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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.¹ 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 the onset and incidence of terrorism in civil conflicts”

¹Equal 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
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)