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## Research interests

Political Violence and Armed Conflicts, Political Instability, International Conflict, Quantitative Methods, Computational Social Science, Prediction, Causal Inference

## Education

### Trinity College Dublin

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science  
Supervisor: Prof. Thomas Chadeaux

Dublin, Ireland  
09/2017–present

### University of Nottingham

M.A. in International Relations (Research Track)

Nottingham, United Kingdom  
09/2013–12/2014

### University of Mannheim

M.A. in Political Science  
B.A. in Political Science

Mannheim, Germany  
08/2012–09/2014  
08/2009–07/2012

## Publications

Oswald, Christian, Melanie Sauter, Sigrid Weber, and Rob Williams.<sup>1</sup> 2020. “[Under the Roof of Rebels: Civilian Targeting After Territorial Takeover in Sierra Leone.](#)” *International Studies Quarterly* 64(2): 295–305.

## Other writings

Oswald, Christian, Melanie Sauter, Sigrid Weber, and Rob Williams: [Civilian Victimization and Rebel Territorial Control in Sierra Leone.](#) *The Quantitative Peace*. 13 April 2020.

## Working papers

“Click, click boom: Using Wikipedia metadata to predict changes in battle-related deaths” *with Daniel Ohrenhofer* (revise & resubmit)

“The revolution will not be typewritten: Comparing topics among the three generations of the Red Army Faction”

“Margin of (t)error: Predicting terrorism in civil conflicts for theory building and improvement”

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<sup>1</sup>Equal authorship.

## Work in progress

“Caught up in the moment: The effect of changes in territorial control on the timing, location and intensity of state-based and one-sided violence in civil conflicts”

“Explaining the timing and location of terrorism in civil conflicts: The effect of conflict intensity on rebel tactics”

“Explaining variation in unintentional civilian casualties in civil conflicts” *with Oguzhan Turkoglu*

## Additional training

[Responsible Public Engagement Institute](#) University of Denver  
Direct engagement with policy actors, Disseminating research to policy audiences 2021

[ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research](#) University of Michigan  
Bayesian modeling I & II, Game Theory I & II 2018, 2019

[IQMR Summer Institute](#) Syracuse University  
Multi-method Research, Natural Experiments, Causal Models & Text Analysis 2019

[BIGSSS Computational Social Science Summer School on Conflict](#) Jacobs University  
Analyzing conflict dynamics at the event-level 2018

[EITM Europe Summer Institute](#) University of Mannheim  
Theoretical and methodological foundations 2014

[ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques](#) University of Vienna  
Panel Data Analysis 2014

## Teaching experience

International Conflict (PG), Instructor 09/2021–present

Contemporary International Relations (UG), Instructor 09/2021–present

Research Methods for Political Science (UG), Instructor 09/2021–present

International Relations (UG), Teaching Assistant 09/2018–08/2021

Introduction to Political Science (UG), Teaching Assistant 09/2017–08/2018

## Presentations

Society for Political Methodology (virtual) 07/2021

Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (virtual) 06/2021

European Political Science Association (virtual) 06/2021

PolMeth Europe (virtual) 03/2021

ViEWS Prediction Competition (virtual)	10/2020
Conflict Research Society, Brighton	09/2019
IQMR Summer Institute, Syracuse	06/2019
Peace Research Institute Oslo, Oslo	03/2018

## Scholarships & Honours

Scholarship for Political Science Research (ICPSR)	2019
NSF Open Pool Scholarship (IQMR)	2019
EITM Certification Scholarship (ICPSR)	2018
<a href="#">PRIO Research School on Peace &amp; Conflict</a> Member	03/2018–present
Ph.D. Scholarship (Department of Political Science)	09/2017–present
Associated Member of <a href="#">GESS CDSS</a> , University of Mannheim	09/2013–08/2014
Qualification Scholarship ( <a href="#">GESS</a> )	09/2013–08/2014
Erasmus Scholarship	01/2011–06/2011

## Grants

Trinity Trust & Department Travel Grants	2018, 2019
<a href="#">CDSS</a> Travel and Research Grant	06/2014
<a href="#">School</a> Student Fund	12/2013
ECPR Travel and Accommodation Grant	12/2013

## Research & work experience

Teaching Fellow, <a href="#">Department of Political Science</a>	09/2021–present
Teaching Assistant, <a href="#">Department of Political Science</a>	09/2017–08/2021
Research Assistant, <a href="#">CONIAS Risk Intelligence</a>	02/2015–08/2017
Junior Research Assistant, <a href="#">ICPVTR (RSIS, NTU Singapore)</a>	06/2013–09/2013
Research Assistant, <a href="#">Institute of Baltic Studies</a>	08/2011–09/2011
Student research assistant, <a href="#">MZES &amp; SFB 884 “Political Economy of Reforms”</a>	02/2010–01/2015

## Skills

Statistical software & programming: R, JAGS, Stan, Python, Stata, SPSS, Git, Markdown,  $\LaTeX$

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), Spanish & French (good), Russian & Estonian (basic)