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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International & Comparative Political Economy, Financialization, Monetary and Financial Policy, Bureaucratic structures & Policy Implementation, Foreign Aid, 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

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

## EDUCATION

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**PhD Candidate in Political Science**, University of Geneva 2018 - exp. 2023  
Dissertation project: [The political economy of Sovereign Wealth Management](#)  
Supervisor: Dr. Simone Dietrich

**MPhil in Development Studies**, University of Cambridge 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  
Important courses: International Money and Finance; Political Economy of International Development; Domestic Politics and International Relations; Development, N.G.Os and Foreign Aid; Capitalism and its Critics; Econometric Methods

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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**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*

- "More state for troubled times? Investigating SWF creation as a policy response to global economic challenges"
- "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)

### *Ongoing Projects (selected)*

- "The politics of sovereign investing during crisis - Government control and SWF behaviour during the Covid-19 pandemic"
- "The IMF and state financialization - Evidence of changing IMF views on sovereign financial strategies from Article IV consultations"

## **RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

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### ***Workshops***

GSIPE 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***

International Studies Association Annual Meeting (ISA)	(scheduled) 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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**Digital Skills Workshops for PhD Students**, Graduate Institute Geneva (IHEID) Oct 2021  
An Introduction to Web Scraping using R  
Instructor: Emma Vestesson

**World Trade Institute PhD Summer School**, World Trade Institute Bern Sep 2019  
Institutions and the Political Economy of Development  
Instructor: Dr. Axel Dreher

**Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis**, University of Essex Jul 2019  
Machine Learning for Social Scientists  
Instructor: Dr. Marco Steenbergen

**LSE-UCT Summer School**, University of Cape Town Jul 2016  
Poverty and Development  
Instructors: Dr. Gauthier Marchais & Dr. Pritish Behuria

## **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 (Dr. Simone Dietrich, UniGe, 2021)

### ***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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<b>Swiss National Science Foundation Mobility Grant</b> (17'601.25 ChF)	2022
To fund my visiting position at the University of California San Diego	
<b>Best Masters Presentation</b> , Jesus College, University of Cambridge	Mar 2018
Awarded for the best Masters presentation at the annual Graduate Conference	
<b>Best Empirical Undergraduate Dissertation</b> , Department of Government, University of Essex	Jul 2017
Awarded for the best paper submitted to the annual student conference	
<b>Conference Paper Prize</b> , 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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<b>Swiss Political Science Association</b>	
Section Co-chair for International Relations	Dec 2022 - present
<b>University of Geneva</b>	
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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<b>Software and Programming Languages</b>	R, Stata, LATEX, Markdown, GitHub, Python, Web Scraping, API
	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](#).