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## Current Academic Position

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Associate Professor, Department of Government, University of Bergen, Norway since 03/2022

## Affiliations

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Research Associate, CMI Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway since 03/2022

## Previous Positions

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Senior Researcher, CMI Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway 05/2019-02/2022

Postdoctoral Researcher (DFG Fellowship), University of Konstanz 02/2016-04/2019

Visiting Researcher, University College London, UK 09/2017-01/2018

*Parental Leave* 04/2015-01/2016

Visiting PhD Candidate, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria 11/2013-02/2014

PhD Candidate & Research Fellow, GIGA Institute, Hamburg 06/2011-03/2015

Humanitarian Aid Worker, Médecins Sans Frontières 01/2008-03/2011

## Education

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Ph.D. Political Science (*Dr.rer.pol*), University of Hamburg 01/2012-06/2015

Master of Peace and Security Studies, University of Hamburg 10/2009-08/2010

MA (*Mag.*) European Economics and Business Administration, University of Applied Sciences Vienna 10/1999-07/2003

## Policy Work & Knowledge Transfer

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Rigorous Impact Evaluation 'Climate Services for Small-Holder Farmers' Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation	since 2024
Rigorous Impact Evaluation 'Water & Social Cohesion' in East Africa KfW Development Bank, UNICEF, UNHCR	since 2021
Rigorous Impact Evaluation 'Information Campaigns & State-Citizen Interactions' KfW Development Bank	since 2021
Rigorous Impact Evaluation 'Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Program V' Welthungerhilfe, Oxfam, Medica Mondiale	06/2018-12/2022
Risk and Resilience Assessment Sahel Zone World Bank, African Development Bank, KfW Development Bank	02/2019-11/2019
Germany's Gender Strategy in Peace Building Deval, German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development	06/2018-11/2020
Rigorous Impact Evaluation of the Peace Fund in the DR Congo KfW Development Bank	04/2016-02/2017

## Publications

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### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2024 (with Summer Lindsey). Legacies of Wartime Sexual Violence: Survivors, Psychological Harms, and Mobilization. *American Political Science Review*. Forthcoming.
- 2024 (with Richard Traunmüller). The Gendered Costs of Stigma: How Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Encourages Civic Engagement Among Women and Men. *American Journal of Political Science*. Forthcoming.
- 2023 (with Alexander De Juan, Felix Haass, Sascha Riaz, Thomas Tichelbäcker). War and Nationalism: How WW1 Battle Deaths Fueled Civilians' Support for the Nazi Party. *American Political Science Review*. Online First.
- 2023 (with Clara Neupert-Wentz). Theory as Guide to the Analysis of Polygyny and Conflict. A Response to Ash (2022). *Research & Politics*, Online First.
- 2022 (with Alexander De Juan, Miquel Pellicer, and Eva Wegner). Can Reconstruction Programs Improve Political Perceptions in Conflict Contexts? Evidence from Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. *South African Journal of Economics* 90 (4): 427-455.
- 2022 (with Summer Lindsey). Wartime Sexual Violence, Social Stigmatization and Humanitarian Aid: Survey Evidence from eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 66 (6): 1037-1065.

2021 (with Lars Dumke, Roos van der Haer, and Tobias Hecker). Patterns of Conflict-Related Trauma Exposure and their Relation to Psychopathology: A Person-Centered analysis in a Population-Based Sample from Eastern DRC. *Social Science & Medicine - Mental Health* 1: 100005.

2021 (with Alexander De Juan). Survey Participation Effects in Conflict Research. *Journal of Peace Research* 58 (4): 623-639.

2020 (with Clara Neupert-Wentz). Polygynous Neighbors, Excess Men and Intergroup Conflict in Africa. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 64 (2-3): 402-431.

2019 (with Alexander De Juan). The Historical Roots of Cooperative Behavior — Evidence from Eastern Congo. *World Development* 116 (2019): 100-112.

2018. Decay or Resilience: The Long-Term Social Consequences of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Sierra Leone. *World Politics* 70 (2): 194-238.

2017. A Taste for Rebellion: Which Grievances Make People Support Violence against the State? Survey Evidence from the Niger Delta. *International Interactions* 44 (3): 437-462.

2017. Sexual Violence in Armed Conflicts: Research Progress and Remaining Gaps. *Third World Quarterly* 38(9): 1935-1951.

