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Major areas of academic expertise

Peace and conflict studies; Political violence; Internal structure and practices of armed groups; Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Programs; Development Politics; Political economy and inclusive development; Civil-society and Non-state actors; Quantitative research methods; Multilevel models; Quasi-experimental designs; Multidisciplinary research projects

Academic Background

- 2008-2012 **PhD** in Peace and Conflict Studies, Prof. Gerald Schneider, Department of Politics and Management, Chair of International Politics, University of Konstanz, Germany. Dissertation Title: *“Converting combatants to civilians - a multilevel approach to the successful demobilization and reintegration of combatants”*
- 2011 **Guest Researcher at ETH Zürich**, Center of Comparative and International Studies, Prof. Thomas Bernauer / Prof. Dr. Michael Bechtel, Switzerland
- 2005-2008 **Master** in Peace Studies and International Politics, Institute of Political Science, Centre for International Relations / Peace and Conflict Studies, Eberhard Karls University Tübingen, Germany
- 2002-2004 **Bachelor** of Arts in International Relations (with Honors), Political Science Department, American University of Rome, Italy

Academic Work Experience

2014 - Today **W2 Professorship Political Science / Conflict Studies**

Selection of Courses:

- Lecture “Introduction to International Relations”
- Lecture “Peace and Conflict”
- Master course “Exodus: Refugees, Migration and Conflict”
- Master course: “Civil War Dynamics and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding”

- Bachelor Methods Training: “Opening the black box of civil war: Conflict research on the micro-level“
- Bachelor Methods Training: Research Design Project
- Bachelor course: Introduction to civil war research

2012 - 2014 **Research Fellow, Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) / German Development Institute, Department of Governance, Statehood, and Security**

Major Research Projects:

- The Political Economy of Inclusive Growth
- Evaluation of the freedom of action of civil society organizations in developing and emerging countries, in cooperation with the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Lecturer of Postgraduate Course “Evaluation of Governance Initiatives”

2008 - 2012 **Academic Assistant, Prof. Gerald Schneider, Department of Politics and Management, Chair of International Politics, University of Konstanz**

Research Projects:

- An Integrative Multilevel Approach to Successful Demobilization, Disarmament and Reintegration, funded by the Center of Excellence: Cultural Foundation of Social Integration
- Inequality, Identity and Conflict: The Ethnical and Socioeconomic Dimension of Political Violence, funded by the Center of Excellence: Cultural Foundation of Social Integration

2006 - 2007 **Teaching-Assistant and Tutor, Prof. Volker Rittberger, Department for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Seminar: Global Governance: Non-State Actors, Eberhard Karls University Tübingen**

Field Research

2009 Interviews with 80 (former) combatants of different rebel / militant groups (MaiMai, Interhamwe / FDLR, FARDC, AFDL, RCD, CNDP) in Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo

2009 Interviews with 150 former child soldiers (LRA) and other vulnerable groups using a quasi- experimental design in cooperation with the Department of Psychology at the University of Konstanz, the Norwegian Refugee Council and vivo (victims voice) in Northern Uganda

Other Work Experience

- 2005-2006 Bavarian Parliament, Georg Eisenreich, MdL, Internship
- 2004 Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Internship
- 2003 Electronic Information for Libraries (EIFL)¹, Internship
- 2002/2003 vivo - victims voice, Assistance at Workshops: "Traumatic-Stress in Crisis Areas"

Conferences & Presentations

- 2015 European Network for Conflict Research (ENCoRe) Meeting, Bonn
- 2014 Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Berlin. Presentation: "Strangulation or Regulation: Evaluation of the Freedom of Action of Civil Society Organisations in Developing and Emerging Countries.
- 2013 Podium Discussion: How Effective are Reintegration Programs for Child Soldiers in Northern Uganda?, LVR-Landes Museum Bonn, with Günther Nooke, Advisor for African Affairs to the German chancellor.
- 2013 German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Berlin, Germany. Study presented: Strangulation or Regulation: A systematic evaluation of the freedom of action of civil society organisations in developing and emerging countries.
- 2013 ECPR General Conference, Bordeaux, France. Paper Title: (1) Who Disarms? Evidence from the Somalian Civil War; (2) Do Political Regimes Make a Difference for Women? Democracy and the Educational Gender Gap, 1975-2010.
- 2013 ENCOR Workshop, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2011 Peace Science Conference, Los Angeles, USA. Paper Title: The Creation of Committed Combatants.
- 2011 IP-Sektionstagung, Munich, Germany. Paper Title: Hobbes vs. Mill: Anarchy, Development, and Demobilization in the Somalian Civil War.
- 2011 Workshop 8, ECPR 2011 Joint Session, St. Gallen, Switzerland. Paper Title: A Macrolevel Perspective on the Disarmament, Demobilization

and reintegration of Combatants.

