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RESEARCH INTEREST

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

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Oxford , 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 –
ETH Zurich , Switzerland Postdoctoral Researcher, International Conflict Research Group	July 2019 – July 2020
Harvard University , Cambridge MA, USA Postdoctoral Visiting Researcher, Institute for Quantitative Social Science	Feb. 2020 – Sept. 2020

EDUCATION

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

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

7. Müller-Crepon, Carl. (2021) Does Local State Capacity Foster Development in Africa? New Data and Analysis. *Political Science Research and Methods*: Conditionally accepted for publication.
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 (2020). Matching Ethnic Groups in Africa. *Journal of Peace Research*: accepted for publication.
3. Müller-Crepon, Carl (2020). Continuity or Change: (In)direct rule in British and French Colonial Africa. *International Organization*, 74(4), 707–741.
2. Beiser-McGrath, Janina, Carl Müller-Crepon & Yannick Pengl (2020). Who Benefits? How Local Ethnic Demography Shapes Political Favoritism in Africa. *British Journal of Political Science*: First View.
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

5. Müller-Crepon, Carl. Building Tribes: On the Administrative Origins of Ethnicity in Africa.
4. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Guy Schvitz & Lars-Erik Cederman. Shaping States into Nations: The Effects of Ethnic Geography on State Borders. *Under review*.
3. Lars-Erik Cederman, Luc Girardin & Carl Müller-Crepon. Nationalism and the Puzzle of Reversing State Size.
2. Neupert-Wentz, Clara & Carl Müller-Crepon. Traditional Institutions in Africa, Past and Present.
1. Müller-Crepon, Carl. Indirect Rule, Cash Crop Production, and Development in Africa.

ONGOING RESEARCH

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

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

Schvitz, Guy, Carl Müller-Crepon & Lars-Erik Cederman. 'Right-peopling' the state: Explaining ethnic assimilation, displacement, and genocide in Europe, 1850-2020

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

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Doc.CH grant

PhD grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation (CHF 208'301)

Mar. 2016 – Sep. 2019

Doc.Mobility grant	Feb. 2017 – Dec. 2017
Mobility grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation (CHF 12'760)	
ETH Medal	Dec. 2015
Awarded for MA thesis entitled <i>Ethno-Political Competition and Pre-Election Violence in Africa</i> .	
Scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation (EUR 10'200)	Feb. 2010 – Mar. 2015
ETH Zurich Master Scholarship (CHF 17'000)	Sep. 2013 – Mar. 2015
Carlo-Schmid Fellowship (EUR 10'800)	Sep. 2012 – Feb. 2013
Fellowship at the United Nation's Department for Economic and Social Affairs	
Arthur Rich Award (CHF 2'000)	Mai 2013
Awarded for excellent BA thesis on ethical issues at the University of St. Gallen	

TEACHING

Research Design and Methods Practical Sessions	Fall 2020
University of Oxford, MPhil International Relations, evaluation grade: 4.5 (5=best, 1=worst)	
Thesis Seminar (with Kalypso Nicolaïdis)	Fall 2020
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, evaluation grade: 4.7 (5=best, 1=worst)	
Undergraduate Tutoring	Fall 2020–
University of Oxford: Practice of Politics, evaluation grade: 5.0 (5=best, 1=worst); International Relations core course; International Security	
Political Economy of Development and Conflict in Africa (with Yannick Pengl)	Fall 2019
ETH Zurich, graduate course, evaluation grade: 4.9 (5=best, 1=worst)	
Ethnic conflict from a political science perspective (with Yannick Pengl)	Summer 2017
German National Academic Foundation summer school, undergraduate course, evaluation grade: 4.4 (5=best, 1=worst)	
Teaching Assistant Quantitative Methods	Fall 2015
ETH Zurich, graduate course by Liam McGrath and Jørgen Bølstad	
Teaching Assistant Introduction to Political Economy	Fall 2014, 2015
University of Zurich, undergraduate course by Prof. Katharina Michaelowa	

SUPERVISION

Master students	University of Oxford
Tiril Rahn, Jonathan Seel, Teruki Takiguchi.	

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

United Nations Department for Social and Economic Affairs

Sep. 2012 – Feb. 2013

Carlo-Schmid Fellow at the Office for Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Support and Coordination, Policy Coordination Branch

Coordination Régionale des Artisans de Ségou, Mali

Aug. 2008 – July 2009

Voluntary service through the *weltwärts*-program of the German Development Service

PRESENTATIONS

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

OTHER

Co-Organizer	Oxford IR Colloquium (2021–); Oxford DPIR Politics Research Colloquium (2021); Political Economy Seminar, ETH Zurich (2018); Conflict Colloquium, ETH Zurich (2018)
Reviewer	American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Organization, Journal of Peace Research, Political Geography, Political Science Research and Methods
Languages	English, German (mother tongue), Spanish, French
Software	R, Stata, Python, PostgreSQL, ArcGIS, QGIS

REFERENCES

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and International Studies
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