
Positions

Since Sep. 2021 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Germany, Independent research on digitalization and political inequality

June. 2022 - Dec. 2022: Parental leave

Jan. 2017 **Research Associate**, *University of St.Gallen, Comparative Politics Research Group, Switzerland*, Project: "Ownership of telecommunication companies and state control of the internet in authoritarian contexts" (PI: Tina Freyburg), funded by the Swiss Network for International Studies SNIS (2017/2018) and the University of St.Gallen (2019)

2016 **Research Assistant**, *German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv), Leipzig, Germany*, Project "Citizen Science" (PI: Aletta Bonn)

Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative politics, democracy, authoritarianism, political communication, Internet politics, Global South.

Education

Jan. 2017 **PhD in Political Science ('summa cum laude')**, *University of St.Gallen, International Affairs & Political Economy*, dissertation: 'Authoritarian Survival in the Digital Age. Internet Access and Control in African Autocracies', supervised by Tina Freyburg & Carl Henrik Knutsen

2013-2016 **MA in European Studies**, *University of Leipzig*, final grade: 1,2 (excellent), visiting student at École Normale Supérieure, Paris, master's thesis on droughts and migration, field research in Ethiopia

2010-2013 **BA in Political Science, minor in Economics**, *University of Freiburg*, final grade: 1,6 (very good)

Non-Degree (selection):

2019 **Technology and Regulation**, *Oxford Internet Institute*, Instructor: Joss Wright

2019 **Regression Analysis for Spatial Data**, *Global School in Empirical Research Methods, University of St.Gallen*, Instructors: Roland Füss & Zeno Adams

2018 **Regression Analysis I&II**, *Global School in Empirical Research Methods, University of St.Gallen*, Instructor: Timothy McDaniels

2017 **Time Series Analysis**, *Global School in Empirical Research Methods, University of St.Gallen*, Instructor: Sara McLaughlin Mitchell

Publications in peer-reviewed journals

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Lisa Garbe. Pulling through elections by pulling the plug: Internet disruptions and electoral violence in Uganda. *Journal of Peace Research*, (Online First), 2023.

Tina Freyburg, Lisa Garbe, and Véronique Wavre. The political power of internet business: A comprehensive dataset of Telecommunications Ownership and Control (TOSCO). *The Review of International Organizations*, 18(3):573–600, 2023.

Lisa Garbe, Lisa-Marie Selvik, and Pauline Lemaire. How African countries respond to fake news and hate speech. *Information, Communication & Society*, 26(1):86–103, 2023.

Lisa Garbe, Richard Rau, and Theo Toppe. Influence of perceived threat of Covid-19 and HEXACO personality traits on toilet paper stockpiling. *Plos one*, 15(6):e0234232, 2020.

Kathleen Hermans and Lisa Garbe. Droughts, livelihoods, and human migration in northern Ethiopia. *Regional Environmental Change*, 19:1101–1111, 2019.

Tina Freyburg and Lisa Garbe. Authoritarian practices in the digital age— Blocking the bottleneck: Internet shutdowns and ownership at election times in Sub-Saharan Africa. *International Journal of Communication*, 12:21, 2018.

Work in progress

Lisa Garbe, Nina McMurry, Alex Scacco, and Kelly Zhang. Who Wants to be Legible? Digitalization and Intergroup Inequality in Kenya. *R&R at Comparative Political Studies*, 2023.

Lisa Garbe, Seraphine F. Maerz, and Tina Freyburg. Who controls the Internet? ISP ownership structures and authoritarianism. *Work in Progress*, 2023.

Lisa Garbe, Elena Kromark, Tina Freyburg, and Joss Wright. Deterrence or Backlash? How Online Censorship Affects Offline Protest. *Work in Progress*, 2023.

Tina Freyburg, Lisa Garbe, and Joss Wright. Delegating censorship: Internet service providers' engagement in internet shutdowns. *Work in Progress*, 2023.

Policy Briefs and Other Publications

Lisa Garbe. Internet shutdowns: here's how governments do it. *The Conversation*, <https://theconversation.com/>, 2023.

Nic Cheeseman and Lisa Garbe. Digital democracy is still a long way off in Africa: it takes more than technology. *The Conversation*, <https://theconversation.com/>, 2020.

Lisa Garbe. What we do (not) know about internet shutdowns in Africa. *Democracy in Africa*, <https://democracyinafrica.org/>, 2020.

Tina Freyburg and Lisa Garbe. Blocking the Bottleneck. Internet shutdowns at election times in Sub-Saharan Africa. *The Open Technology Fund*, <https://www.opentech.fund/>, 2018.

Arthur Gwagwa and Lisa Garbe. Exporting Repression? China's AI push into Africa. *Council on Foreign Relations*, <https://www.cfr.org/>, 2018.

