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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International and Comparative Political Economy, Monetary and Financial Policy, Foreign Aid and Development Finance, Quantitative Research Methods, Quantitative Text Analysis

## CURRENT POSITIONS

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**Doctoral Research Assistant**, University of Geneva 2020 - current  
Swiss National Science Foundation-funded project "[Evaluating the Pursuit of International Development Norms through Peer Review](#)"  
Project PI: Dr. Simone Dietrich

## EDUCATION

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**PhD Candidate in Political Science**, University of Geneva 2019 - exp. 2024  
Dissertation project: [The political economy of Sovereign Wealth Management](#)  
Supervisor: Dr. Simone Dietrich

**MPhil in Development Studies**, University of Cambridge 2017-2018  
Courses: Development Economics; Globalisation, Business and Development; Financial Organisation and Economic Growth; Economic Problems and Performance in Latin America  
Supervisor: Dr. Ha-Joon Chang

**Bachelor in International Relations**, University of Essex 2013 - 2017  
Focus: Econometrics; International Money and Finance; Domestic Politics and International Relations; The Political Economy of International Development and Aid

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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**Doctoral Teaching Assistant**, Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva 2018 - Jul 2023

**Visiting Researcher**, University of California San Diego Jan 2022 - Jul 2022  
Inviting professor: Dr. Christina Schneider

**Research Assistant**, Essex Lab, University of Essex Jan 2017 - Jul 2017  
Supervisor: Dr. Simone Dietrich

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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*Working Papers*

- "Global Crises, the Power of Finance and the Rise of Sovereign Wealth Funds"
- "How states manage their wealth - The political economy of SWF governance"
- "Who Follows the IO's Rulebook? Evidence from the OECD Development Assistance Committee" (with Alice Iannantuoni and Simone Dietrich)
- "Targeting Gender Equality through Foreign Aid" (with Daniela Donno, Simone Dietrich and Alice Iannantuoni)
- "Populism and the Promotion of Inclusive Governance Abroad: Evidence from OECD DAC Policy Markers" (with Simone Dietrich and Alice Iannantuoni)

### *Ongoing Projects (selected)*

- "The politics of sovereign investing during crisis - Government control and SWF behaviour during the Covid-19 pandemic"
- "Donor allocation preferences in aid for the environment - Evidence from the OECD DAC Policy Markers" (with Simone Dietrich)

## **RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

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### ***Workshops***

Max Planck Summer School for Women in Political Economy	Sep 2023
GSIFE Mini-Conference on Economic Statecraft (online)	Jan 2023
PhD & Post-Doc Colloquium Series, SPERI, UniGe	Nov 2022, Nov 2021, Feb 2021
Southwestern Workshop on Mixed-Methods Research, University of Notre Dame	Oct 2022
Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (VWAR) (online)	Oct 2022

### ***Conferences***

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA)	2023 & 2024 (planned)
German Political Science Association Political Economy Section Annual Conference	2023
International Studies Association Annual Meeting (ISA)	2023 & 2022
Italian Political Science Association (SISP)	2022
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2022
Political Economy of International Relations (PEIO)	2019

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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<b>CUSO</b> , Graduate Institute Geneva (IHEID)	May 2023
Agent-Based Modelling for Social Scientists	
Instructor: Dr. Corinna Elsenbroich & Dr. Dr Jennifer Badham	
<b>Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods</b> , University of Oxford	Mar 2023
Qualitative Methods	
Instructor: Marnie Howlett	
<b>Digital Skills Workshops for PhD Students</b> , Graduate Institute Geneva (IHEID)	Oct 2021
An Introduction to Web Scraping using R	
Instructor: Emma Vestesson	
<b>World Trade Institute PhD Summer School</b> , World Trade Institute Bern	Sep 2019
Institutions and the Political Economy of Development	
Instructor: Dr. Axel Dreher	
<b>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis</b> , University of Essex	Jul 2019
Machine Learning for Social Scientists	
Instructor: Dr. Marco Steenbergen	

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### ***Independent Instructor***

BA Seminar: "Contemporary Challenges in International Economic Relations", UniGe	2018-2022
Supervision of Undergraduate Research Projects, UniGe	2018-2020

### ***Guest Lecture***

Introduction to International Relations - Session on International Development, UniGe	2021
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### *Teaching outside University*

Debate Chamber Summer School Courses (London, UK, 2018-2022)

Courses: Introduction to International Relations; Introduction to Economics;

Money, Capital, and Financial Markets; Growth, Development and Inequalities

German Language Cafe Teacher (Colchester, UK, 2015-2017)

### FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

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**Swiss National Science Foundation Mobility Grant** (17'601.25 ChF) 2022

To fund my visiting position at the University of California San Diego

**Best Masters Presentation**, Jesus College, University of Cambridge Mar 2018

Awarded for the best Masters presentation at the annual Graduate Conference

**Best Empirical Undergraduate Dissertation**, Department of Government, University of Essex Jul 2017

**Conference Paper Prize**, Department of Government, University of Essex Mar 2017

Awarded for the best paper submitted to the annual student conference

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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#### **Swiss Political Science Association**

Section Co-chair for International Relations

Dec 2022 - present

#### **University of Geneva**

SPERI Staff Seminar Series Organizer

Autumn 2020 - present

Member of the Commission Relève in the SPERI department

Spring 2021 – Autumn 2022

### RELEVANT SKILLS

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#### **Software and Programming**

R, Stata, LATEX, Markdown, GitHub, Python, Web Scraping, API

#### **Languages**

German (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Spanish (basic)

### NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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Articles written as Contributing Writer to the UK Investor Magazine can be found [here](#).