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## RESEARCH INTEREST

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I use innovative quantitative methods to study the geography of state building and analyze its consequences for development and conflict in 20<sup>th</sup> century Africa and modern Europe.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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<b>University of Oxford</b> , United Kingdom Departmental Lecturer in International Relations, Department of Politics and International Relations College Tutor, St. Hilda's College Associate Member, Nuffield College	July 2020 –
<b>ETH Zurich</b> , Switzerland Postdoctoral Researcher, International Conflict Research Group	July 2019 – July 2020
<b>Harvard University</b> , Cambridge MA, USA Postdoctoral Visiting Researcher, Institute for Quantitative Social Science	Feb. 2020 – Sept. 2020

## EDUCATION

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<b>ETH Zurich</b> , Switzerland PhD in Political Science <i>State Building, Development and Conflict in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Africa</i> Committee: Lars-Erik Cederman (main supervisor), Simon Hug, Horacio A. Larreguy	Apr. 2015 – May 2019
<b>Harvard University</b> , Cambridge MA, USA Economics Department Visiting Affiliate	Feb. 2017 – Dec. 2017
<b>ETH Zurich and University of Zurich</b> , Switzerland MA in Comparative and International Studies (MACIS)	Mar. 2015
<b>University of St. Gallen</b> , Switzerland BA in Economics & BA in International Affairs Exchange semester at Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia	July 2012

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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7. Müller-Crepon, Carl. (2021) State Reach and Development in Africa since the 1960s: New Data and Analysis. *Political Science Research and Methods*: First View

6. Müller-Crepon, Carl (2021). Local Ethno-Political Polarization and Election Violence in Majoritarian vs. Proportional Systems. *Journal of Peace Research*: Online First.
5. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Philipp Hunziker & Lars-Erik Cederman (2021). Roads to Rule, Roads to Rebellion: Relational State Capacity and Conflict in Africa. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 65(2-3), 563-590.
4. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Yannick Pengl & Nils-Christian Bormann (2021). Matching Ethnic Groups in Africa. *Journal of Peace Research*: Online First.
3. Beiser-McGrath, Janina, Carl Müller-Crepon & Yannick Pengl (2021). Who Benefits? How Local Ethnic Demography Shapes Political Favoritism in Africa. *British Journal of Political Science*, 51(4), 1582–1600.
2. Müller-Crepon, Carl (2020). Continuity or Change: (In)direct rule in British and French Colonial Africa. *International Organization*, 74(4), 707–741.
1. Müller-Crepon, Carl & Philipp Hunziker (2018). New Spatial Data on Ethnicity: Introducing SIDE. *Journal of Peace Research*, 55(5), 687–698. *JPR Best Visualization Award 2018*.

## WORKING PAPERS

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7. Müller-Crepon, Carl. Building Tribes: How Administrative Units Shaped Ethnic Groups in Africa. *Under review*.
6. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Guy Schvitz & Lars-Erik Cederman. Shaping States into Nations: The Effects of Ethnic Geography on State Borders. *Under review*.
5. Lars-Erik Cederman, Luc Girardin & Carl Müller-Crepon. Nationalism and the Puzzle of Reversing State Size. *Under review*.
4. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Guy Schvitz & Lars-Erik Cederman. 'Right-Peopling' the State: Nationalism, Historical Legacies and Ethnic Cleansing in Europe, 1885-2020
3. Neupert-Wentz, Clara & Carl Müller-Crepon. Traditional Institutions in Africa, Past and Present. *Under review*.
2. Müller-Crepon, Carl. Indirect Rule, Cash Crop Production, and Development in Africa.
1. Cederman, Lars-Erik, Yannick Pengl, Luc Girardin & Carl Müller-Crepon. The Future is History: Restorative Nationalism and Conflict in Post-Napoleonic Europe.

## ONGOING RESEARCH

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Müller-Crepon, Carl. Cracking or Packing Ethnic Groups? The Colonial Design of Administrative Units in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Howlett, Marnie & Carl Müller-Crepon. Imagined Cartographies: A Survey Experiment on Territorial Border Preferences in Western Ukraine.

Müller-Crepon, Carl & Clara Neupert-Wentz. Rulers on the Road: Itinerant Rule and Delegation as Substitutes in the Holy Roman Empire, AD 751–1519.

Müller-Crepon, Carl. Roads to Extraction: Natural Resources and the Physical Foundations of State Capacity in Africa.

Müller-Crepon, Carl & Yannick Pengl. Naming the Nation: State building and national identity formation in 19th century Germany.

Larreguy, Horacio, Benjamin Marx & Carl Müller-Crepon. Chiefs, Pre-Colonial Centralization and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa.

