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## Academic Appointments

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<b>University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation</b> <i>Postdoctoral Fellowship in Technology and International Security</i>	2024 - Present Washington, DC
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## Education

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<b>University of Washington</b> <i>PhD Political Science</i>	2018 - 2024 Seattle, USA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dissertation: <i>The Political Economy of American Clean Energy Innovation</i></li><li>• Committee: Victor Menaldo (Chair), Aseem Prakash, Caitlin Ainsley, Jake Grumbach</li><li>• Fields: Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Political Methodology</li></ul>	
<b>King's College London</b> <i>MA International Political Economy</i>	2015 - 2016 London, UK
<b>University of Mannheim</b> <i>BA, with Honors, Political Science and Economics</i>	2011 - 2015 Mannheim, Germany

## Research Interest

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**Substantive:** Political Economy, Technological Change, Climate Politics, Democracy, Economic Development  
**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, Elements Series).

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

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- 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - Wack, M., and **Wittstock, N.** "To the Loser goes the Spoils? Elections in non-Democratic Regimes." (forthcoming in *Electoral Studies*).

## Manuscripts under Review

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- **Wittstock, N.** *U.S. Clean Energy Innovation - Fingerprints of the Military's Green Thumb.* (Under Review at Research Policy).

### *Work in Progress*

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- **Wittstock, N.** *The Political Economy of American Clean Energy Innovation* (Book Manuscript in Preparation for Submission).
- **Wittstock, N.** *The Politics of US Clean Energy Hubs - Evidence From Campaign Donations* (Manuscript in Preparation for Submission).
- Wack, M., **Wittstock, N.** *Digital Dictators: 21st Century State Capacity and State-Society Relations in Illiberal Regimes*. (Data collection in progress).
- Leung, B., **Wittstock, N.** *Labor, Business, and the Declining US Consensus on Neoliberal Trade Policy*. (Data Analysis 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. (forthcoming in Electoral Studies).

### *Book Reviews*

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- **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.
- **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.

### *Public Scholarship*

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- Leung, B. and **Wittstock, N.** *The Economic, Political, and Cultural Follies of Kicking Foreign Students Out*. UW Political Economy Forum. June 2020.
- Dolsak, N., Prakash, A., and **Wittstock, N.** *Climate change helped global cooperation. Will Coronavirus undermine it?* Forbes.com. April 2020.

## Teaching and Mentoring

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<b>Lecturer (Undergraduate)</b> <i>University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science</i>	Summer 2023/2024 <i>Seattle, USA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to Political Economy (Summer 2023/2024)</li></ul>	
<b>Teaching Assistance (Undergraduate)</b> <i>University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science</i>	Sep 2018 – Present <i>Seattle, USA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data, Technology, and Development in Africa (S 2024)</li><li>• Data Science and Statistics for Social Science (W 2024)</li><li>• Intro to Research and Data in Political Science (W 2023)</li><li>• Intro to Political Economy (F 2019, W 2020/21, F 2022)</li><li>• Political Economy of Crime and Corruption (S 2018/19, S 2020, S 2022, S 2023)</li><li>• US Foreign Policy (W 2018, Su 2019, Su 2020)</li><li>• Finding Truth in an Age of Misinformation, Cynicism, and Polarization (F 2021, F 2023)</li><li>• Introduction to Labor Studies (S 2021)</li></ul>	
<b>Second Reader (BA Thesis)</b> <i>University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science</i>	Mar 2022/2023 <i>Seattle, USA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Honors Thesis reader for two UW undergraduate students</li></ul>	

## Research Experience

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<b>Data digitization</b> <i>University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science</i>	Mar 2023 – Aug 2023 <i>Seattle, USA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• coordinated 5 undergraduate Research Assistants' work on data collection project</li></ul>	
<b>Research Assistance for Prof. Geoffrey Wallace</b> <i>University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science</i>	Summer 2021 <i>Seattle, USA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducted data cleaning, organization, and analysis using text-as-data methods.</li></ul>	
<b>Research Assistance for Prof. Judith Goldstein</b> <i>Stanford University, Dept. of Political Science</i>	Summer 2017 <i>Stanford, USA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducted archival research for a project on bargaining strategies during GATT negotiations.</li><li>• Employed time-series methods, investigating public opinion on immigration and trade.</li></ul>	
<b>Associate Consultant</b> <i>FreshMinds</i>	2016 - 2018 <i>London, UK</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Executed primary research for business consulting projects spanning diverse areas.</li><li>• Collected and presented data on price developments in different markets across Germany and the UK.</li></ul>	

## Other Experience

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<b>Political Economy Forum</b> <i>University of Washington</i>	2020 - Present <i>Seattle, USA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spearheaded the creation of a website, blog, and podcast together with Professors James Long, Victor Menaldo, and Rachel Heath.</li><li>• Programmed and maintained the website, invited and interviewed guests on various topics related to Political Economy.</li></ul>	

## Professional Service

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<b>Reviewer:</b> <i>International Studies Review</i>
<b>Member:</b> <i>APSA, MPSA</i>

### *Specialized Skills*

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**Software:** R, Qualtrics, Gephi, Python, STATA

**Languages:** German, English, French

### *References*

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**Prof. Victor Menaldo** (Committee Chair) - University of Washington - [vmenaldo@uw.edu](mailto:vmenaldo@uw.edu)

**Prof. Aseem Prakash** - University of Washington - [aseem@uw.edu](mailto:aseem@uw.edu)

**Prof. Caitlin Ainsley** - University of Washington - [cainsley@uw.edu](mailto:cainsley@uw.edu)

**Prof. Jake Grumbach** - University of California - Berkeley - [grumbach@berkeley.edu](mailto:grumbach@berkeley.edu)