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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 beyond.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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<b>ETH Zurich</b> , Switzerland	July 2019–
Postdoctoral Researcher, International Conflict Research Group	
<b>Harvard University</b> , Cambridge MA, USA	Feb. 2020– Aug. 2021
Postdoctoral Visiting Researcher, Institute for Quantitative Social Science	

## EDUCATION

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<b>ETH Zurich</b> , Switzerland	Apr. 2015 – May 2019
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	
<b>Harvard University</b> , Cambridge MA, USA	Feb. 2017 – Dec. 2017
Economics Department Visiting Affiliate	
<b>ETH Zurich and University of Zurich</b> , Switzerland	Mar. 2015
MA in Comparative and International Studies (MACIS)	
<b>University of St. Gallen</b> , Switzerland	July 2012
BA in Economics & BA in International Affairs	
<b>Universidad de los Andes</b> , Bogotá, Colombia	Aug. 2011 – Feb. 2012
Exchange semester	

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Müller-Crepon, Carl (2020). Continuity or Change: (In)direct rule in British and French Colonial Africa. *International Organization*: forthcoming.

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*: forthcoming.

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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Müller-Crepon, Carl, Philipp Hunziker & Lars-Erik Cederman. Roads to Rule, Roads to Rebellion: Relational State Capacity and Conflict in Africa. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*: revise and resubmit.

Müller-Crepon, Carl. Sowing Hatred: Local Ethno-Political Competition and Pre-Election Violence in Majoritarian Elections. *Journal of Peace Research*: revise and resubmit.

Müller-Crepon, Carl, Yannick Pengl & Nils-Christian Bormann. Matching Ethnic Groups in Africa. *Journal of Peace Research*: conditionally accepted.

Müller-Crepon, Carl. Does Local State Capacity Foster Development in Africa? New Data and Analysis.

Müller-Crepon, Carl. Indirect Rule, Cash Crop Production, and Development in Africa, *under review*.

## ONGOING RESEARCH

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Müller-Crepon, Carl. Building Tribes: On the Administrative Origins of Ethnicity in Africa.

Hunziker, Philipp & Carl Müller-Crepon. Modeling the Partitioning of Geographic Space into Endogenous Units.

Müller-Crepon, Carl, Guy Schvitz & Lars-Erik Cederman. Ethnic Nationalism and the Shaping of European States.

Neupert-Wentz, Clara & Carl Müller-Crepon. Traditional Institutions in Africa, Past and Present.

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.

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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**Doc.CH grant** Mar. 2016 – Sep. 2019

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

**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 *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**

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**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

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

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**Research Assistant**

Mar. 2014 – Apr. 2015

With Prof. Lars-Erik Cederman and Prof. Katharina Michaelowa

**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**

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**Invited**

Border Science (Harvard Radcliffe exploratory seminar; 2020); University of Washington in St. Louis (2020); Graduate Institute Geneva (2019)

**Conferences**

APSA Annual Meeting (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020); MPSA Annual Conference (2017, 2020); EPSA Annual Meeting (2019, 2020); ISA Annual Convention (2016); Swiss Political Science Association (2017, 2020)

**Workshops**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>	Political Economy Seminar, ETH Zurich (2018); Conflict Colloquium, ETH Zurich (2018)
<b>Reviewer</b>	American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Organization, Journal of Peace Research
<b>Languages</b>	English, German (mother tongue), Spanish, French
<b>Software</b>	R, Stata, Python, PostgreSQL, ArcGIS, QGIS

**REFERENCES**

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