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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 20<sup>th</sup> century Africa and modern Europe.

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

University of Oxford, United Kingdom

July 2020 -

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

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. 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 (2021). Who Benefits? How Local Ethnic Demography Shapes Political Favoritism in Africa. *British Journal of Political Science*, *51*(4), 1582–1600.
- 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**

- 7. Müller-Crepon, Carl. Building Tribes: How Administrative Units Shaped Ethnic Groups in Africa.
- 6. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Guy Schvitz & Lars-Erik Cederman. Shaping States into Nations: The Effects of Ethnic Geography on State Borders.
- 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**

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**

**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 Ethno-Political Competition and Pre-Election Violence in Africa.

**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**

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)

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

## **SUPERVISION**

Master students University of Oxford

Tiril Rahn, Jonathan Seel, Teruki Takiguchi.

### 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 University College London\* (2022); Ohio State University\* (2022); University of Essex

(2021); Border Science (Harvard Radcliffe exploratory seminar; 2020); University of Wash-

ington in St. Louis (2020); Graduate Institute Geneva (2019)

\*upcoming

Conferences APSA Annual Meeting (2017–2021); MPSA Annual Conference (2017, 2020); EPSA An-

nual Meeting (2019); ISA Annual Convention (2016, 2022); Swiss Political Science Associ-

ation (2017, 2020)

Workshops Borders and Boundaries Conference University of Pennsylvania (2021); 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

# **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 Po-

litical Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, *Economic and Social Research Council*, Economic Systems, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Political Geography, Political Science Research and Methods, World Pol-

itics

Languages English, German (mother tongue), Spanish, Swiss German, French

**Software** R, Stata, Python, PostgreSQL, ArcGIS, QGIS