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## Academic Appointments

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<b>School of Global Policy and Strategy, UC San Diego</b>	2024 - Present
<i>Postdoctoral Fellowship in Technology and International Security</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>

## Education

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<b>University of Washington</b>	2018 - 2024
<i>Ph.D., Political Science</i>	<i>Seattle, USA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dissertation: <i>The Political Economy of American Clean Energy Innovation</i>. <a href="#">[Link]</a></li><li>• Committee: Victor Menaldo (Chair), Aseem Prakash, Caitlin Ainsley, Jake Grumbach</li></ul>	
<b>King's College London</b>	2015 - 2016
<i>M.A., International Political Economy</i>	<i>London, UK</i>
<b>University of Mannheim</b>	2011 - 2015
<i>B.A., with Honors, Political Science and Economics</i>	<i>Mannheim, Germany</i>

## Research Interest

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**Substantive:** American Politics, Political Economy, Industrial Policy, Climate Politics  
**Methodological:** Quantitative Social Science, Network Analysis, Text-as-data

## Book

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- Menaldo, V., and **Wittstock, N.** *U.S. Innovation Inequality and Trumpism: The Political Economy of Technology Deserts in a Knowledge Economy* (forthcoming at Cambridge University Press). [\[Link\]](#)

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

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3. Menaldo, V., and **Wittstock, N.** "Does Technology Transfer From the US to China Harm American Firms, Workers, and Consumers? A Historical and Analytic Investigation." *Economic and Political Studies* 9:4 (2021): 417-446. [\[Link\]](#)
  2. Magistro, B., and **Wittstock, N.** "Changing Preferences versus Issue Salience: The Political Success of Anti-immigration Parties in Italy." *South European Society and Politics* 26 (2021): 383-411. [\[Link\]](#)
  1. Magistro, B., Owen, L., and **Wittstock, N.** "Populist support, institutional trust, and gender: the impact of foreign-imposed austerity during the European Debt Crisis." *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* Vol. 2: No. 3 (2021): 329-346. [\[Link\]](#)

## Manuscripts under Review

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- **Wittstock, N.** "Clean Energy Innovation as a National Security Mission." [\[Link\]](#)
  - Wack, M., and **Wittstock, N.** "To the Loser goes the Spoils? Elections in non-Democratic Regimes." [\[Link\]](#)
  - **Wittstock, N.** "The Politics of US Clean Energy Hubs - Evidence From Campaign Donations." [\[Link\]](#)

## Book Project

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- *Clean Energy – Made in America? The Institutional Origins of American Innovation Performance.*

### *Work in Progress*

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- Frost, D., Ko, I., **Wittstock, N.** "Rural Opposition to Clean Energy Policy: Evidence from Nevada's Ballot Initiatives." (In Preparation for Submission).
- Wack, M., **Wittstock, N.** "Drowning Democracy: Examining the Influence of Domestic Propaganda in the Digital Age." (In Preparation for Submission).
- **Wittstock, N.** "Green Industrial Policy Feedback. How Renewable Energy Influences Congress." (Data Analysis in Progress.)
- Radnitz, S., **Wittstock, N.** "Strategic Messaging by Russian Embassies on Twitter. Leveraging BERT Language Models." (Data Analysis in Progress).
- Leung, B., **Wittstock, N.** "Labor, Business, and the Declining US Consensus on Neoliberal Trade Policy." (Data Analysis in progress).
- Voss, F., **Wittstock, N.** "From Night-watchman to the Entrepreneurial State? Changing Discourse on Innovation Policy: Cases of the German Bundestag and U.S. Congress." (Data Analysis in Progress).
- Wack, M., **Wittstock, N.** "Digital Dictators: 21st Century State Capacity and State-Society Relations in Illiberal Regimes." (Data collection in progress).

