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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University College London

Associate professor	Since October 2019
Head of “Democracy and Peace” program of UCL’s Policy Lab	Since January 2023
Assistant professor	Sept. 2017 - Sept. 2019

University of Bologna

Visiting professor	Sept. - Nov. 2024
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University of Florence

Visiting professor	Sept. - Dec. 2020
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Princeton University

Visiting postdoctoral research associate	Sept. 2015 - Dec. 2016
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ETH Zürich

Postdoctoral researcher & “Research for Development” (r4d) project coordinator	Jan. 2014 - Aug. 2017
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Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Quito (Ecuador)

Visiting researcher	April - May 2013
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EDUCATION

ETH Zürich

Ph.D. Political Science	Oct. 2009 - Dec. 2013
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Dissertation title: “Ethnic Mobilization, Equality and Conflict in Multi-ethnic States.”

Committee: Lars-Erik Cederman (chair, ETH Zürich), Simon Hug (University of Geneva), Matthijs Bogaards (Central European University)

University of Zurich

M.A. Political Science	Oct. 2002 - April 2008
Minors in Educational Psychology and Constitutional Law	

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2019. *Mobilization and Conflict in Multiethnic States*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics* 2020, 18(3), and in a Book Symposium in *Nationalities Papers* 2023, 51(4).

Peer-reviewed Articles

Forthcoming. "Nationalism and Ethnic Mobilization: Towards an Integrated Perspective." *Nationalities Papers*.

Forthcoming. "Intra-ethnic Divisions and Disagreement over Self-determination Demands in Ethnic Movements" (with Frederik Gremler and Nils Weidmann). *Political Science Research and Methods*.

2025. "When Do Religious Organizations Resort to Violence? How Local Conditions Shape the Effects of Transnational Ideology" (with Costantino Pischedda). *Ethnopolitics* 24(1): 1-26.

2024. "The Politics of Extractivism: Mining, Institutional Responsiveness, and Social Resistance" (with Simon Bornschier). *World Development* 176, 106493.

2023. "How Religious Are 'Religious' Conflicts?" (with Mohammad A. Tabaar, Reyko Huang, Kanchan Chandra, Evgeny Finkel, Richard A Nielsen, Mara R. Revkin and Elisabeth J. Wood). *International Studies Review* 25(3): viad029.

2021. "From Claims to Violence: Signaling, Outbidding, and Escalation in Ethnic Conflict" (with Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Lars-Erik Cederman). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 65(7-8): 1278-1307.

2018. "Ethnic Stratification and the Equilibrium of Inequality: Ethnic Conflict in Postcolonial States." *International Organization* 72(1): 105-37.

2017. "Dynamics and Logics of Civil War " (with Lars-Erik Cederman). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(9): 1992-2016.

2017. "Language, Religion, and Ethnic Civil War" (with Nils-Christian Bormann and Lars-Erik Cederman). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(4): 744-771.

2016. "A New Dawn? Indigenous Movements and Ethnic Inclusion in Latin America." *International Studies Quarterly* 60(4): 790-801.

2015. "The Disarticulated Movement: Barriers to Maya Mobilization in Post-Conflict Guatemala." *Latin American Politics and Society* 57(1): 29-50.

2015. "Integrating Data on Ethnicity, Geography, and Conflict: The Ethnic Power Relations Data Set Family" (with Nils-Christian Bormann, Seraina Rüegger, Lars-Erik Cederman, Philipp Hunziker, and Luc Girardin). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 59(7): 1327-1342.

Book Chapters

2016. "Escaping the Resource Curse: How Power-sharing Prevents Ethnic Conflict over Resource Wealth in Africa." In Toyin Falola and Jamaine Abidogun (eds.): *Issues in African Political Economies*. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.

2016. "Democracy, Ethnic Exclusion, and Civil Conflict: The Arab Spring Revolutions from a Global Comparative Perspective" (with Nils-Christian Bormann and Lars-Erik Cederman). In David A. Backer, Ravi Bhavnani, and Paul Huth (eds.): *Peace and Conflict 2016*. London, UK: Routledge.

2013. "Staat und Volk – was sonst?" [The State and the People – and What Else?] (with Frank Schimmelfennig). In: Hanspeter Kriesi and Lars Müller (eds.): *Herausforderung Demokratie*. Zürich: NCCR Democracy und Lars Müller Publishers, 152-181.

Non-peer Reviewed Articles

2015. "Introducing the Ethnic Power Relations Data Family" (with Nils-Christian Bormann and Lars-Erik Cederman). Newsletter for the American Political Science Association's (APSA) Comparative Politics Section. 25(1).

