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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 - 2026 Washington, DC
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Education

University of Washington <i>PhD Political Science (ABD)</i>	2018 - Present Seattle, USA
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- 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 <i>MA International Political Economy</i>	2015 - 2016 London, UK
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University of Mannheim <i>BA, with Honors, Political Science and Economics</i>	2011 - 2015 Mannheim, Germany
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Research Interest

Substantive: Democracy, Political Economy, Technological Change, Climate Politics, 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

- 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

University of Washington, Center for Environmental Politics

2020 – Present

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)

University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science

Jun 2023 - Aug 2023

Seattle, USA

- Introduction to Political Economy (Summer 2023)

Teaching Assistance (Undergraduate)

University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science

Sep 2018 – Present

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 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)

BA Thesis (Second Reader)

University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science

Mar 2022/2023

Seattle, USA

- Honors Thesis reader for two UW undergraduate students

Research Experience

Data digitization

University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science

Mar 2023 – Aug 2023

Seattle, USA

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

Research Assistance for Prof. Geoffrey Wallace

University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science

Summer 2021

Seattle, USA

- Conducted data cleaning, organization, and analysis using text-as-data methods.

Research Assistance for Prof. Judith Goldstein

Stanford University, Dept. of Political Science

Summer 2017

Stanford, USA

- 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

FreshMinds

2016 - 2018

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.

Other Experience

Political Economy Forum

University of Washington

2020 - Present

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.

Professional Service

Reviewer: *International Studies Review*

Member: *APSA, MPSA*

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