

# 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)*
- Joint Winner of **Sir John Hicks Prize** for best overall performance in cohort of ~160 students
  - 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
  - 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
  - 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)
- MLP Scholarship 2018, for foreign studies (€3,000)
- Volker-Heinsberg-Award for course's best bachelor thesis in 2017 (€1,200)
- German National Academic Foundation, 2014–2020 (€45,000)
- Prizes for school's best overall performance and for German, Maths, and Latin (2013)

## 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.

“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.

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

“Sparprojekt oder Milchmädchenrechnung? Die finanziellen Effekte eines Bundeslandes „Mitteldeutschland“ [Fiscal aspects of a “Länder” merger]”. With Felix Rösler. In: *ifo Dresden berichtet* 25/02 (2018). 12-17. URL: [https://www.ifo.de/DocDL/ifoDD\\_18-02\\_12-17\\_01d.pdf](https://www.ifo.de/DocDL/ifoDD_18-02_12-17_01d.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](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\\_01d.pdf](https://www.ifo.de/DocDL/ifoDD_17-06_31-34_01d.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:** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, MS Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint