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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

CURRENT POSITIONS

Doctoral Teaching Assistant, University of Geneva 2020 - current
Department of Political Science and International Relations

EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in Political Science, University of Geneva 2020 - exp. 2025
Dissertation project: "State-Led Finance in the 21st Century: A Comparative Analysis of the Rise and Governance of Sovereign Wealth Funds"
Supervisor: Dr. Lukas Haffert

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

Doctoral Research Assistant, University of Geneva 2020 - Jul. 2024
Swiss National Science Foundation-funded project "[Evaluating the Pursuit of International Development Norms through Peer Review](#)"
Project PI: Dr. Simone Dietrich

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

WORK IN PROGRESS

Working Papers

- "Examining New Donors in the OECD's Development Assistance Committee" (with Nicolas Bau, Alice Iannantuoni and Simone Dietrich) - *Currently under review at JID*
- "Targeting Gender Equality through Foreign Aid" (with Daniela Donno, Simone Dietrich and Alice Iannantuoni) - *Currently under review at ISQ*
- "Populism and the Promotion of Inclusive Governance Abroad: Evidence from OECD DAC Policy Markers" (with Nicolas Bau, Alice Iannantuoni and Simone Dietrich)

- "Global Crises, the Power of Finance and the Rise of Sovereign Wealth Funds"
- "The "State" in State-Led Finance for Development: Understanding Political Influence in Sovereign Wealth Funds"

Manuscript

"State-Led Finance in the 21st Century: A Comparative Analysis of the Rise and Governance of Sovereign Wealth Funds", Doctoral Thesis

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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
Annual Meeting of the Political Economy of Aid Society (PEAS)	2024 & 2025 (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
Swiss Political Science Association Congress (SVPW/ASSP)	2024 & 2025

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

CUSO , Graduate Institute Geneva (IHEID)	May 2023
Agent-Based Modelling for Social Scientists	
Instructor: Dr. Corinna Elsenbroich & Dr. Dr Jennifer Badham	
Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods , University of Oxford	Mar 2023
Qualitative Methods	
Instructor: Marnie Howlett	
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	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Independent Instructor

BA Lecture: "Quantitative Methods" (Taught in French) (forthcoming) spring 2025
BA Seminar: "Contemporary Challenges in International Economic Relations", UniGe 2018-2024
Supervision of Undergraduate Research Projects, UniGe 2018-2020

Guest Lecture

Seminar on the Role of Sovereign Wealth Funds in International Relations, Unige 2023
Introduction to International Relations - Session on International Development, 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

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

Swiss Political Science Association
Section Co-chair for International Relations Dec 2022 - present

University of Geneva
SPERI Staff Seminar Series Organizer Autumn 2020 - Spring 2024
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)

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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