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RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Political Economy, Comparative Political Economy, State Financialization, Financial Policy, Macroeconomic Stabilization Policy, Corporate Governance, International Development, Foreign Aid, Quantitative Research Methods, Quantitative Text Analysis

CURRENT POSITIONS

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

PhD Candidate in Political Science, University of Geneva 2018 - exp. 2023
Dissertation project: The political economy of Sovereign Wealth Fund creation and governance
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

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

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

Workshops

GSIFE Mini-Conference on Economic Statecraft (online)	(scheduled) 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

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

Independent Instructor

BA Seminar "Contemporary Challenges in International Economic Organizations" (UniGe, 2018-2021)
BA Seminar: "International Economic Relations" (UniGe, 2022)
Supervision of Undergraduate Research Projects (UniGe, 2018-2020)

Guest Lecture

Introduction to International Relations - Session on International Development (Dr. Simone Dietrich, UniGe, 2021)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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

University of Geneva

Co-organizer of the Women in the Social Sciences Initiative	Fall 2021 - present
SPERI Staff Seminar Series Organizer	Fall 2020 - present
Member of the Commission Relève in the SPERI department	Spring 2021– Autumn 2022

RELEVANT SKILLS

Software and Programming Languages	R, Stata, LATEX, Markdown, GitHub, Python, Web Scraping, API German (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Spanish (basic)
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