2015 – 06/2016	Predoctoral Fellowship, Fulbright Commission, for a research stay as Visiting Scholar at Columbia University in New York, USA (€14.400)
03/2016	DAAD travel grant for conference in Atlanta, USA (€1.500)
04/-06/2012	DAAD short-term grant for an internship at the German Embassy in Helsinki, Finland (€1.075)

ACADEMIC TRAINING

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03/2018	ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, University Bamberg (Advanced Topics in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA)
08/2017	ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Central European University Budapest (Process-tracing I: Foundations and Guidelines, Process-tracing II: Evidence and empirical testing in practice)
05/2014	PhD Course „The Dynamics of Civil War“, UiO-NTNU-PRIO Research School on Peace & Conflict, Oslo
08/2011	ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, University Ljubljana (Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets)
10/2010 – 07/2011	Advanced training course "Book and Media Practice", Goethe University Frankfurt

FIELDWORK AND ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

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03/-04/2019	Liberia: Interviews with experts in international peacebuilding and local reconciliation processes in Monrovia, as well as leading a survey on local perceptions of the peace process.
01/-02/2019	Sierra Leone: Interviews with experts in international peacebuilding and local reconciliation processes throughout the country, as well as leading a nationwide survey on local perceptions of the peace process.
10/-11/2018	USA: Archive research on documents of the UN peace missions in Cambodia and Sierra Leone in the UN Archives in New York, as well as interviews with members of international organizations in New York and Washington, D.C.

## ARTICLES (Peer reviewed)

- In print. "The security and justice approach in Liberia's peace process: mechanistic evidence and local perception". *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*, 25(4).
2019. "Studentische Lerneffekte in Simulationen der Vereinten Nationen." *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung*, 8(1), 99-111 (with Samantha Ruppel).
2016. "Shaping peace: an investigation of the mechanisms underlying post-conflict peacebuilding." *Peace, Conflict & Development*, Issue 22: 25-76.

## CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

2018. „Die Vereinten Nationen simulieren: ‚MainMUN‘ als fächerübergreifendes Planspiel der Weltpolitik.“ In: Michael Schedelik, Tim Engartner und Maria Theresa Messner (eds.). *Planspiele in der sozialwissenschaftlichen Lehre: Theorie und Praxis aus der Hochschule*. Schwalbach/Ts: Wochenschau Verlag, 181-191 (with Tanja Brühl, Anne Peltner and Samantha Ruppel).

## OTHER PUBLISHED WORK

2010. *Quo Vadis Peacekeeping? Der Konflikt in Darfur und die ‚Responsibility to Protect‘*. Saarbrücken: VDM.

## CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

- „The learning effects of United Nations simulations in political science classrooms” (with Samantha Ruppel, revise and resubmit in *European Political Science*).
- “A comparative assessment of UN simulations as teaching tool in IR: evaluating students’ attitudes and learning outcomes”, submitted to *International Studies Perspectives* (with Samantha Ruppel)

## WORKING PAPER

- “Pathways to peace: uncovering the mechanisms underlying successful post-conflict peacebuilding.” (prepared for submission with *Journal of Peace Research*)
- “Third-party interventions and armed conflicts: a closer look at causal patterns and dependencies“
- “The post-conflict peace scale: conceptualizing peace in the aftermath of violent conflict”
- “The more (not always) the merrier: the hidden mechanisms of power sharing institutions and their influence on durable peace.“ (prepared for submission with *International Studies Quarterly*)

## INVITED WORKSHOPS

International QCA Expert Workshop & International QCA Paper Development Workshop  
ETH Zurich, Switzerland, November 2017 and November 2018

Methodological Advances in the Study of Civil War and Political Violence  
University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, November 2018

Ending Atrocities Workshop  
Uppsala University, Sweden, June 2018

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention**

- 2019: “The more (not always) the merrier: the hidden mechanisms of power sharing institutions and their influence on stable peace”  
“Learning effects of United Nations simulations in political science classrooms: an empirical study regarding different level of knowledge” (with Samantha Ruppel)
- 2018: “There’s more than one way to peace: uncovering the mechanisms underlying successful post-conflict peacebuilding”  
“Third-party interventions and armed conflicts: a closer look at power, dependencies, and dynamics”
- 2017: “Doomed to fail? Local conflict environment mechanisms and their influence on post-conflict peace”  
“Introducing the post-conflict peace scale: conceptualizing peace in the aftermath of violent conflict”
- 2016: “Let’s talk about peace: toward a better conceptual definition of peace in the aftermath of violent conflict”
- 2015: “Dynamics of post-conflict peace: using set-theoretic methods to analyse the mechanisms underlying peacebuilding after civil war” (Junior Scholar Symposium)