- 2011 ISA Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada. Paper Title: A Macrolevel Perspective on the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration of Combatants.
- 2010 PRIO working group meeting, Oslo, Norway. Paper Title: Rebuilding Social Capital. The Soft Impact of Reintegration Programs on Uganda's Child Soldiers.
- 2010 SGIR 7th Pan-European International Relations Conference, Stockholm, Sweden. Paper Title: Hobbes vs. Mill: Anarchy, Development, and Demobilization in the Somalian Civil War.
- 2009 ISA Annual Convention, New Orleans, USA. Paper Title: Evaluating Reintegration Programs for Child Soldiers.
- 2009 Guest Speaker at Lecture: "Political Violence", University of Konstanz, Germany
- 2009 ECPR General Conference, Potsdam, Germany. Paper Title: Rebel, Rites and Rituals: How Uganda's Children become Soldiers.

Workshops

- 2013 "Professional Writing: Moving from Research towards Action" Seminar. Instructor: Diane Ullius. Word Tamers, Bonn, Germany
- 2009 Course: "An Introduction to 'R'", Instructors: Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Nils B. Weidmann, organized by the University of Essex, UK
- 2008 Course "Incorporating Space: GIS and Spatial Data Analysis in Political Science", given by Prof. Fabrizio Gilardi, Prof. Kristian S. Gleditsch, Dr. Jude C. Hays, Dr. Heinrich Leuthold, Dr. Jan K. Rød, M.Sc. Nils B. Weidmann, organized by University of Zurich and ETH Zurich, CH
- 2008 Summer school PolNet; "International Summer School on the Analysis of Political and Managerial Networks", given by Prof. Ulrik Brandes, Prof. Patrick Kenis, Prof. Volker Schneider, Dr. Jörg Raab, and Michael Bauer, organised by the University of Konstanz, Germany
- 2004 Workshop: "Violence, its Impact and Coping Strategies", Volkswagen Foundation, Mweya, Uganda

Prizes, Scholarships and Research Grants

Stuart A. Bremer graduate travel award for best undergraduate paper at the Jan Tinbergen Peace Science Conference (Paper: The Creation of Committed Combatants), 2011

PHD Scholarship of the Hanns-Seidel Foundation, 2010-2011

PHD Scholarship of the Landesgraduiertenförderung Baden-Württemberg, 2011

Research Project funded by the Centre of Excellence, University of Konstanz, 2008-2010

Publications

- mit Katharina Stepping (2018): 'Autocratic angels? Democratic demons? The impact of regime type, state capacity and economic development on reaching environmental targets'. Discussion Paper. Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungszusammenarbeit.
- (2016) Rigorous Impact Evaluation of DDR Programs. Evaluation Connections: European Evaluation Society Newsletter Special Issue. August 2016
- with Gerald Schneider, Laura Albarracin (2015): Ordered Rape: A Principal Agent-Analysis of Wartime Sexual Violence in the DR Congo", Violence Against Women. 21(11), 1341-63
- with Roos Haer (2015): The Creation of Committed Combatants, Small Wars & Insurgencies 26, 25-48.
- with Jörg Faust (2014): Strangulation or Regulation: Evaluation of the Freedom of Action of Civil Society Organisations in Developing and Emerging Countries. Internal Study for the BMZ.
- When do Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration programs succeed (2014): DIE Discussion Paper.
- with Roos Haer (2014): Attaching and Detaching – the Successful Reintegration of Child Soldiers. Journal of Development Effectiveness. 6(2).
- with Roland Weierstall; Roos Haer; Thomas Elbert (2012): Becoming Cruel: Appetitive Aggression Released by Detrimental Socialisation in Former

Congolese Soldiers, *International Journal of Behavioral Development* 37(6), 505-513.

- with Roos Haer; Thomas Elbert; Roland Weierstall (2013): Analyzing the Microfoundations of Human Violence in the DRC: Intrinsic and Extrinsic Rewards and the Prediction of Appetitive Aggression. *Conflict and Health* 7(11).
- Converting combatants to civilians - a multilevel approach to the successful demobilization and reintegration of combatants (2013). Dissertation. University of Konstanz.
- with Roos Haer; Verena Ertl (2011): Creating Compliance and Cohesion – How Rebel Organizations Manage to Survive. *Small Wars and Insurgencies* 22(3).
- with Gerald Schneider; Roos Hear (2010): Cain's Choice: Causes of One-Sided Violence against Civilians. In: Tor Georg Jakobsen (eds.): *War: An Introduction to Theories on Collective Violence*. Nova Publications.
- with Alexandra Rohde (2008): Der zivile Friedensdienst: Einstiegsmöglichkeiten für HochschulabsolventInnen, *Tübinger Arbeitspapiere zur Internationalen Politik und Friedensforschung*, Nr.

Working paper and R&Rs

- with Gerald Schneider (revise and resubmit): Who Disarms? Evidence from the Somalian Civil War. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.
- with Luis Camacho and Jörg Faust: Do Political Regimes Make a Difference for Women? Democracy and the Educational Gender Gap, 1975-2010. Working Paper.
- with Katharina Stepping: Are Autocrats more environment-friendly than Democrats? Investigating the Impact of Regime Type on Environmental Targets in Developing Countries. Working Paper.
- Rebuilding Social Capital. The Soft Impact of Reintegration Programs on Uganda's Child Soldiers. Working Paper.

Reviews

- Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
- Conflict Management and Peace Science
- European Union Politics

- Journal of Peace Research
- Democratization