2012. "Escaping the Resource Curse: Ethnic Inclusion in Resource-rich States in West Africa". Swisspeace Working Paper 3/2012. Online:
http://www.swisspeace.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Media/Publications/WP3_2012.pdf

2012. "The Arab Spring and the Forgotten Demos" (with Nils-Christian Bormann and Lars-Erik Cederman). Working Paper No. 52, National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR). Online:
http://www.nccr-democracy.uzh.ch/publications/workingpaper/pdf/WP_52.pdf

Translated to German: 2013. "Der Arabische Frühling und die Bestimmung der demokratischen Gemeinschaft." In: Andreas Auer (ed.): *Demokratisierung im arabischen Raum*. Zurich: Schulthess, 163-186.

2007. "Ethnic Exclusion and Ethno-Nationalist Conflicts. How the Struggle over Access to the State Can Escalate: A Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis of West Africa." Working Paper No. 18, National Centre of Competence in Research (NCCR). Online:
<http://www.nccr-democracy.uzh.ch/publikationen/workingpaper/ethnic-exclusion-and-ethno-nationalist-conflicts-how-the-struggle-over-access-to-the-state-can-escalate-a-quantitative-and-qualitative-analysis-of-west-africa/>

Newspaper Articles

"Estimada Sra. Zury Ríos" (in response to Zury Ríos' letter to the editor of April 9, 2013). ["Dear Ms. Zury Ríos."] *El Periódico* (Guatemala). May 2, 2013.

"Y si mataran a Zury Ríos?" ["What if they killed Zury Ríos?"] *El Periódico* (Guatemala). March 26, 2013.

"Elfenbeinküste: Prekäre Rückkehr zum Frieden." ["Côte d'Ivoire: Precarious return to peace."] *Infosperber* (Switzerland, www.infosperber.ch). October 21, 2012.

"Kriegsverbrecher mit besten Siegeschancen." ["War criminal with best chances of winning elections."] *20 Minuten Online* (Switzerland, www.20min.ch). November 5, 2011.

"Das System der weissen Eroberer." ["The system of the white conquerors."] *Tages-Anzeiger* (Switzerland). September 29, 2011.

“Guatemala: Die Herrschenden haben Mayas im Griff.” [“Guatemala: The ruling class has a firm grip on Maya people.”] Infosperber (Switzerland, www.infosperber.ch). September 24, 2011.

“El Movimiento Winaq y la Democracia.” [“The Winaq Movement and Democracy.”] El Periódico (Guatemala). September 9, 2011.

“Afrikas nächste verpasste Chance?” [“Africa’s next lost opportunity?”] Tages-Anzeiger (Switzerland). December 24, 2010.

SELECTED ONGOING RESEARCH

“Citizens’ Conflict Exposure Has Lasting, but Mixed Effects on Their Support for Democracy” (with Roman-Gabriel Olar; under review with *Nature Human Behaviour*)

“Elite Networks and Political Conflict in Divided Societies” (with Carles Boix)

“Watch the Company You Keep: Elite Networks and Political Repression”

“Elite Networks and Ethnic Inclusion in Post-colonial States”

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Individual Grants

Harvesting Research Small Grant. Approx. USD 1’200. 2020
Dean of Social and Historical Sciences Strategic Fund, UCL.

Harvesting Research Small Grant. Approx. USD 2’400. 2019
Dean of Social and Historical Sciences Strategic Fund, UCL.

European Network for Conflict Research (ENCoRe) 2015
Short-term Scientific Mission at University of Essex (with Prof. Kristian S. Gleditsch)

Project Grants

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) 2014
“*El agua vale más que el oro: Mining and Social Protest in Latin America.*”
Approx. USD 400,000. With Simon Bornschieer, Marco Steenbergen (University of Zurich), and Livia Schubiger (London School of Economics).

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) 2013
“Ethnic Power Relations and Conflict in Fragile States.”
Approx. USD 3m. Headed by Lars-Erik Cederman (ETH Zürich), Simon Hug (University of Geneva), Hamid E. Ali (American University in Cairo), Roch Yao Gnabeli (Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny), Ricardo Sáenz de Tejada (USAC, Guatemala), Madhushree Sekher (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India), and Naison Ngoma (Copperbelt University, Zambia).

Awards

NCCR Knowledge Transfer Award 2011 & 2013
For special achievements in transferring academic knowledge into society.

FIELD RESEARCH

Ecuador	2013
31 elite interviews with party, state, and civil society leaders, parliamentarians, journalists, and academic experts.	
Côte d'Ivoire and Gabon	2012
63 elite interviews with political party and civil society leaders, parliamentarians, journalists, and academic experts.	
Guatemala	2011
59 elite interviews with party, state, and civil society leaders, parliamentarians, journalists, and academic experts.	

