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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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#### **University of Potsdam**, Potsdam, Germany

since 2020      Postdoctoral Fellow (100%), Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences,  
Chair of International Relations

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

2013 – 2020      Research Fellow and Lecturer (50%), Department of Political Science,  
Chair of 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

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

Ph.D. in Political Science (summa cum laude), December 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 Case Analysis of Institutional Configurations and their Impact on Peacebuilding Success.

Reviewer:      Prof. Dr. Tanja Brühl (TU Darmstadt), Prof. Dr. Claudius Wagemann (Goethe University Frankfurt), Prof. Dr. Margit Bussmann (University Greifswald)

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

Erasmus Semester in English Studies, February - July 2010

#### ARTICLES (Peer reviewed)

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2021. "The Dance of Peace and Justice: Local Perceptions of International Peacebuilding in West Africa", *International Peacekeeping*, online first (with Samantha Ruppel).
2020. "Empirisch-analytische Friedens- und Konfliktforschung in Deutschland: Ein Kommentar zur Evaluation durch den Wissenschaftsrat". *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung*, 9(2), 443-454 (with Constantin Ruhe, Nils B. Weidmann and Margit Bussmann).
2020. "The learning effects of United Nations simulations in political science classrooms". *European Political Science*, 19(3), 336-351 (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 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).

#### MONOGRAPHS

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2021. *Patterns of Sustaining Peace. A Systematic Comparative Case Analysis of Institutional Configurations and their Impact on Peacebuilding Success*. Dissertation. Frankfurt am Main: Goethe University Frankfurt.
2010. *Quo Vadis Peacekeeping? Der Konflikt in Darfur und die ‚Responsibility to Protect‘*. Saarbrücken: VDM.

#### OTHER PUBLISHED WORK

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2019. "Ist die Welt wirklich friedlicher geworden? Ein Blick auf statistische Trends im Konfliktgeschehen weltweit." *Forschung Frankfurt*, Ausgabe 1.2019, 62-66.

#### UNDER REVIEW

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- "Same Same but Different: The Role of Local Leaders in the Peace Processes in Liberia and Sierra Leone", under review in *Peacebuilding* (with Samantha Ruppel).

#### WORKING PAPER

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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"

## PRIZES AND AWARDS

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- 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: ~ €80.500

- 02/2021 Funding grant for a research assistant in the project "Digitalization in Peacekeeping", Potsdam Graduate School, POGS (2.000€)
- 07/2020 Potsdam Graduate School (PoGS) travel grant for the Essex Summer School (1.250€)
- 06/2019 – 09/2020 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)

## ACADEMIC TRAINING

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- 03/2021 ECPR Virtual Winter Methods School, University of Leuven (Applied Regression Analysis: Estimation, Diagnostics, and Modelling)
- 08/2020 ECPR Virtual Methods School, CEU Budapest (Qualitative Data Analysis, Introduction to NVivo)
- 07/2020 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex (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)

## 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

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

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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"

### **Sektionstagung der Sektion Internationale Beziehungen (DVPW)**

2020: "Peacekeeping in the Digital Age: Communication Strategies and Local Inclusion"  
"Peace before justice? Local perceptions on delayed accountability in Liberia"

### **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

### **Workshop on Conflict Dynamics, Nuffield College, University of Oxford**

2020: "Peacekeeping in the Digital Age: Communication Strategies and Local Inclusion"

## **DIDACTIC AND CAREER TRAINING**

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Several career development workshops offered by the Potsdam Graduate School (PoGS) including Management of Research Data, Grant Proposal Writing, Gender-Diversity-Approaches for University Teaching, Digitalisation of Teaching based on the Inverted Classroom Model (since 02/2020)

"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 (06/2015)

„eLearning Certificate Digital Media in Educational Processes“ – Qualification program by studiumdigitale, the central eLearning facility at Goethe University Frankfurt (02/2015)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Undergraduate Seminars, B.A. Politics, Administration and Organization, University of Potsdam (2020 –)

Mission Accomplished? The Effectiveness of International Peace Operations (Summer 2021)

Introduction to Academic Research (Fall 2020)

United Nations: Current Challenges in the Policy Fields of Human Rights, Development, Environment and Security (Summer 2020)

Graduate Seminars, M.A. International Relations, University of Potsdam (2020 –)

Transitional Justice in Theory and Practice (Summer 2021)

Lessons learned? The Challenges of International Conflict Resolution (Summer 2020)

Undergraduate Seminars, B.A. Political Science, Goethe University (2014-2020)

International Institutions (Summer 2014)

Graduate Seminars, M.A. International Studies/Peace and Conflict Studies, Goethe University (2014-2020)

The Study of Civil Wars (Summer 2015)

United Nations (Summer 2017, Summer 2019)

Preparation for the National Model United Nations (Fall 2017, Fall 2019)

Lessons learned? The Challenges of International Conflict Resolution (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)

Seminars at the German Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Hamburg (2016 –)

The Challenges of Peace Processes

Part of the module “UN Peacekeeping Operations” (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)

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#### ACADEMIC SERVICES

Reviewer Journal of Peace Research, International Journal of Communication, Springer

Since 01/2021 Member of the Organising Committee, International QCA Workshop Series

Since 10/2020 Member in the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Potsdam

Since 10/2019 Speaker of the AFK section “Empirical Methods in Peace and Conflict Studies”

2018/2019 Member in the appointment committee, W1 „Chair in Political Science or Sociology with a Focus on Radicalization and Violence Research“, Goethe University Frankfurt

2017 Member in the appointment committee, W1 (tenure track) „Chair in Political Science with a Focus on Methods of Quantitative Empirical Social Research“, Goethe University Frankfurt

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#### 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)

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#### 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

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#### 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)