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Education

University of Washington

PhD Political Science (ABD)

Expected May 2024

Seattle, USA

- Dissertation: *Clean Energy Innovation as National Security Policy. Science and Technology Policy in the American Political Economy.*
- Committee: Victor Menaldo (Chair), Aseem Prakash, Caitlin Ainsley, Jake Grumbach
- Fields: Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Political Methodology

King's College London

MA International Political Economy

Sep 2016

London, UK

University of Mannheim

BA, with Honors, Political Science and Economics

June 2015

Mannheim, Germany

Research Interest

Substantive: Democracy, Political Economy, Innovation Policy, Climate Politics, Economic Development

Methodological: Quantitative Social Science, Network Analysis, Text-as-data

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 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

- Menaldo, V., and **Wittstock, N.** *The Luddites Strike Back: US Innovation Inequality and Trumpism* (R&R at Cambridge University Press, Elements Series).
- **Wittstock, N.** *U.S. Clean Energy Innovation - Fingerprints of the Military's Green Thumb.* (Under Review at *Research Policy*).

Work in Progress

- Wack, M., **Wittstock, N.** *Digital Dictators: 21st century State Capacity and state-society relations in illiberal regimes.* (Data collection in progress).
- **Wittstock, N.** *Directing Innovation: The effect of federal US Clean Energy R&D on local rates of innovation.* (Data Analysis in progress).
- Leung, B., **Wittstock, N.** *Labor, Business, and the declining US consensus on Neoliberal trade policy.* (Data Analysis in progress).

Selected Awards & Honors

Graduate Fellow <i>University of Washington, Center for Environmental Politics</i>	2020 – Present
Peter May Graduate Research Grant <i>University of Washington</i>	2023
Paper Award for Students and Early-Career Professionals <i>Pacific Chapter of American Association for Public Opinion Research</i>	2022
Richard B. Wesley Fellow <i>University of Washington, Political Economy Forum</i>	2020 – 2021
Ione E. Curtis Research Grant <i>University of Washington</i>	2020
CEI Fellow and DIRECT Trainee <i>University of Washington, Clean Energy Institute</i>	2020 – 2021
Philo S. Bennet Prize for Best Graduate Paper in Democratic Politics <i>University of Washington</i>	2020

Conference Papers

- 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

- 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

- 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

Lecturer (Undergraduate) <i>University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Political Economy (Summer 2023)	Jun 2023 - Aug 2023 Seattle, USA
Teaching Assistance (Undergraduate) <i>University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 Global 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)	Sep 2018 – Present Seattle, USA
BA Thesis (Second Reader) <i>University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honors Thesis reader for two UW undergraduate students	Mar 2022/2023 Seattle, USA

Research Experience

Data digitization <i>University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science</i>	Mar 2023 – Aug 2023 <i>Seattle, USA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">coordinated 5 undergraduate Research Assistants' work on data collection project	
Research Assistance for Prof. Geoffrey Wallace <i>University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science</i>	Summer 2021 <i>Seattle, USA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted data cleaning, organization, and analysis using text-as-data methods.	
Research Assistance for Prof. Judith Goldstein <i>Stanford University, Dept. of Political Science</i>	Summer 2017 <i>Stanford, USA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted archival research for a project on bargaining strategies during GATT negotiations.Employed time-series methods, investigating public opinion on immigration and trade.	
Associate Consultant <i>FreshMinds</i>	2016 - 2018 <i>London, UK</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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.	

Other Experience

Political Economy Forum <i>University of Washington</i>	2020 - Present <i>Seattle, USA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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.	

Professional Service

Reviewer: *International Studies Review*

Specialized Skills

Software: R, Qualtrics, Gephi, Python, STATA
Languages: German, English, French

References

Prof. Victor Menaldo (Committee Chair) - University of Washington - vmenaldo@uw.edu
Prof. Aseem Prakash - University of Washington - aseem@uw.edu
Prof. Caitlin Ainsley - University of Washington - cainsley@uw.edu
Prof. Jake Grumbach - University of California - Berkeley - grumbach@berkeley.edu