

# Christian Oswald

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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: 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* (under review)

“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”

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<sup>1</sup>Equal authorship.

## Work in progress

“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
<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 Assistant, <a href="#">Department of Political Science</a>	09/2017–present
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</a> & <a href="#">SFB 884 “Political Economy of Reforms”</a>	02/2010–01/2015

## Skills

Statistical software & programming: R, JAGS, Stan, Python, Stata, SPSS, Git, Markdown, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

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