Book Chapters

Susanne Hecker, Lisa Garbe, and Aletta Bonn. The European citizen science landscape—a snapshot. In: *Hecker, S. and Haklay, M. and Bowser, A. and Makuch, Z. and Vogel, J. and Bonn, A., (eds.) Citizen Science - Innovation in Open Science, Society and Policy. UCL Press, Open Access, download here: <https://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/id/eprint/10066022/>*, 2018.

Datasets

Tina Freyburg, Lisa Garbe, and Véronique Wavre. Telecommunications Ownership and Control (TOSCO, V1.0), A new dataset on ownership of Internet infrastructure in Africa, 2000-2019, <https://tosco.shinyapps.io/data/>. *Telecommunication Ownership and Control (TOSCO) Project*, 2023.

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2024 **Digitalization, Development, and Democracy**, MA in Public Policy, Hertie School Berlin, elective seminar
- Fall 2020 **Strategies of Social Science Inquiry**, MA in International Affairs, University of St.Gallen, Tutorial in English (24h)
- Spring 2019 **Introduction to Quantitative Methods**, BA in International Affairs, University of St.Gallen, Tutorial in English (12h)
- Fall 2017 & 2018 **Introduction to Comparative Politics**, BA in International Affairs, University of St.Gallen, Tutorial in English and German (48h)

Fellowships and Awards

- 2022 **Award for the Best Dissertation in the Doctoral Programme in International Affairs (CHF 1.000)**, School of Economics and Political Science, University of St.Gallen
- 2019/2020 **Doc.Mobility grant, Research stay at the Oxford Internet Institute as visiting PhD researcher for 12 months (CHF 80.000)**, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)
- 2017 **Bucerius fellowship for field research in Uganda October/November 2018 (€ 3.000)**, German Zeit Foundation
- 2016 **Promos scholarship, Field research in Ethiopia February-April 2016 (€ 1.500)**, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Grants and Funded Projects

- Co-PI **EU Horizon Europe Project ‘The Long Arm of Authoritarian States. Suppressing Independent Voices Within and Beyond Their Borders (ARM)’**, funded by the EU, Principal Investigator: Lovise Aalen, Co-PI for Work Package 6 on ‘Identifying effects and developing toolkits’ with Gunhild Hoogensen, funding allocated to WZB: 239,425.00, overall funding: ca. 3,000,000), 2024-2026
- Participating Researcher **Agora Project ‘#FreeMyInternet. A Graphic Journey from Infrastructure to Shutdowns’**, funded by the Swiss National Fund (SNF), Principal Investigator: Tina Freyburg, 2020-2021

Academic Service

- Ongoing **Reviewing**, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Information Technology and Politics, International Political Science Review, International Journal of Communication, Journal of Modern African Studies, Government & Opposition
- On-Going **Member of the Works Council**, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
- 2019 **Peer Mentoring**, HSG student team QWERTY, participation in the annual Cyber Challenge in Geneva

Invited Talks

- Nov. 2023 **‘Deterrence or Backlash? How Online Censorship Affects Offline Protest’**, Hertie School Berlin, Germany
- Nov. 2021 **‘Delegating censorship: internet service providers’ engagement in internet censorship in Africa’**, University of Bergen, Norway
- Nov. 2021 **‘Uses and Abuses of Social Media’**, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Bergen, Norway
- Feb 2020 **‘Internet Infrastructure and Control’**, Brownbag Lunch Series, Oxford Internet Institute, UK

Organization of Workshops & Panels

- September 2023 **‘Digital Authoritarianism’**, Section, ECPR General Conference, together with Seraphine Maerz
- June 2019 **“Business and Human Rights in Africa and South-Asia: Network shutdowns and data disclosure requests under conflicting legal frameworks’**, Panel, RightsCon, Tunis, together with Isabel Ebert
- March 2019 **‘The Internet as a Research Tool: Bridging Politics and Technology in the Study of Internet Shutdowns’**, Research Workshop, International Studies Association, Toronto, together with Tina Freyburg and Veronique Wavre
- September 2018 **“Ownership matters! The political effects of ownership patterns across key infrastructures’**, Panel, German Political Science Association (DVPW) Annual Conference, Frankfurt, together with Tina Freyburg
- March 2018 **‘Internet Diffusion and its Political Effects in Authoritarian Contexts’**, Panel, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, Chicago, together with Tina Freyburg
- March 2017 **‘Telecommunication Politics in Authoritarian Contexts’**, Workshop, University of St.Gallen, together with Tina Freyburg and Veronique Wavre

Conferences

- 2023 **European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) Annual Conference**
- 2023 **Tinbergen Conference (NEPS)**
- 2019,2021,2022 **International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention**
- 2021 **European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Conference**
- 2018, 2020 **DVPW General Conference**
- 2019 **American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Convention**
- 2018 **Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Convention**
- 2018, 2021 **Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference**

2019 **GIGANET Conference**

2018 **Gig-Arts Conference**

Skills

Languages German (native), English, French, Spanish (fluent)
Computing \LaTeX , R (advanced), Python (beginner)

Academic Referees

Tina Freyburg, *Professor at the School of Economics and Political Science*,
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