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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<b>Leverhulme Small Research Grant</b> (GBP 9'939)	Sep. 2021 – June 2023
Cracking or Packing Ethnic Groups? The Colonial Design of Administrative Units in Sub-Saharan Africa	
<b>Doc.CH grant</b> (CHF 208'301)	Mar. 2016 – Sep. 2019
PhD grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation	
<b>Doc.Mobility grant</b> (CHF 12'760)	Feb. 2017 – Dec. 2017
Mobility grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation	
<b>ETH Medal</b>	Dec. 2015
Awarded for MA thesis entitled <i>Ethno-Political Competition and Pre-Election Violence in Africa</i> .	
<b>Scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation</b> (EUR 10'200)	Feb. 2010 – Mar. 2015
<b>ETH Zurich Master Scholarship</b> (CHF 17'000)	Sep. 2013 – Mar. 2015
<b>Carlo-Schmid Fellowship</b> (EUR 10'800)	Sep. 2012 – Feb. 2013
Fellowship at the United Nation's Department for Economic and Social Affairs	
<b>Arthur Rich Award</b> (CHF 2'000)	Mai 2013
Awarded for excellent BA thesis on ethical issues at the University of St. Gallen	

## TEACHING

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Evaluation grades (EG): 5=best, 1=worst

**Research Design and Methods Practical Sessions** Fall 2020, 2021  
University of Oxford, MPhil International Relations, (EG 4.5)

**Thesis Seminar** (co-taught) Fall 2020, 2021  
University of Oxford, MPhil International Relations

**The Development of the International System and Contemporary Debates in IR Theory** Fall 2020  
University of Oxford, MPhil International Relations core course (EG 4.7)

**Undergraduate Tutoring** Fall 2020–  
University of Oxford: *Practice of Politics* (EG 4.5); *International Relations core course* (EG 5.0); *International Security* (EG 4.0)

<b>Political Economy of Development and Conflict in Africa</b> (with Yannick Pengl) ETH Zurich, graduate course (EG 4.9)	Fall 2019
<b>Ethnic conflict from a political science perspective</b> (with Yannick Pengl) German National Academic Foundation summer school, undergraduate course (EG 4.4)	Summer 2017
<b>Teaching Assistant Quantitative Methods</b> ETH Zurich, graduate course by Liam McGrath and Jørgen Bølstad	Fall 2015
<b>Teaching Assistant Introduction to Political Economy</b> University of Zurich, undergraduate course by Prof. Katharina Michaelowa	Fall 2014, 2015

## SUPERVISION

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<b>Master students</b> Tiril Rahn, Jonathan Seel, Teruki Takiguchi.	University of Oxford
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## NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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<b>Kiel Institute for the World Economy</b> Research-internship on migration and development	Mar. 2013 – July 2013
<b>United Nations Department for Social and Economic Affairs</b> Carlo-Schmid Fellow at the Office for Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Support and Coordination, Policy Coordination Branch	Sep. 2012 – Feb. 2013
<b>Coordination Régionale des Artisans de Ségou, Mali</b> Voluntary service through the <i>weltwärts</i> -program of the German Development Service	Aug. 2008 – July 2009

## PRESENTATIONS

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<b>Invited</b>	University College London* (2022); Ohio State University* (2022); University of Essex (2021) ; Border Science (Harvard Radcliffe exploratory seminar; 2020); University of Washington in St. Louis (2020); Graduate Institute Geneva (2019) *upcoming
<b>Conferences</b>	APSA Annual Meeting (2017–2021); MPSA Annual Conference (2017, 2020); EPSA Annual Meeting (2019); ISA Annual Convention (2016, 2022); Swiss Political Science Association (2017, 2020)
<b>Workshops</b>	Borders and Boundaries Conference University of Pennsylvania (2021); Empirical Peace and Conflict Research (2016, 2018); 3 <sup>rd</sup> Witten Conference on Institutional Change (2016); European Network of Conflict Research (2015, 2016); graduate student workshops at ETH and Harvard University

**OTHER**

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<b>Co-Organizer</b>	Oxford IR Colloquium (2021–); Oxford DPIR Politics Research Colloquium (2021); Political Economy Seminar, ETH Zurich (2018); Conflict Colloquium, ETH Zurich (2018)
<b>Reviewer</b>	American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, <i>Economic and Social Research Council</i> , Economic Systems, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Nations and Nationalism, Political Geography, Political Science Research and Methods, World Politics
<b>Languages</b>	English, German (mother tongue), Spanish, Swiss German, French
<b>Software</b>	R, Stata, Python, PostgreSQL, ArcGIS, QGIS