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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   *Dublin, Ireland*
    Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science   09/2017–present
    Supervisor: Thomas Chadefaux

University of Nottingham   *Nottingham, United Kingdom*
    M.A. in International Relations (Research Track)   09/2013–12/2014

University of Mannheim   *Mannheim, Germany*
    M.A. in Political Science   08/2012–09/2014
    B.A. in Political Science   08/2009–07/2012

Publications

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

Other publications

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*

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

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[1]Equal authorship.

Work in progress

"Margin of (t)error: Predicting the onset and incidence of terrorism in civil conflicts"

"Explaining the timing and location of terrorism in civil conflicts: A causal inference approach with spatiotemporal event data"

"Explaining the location of escalating government violence in civil conflicts: A spatial instrumental variable approach"

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

Additional training

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 Relations, Teaching Assistant   09/2018–present
Instructor: Prof. William Phelan

Introduction to Political Science, Teaching Assistant   09/2017–08/2018
Instructors: Prof. Raj Chari, Dr. Emanuel Coman

Presentations

ViEWS Prediction Competition, Uppsala (virtual)   10/2020

Conflict Research Society annual meeting, 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
PRIO Research School on Peace & Conflict Member	03/2018–present
Ph.D. Scholarship (Department of Political Science)	09/2017–present
Associated Member of GESS CDSS, University of Mannheim	09/2013–08/2014
Qualification Scholarship (GESS)	09/2013–08/2014
Erasmus Scholarship	01/2011–06/2011

Grants

Trinity Trust & Department Travel Grants	2018, 2019
CDSS Travel and Research Grant	06/2014
School Student Fund	12/2013
ECPR Travel and Accommodation Grant	12/2013

Research & work experience

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science	09/2017–present
Research Assistant, CONIAS Risk Intelligence	02/2015–08/2017
Junior Research Assistant, ICPVTR (RSIS, NTU Singapore)	06/2013–09/2013
Research Assistant, Institute of Baltic Studies	08/2011–09/2011
Student research assistant, MZES & SFB 884 "Political Economy of Reforms"	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)