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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.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 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

[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 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

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

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| IQMR Summer Institute, Syracuse | 06/2019 |
| Peace Research Institute Oslo, Oslo | 03/2018 |

Scholarships & Honours

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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, L^AT_EX

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

Affiliations

European Political Science Association, Network of European Peace Scientists, Conflict Research Society, Society for Political Methodology