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EMPLOYMENT

- 2019-present **Head of the research area “International Security, Peace and Conflict”** at the Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, Switzerland
- 2018-2019 **Post-doctoral Researcher** at the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg, Germany
- 2017-2018 **Post-doctoral Research Fellow** at the Department of Politics and IR, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- 2013-2017 **Research Assistant and Teaching Fellow** at University College London, United Kingdom
- 2012-2013 **Research Assistant and Teaching Fellow** at the University of Mannheim, Germany

EDUCATION

- 2013-2017 **MPhil/PhD in Political Science, University College London**
Title: UN Peacekeeping and Electoral Violence in Conflict-Affected Countries
Advisors: Prof. Kristin M. Bakke, Prof. Neil Mitchell, Dr. Julian Wucherpfennig (Political Science) and Dr. Jun Wang (Computer Science)
- 2010-2012 **MA Political Science, University of Mannheim, Germany**
Graduated with distinction (1.2)
- 2010-2011 **Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, USA**
Year abroad in the MA programme at the University of Mannheim
- 2007-2010 **BA Political Science, University of Mannheim, Germany**
Communication (minor), graduated with distinction (1.3)
- 2009 **Institut d'études politiques (Sciences Po) Lille II, France**
One semester abroad (six months) in BA programme at the University of Mannheim

PUBLICATIONS

2021 When Do UN Peacekeeping Operations Implement Their Mandates? *American Journal of Political Science* (with Rob **Blair** and Jessica **di Salvatore**).

2021 Protecting the Vote? Peacekeeping presence and the risk of electoral violence. *British Journal of Political Science* (with Hanne **Fjelde**).

2020 Making electoral Peace? The Effects of UN Peacekeeping on Election-related Violence. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

2020 Silencing Their Critics: How Effective are Governments in Restricting Civil Society? *British Journal of Political Science* 51(3): 1270–1291 (with Dominic **Perera**, Kristin **Bakke** and Neil **Mitchell**).

2020 Mitigating Election Violence Locally: Election Education Campaigns of UN Peacekeepers in Côte d'Ivoire. *Journal of Peace Research* 57(1): 199-216.

2020 United Nations Peacekeeping Locally: Enabling Conflict Resolution, Reducing Communal Violence? *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 64(2-3): 344-372.

2019 When States Crack Down on Human Rights Defenders. *International Studies Quarterly* 64(1): 85-96 (with Kristin **Bakke** and Neil **Mitchell**).

2016 From a Perpetrator's Perspective: International Election Observers and Post-Electoral Violence. *Journal of Peace Research* 53(2): 226-241.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2021 Peacekeeping and Electoral Violence. In: Han Dorussen. Handbook on Peacekeeping and International Relations. Edward Elgar Publishing.

2020 Governments Around the World Are Restricting Rights, Using the Pandemic as Cover, The Washington Post's Monkey Cage (with Neil Mitchell and Kristin Bakke), May 6.

2019 From disaggregated findings to 'bigger picture' and spatial modeling implications in peacekeeping research. Reply to 'Violence reduction or relocation' by Laura Peitz and Gregor Reisch.

2018 Shrinking Civic Space in Africa: When Governments Crack Down on Civil Society. GIGA Focus Africa 4 (Nov).

2018 Book review: Matanock, Aila M. 2017. Electing Peace. From Civil Conflict to Political Participation. Africa Spectrum 53(2): 135-138.

2015 Why the 2015 Presidential Election Was Peaceful, Africa at LSE Blog, Part of the African Elections series.

RESEARCH MONOGRAPH

2017 UN Peacekeeping and Electoral Violence in Conflict-Affected Countries. PhD dissertation submitted at University College London.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

2021 Introducing the Peacekeeping Mandates (PEMA) Dataset. Revise & Resubmit at the *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (with Jessica **Di Salvatore**, Magnus **Lundgren** and Kseniya **Oksamytna**).

