

## Bastian Herre

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### Education

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#### 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

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

### Dissertation project

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#### *Ideologues and Redistribution: Evidence from Democracies and Dictatorships*

While researchers agree that in established democracies leftist governments redistribute more than rightist governments, we know much less about how a government's ideology affects redistribution in young and non-democracies. I therefore investigate how the ideology of heads of governments affects redistributive policies across democracies and dictatorships, and how political institutions condition their relationship. I collect data on the ideology of every head of government in 178 countries from 1945 to 2017 and conduct the most comprehensive global analysis of the effect of ideology on redistributive policies yet. I combine the statistical analysis with a comparative case study of 20<sup>th</sup> century Mexico and Spain based on archival research and elite interviews which traces the relationship between ideology, institutions, and policies. The project contributes to ongoing conversations about how much politics in democracies and dictatorships differ, and how much actors and their beliefs matter in politics.

## Academic affiliations

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- 4/2019 – 6/2019 Visiting Scholar, **Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México**, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2018 – Graduate Affiliate, **Center for Democracy**, University of Chicago

## Non-peer-reviewed publications

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- 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

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### *Ideologues and Redistribution: Evidence in Democracies and Dictatorships*

Summary: I find that the economic ideology of heads of governments is associated with differences in redistributive economic policies across democracies and dictatorships, and does not matter less when the country is autocratic, clientelistic, or its executive constrained.

### *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

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### *Coup Leaders: A New 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

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Research and Innovation Fund 2020-2021 (\$9,600)

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

Humane Studies Fellowship 2020-2021 (\$4,000)

Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University

Travel Grant for the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting 2020 (\$600)  
 Graduate Council, University of Chicago

Research and Innovation Fund 2019-2020 (\$9,600)  
 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**

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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**

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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:

*Our Political World in Data*, Lecturer, Summer 2020  
*Introduction to Comparative Politics*, Lecturer, Summer 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**

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American Political Science Association annual meeting: 2019(P,O)  
Midwest Political Science Associations annual meeting: 2019(P), 2018(P), 2017(P), 2016(P)  
Comparative Research on Political Elites conference, Hertie School: 2019(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**

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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**

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

Software: Stata, R, LaTeX, Microsoft Office

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