### *Selected Awards & Honors*

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#### **Graduate Fellow**

*University of Washington, Center for Environmental Politics*

2020 – 2024

#### **Peter May Graduate Research Grant**

*University of Washington*

2023

#### **Paper Award for Students and Early-Career Professionals**

*Pacific Chapter of American Association for Public Opinion Research*

2022

#### **Richard B. Wesley Fellow**

*University of Washington, Political Economy Forum*

2020 – 2021

#### **Ione E. Curtis Research Grant**

*University of Washington*

2020

#### **CEI Fellow and DIRECT Trainee**

*University of Washington, Clean Energy Institute*

2020 – 2021

#### **Philo S. Bennet Prize for Best Graduate Paper in Democratic Politics**

*University of Washington*

2020

### *Conference Papers*

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- Menaldo, V., and **Wittstock, N.** "Of TikTok and Tariffs: a historical and analytical perspective on Technology Transfer to China." American Political Science Association. July 2020.
- Wack, M., and **Wittstock, N.** "To the Loser goes the Spoils? Elections in non-Democratic Regimes." Midwest Political Science Association. April 2022.

### *Book Reviews*

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3. **Wittstock, N.** *The Atlantic Realists. Empire and International Political Thought Between Germany and the United States.* Mathew Specter (Stanford University Press, 2022). German Politics and Society. Forthcoming.
2. **Wittstock, N.** *The Politics of Personal Information: Surveillance, Privacy, and Power in West Germany.* Larry Frohman (New York: Berghahn Books, 2020). German Politics and Society. April 2023. [\[Link\]](#)
1. **Wittstock, N.** *Imbalance: Germany's Political Economy after the Social Democratic Century.* Tobias Schulze-Cleven and Sidney A. Rothstein, eds. (Abingdon: Routledge, 2021.) German Politics and Society. February 2022. [\[Link\]](#)

### Public Scholarship

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3. **Wittstock, N.**, and Menaldo, V. *Innovation Inequality and the 2024 Election: A Deep-Rooted Divide*. Seattle Times. August 2024. [\[Link\]](#)
2. Leung, B., and **Wittstock, N.** *The Economic, Political, and Cultural Follies of Kicking Foreign Students Out*. UW Political Economy Forum. June 2020. [\[Link\]](#)
1. Dolsak, N., Prakash, A., and **Wittstock, N.** *Climate Change Helped Global Cooperation. Will Coronavirus Undermine It?* Forbes. April 2020. [\[Link\]](#)

### Teaching and Mentoring

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**Lecturer (Undergraduate)** Summer 2023/2024  
*University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science* Seattle, USA

- Introduction to Political Economy (Summer 2023/2024)

**Teaching Assistance (Undergraduate)** Sep 2018 – Present  
*University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science* Seattle, USA

- Data, Technology, and Development in Africa (S 2024)
- Data Science and Statistics for Social Science (W 2024)
- Intro to Research and Data in Political Science (W 2023)
- Intro to Political Economy (F 2019, W 2020/21, F 2022)
- Political Economy of Crime and Corruption (S 2018/19, S 2020, S 2022, S 2023)
- US Foreign Policy (W 2018, Su 2019, Su 2020)
- Finding Truth in an Age of Misinformation, Cynicism, and Polarization (F 2021, F 2023)
- Introduction to Labor Studies (S 2021)

### Professional Experience

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**Data digitization** Mar 2023 – Aug 2023  
*University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science* Seattle, USA

- coordinated 5 undergraduate Research Assistants' work on data collection project

**Political Economy Forum** 2020 - Present  
*University of Washington* Seattle, USA

- Spearheaded the creation of a website, blog, and podcast together with Professors James Long, Victor Menaldo, and Rachel Heath.
- Programmed and maintained the website, invited and interviewed guests on various topics related to Political Economy.

**Associate Consultant** 2016 - 2018  
*FreshMinds* London, UK

- Executed primary research for business consulting projects spanning diverse areas.
- Collected and presented data on price developments in different markets across Germany and the UK.

### Professional Service

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**Reviewer:** *International Studies Review*

**Member:** *APSA, MPSA*

### Specialized Skills

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**Software:** R, Gephi, Python, STATA, Qualtrics,  $\LaTeX$

**Languages:** German (Native), French (Conversational)