TEACHING

PhD Supervision and Examination

Completed supervision:

Paola Galano Toro (ETH Zürich, thesis defended on March 27, 2024. Now post-doc at Carlos III, Madrid)

Ongoing supervision:

Giovanni Hollenweger (University College London)

Andrea Caflisch (UCL)

Examination:

Sam Erkiletian (UCL, January 2024)

Livia Rohrbach (University of Copenhagen, June 2020)

Full Courses

University College London

"Violent and Non-violent Conflict" (MSc core course) Fall 2018-2023

"Terrorism" (MSc course) Spring 2019-2024

"Strategies of Terrorism" (BSc course) Spring 2018-2024

"International Peace and Security" (MSc core course) Fall 2017

ETH Zürich

"Political Order and Conflict" (MA seminar; with Lars-Erik Cederman) Spring 2014, 2015, 2017

Short Courses and Guest Lectures

University of Florence, Italy November 2020 & April 2021 (MA level)

Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala April 2016 & July/August 2018 (various levels)

"El método comparativo ["The comparative method"] August 4, 2018 (Ph.D. guest lecture)

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras August 2018 (MA level)

"El método comparativo en la ciencia política"

ETH Zürich

Lectures on intrastate conflict (BA level) 2010-2015

Other Supervision

University College London

MSc and BSc theses supervision

Personal tutor

Others

MA committee member and 2nd supervisor, Shirkou Moradi (University of Zurich)

MA committee member, Nihad Aboud (American University in Cairo)

Other Teaching Experiences

Klubschule Migros Zurich

German language teacher for adults in Switzerland (various levels) 2002-2013

Casa Alianza, Tegucigalpa (Honduras)

Algebra, reading, and other courses for street children Oct. 2008 - April 2009

Administrative Experiences

Deputy director of education Since 2023

Program director MSc Security Studies 2017-2022

INVITED TALKS

University of Miami February 16, 2024

“Watch the Company You Keep: Elite Networks and Political Repression”

University of Duesseldorf October 24, 2023

“Watch the Company You Keep: Elite Networks and Political Repression”

Trinity College Dublin September 23, 2022

“Elite Networks and Ethnic Civil Conflict”

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) October 25, 2021

“Mobilization and Conflict in Multiethnic States” (book talk)

Hertie School, Berlin November 26, 2020

“State Violence, Collective Memories, and Post-war Support for the Left in Guatemala”

University of Glasgow March 11, 2020

“Mobilization and Conflict in Multiethnic States” (book talk)

University of Amsterdam February 18, 2020

“Mobilization and Conflict in Multiethnic States” (book talk)

Universidad de El Salvador March 29, 2019

“Movilización y participación política indígena en América Latina”

Swiss Embassy in Guatemala, Guatemala City August 1, 2018

“La desigualdad y el futuro de América Latina”

Academia Diplomática, Foreign Ministry, Guatemala City July 31, 2018

“Relaciones étnicas de poder y conflicto en Estados Pluriétnicos. La experiencia de Suiza.”

University of Oxford "From Claims to Violence: Signaling, Outbidding, and Escalation in Ethnic Conflict"	March 1, 2018
University of Copenhagen "Colonialism, Elite Networks, and the Origins of Ethnic Power-Sharing"	March 16, 2017
University of Maryland, College Park, MD "Colonialism, Ethnic Stratification, and the Equilibrium of Inequality: Ethnic Conflict in Postcolonial States."	April 4, 2016
Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD), Accra (Ghana) "Ethnic power relations and conflict: lessons from around the world."	July 23, 2015
American University in Cairo (Egypt) "Ethnic exclusion, mobilization, and conflict in Africa and the Middle East."	Sept. 24, 2014
Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala "Movilización étnica, igualdad y conflicto en estados multiétnicos: Un análisis teórico y empírico." ["Ethnic mobilization, equality, and conflict in multiethnic states: a theoretical and empirical analysis."]	July 30 & 31, 2014
University of Bern (Switzerland) "Ethnic Mobilization, equality and conflict in multiethnic states."	Feb. 25, 2014
Annual general meeting of the Guatemala Network Zurich (Switzerland) "Kampf für politische Gerechtigkeit: Die Maya-Bewegung in Guatemala nach dem Bürgerkrieg." [The struggle for political justice: the Maya movement in post-conflict Guatemala."]	June 9, 2012
Social and Environmental Forum of East Switzerland, St. Gallen (Switzerland) "Honduras – before and after the coup."	May 8, 2010

RADIO APPEARANCES

"Senegals Präsident Wade gibt sich geschlagen." ["Senegal's president Wade admits defeat."]
Echo der Zeit, SR DRS (Switzerland). March 26, 2012. Online:
<http://www.srf.ch/sendungen/echo-der-zeit/hofieren-von-steuerfluechtlingen>

PEER REVIEWING

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, International Organization, Journal of Politics, World Politics, Comparative Political Studies, British Journal of Political Science, Political Science Research and Methods, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Political Geography, International Interactions, Party Politics, Conflict Management and Peace Science, European Journal of Political Research