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Education

University of Chicago, Chicago, USA

2015 – Ph.D., Political Science; Fields: Comparative Politics and Methods
Committee: Michael Albertus, James Robinson, Dan Slater, Susan Stokes
2017 M.A., Political Science
Supervisors: Dan Slater, James Robinson

Cornell University, Ithaca, USA

2013 – 2014 Graduate Exchange Student, Political Science: GPA: 4.0

Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany.

2015 M.A., Political Science (Major) and Economics (Minor); GPA: 4.0
Supervisors: Aurel Croissant, Tom Pepinsky

2011 B.A., Political Science (Major) and Economics (Minor); GPA: 4.0
Supervisor: Aurel Croissant

Research interests

Political economy of development; comparative politics of democratic and authoritarian regimes; redistribution; civil conflict; economic ideology and social support of political elites; coup d'états.

Dissertation project

Ideologues, Social Supporters, and Redistribution: Economic Policy and Civil Conflict in Democracies and Dictatorships

I investigate how the economic ideology of heads of government and their social support affects redistributive economic policy and civil conflict in democracies and dictatorships. I argue that ideology and social support matter for welfare spending, taxation, and economic regulation both in democracies and dictatorships; further affect anti-government demonstrations, strikes, and coups; and that their effects differ depending on how much a country's political institutions constrain the executive. I test my arguments with a global statistical analysis from 1945 to 2017 drawing on self-collected, comprehensive data on ideology and novel data on social support, and a comparative case study of 20th century Mexico and Spain based on archival research and elite interviews. The project contributes to ongoing conversations about how much politics in democracies and dictatorships differ, and how much actors' beliefs and interests matter in politics.

Academic affiliations

4/2018 – 12/2018 Visiting Scholar, **Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México**, Mexico City, Mexico

2018 – Graduate Affiliate, **Center for Democracy**, University of Chicago

Non-peer-reviewed publications

Herre, Bastian. (forthcoming). **Oman: Das Sultanat zwischen Modernisierung und Reformverweigerung seines Herrschers. [Oman: The Sultanate between modernization and its ruler's refusal to reform]**. In: KFIBS e.V. (ed.). *Die „Arabellion“ und deren Auswirkungen – eine Zwischenbilanz: Wer gewinnt, wer verliert? [The “Arabellion” and its consequences so far: who wins, who loses?]*. Cologne.

Deuter, Jan, Peter Hachemer, Bastian Herre, Natalie Hoffmann, Laura Schelenz, Christoph Trinn, Thomas Wencker (eds.). 2012. ***Conflict Barometer 2011***. Heidelberg.

Working papers

Ideologues, Social Supporters, and Redistribution: Economic Policy and Civil Conflict across Regimes

Summary: I find that while economic ideology is associated with differences in redistributive economic policies across democracies and dictatorships, social support is not, and both have few associations with patterns of civil conflict.

Coup-proofing Strategies and Types of Military Coups in Autocracies

(with Tanja Eschenauer-Engler)

Summary: We find that the effectiveness of coup-proofing strategies in autocracies differs depending on whether we look at coup attempts by senior or junior military officers.

Work in progress

Coup Leaders: A Comprehensive Dataset (with Tanja Eschenauer-Engler)

Summary: We provide data on the identity and rank of all leaders of coups d'états from 1950 to 2018.

Fellowships and grants

Research and Innovation Fund 2019-2020 (\$10,000)

Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts, University of Chicago

Humane Studies Fellowship 2019-2020 (\$3,000)

Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University

Travel Grant for the American Political Science Association annual meeting 2019 (\$500)
American Political Science Association Comparative Politics section
Mellon Dissertation Research Travel Fellowship 2018-2019 (\$5,000)
Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago
Research and Innovation Fund 2018-2019 (\$5,000)
Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts, University of Chicago
Grodzins Prize Lectureship 2018-2019 (\$5,000)
Department of Political Science, University of Chicago
Henry Bienen Student Summer Research Fund 2018-2019 (\$2,500)
Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
Travel Grant for the American Political Science Association annual meeting 2018 (declined)
American Political Science Association
Graduate Fellowship 2015-2020
Department of Political Science, University of Chicago

Research experience

Calibrator, *Bertelsmann Transformation Index (BTI)*, Spring 2015, Winter 2014, Spring 2013
Research Assistant, *Professor Aurel Croissant*, Winter 2014, Summer 2011 – Winter 2013
Institute of Political Science, Heidelberg University
Research Assistant, *Professor Stefanie Walter*, Summer 2011, Summer 2010
Institute of Political Science, Heidelberg University
Researcher, *Working Group “Conflicts in the Middle East and Maghreb”, 2010-2012*
Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (HIK), Heidelberg, Germany.
Head researcher, *Working Group “Conflicts in the Middle East and Maghreb”, 2011*
Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (HIK).
Research Intern, *Institute for Applied Economic Research (IAW)*, 2/2011 – 3/2011
Research Intern, *Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (HSFK/PRIF)*, 8/2010 – 9/2010

Teaching experience

University of Chicago:

Our Political World in Data, Lecturer, Winter 2019

Linear Models, Teaching Assistant for John Mark Hansen, Winter 2019

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Teaching Assistant for Michael Albertus Spring 2018

B.A. Preceptor, Department of Political Science, Spring 2017 – Spring 2018

Political Economy of Development, Teaching Assistant for Chris Blattman, Spring 2017

Heidelberg University:

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Lecturer, Spring 2015

Economic and Social Statistics, Teaching Assistant for Ruth Beckmann, Summer 2011, 2010

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Teaching Assistant for Aurel Croissant, Winter 2010

Presentations

American Political Science Association annual meeting: 2019(P,O)

Midwest Political Science Associations annual meeting: 2019(P), 2018(P), 2017(P), 2016(P)

Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago: 2019(P,D), 2018(P,D), 2017(P,D), 2016(D)

Presenter (P), Panel Organizer (O), Discussant (D)

Academic service and memberships

Departmental service:

Mentor for first-year Political Science Ph.D. students, 2016-2018, University of Chicago

Student council member, 2008-2014, Institute of Political Science, Heidelberg University

Faculty council member, Winter 2010 – Summer 2013

Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Heidelberg University

Study commission member, Summer 2010, Winter 2011 – Summer 2012

Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Heidelberg University

Memberships: American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association

Skills

Languages: German, English, Spanish (B2), French (A2)

Software: Stata, LaTeX, Microsoft Office

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