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Assistant Professor at the London School of Economics and Political Science

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

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

ETH Zurich, Switzerland Apr. 2015 – May 2019
PhD in Political Science
State Building, Development and Conflict in 20th 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

13. Müller-Crepon, Carl (2023). Building Tribes: How Administrative Units Shaped Ethnic Groups in Africa. *American Journal of Political Science*, accepted for publication.

12. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Guy Schvitz & Lars-Erik Cederman (2023). Shaping States into Nations: The Effects of Ethnic Geography on State Borders. *American Journal of Political Science*, accepted for publication.
11. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Guy Schvitz & Lars-Erik Cederman (2023). 'Right-Peopling' the State: Nationalism, Historical Legacies and Ethnic Cleansing in Europe, 1885-2020. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, accepted for publication.
10. Dill, Janina, Marnie Howlett & Carl Müller-Crepon (2023). At Any Cost: How Ukrainians Think about Self-Defense Against Russia. *American Journal of Political Science*, Early View.
9. Neupert-Wentz, Clara & Carl Müller-Crepon (2023). Traditional Institutions in Africa, Past and Present. *Political Science Research and Methods*, FirstView.
8. Lars-Erik Cederman, Luc Girardin & Carl Müller-Crepon (2023). Nationalism and the Puzzle of Reversing State Size. *World Politics*, 75(4), 692-734.
7. Müller-Crepon, Carl (2023). State Reach and Development in Africa since the 1960s: New Data and Analysis. *Political Science Research and Methods*, 11(3), 663-672.
6. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Yannick Pengl & Nils-Christian Bormann (2022). Linking Ethnic Data from 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

4. Cederman, Lars-Erik, Yannick Pengl, Luc Girardin & Carl Müller-Crepon. The Future is History: Restorative Nationalism and Conflict in Post-Napoleonic Europe. *International Organization*, revise & resubmit.
3. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Clara Neupert-Wentz, Andrej Kokkonen & Jørgen Møller. Rulers on the Road: Itinerant Rule in the Holy Roman Empire, AD 919-1519. *Under review*.
2. Pengl, Yannick, Carl Müller-Crepon, Roberto Valli, Lars-Erik Cederman & Luc Girardin. The Train Wrecks of Modernization: Railway Construction and Nationalist Mobilization in Europe. *Under review*.
1. Müller-Crepon, Carl. Indirect Rule, Cash Crop Production, and Development in Africa.

ONGOING RESEARCH

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

Müller-Crepon, Carl & Nils-Christian Bormann. How Ethnic Cleavages Divide Voters into Parties: New Methods and Evidence from Sub-Sahara Africa .

Dawson, Stephen, Felix Haass, Carl Müller-Crepon, & Aksel Sundström. Control through Conservation: The Ethnic Politics of Natural Protection in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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

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

SOFTWARE PACKAGES

cjRank: Ranking of attribute features and nested marginal means for conjoint experiments, in R

pspm: Estimation of Probabilistic Spatial Partition Models, in R

SpatialLattice: Setting up and handling spatial graph data, in R

LEDA: Linking Ethnic Data from Africa, in R

SIDE: Compositional spatial data on ethnicity, in R

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

John Fell Fund Grant (Co-PI; GBP 10'000)	Mar. 2022 – Aug. 2022
Imagined Cartographies: A Survey Experiment on Territorial Border Preferences	

Leverhulme Small Research Grant (GBP 9'939)	Sep. 2021 – June 2023
Cracking or Packing Ethnic Groups? The Colonial Design of Administrative Units in Sub-Saharan Africa	

Doc.CH grant (CHF 208'301)	Mar. 2016 – Sep. 2019
PhD grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation	

Doc.Mobility grant (CHF 12'760)	Feb. 2017 – Dec. 2017
Mobility grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation	

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
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ETH Zurich Master Scholarship (CHF 17'000)	Sep. 2013 – Mar. 2015
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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

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

Comparative Conflict Analysis

Fall 2022

London School of Economics and Political Science, (EG 4.4)

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)**Political Economy of Development and Conflict in Africa** (with Yannick Pengl)

Fall 2019

ETH Zurich, graduate course (EG 4.9)

Ethnic conflict from a political science perspective (with Yannick Pengl)

Summer 2017

German National Academic Foundation summer school, undergraduate course (EG 4.4)

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

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Kiel Institute for the World Economy

Mar. 2013 – July 2013

Research-internship on migration and development

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	<p>2023: University College London; University of Barcelona, IPerG; LSE African Political Economy and IR Seminars</p> <p>2022: University of Oxford & Nuffield College; London School of Economics and Political Science; Ohio State University</p> <p>2021: University of Essex</p> <p>2020: University of Washington in St. Louis</p> <p>2019: Graduate Institute Geneva</p>
Conferences	<p>APSA Annual Meeting (2017–2021); EPSA Annual Meeting (2019, 2022–2023); MPSA Annual Conference (2017, 2020); ISA Annual Convention (2016, 2022); Swiss Political Science Association (2017, 2020)</p>
Workshops	<p>Interdisciplinary Workshop on Identity and Politics (IAST/TSE, 2024)*; Conflict, Peace & Security Hub, University of Oxford (2023); Borders and Boundaries Conference University of Pennsylvania (2021); Border Science Exploratory Seminar (Harvard Radcliffe Institute, 2020); Empirical Peace and Conflict Research (2016, 2018); 3rd Witten Conference on Institutional Change (2016); European Network of Conflict Research (2015, 2016); graduate student workshops at ETH and Harvard University</p> <p>*upcoming</p>

OTHER

Co-Organizer	<p>LSE African Political Economy Seminar (2023–); LSE Political Science and Political Economy Seminar Series (2023–); Oxford IR Colloquium (2021–2022); Oxford DPIR Politics Research Colloquium (2021); Political Economy Seminar, ETH Zurich (2018); Conflict Colloquium, ETH Zurich (2018)</p>
Reviewer	<p>American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, 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, Journal of Politics, Nations and Nationalism, Political Geography, Political Science Research and Methods, Research and Politics, Texas National Security Review, World Politics</p>
Languages	<p>English, German (mother tongue), Swiss German, Spanish, French</p>
Software	<p>R, Stata, Python, PostgreSQL, ArcGIS, QGIS</p>

December, 2023