2021 Peacekeeping and Democracy in war-torn countries. Under review at *American Political Science Review* (with Rob **Blair** and Jessica **di Salvatore**).

2021 Restrictions on Civil Society: A Warning Signal for the Decline of Democracy. Under review at *Perspectives of Politics* (with Jessica **Johansson** and Thomas **Richter**).

2021 Determinants of UN peacekeepers' human rights activity. Under review at *International Studies Quarterly* (with Sabine **Otto** and Constantin **Ruhe**).

2021 Local peacebuilding in the Central African Republic. Where, when and with whom? Under review at *Journal of Politics* (with Allard **Duursma**).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

2021 Public goods consequences of restricting civic space (Kristin **Bakke** and Neil **Mitchell**).

2021 (UN-)protected Elections – Left for Good? Withdrawal of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations and its Effects on Electoral Violence in War-Affected Countries (with Jana **Kissling**).

RESEARCH EXPEDITIONS / FIELDWORK

2015 Two months in **Côte d'Ivoire**: interviews with UN personnel and local and national politicians
2011 Two months in **Senegal**: interviews with pro-democracy activists

PRIZES AND AWARDS

2017 **Award for the best published PhD paper in the Political Science Department, UCL**
2017 **Dina Zinnes Award** for the best PhD paper, Scientific Study of Int. Processes, ISA
2016 **Cedric Smith Prize** for best PhD paper, British Conflict Research Society
2016-2017 **UCL Graduate Research Scholarship for Cross-Disciplinary Training** (£16,000)
2013-2016 **UCL Graduate Research Scholarship** for three years (£48,000)
2010-2011 **DAAD living and tuition stipend**, Johns Hopkins University
2009 **ERASMUS scholarship**, Institut d'études politiques (Sciences Po) Lille

FUNDING / GRANTS

2022-2023 **Folke Bernadotte Academy Grant on people-centred peacebuilding**, €26900
2019-2023 **Swedish Research Council Grant on the civilian dimension of peace operations**, €568149
(with PI Dr. Sabine Otto, Uppsala University, Sweden)

- 2018 **Folke Bernadotte Academy Grant, €3900**
(with Co-PI Dr. Rob Blair, Brown University, USA)
- 2018 **German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Innovation Fund, €2500**
- 2017 **Folke Bernadotte Academy Grant, €14672**
(with Co-PI Dr. Rob Blair, Brown University, USA)
- 2017 **International Studies Association travel grant, £500**
- 2016 **American Peace Science Society travel grant, £250**

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

- 2021 **The Implications of COVID-19 for Civic Spaces**, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies and HSK Hessische Stiftung für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung, Online workshop
- 2021 **7th Hitotsubashi Summer Institute**, Workshop on Economic Development, Tokyo University
- 2021 **Introducing the Peacekeeping Mandates Dataset**, King's College, Online Presentation
- 2020 **Pursuit of Peaceful Polling**, Folke Bernadotte Academy
- 2020 **Electoral Violence Workshop**, Online University of Amsterdam
- 2020 **ETH Conflict Research Group, Online Presentation**
- 2019 **Restrictions on Civil Society Organizations**, NRW Eine Welt Landeskonferenz
- 2019 **United Nations Peacekeeping and Inter-community Dialogue**, Uppsala University
- 2019 **United Nations Peacekeeping Locally**, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm
- 2018 **Using Force in Peacekeeping Operations**, Norwegian Defence University College, Oslo
- 2018 **Elections in Emerging Democracies**, Folke Bernadotte Academy Research-Policy Dialogue, Stockholm
- 2018 **Informal Governance after War**, Global Governance Institute, University College London
- 2018 **Electoral Violence Workshop**, University of Amsterdam
- 2017 **Future Agendas in Conflict Research**, University of Oxford
- 2017 **Cracking Down on Human Rights Defenders**, University of Oxford (with Kristin Bakke)
- 2017 **Combating Electoral Violence**, King's College London
- 2017 **Shrinking Civic Space**, Global Governance Institute, University College London
- 2016 **Peacekeeping and Election Violence**, Conflict Research Society, Trinity College in Dublin
- 2016 **The Future of Peacekeeping**, Policy and Practice Seminar Series, University College London
- 2016 **European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRe) Workshops**
- 2016 **Peacekeeping and Election Violence**, Folke Bernadotte Academy Working Group

