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Academic Positions

Boston University, Pardee School	Visiting Assistant Professor of International Relations	2019-present
NYU Center on International Cooperation	Fellow (Visiting & Non-Resident)	2013-present
New York University Abu Dhabi	Assistant Professor of Practice	2016-2019
New York University Abu Dhabi	Faculty Fellow, Division of Social Science	2013-2016

Research Interests

International relations; international security; international organizations; conflict; aid; peacekeeping

Education

Freie Universität Berlin, Germany	Ph.D. in Political Science	2011
Freie Universität Berlin, Germany	M.A. (<i>Diplom</i>) in Political Science	2007
Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Lille, France	Graduate studies in Political Science	2004
Universität Potsdam, Germany	B.A. (<i>Vordiplom</i>) in Political Science	2004

Past Positions & Professional Affiliations

Visiting Researcher, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Research Unit “Institutions and Political Inequality” led by Prof. Macartan Humphreys, Berlin, summer 2018, summer 2019

Visiting and Non-Resident Fellow, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC, 2012-2013

Visiting Researcher, World Bank Center on Conflict, Security, and Development (CCSD), Nairobi, 2012

Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, Palo Alto, 2012

E.ON Ruhrgas Fellow and Associate Researcher, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Oslo, 2011-2012

Doctoral Fellow, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin, 2009-2011

Visiting Scholar, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Berlin, 2009

Doctoral Fellow, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC, 2008-2009

Grants & Scholarships

NYUAD Research Enhancement Fund (REF) award for the project “Donor Strategies in Conflict and Disaster-Prone Areas”, Co-PI with Muhammet Bas (2018-20)

NYUAD REF award for the project “Islands of Stability in Fragile Countries”, PI (2016-18)

E.ON Ruhrgas grant for post-graduate research in Norway (2011)

Friedrich Ebert Foundation grant for research in the US (2008-09)

Friedrich Ebert Foundation 3-year Ph.D. scholarship (2008-10)

State of Berlin 3-year Ph.D. scholarship (NaFöG, since 2009 Elsa-Neumann-Scholarship), declined

Franco-German Youth Office grant for internship at French Parliament, Vice-president’s office (2005)

ERASMUS scholarship of the European Union (2004)

Publications & Research Projects

Book

[The Power of Dependence: NATO-UN Cooperation in Crisis Management](#) (Oxford University Press, 2015).

[Book review](#) in *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*

Book Project

Islands of Stability: Local Statebuilding in Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia. Manuscript.

Related publications:

[A Better Approach to Statebuilding: Lessons From “Islands of Stability”](#). *Foreign Affairs*, January 2017.

[As the U.S. Gets More Involved in Somalia, Beware These Three Fallacies](#). *Washington Post*, July 2017 (with Maximilian M. Meduna and Teresa Krug).

Academic Articles & Book Chapters

[International Courts and Public Opinion: The CJEU’s Role in Protecting Terror Suspects’ Rights](#). *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* 2019, pp. 1-19 (with Vladislav Maksimov).

[Resource Dependence Theory](#). In: Rafael Biermann, Joachim Koops (eds.): *Palgrave Handbook on Inter-Organizational Relations in Global Politics*, Basingstoke: PalgraveMacMillan, 2016 (with Rafael Biermann).

[Life after Genocide: Comparing Bosnia and Rwanda](#). *Foreign Affairs*, July 2015, (with Tyler Y. Headley).

[A Reluctant Warrior: The German Engagement in Afghanistan](#). PRIO Paper, Oslo: Peace Research Institute Oslo, October 2011.

[NATO and the UN](#). *Survival* 51:2 (April-May 2009), pp. 5-12 (with Johannes Varwick).

Working Papers

[Do Incentives Matter? Resilience and Reliability of Force Deployments to UN Peacekeeping Operations](#) (with Tyler Headley & Maximilian Meduna).

[Essential Decisions: Donor Strategies for Managing Risk in Conflict Zones](#) (with Sidak Yntiso).

[Islands of Stability in Fragile States: A theoretical framework](#) (with Gareth Stansfield).

[Islands of Stability in Fragile States: Evidence from Afghanistan and Iraq](#).