2016 (with Jan Pierskalla). The Effects of Oil Production and Ethnic Representation on Violent Conflict in Nigeria: A Mixed-Method Approach.” *Terrorism and Political Violence* 28(5): 888-911.

2016. Does Violence Pay? The Effect of Ethnic Rebellion on Overcoming Political Deprivation. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 33(1): 3-24.

2014 (with Matthias Basedau). When Do Religious Leaders Support Faith-Based Violence? Evidence from a Survey Poll in Juba in South Sudan. *Political Research Quarterly* 68(4): 760-772.

2014. Why and How Civil Defense Militias Emerge: The Case of the Arrow Boys in South Sudan. *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 37(12): 1039-1057.

2013 (with Matthias Basedau). Does Uranium Mining Increase Civil Conflict Risk? Evidence from a Spatiotemporal Analysis of Africa from 1960 to 2008. *Civil Wars* 15(3): 306-331.

### **Blog Posts, Policy Briefs and Reports**

2022 (with Anselm Hager). Endline Report on the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Program V in Liberia. Results from the Randomized Controlled Trial. *Report for Welthungerhilfe, Oxfam and Medica Liberia.*

2022. Kiir and Machar: insights into South Sudan’s strongmen. *The Conversation.*

2020 (with Anselm Hager). Midterm Report on the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Program V in Liberia. Results from the Randomized Controlled Trial. *Report for Welthungerhilfe, Oxfam and Medica Liberia.*

2020 (with Peter Hangome and Ottar Maestad). Household Wellbeing and Coping Strategies in Africa during COVID-19. Findings from High-Frequency Phone Surveys. **CMI Report** 2020-4.

2019 (with Alexander De Juan). Quantitative Assessment of Risk and Resilience Factors in the G5 Sahel Zone. **Research Report for the World Bank**.

2017 (Aleander De Juan, Miquel Pellicer and Eva Wegner). Impact Evaluation of the Peace Fund (Fonds pour la Consolidation de la Paix, FCP) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. **Report for KfW Development Bank**.

2015. From Civil War to Social Contract. Report on Qualitative Research in Burundi. 2015. **Report for KfW Development Bank**.

2014. Country Report South Sudan. **Bertelsmann Transformation Index**.

2014 (with Thea Gutschke). South Sudans Newest War. When Two Old Men Divide A Nation. **GIGA Focus International Edition**.

2013. Religion and Development in South Sudan: Conflict Factor or Peace Resource. **Report for German Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation**.

2011. Südsudan. Vom Traum in die Realität. **GIGA Focus Afrika**.

## Research Grants & Fellowships

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### Research Grants (above EUR 150,000)

Co-I. Improving Smallholder Resilience through Customised Climate Services. **Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation**. ca. EUR 20,000,000 2024-2029

Single PI. The Micro-Level Effects of Civil Wars on Multiple Dimensions of Women's Empowerment ([www.wareffects.eu](http://www.wareffects.eu)). **ERC Starting Grant**. EUR 1,790,000 2022-2027

Co-PI (with Anselm Hager, Bernadette Schultz). Impact Evaluation (DiD) of Refugee-Water and Sanitation Program on Social Cohesion in Somalia, Ethiopia and Sudan. **KfW Development Bank, UNICEF, UNHCR**. EUR 600,000 2022-2026

PI (with Alexander De Juan). Addressing Local Information Asymmetries in Development Aid. **KfW Development Bank, Government of Mali and Niger**. EUR 660,000 2021-2023

PI (with Anselm Hager). Randomized Controlled Trial of multi-sectoral Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Program (Agriculture, Women's Empowerment, Water and Sanitation) in Liberia. **Welthungerhilfe, Oxfam, and Medica Mondiale**. EUR 250,000 2018-2022

Single PI. The Social and Political Consequences of Wartime Sexual Violence. **German Research Foundation**. EUR 310,000 2016-2019

Co-PI (with Alexander De Juan, Miquel Pellicer, Eva Wegner). Impact Evaluation of the Peace Fund in the Democratic Republic of Congo. **KfW Development Bank**. EUR 150,000 2016-2017

### Further Grants

Covid-19 Lockdowns in Africa and its Health, Social and Economic Implications. **Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**. EUR 20,000 2020

