

# Joris Mueller

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<b>Fields</b>	Political Economy, Development Economics, Economic History	
<b>Current Position</b>	Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore	2022 –
<b>Education</b>	Ph.D., Economics, Northwestern University M.A., Economics, Northwestern University M.Sc., Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science B.A., Economics, University of Zurich Exchange Student, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand	2022 2018 2016 2014 2013
<b>Grants</b>	Academic Research Fund Tier 1 (conference), Ministry of Education Singapore Academic Research Fund Tier 1 (research), Ministry of Education Singapore Start-Up Grant, National University of Singapore Career Development Grant, Northwestern University Global Poverty Research Lab, Northwestern University	2024 – 2025 2023 – 2026 2022 – 2026 2021 2017 – 2019
<b>Fellowships &amp; Awards</b>	National Research Foundation Singapore Fellowship for 8 <sup>th</sup> Lindau Nobel Meeting Graduate Dissertation Fellowship, Northwestern University Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, Northwestern University Graduate Support Scheme, London School of Economics and Political Science	2025 2021 – 2022 2017 2015 – 2016
<b>Publications</b>	“The Domestic Political Economy of China’s Foreign Aid” <i>Review of Economics and Statistics</i> , <i>accepted</i> “State Building in a Diverse Society” (with Ruth Carlitz, Ameet Morjaria and Philip Osafo-Kwaako) <i>Review of Economic Studies</i> , <i>forthcoming</i> “The Intensifying Effects of Prolonged Climate Change on Conflict, 1400–1900 CE” (with Nancy Qian and Murat Iyigun) <i>AEA Papers and Proceedings</i> , Vol. 114, May 2024	
<b>Working Papers</b>	“Public Displays of Alignment: Firm Speech in Autocratic Regimes” (with Zi Yang Kang, Jaya Wen and Cheryl Wu) “The Long-Run Effects of Agricultural Productivity on Conflict, 1400–1900” (with Murat Iyigun, Nathan Nunn and Nancy Qian)	
<b>Work in Progress</b>	“Autocratic Capture of Development” (with Daniel Borbely, Mathias Bühler and Jonathan Norris) “Autocratic Soft Power: China in Hollywood” (with Ruben Durante, Karsten Müller, Carlo Schwarz and Chuyue Tian) “Autocratic Resource Extraction: China’s Global Mining” (with Paul Schaudt and David Kreitmeir)	

<b>Presentations, Discussions and Short-term Visits</b>	Oxford University, University College London / IFS, Queen's University Belfast (scheduled)	2026
	NBER Chinese Economy Working Group Meeting, China in the Global South –	2025
	Hong Kong-Kiel-Göttingen Workshop, CUHK, HKU, Harvard Business School, Heidelberg University, University of Stuttgart, University of St. Gallen, CSEF-IGIER Bocconi Symposium on Economics and Institutions, ABFER Conference, Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings	
	AASLE, AEA ASSA, GRIPS (Tokyo), Hitotsubashi University, China in the Global Economy – Kiel-Göttingen-CEPR Conference, Monash University, NUS, University of Tokyo, University of Melbourne, UNSW, Yokohama National University	2024
	ASMS, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Development; Political Economy), CESI HKUST, German Development Economics Conference, IFW Kiel, UniCatt Milan PE Workshop, University of Bern, University of Geneva, University of Fribourg, University of Lausanne, University of St. Gallen, University of Zurich, APCC, JADE-CEPR-TIME, NUS ARI, Swiss Economists Abroad Conference	2023
	AMES, Asian AEW, MIEDC, NASMES, NBER Chinese Economy Working Group Meeting, Boston University, Federal Reserve Board, HKU, NUS, NYU Shanghai, SMU	2022
	NEUDC, Northwestern University, Notre Dame (Devofest), University of Zurich, Swiss Economists Abroad Conference	2021
<b>Invited for Refereeing</b>	AEJ: Applied Economics, AEJ: Policy, Explorations in Economic History, German Research Foundation, Belgian National Fund for Scientific Research, Journal of Development Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of International Development, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Financial Studies, Journal of the European Economic Association, Review of International Organizations, World Development	
<b>Advising</b>	Orlando Betancourt Ramirez, Zehang Chen, Jingyuan Guo, Rita Wang, Naiqi Wang (all co-advisor; current); Yichen Guo (committee member; current)	2024 –
	Chuyue Tian (predoc; placement: Stanford GSB Economics PhD program)	
	Anoulat Sinthavy (main advisor; placement: IMF)	2022 – 2024
<b>Teaching</b>	Main instructor, National University of Singapore	2022 – 2026
	Empirical Methods in Applied Economics, PhD (x2)	
	Policy Impact Evaluation Methods, MA (x2)	
	Programming Tools for Economics, BA (x4)	
	Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University	2017 – 2021
	Statistical Decision Analysis, Executive MBA (x6)	
<b>Academic Service</b>	Practical Data Analytics with Advanced Methods, MBA	
	Econometrics, undergraduate (x2)	
	Law and Economics, undergraduate	
<b>Academic Service</b>	Organizer of the 1 <sup>st</sup> BREAD Asia Conference on Development Economics	2024
	Applied economics advising breakfast founder and organizer	2024 – 2025
	Applied economics seminar and brownbag lunch organizer	2022 – 2024
<b>Other Professional Experience</b>	Research Assistant, Prof. Nancy Qian, Northwestern University	2018 – 2021
	Embassy of Switzerland, Bangkok, Thailand	2015
	Academic graduate intern in the diplomatic section (full-time)	
	Finatris AG, Zurich, Switzerland	2014 – 2015
	Project manager in a financial technology start-up (part-time)	
	Dolder Corporate Finance, Zurich, Switzerland	2012 – 2013
	M&A project associate (part-time)	
	UBS, Zurich, Switzerland	2007 – 2011
	International Wealth Management talent development program (full-time)	