Book Review

[Controlling Institutions: International Organizations and the Global Economy](#) by Randall Stone. *Journal of Peace Research* 49:1 (January 2012), p. 266.

Policy-Oriented Publications (Selection)

[Making More Out of Less: How NATO States Can Seize the Opportunities of Shrinking Resources in Afghanistan.](#) *ETH Zürich International Relations and Security Network*, 24 July 2012 (with Scott Seward Smith).

[On the Road to Disengagement? Envisioning a Long-Term Strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan.](#) *Notes de la FRS*, No. 05/12, Paris / Washington, DC: Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique / Johns Hopkins University, June 2012 (with Hannes Ebert and Lindsay P. Cohn).

German version:

[Regional Denken, lokal Handeln - Grundzüge einer Strategie für Afghanistan und Pakistan.](#) In: Ursula Bitzegeio, Rana Deep Islam, Robert Schütte, Lars Winterberg (eds.): *Sozial - friedlich - global? Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik heute*, Berlin: LIT, 2014, pp. 219-47 (with Hannes Ebert).

[NATO and the UN: Partnership with Potential?](#) *SWP Research Paper*, Berlin: Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, January 2012.

[NATO and the UN in Afghanistan: Partners or Competitors?](#) In: Brooke A. Smith-Windsor (ed.), *The UN and NATO: Forward from the Joint Declaration*, Rome: NATO Defense College, May 2011, pp. 76-111.

[NATO-UN Cooperation Revisited: A New Dawn?](#) *Studia Diplomatica* 62:3 (2009), pp. 29-36 (with Johannes Varwick).

[An Inundation of Envoys.](#) *ETH Zürich International Relations and Security Network*, 24 February 2009 (with Thomas Ruttig).

[EU Split on Kosovo Independence.](#) *ETH Zürich International Relations and Security Network*, 13 October 2008.

Selected Invited Presentations

“Islands of Stability in Fragile Countries: Evidence from Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia”

March 2019: International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto.

Aug 2018: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston.

Jul 2018: WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Berlin.

Feb 2017: International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore.

Mar 2016: International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta.

“Essential Decisions: Donor Strategies for Managing Risk in Conflict Zones”

Aug 2019: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Apr 2018: International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco.

Aug 2017: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.

Feb 2017: International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore.

“State Motivations and Public Goods: How the Global South’s Contributions Transformed Peacekeeping”

Apr 2018: International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco.

“International Courts and Public Opinion: The CJEU’s Role in Protecting Terror Suspects’ Rights”

Oct 2016: European University Institute, Florence.

Sep 2016: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.

“The Power of Dependence: NATO-UN Cooperation in Crisis Management” (Book presentations)

Jun 2015: Harvard Club, New York.

Mar 2015: Johns Hopkins’ School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, D.C.

Mar 2015: New York University, New York.

“NATO and the UN in Afghanistan”

Sep 2014: American University, Dubai.

“Rethinking Postwar Statebuilding”

May 2013: Stanford University, Palo Alto.

“Insurgency and Reconciliation in Afghanistan”

Dec 2012: School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University.

“Is the World Bank Risk Averse? Evidence from Fragile and Conflict-Affected States”

Nov 2012: World Bank Center on Conflict, Security, and Development, Nairobi.

“UN, NATO and the Libya Intervention: Promise or Peril for the ‘Responsibility to Protect’?”

Dec 2011: Peace Research Institute Oslo.

Teaching

Peacekeeping and State-Building, BU, Fall 2019.

Global Governance (Colloquium), NYUAD, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018.

Peacebuilding, NYUAD, Spring and Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018.

Introduction to the EU, Emirates Diplomatic Academy / New Ambassador Programme, November 2018.

International Peacekeeping (Directed Study), NYUAD, Spring 2018.

United Nations, NYUAD, Spring 2016, Spring 2017.

Capstone Seminar, NYUAD, Spring and Fall 2016.

International Organizations and Global Governance, NYUAD, Fall 2014.

Service

Member of NYUAD’s Peace Coordinating Committee, tasked with helping to create a peace institute (2017-2019).

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association