**Peace Science Society International Annual Conference**

- 2016: “The post-conflict peace scale: conceptualizing peace in the aftermath of violent conflict” (Poster)

**Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference**

- 2019: “Peacebuilding institutions and their perception in Liberia’s peace process” (Poster)

**American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting**

- 2019: “Against all odds: the mechanisms behind different pathways to sustainable peace”  
2016: “Doomed to fail? How the conflict environment influences post-civil war peace”

**AFK Arbeitskreis Empirische Methoden der Friedens- und Konfliktforschung - Workshops**

- 2019: “Peacebuilding institutions and their perception in Liberia’s peace process”  
2018: “The more (not always) the merrier: the hidden mechanisms of power sharing institutions and their influence on durable peace”  
2017: “Opening the peacebuilding black box? A closer look at the challenges of mixing QCA and process tracing in peace and conflict research”  
2016: “Den Peacebuilding Mechanismen auf der Spur: Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) in der Friedens- und Konfliktforschung”

**Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference**

- 2016: “Doomed to fail? Conflict environment mechanisms and their influence on post-civil war peace”

**International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress of Political Science**

- 2018: „Pathways to peace: uncovering the mechanisms underlying successful post-conflict peacebuilding“  
“Third-party interventions and armed conflicts: a closer look at dynamics and dependencies“

**European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) General Conference**

- 2018: “Causal patterns of third-party interventions in armed conflicts”

**European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions of Workshops**

- 2018: “The empirical effects of United Nations simulation in political science classrooms: a long-term study at various levels of complexity”, with Samantha Ruppel

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**DIDACTIC TRAINING**

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“Certificate of Didactics of Higher Education“ – comprehensive training in didactics of university teaching (21 ECVET-points), awarded by the Interdisziplinäre Kolleg Hochschuldidaktik, Goethe University Frankfurt (02/2014 - 06/2015)

„eLearning Certificate Digital Media in Educational Processes“ – Qualification program by studiumdigitale, the central eLearning facility at Goethe University Frankfurt (expected 2019)

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany**

*Lessons learned? The challenges of international conflict resolution*

Graduate seminar (individually developed course)

Fall 2016; Fall 2017

*United Nations*

Graduate seminar (individually developed course)

Summer 2017; Summer 2019

*Preparation for the National Model United Nations (NMUN)*

Graduate seminar (individually developed course, including excursion)

Fall 2017, Fall 2019

*The Study of Civil Wars*

Graduate seminar (individually developed course)

Summer 2015

*International Institutions*

Undergraduate seminar (including excursion)

Summer 2014

**German Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Hamburg, Germany**

*The Challenges of Peace Processes*

Part of the module “UN Peacekeeping Operations”

Fall 2017, Fall 2018

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**SUPERVISION OF STUDENT DISSERTATIONS**

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Regular supervision and examination of Bachelor theses in Political Science.

Students must submit a research proposal in which they discuss theoretical and methodological approaches to their research question. So far, I have supervised work on the following topics:

- The role of the UN in the Georgian-Abkhazian War
- Conditions for a successful mediation outcome: A qualitative case study of the mediation of Kofi Annan in Syria
- The failure of UN peacekeeping mission in Rwanda and Congo
- Success of UN peacekeeping missions. An analysis of possible influencing factors on the success criterion “absence of direct violence”
- Election 2007 in Kenya: Causes of ethnic-religious conflicts

ACADEMIC SERVICES

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Reviewer	Journal of Peace Research, International Journal of Communication
Since 2019	Co-Speaker of the AFK section “Empirical Methods in Peace and Conflict Studies”
2017-2019	Member in appointment committees of the Department of Social Sciences, Goethe University Frankfurt

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Political Science Association (APSA)  
 International Studies Association (ISA)  
 Network of European Peace Scientists (NEPS)  
 Peace Science Society (International)

NON-ACADEMIC WORKING EXPERIENCE AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

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2015 – 2017	Planning and implementation of the project “Young Researchers“ of the Foundation of the Polytechnic Society Frankfurt, which aims to interest primary school pupils from educational disadvantaged backgrounds in science.
2012	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Department 201 (Education), Bonn, Germany
2012	Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Helsinki, Finland
2010	Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb, Department “Apolitical Target Groups”, Bonn, Germany

LANGUAGE AND COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

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English	fluent (spoken and written, C2 level)
Spanish	solid knowledge (spoken and written, B1 level)
French	Basic knowledge (A2 level)
IT	Command of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator, Lightroom), and data analysis software (R, fsQCA, ArcGIS)

REFERENCES

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