JONATHAN OLD

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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)

- \circ Joint Winner of Sir John Hicks Prize for best overall performance in cohort of \sim 160 students
- o Thesis (Extended Essay): Political Reservations and Conflict: Evidence from India

2014–2017 **B.A. in International Relations**, *Technische Universität Dresden*, *GPA*: 4.0 equiv.

- Foreign Semester at *Université de la Réunion*, France.
- Received Volker-Heinsberg-Award for best bachelor thesis in 2017.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

07/2020- Predoc for Oriana Bandiera and Robin Burgess (LSE)

07/2021 • Supporting various projects in the fields of development economics, political economy, organisational economics, environmental economics

- Producing literature reviews, revising papers, data collection and analysis at various stages
- Regular meetings with project partners in private companies and other universities

06/2019 RA for Andrew Scott and Elias Papaioannou (London Business School)

- Project on the growth effects of increases in longevity and productive healthy ageing
- o Main tasks: Literature review, collection of regional and micro-level health and economic data
- Empirical analysis: replication of related papers, panel data regressions, in Stata and R

01/2019 RA at Grantham Institute on Climate Change and the Environment (LSE, part time)

02/2020 • Supported two projects on adaption of firms to environmental policies and natural disasters

o Main tasks: Data preparation and analysis, creating tables and graphs for publications

09/2017 - RA for team of Alexander Kemnitz (TU Dresden, part time)

08/2018 • Co-author on two research projects on relation between democracy and conflict/repression

- Responsible for the empirical part of the papers. Planned and performed analysis (event study, causal panel methods) in Stata and R.
- Prepared problem sets for lecture 'Empirical methods for Economics with Stata'

10/2017- Intern and RA at ifo Institute for Economic Research (Dresden)

07/2018 • Policy-related economic research on housing prices & immigration, fiscal policy, education

• Main tasks: literature research; data collection, preparation, and analysis (with Stata and R)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Sir John Hicks Prize for Outstanding Performance in the MSc Economics, 2020 (£150)
- DAAD Graduate Scholarship for 2018–2020 (€32,000)
- o MLP Scholarship 2018, for foreign studies (€3,000)
- Volker-Heinsberg-Award for course's best bachelor thesis in 2017 (€1,200)
- o German National Academic Foundation, 2014–2020 (€45,000)
- Prizes for school's best overall performance and for German, Maths, and Latin (2013)

PUBLICATIONS

"(When) Do Democracies Repress Less?" With Martin Rößler and Patrick Zwerschke. Preparing for Submission.

"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.

"Democracy and the transnational dimensions of low-level conflict and state repression". With Martin Rößler and Patrick Zwerschke. International Studies Quarterly. 2021.

"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.

"Sparprojekt oder Milchmädchenrechnung? Die finanziellen Effekte eines Bundeslandes "Mitteldeutschland" [Fiscal aspects of a "Länder" merger]". With Felix Rösel. In: ifo Dresden berichtet 25/02 (2018). 12–17. url: https: //www.ifo.de/DocDL/ifoDD_18-02_12-17_0ld.pdf.

"Die Preisentwicklung für Kaufimmobilien in Sachsen– Ein Überblick über die aktuellen Daten [Recent data on housing prices in Saxony]". With Carolin Fritzsche. In: ifo Dresden berichtet 24/06 (2017). 20–24. url: https: //www.cesifo.org/DocDL/ifoDD_17-06_20-24_Fritzsche.pdf.

"Steht sächsischen Schulen ein Qualitätsverlust bevor? Ein Überblick internationaler Studien zur Lehrqualität von Seiteneinsteigern [Review of studies on teaching quality of "career changers"]". With Julia Sonnenburg. In: ifo Dresden berichtet 24/06 (2017). 31-34. url: https://www.ifo.de/DocDL/ifoDD_17-06_31-34_0ld.pdf.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 **Berkeley Political Economy Conference:** Poster presentation, see poster here.
- 2019 ISA Toronto: Annual Convention of International Studies Association (participation) Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship, Münster: 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

SKILLS AND SOFTWARE

- Languages: German (Mother Tongue), English, French (Fluent), Hindi (Intermediate)
- Statistical Software: Stata, R, Q-GIS
- Other Software: LATEX, MS Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint

OTHER EXPERIENCE AND SOCIAL

- Taught international relations and introductory statistics at TU Dresden, 2015-2017
- o Volunteer teacher, Kalakar Vikas School, New Delhi, 2013-2014. Taught English and music in an NGO school for artists' children during 12-month volunteer program financed by German government