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021	52. Kolloquium der Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung
2021	Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2020	Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW) , Annual Meeting
2020	Swiss Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2018	European Consortium of Political Science Research (ECPR) Annual Meeting
2018, 2021	Network of European Peace Science (NEPS) Annual Meeting
2017, 2020	European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Meeting
2016, 2017, 2019, 2021	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting
2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021	International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention
2015, 2016	Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, United States
2014, 2016, 2017	British Conflict Research Society Annual Meeting

SUPERVISING AND MENTORING

2021	PhD Seminar Core Concepts of International Politics , Univ. of Zurich/Konstanz
2020, 2021	BA Seminar, The Politics of Peace , University of Zurich
2020	BA seminar, Politics of Human Rights , University of Zurich
2020, 2021	Lecture, Conflict and Security , University of Zurich
2019	MA seminar Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding , University of Zurich
2019, 2020	BA seminar Political violence , University of Zurich
2013, 2014, 2016, 2017	MSc seminars Terrorism (seminars), UCL
2015	MSc block seminar Binary cross-section, time-series analysis , UCL
2013, 2014, 2015, 2016	BA tutorial Introduction to int. relations and conflict studies , UCL
2013, 2014, 2015, 2016	BA tutorial Introduction to political economy , UCL
2013	MA/PhD Tutorials Modelling heterogeneity , Essex Summer School
2013	BA seminar Comparative methods for studying conflict , University of Mannheim
2012	BA seminar Introduction to peace and conflict studies , University of Mannheim
2020-21	7 MA theses, 24 BA theses

CONSULTANCY

2017 Consultant for the **Development Leadership Programme** - Gender Equality Fund

2017 Consultant for **CIVICUS** on Tracking Civic Space

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Referee:

08/2021 Deutsche Stiftung Friedensforschung (German Foundation for Peace Research)

05/2021 Heinz Eulau Award Committee Member (American Political Science Association)

Panel Organization:

09/2021 Organisation of a session in the Colloquium of the CIS Centre for Comparative and International Studies (University of Zurich / ETH Zurich)

08/2019 New Directions in the Study of UN Peacekeeping (together with Dr. Rob Blair), 115th APSA Annual Meeting, Washington DC

08/2018 Mitigating Electoral Violence (together with Dr. Mascha Rauschenbach) *European Consortium of Political Science Research (ECPR) General Conference, Hamburg*

09/2016 Disaggregating Peacekeeping: New Data on Operation Attributes (together with Dr. Gaby Lloyds), 112th APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science (2x), American Political Science Review (3x), Africa Spectrum (1x), British Journal of Political Science (3x), Canadian Journal of Political Science (1x), Chinese Journal of Internat. Politics (1x), Comparative Political Studies (2x), Conflict Management and Peace Science (2x), Electoral Studies (1x), European Journal of International Relations (2x), Government and Opposition (1x), International Interactions (3x), International Organization (1x), International Peacekeeping (2x), Journal of Conflict Resolution (1x), Journal of Peace Research (9x), The Journal of Politics (3x), International Studies Quarterly (2x), Party Politics (1x), Political Geography (1x), Studies in Comparative International Development (1x), Terrorism & Political Violence (1x), Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (1x)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Folke Bernadotte Academy (on invitation)

International Studies Association (Section: Scientific Study of International Processes)

Network of European Peace Scientists

LANGUAGES

German (native), English (B2), French (B2)

SOFTWARE

Python (beginner), LaTeX (advanced), html/css (beginner), R (advanced), SPSS (beginner), STATA (advanced)