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EDUCATION

- Since 2021 **Ph.D. in Economics**, *University of California, Berkeley*
- 2018–2020 **M.Sc. in Economics (2 Year)**, *London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)*
- Joint Winner of **Sir John Hicks Prize** for best overall performance
 - Thesis (Extended Essay): Political Reservations and Conflict: Evidence from India
- 2014–2017 **B.A. in International Relations**, *Technische Universität Dresden*
- Foreign Semester at *Université de la Réunion*, France.
 - Received Volker-Heinsberg-Award for best bachelor thesis in 2017.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020–2021 **Predoc for Oriana Bandiera and Robin Burgess** (LSE)
- Projects in political economy, development/organizational/environmental economics
- 06/2019– **RA for Andrew Scott** (London Business School)
- Working on economic effects of increases in longevity and healthy ageing
- 2019–2020 **RA at Grantham Institute on Climate Change and the Environment** (LSE, part time)
- Supported two projects on adaption of firms to environmental policies and natural disasters
- 2017– 2018 **RA for team of Alexander Kemnitz** (TU Dresden, part time)
- Co-author on two research projects on relation between democracy and conflict/repression
- 2017–2018 **Intern and RA at ifo Institute for Economic Research** (Dresden)
- Policy-related economic research on housing prices & immigration, fiscal policy, education

PUBLICATIONS

“Cycles of Fire: Politics and Forest Burning in Indonesia”. With Clare Balboni, Robin Burgess, Anton Heil, and Ben Olken. *AEA Papers & Proceedings* 111: 415–419. 2021.

“(When) Do Democracies Repress Less?” With Martin Rößler and Patrick Zwerschke. *Preparing for Submission*. 2021.

“Democracy and the transnational dimensions of low-level conflict and state repression”. With Martin Rößler and Patrick Zwerschke. *International Studies Quarterly* 65 (3): 753–767. 2021.

“Bureaucracy and development”. With Tim Besley, Robin Burgess, Adnan Khan, and Guo Xu. In: *VoxEU / CEPR Policy Portal* (2021). URL: <https://voxeu.org/article/bureaucracy-and-development>.

“The Interaction Between Covid-19 and an Ageing Society”. With Andrew J. Scott. In: *VoxEU / CEPR Policy Portal* (2020). URL: <https://voxeu.org/article/interaction-between-covid-19-and-ageing-society>.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 **UC Berkeley:** Development Lunch
- 2021 **UC Berkeley:** Political Economy Conference, Poster presentation, see poster [here](#).
- 2019 **ISA Toronto:** Annual Convention of International Studies Association (participation)
Uni Münster: Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship (participated)
LSE: 2019 Research Festival, see poster [here](#)
- 2018 **IWH Halle:** Course Participant, Econometric Methods to Estimate Causal Effects
TU Dresden: Presented draft of 'Democratization and Repression' in PhD seminar
- 2017 **CESifo:** Discussant, 11th Workshop on Political Economy
TU Dresden: Invited Talk, Interdisciplinary Introduction to International Relations

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Sir John Hicks Prize for Outstanding Performance in the MSc Economics, 2020
- DAAD Graduate Scholarship for 2018–2020
- MLP Scholarship 2018, for foreign studies
- Volker-Heinsberg-Award for course's best bachelor thesis in 2017
- German National Academic Foundation, 2014–2020

SKILLS AND SOFTWARE

- **Languages:** German, English, French (Fluent), Hindi (Intermediate)
- **Software:** Stata, R, Q-GIS, L^AT_EX, Matlab (basics), Python (basics)