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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding, Peacekeeping, United Nations, Transitional Justice, Public Diplomacy and Social Media, Multi-Method Research, QCA, Process Tracing, Simulations and Active Teaching Methods

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Potsdam, Germany

Since 2020 Postdoctoral Researcher, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences,
Chair of International Politics

Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany

2013 – 2020 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"

EDUCATION

Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany

Ph.D. in Political Science (focus in peace and conflict studies), *expected 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: Patterns of Sustaining Peace. A Systematic Comparative Analysis of Institutional Configurations and their Impact on Peacebuilding Success

Advisors: Prof. Dr. Tanja Brühl and Prof. Dr. Claudius Wagemann

University of Southampton, United Kingdom

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

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

The sum of fellowships and grants acquired: ~ €79.500

- 07/2020 Potsdam Graduate School travel grant for the Essex Summer School (€1.2000)
- 06/2019 – 10/2020 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

- 08/2020 Virtual ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques (Qualitative Data Analysis, Introduction to NVivo)
- 07/2020 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis)
- 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)

ARTICLES (Peer reviewed)

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2020. "The learning effects of United Nations simulations in political science classrooms". *European Political Science*, online first (with Samantha Ruppel).
2019. "The security and justice approach in Liberia's peace process: mechanistic evidence and local perception". *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*, 25(4), 1-6.
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

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2018. „Die Vereinten Nationen simulieren: ‚MainMUN‘ als fächerübergreifendes Planspiel der Weltpolitik.“ In: Michael Schedelik, Tim Engartner and 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

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2019. "Ist die Welt wirklich friedlicher geworden? Ein Blick auf statistische Trends im Konfliktgeschehen weltweit." *Forschung Frankfurt*, Issue 1.2019, 62-66.
2010. *Quo Vadis Peacekeeping? Der Konflikt in Darfur und die ‚Responsibility to Protect‘*. Saarbrücken: VDM.

WORKING PAPERS

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- "Pathways to peace: uncovering the mechanisms underlying successful post-conflict peacebuilding"
- "The more (not always) the merrier: the hidden mechanisms of power sharing institutions and their influence on stable peace"
- "The sustaining peace scale: conceptualizing peace in the aftermath of violent conflict"
- "Third-party interventions and armed conflicts: a closer look at causal patterns and dependencies"

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. |

 INVITED WORKSHOPS

International QCA Expert Workshop & International QCA Paper Development Workshop
 ETH Zurich, Switzerland, December 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020

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

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

DIDACTIC TRAINING

“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 (February 2020)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Potsdam, Germany

Lessons learned? The challenges of international conflict resolution

Graduate seminar (individually developed course)

Summer 2020

United Nations: Current challenges in the policy fields of Human Rights, Development, Environment and Security

Undergraduate seminar (individually developed course)

Summer 2020

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

ACADEMIC SERVICES

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

American Political Science Association (APSA)
 International Studies Association (ISA)
 Network of European Peace Scientists (NEPS)
 Peace Science Society (International)
 Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (AFK)

NON-ACADEMIC WORKING EXPERIENCE AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

2015 – 2017 Planning and implementation of the project “Young Researchers“ for 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

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)