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Academic Appointments

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

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

Research Interest

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

- **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

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

- 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>	Summer 2023/2024 <i>Seattle, USA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Political Economy (Summer 2023/2024)	
Teaching Assistance (Undergraduate) <i>University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science</i>	Sep 2018 – Present <i>Seattle, USA</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 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)	
Second Reader (BA Thesis) <i>University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science</i>	Mar 2022/2023 <i>Seattle, USA</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honors Thesis reader for two UW undergraduate students	

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

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