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Lecturer at the University of Oxford

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

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*, 59(2), 242–258.
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. 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

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

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 <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
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: <i>Practice of Politics</i> (EG 4.5); <i>International Relations core course</i> (EG 5.0); <i>International Security</i> (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
2021-2023: Daniel Tate, Alice Yu	
2020-2022: Tiril Rahn, Jonathan Seel	
2020-2021: 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 <i>weltwärts</i> -program of the German Development Service	

PRESENTATIONS

Invited	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
Conferences	APSA Annual Meeting (2017–2021); MPSA Annual Conference (2017, 2020); EPSA Annual Meeting (2019); ISA Annual Convention (2016, 2022); Swiss Political Science Association (2017, 2020)
Workshops	Borders and Boundaries Conference University of Pennsylvania (2021); Empirical Peace and Conflict Research (2016, 2018); 3 rd 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 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, World Politics
Languages	English, German (mother tongue), Spanish, Swiss German, French
Software	R, Stata, Python, PostgreSQL, ArcGIS, QGIS