Seed fund, for research on historical institutions and its legacy on public goods provision. **Chr. Michelsen Institute/University of Bergen**. EUR 16,000 2020

Award for gender-sensitive teaching, **University of Konstanz**. EUR 2,100 2018

Seed fund for research on women in politics. **University of Konstanz**. EUR 2,000 2018

### Fellowships

Postdoctoral research fellowship (3 years), German Research Foundation 2016-2019

Visiting fellowship (4 months), University College London, Young Scholars Fund 2017

Doctoral fellowship (3 years), German Research Foundation 2012-2015

### Academic Services

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#### Board and council memberships

Editorial board of *Global Studies Quarterly* <https://academic.oup.com/isagsq> since 2020

Co-PI of the WomanStats Project [www.womanstats.org](http://www.womanstats.org) since 2019

Advisory board of the Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research since 2017

Founding member of the Ethical Review Board at the Chr. Michelsen Institute 2019-2022

Member of the academic committee for the evaluation of Germany's Gender Strategy in Postconflict Contexts, German Institute for Development Evaluation 2018-2020

Elected representative in the faculty council, University of Konstanz 2018-2019

Expert committee on Master Program International Relations at Humboldt University Berlin and Free University Berlin 2020

#### Journal reviewer (selection)

*American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *International Security*, *International Studies*

*Quarterly, International Studies Review, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Politics, Journal of Peace Research, PLOS ONE, Research & Politics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, World Development, World Politics.*

### **Reviewer for research funding agencies**

*Austrian Science Fund (FWF), German Research Foundation (DFG), German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF)*

### **Conferences & Invited Talks**

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#### **Annual Conferences (Participation with panel organization in bold)**

American Political Science Association: 2013, 2014, **2017, 2021**, 2022, 2023

German Political Science Association, IR Section: 2017, **2018, 2020**

Conflict Research Society: 2023

Network of European Peace Scientists: 2016, 2019, 2022

European Consortium for Political Research: 2013, **2018**

European Political Science Association: 2013, 2014, 2018

International Studies Association: 2017, **2019, 2020**

Nordic Conference in Development Economics: 2021

### **Field Research & Humanitarian Missions**

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#### **Academic Field Research**

**Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan** (June 2022): Preparation of an impact evaluation using a DiD approach in six IDP/refugee camps to assess the impact of new water supply system on reducing resource competition between refugee and host population.

**Liberia** (September 2018, January 2020, August 2022): Preparation of an impact evaluation incl. training of 30 local research assistants for Welthungerhilfe. The impact evaluation comprises three survey waves (n=8,000 x 3).

**Democratic Republic of Congo** (Feb-Mar 2017): Management (incl. training of 25 local research assistants) of a survey on sexual violence and social outcomes in eastern Congo (n=1,000) as part of my DFG-funded research project.

**Democratic Republic of Congo** (May-June 2016): Management (incl. training of 20 local research assistants) of a survey in the context of an impact evaluation for the German Development Bank (n=1,500).

**Burundi** (Oct-Nov 2014, Jan-Feb 2015): Management (incl. training of a qualitative and a quantitative research team) of an opinion poll on the effect of public service provision on political trust (n=1,400) (client: German Development Bank).

**Nigeria** (Sep-Dec 2013, Jan-Mar 2013): Management (incl. training of 10 local research assistants) of an opinion poll on the socio-economic effects of oil production (n=550) in collaboration with the University of Port Harcourt.

**South Sudan** (Oct-Dec 2012): Management of a survey among religious leaders in Juba on attitudes to peace, the state and development (n=100). Management of a survey among members of a community militia in Western Equatoria State.

### **Humanitarian Missions**

**Libya** (Mar-Apr 2011): Emergency relief coordinator in Cairo, Alexandria and Benghazi with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF).

**South Sudan** (Oct 2010-Mar 2011): Head of emergency relief program in Abyei area with MSF.

**Swaziland** (Feb-June 2009): Head of logistics and administration in HIV/Tuberculosis program in Swaziland with MSF.

**South Sudan** (Jan-July 2008): Emergency relief coordinator in various areas including Yei, Abyei, Turalei, Agok with MSF.

### **Software Skills**

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STATA (advanced), R (basic), qGIS (advanced), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Open Data Kit and mobile survey programming (professional)