

# CARL MÜLLER-CREPON

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Assistant Professor at the London School of Economics and Political Science

## 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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**London School of Economics and Political Science**, United Kingdom Sept. 2022 –  
Assistant Professor, Department of Government

**University of Oxford**, United Kingdom July 2020 – Aug. 2022  
Departmental Lecturer in International Relations, Department of Politics and International Relations  
College Tutor, St. Hilda's College  
Associate Member, Nuffield College

**ETH Zurich**, Switzerland July 2019 – July 2020  
Postdoctoral Researcher, International Conflict Research Group

**Harvard University**, Cambridge MA, USA Feb. 2020 – Sept. 2020  
Postdoctoral Visiting Researcher, Institute for Quantitative Social Science

## EDUCATION

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**ETH Zurich**, Switzerland Apr. 2015 – May 2019  
PhD in Political Science  
*State Building, Development and Conflict in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Africa*  
Committee: Lars-Erik Cederman (main supervisor), Simon Hug, Horacio A. Larreguy

**Harvard University**, Cambridge MA, USA Feb. 2017 – Dec. 2017  
Economics Department Visiting Affiliate

**ETH Zurich and University of Zurich**, Switzerland Mar. 2015  
MA in Comparative and International Studies (MACIS)

**University of St. Gallen**, Switzerland July 2012  
BA in Economics & BA in International Affairs  
Exchange semester at Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

## 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, Yannick Pengl & Nils-Christian Bormann (2022). Matching Ethnic Groups in Africa. *Journal of Peace Research*, 59(3) 425–435.
5. Müller-Crepon, Carl (2022). Local Ethno-Political Polarization and Election Violence in Majoritarian vs. Proportional Systems. *Journal of Peace Research*, 59(2), 242–258.
4. 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.
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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8. Müller-Crepon, Carl. Building Tribes: How Administrative Units Shaped Ethnic Groups in Africa. *Revise & Resubmit, American Journal of Political Science*.
7. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Guy Schvitz & Lars-Erik Cederman. Shaping States into Nations: The Effects of Ethnic Geography on State Borders. *Revise & Resubmit, American Journal of Political Science*.
6. Lars-Erik Cederman, Luc Girardin & Carl Müller-Crepon. Nationalism and the Puzzle of Reversing State Size. *Revise & Resubmit, World Politics*.
5. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Guy Schvitz & Lars-Erik Cederman. ‘Right-Peopling’ the State: Nationalism, Historical Legacies and Ethnic Cleansing in Europe, 1885-2020
4. Neupert-Wentz, Clara & Carl Müller-Crepon. Traditional Institutions in Africa, Past and Present. *Under review*.
3. Müller-Crepon, Carl. Indirect Rule, Cash Crop Production, and Development in Africa.
2. Cederman, Lars-Erik, Yannick Pengl, Luc Girardin & Carl Müller-Crepon. The Future is History: Restorative Nationalism and Conflict in Post-Napoleonic Europe. *Under review*.
1. Dill, Janina, Marnie Howlett & Carl Müller-Crepon. At Any Cost: How Ukrainians Think about Self-Defense Against Russia. *Under review*.

## ONGOING RESEARCH

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

Müller-Crepon, Carl, Clara Neupert-Wentz, Andrej Kokkonen & Jørgen Møller. Rulers on the Road: Itinerant Rule in the Holy Roman Empire, AD 919–1519.

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> 2021-2023: Daniel Tate, Alice Yu 2020-2022: Tiril Rahn, Jonathan Seel 2020-2021: 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>	2023: University of Barcelona, IPErG* 2022: University College London*; University of Oxford & Nuffield College; London School of Economics and Political Science; Ohio State University 2021: University of Essex 2020: Border Science Exploratory Seminar (Harvard Radcliffe Institute); University of Washington in St. Louis 2019: Graduate Institute Geneva *upcoming
<b>Conferences</b>	APSA Annual Meeting (2017–2021); MPSA Annual Conference (2017, 2020); EPSA Annual Meeting (2019, 2022); 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 (2021-2022); 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, Research and Politics, Texas National Security Review, World Politics
<b>Languages</b>	English, German (mother tongue), Spanish, Swiss German, French
<b>Software</b>	R, Stata, Python, PostgreSQL, ArcGIS, QGIS