

# CARL MÜLLER-CREPON

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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 modern Europe.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

## EDUCATION

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

## 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*: 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

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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

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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

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**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

<b>Doc.CH grant</b> (CHF 208'301) PhD grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation	Mar. 2016 – Sep. 2019
<b>Doc.Mobility grant</b> (CHF 12'760) Mobility grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation	Feb. 2017 – Dec. 2017
<b>ETH Medal</b> Awarded for MA thesis entitled <i>Ethno-Political Competition and Pre-Election Violence in Africa</i> .	Dec. 2015
<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) Fellowship at the United Nation's Department for Economic and Social Affairs	Sep. 2012 – Feb. 2013
<b>Arthur Rich Award</b> (CHF 2'000) Awarded for excellent BA thesis on ethical issues at the University of St. Gallen	Mai 2013

## TEACHING

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<b>Research Design and Methods Practical Sessions</b> University of Oxford, MPhil International Relations, evaluation grade: 4.5 (5=best, 1=worst)	Fall 2020
<b>Thesis Seminar</b> (with Kalypso Nicolaïdis) University of Oxford, MPhil International Relations	Fall 2020
<b>The Development of the International System and Contemporary Debates in IR Theory</b> University of Oxford, MPhil International Relations core course, evaluation grade: 4.7 (5=best, 1=worst)	Fall 2020
<b>Undergraduate Tutoring</b> University of Oxford: Practice of Politics, evaluation grade: 5.0 (5=best, 1=worst); International Relations core course; International Security	Fall 2020–
<b>Political Economy of Development and Conflict in Africa</b> (with Yannick Pengl) ETH Zurich, graduate course, evaluation grade: 4.9 (5=best, 1=worst)	Fall 2019
<b>Ethnic conflict from a political science perspective</b> (with Yannick Pengl) German National Academic Foundation summer school, undergraduate course, evaluation grade: 4.4 (5=best, 1=worst)	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> Tiril Rahn, Jonathan Seel, Teruki Takiguchi.	University of Oxford
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## NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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**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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<b>Invited</b>	Border Science (Harvard Radcliffe exploratory seminar; 2020); University of Washington in St. Louis (2020); Graduate Institute Geneva (2019)
<b>Conferences</b>	APSA Annual Meeting (2017–2020); MPSA Annual Conference (2017, 2020); EPSA Annual Meeting (2019); ISA Annual Convention (2016); 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–); 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, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Organization, Journal of Peace Research, Political Geography, Political Science Research and Methods
<b>Languages</b>	English, German (mother tongue), Spanish, French
<b>Software</b>	R, Stata, Python, PostgreSQL, ArcGIS, QGIS

## REFERENCES

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