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## Education

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- 2022 – . . . . . 📖 **PhD Candidate** at the University of Konstanz  
Graduate School of the Social and Behavioral Sciences  
Committee: Gabriele Spilker (*University of Konstanz*), Nils B. Weidmann (*University of Konstanz*), Jonas Vestby (*Peace Research Institute Oslo*)  
Thesis: *Between Vulnerability and Adaptation: The Political Dimensions of Environmental Risk*  
Submitted 09.01.2026, defending 24.03.2026
- 2020 – 2022 📖 **Master of Arts** in Politics and Public Administration with specialization in International Relations and European Integration (grade: 1.2)  
University of Konstanz, Department of Politics and Public Administration  
Thesis: *Reversing the Causal Arrow: The Nexus Between Armed Conflict and Natural Disasters*
- 2017 – 2020 📖 **Bachelor of Arts** in Political Science and Economics (grade: 1.3)  
Osnabrück University, Institute of Social Sciences  
Thesis: *The Impact of Droughts on the Political Trust in Africa.*
- 2015 – 2017 📖 **Law School** (passed the intermediate examination)  
Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg
- 2015 📖 **Abitur** (General Higher Qualification for University Entrance)  
Reformschule Kassel and Jacob-Grimm-Gymnasium Kassel

## Publications

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### Journal Articles







- [1] **Niklas Hänze** and Viktoria Jansesberger, “Does climate adaptation aid reach those most in need? Sub-national evidence from Philippine provinces,” *Political Geography*, vol. 125, p. 103 450, Mar. 2026, ISSN: 0962-6298. 🔗 DOI: 10.1016/j.polgeo.2025.103450.
- [2] Tim Wegenast, **Niklas Hänze**, and Roos Haer, “Women’s empowerment and climate adaptation: Does joint land ownership promote food security of households facing extreme weather events in Tanzania?” *Africa Spectrum* (conditionally accepted), 2026.
- [3] **Niklas Hänze**, “When conflict becomes calamity: Understanding the role of armed conflict dynamics in natural disasters,” *Journal of Peace Research*, vol. 62, no. 4, pp. 1030–1045, 2025. 🔗 DOI: 10.1177/00223433241265028.
- [4] Tim Wegenast, **Niklas Hänze**, Roos Haer, and Marcel Birulés, “The effect of traditional agricultural practices on the food consumption of households facing extreme weather events in Tanzania,” *Agriculture & Food Security*, vol. 13, no. 1, p. 56, 2024. 🔗 DOI: 10.1186/s40066-024-00512-1.
- [5] Alexander De Juan and **Niklas Hänze**, “Climate and cohesion: The effects of droughts on intra-ethnic and inter-ethnic trust,” *Journal of Peace Research*, vol. 58, no. 1, pp. 151–167, 2021. 🔗 DOI: 10.1177/0022343320974096.

### Select Works in Progress

- [1] William Favell and **Niklas Hänze**, “Social trust in a changing climate: The dual impact of environmental and conflict stressors,” *Under review*.
- [2] **Niklas Hänze**, “How natural disaster shape political institutions: Evidence from earthquakes and income tax introductions,” *Under review*.
- [3] **Niklas Hänze** and William Favell, “Unequal adaptation: The compounding effect of conflict on climate inequality,” *Working paper*.
- [4] **Niklas Hänze**, Viktoria Jansesberger, and Gabriele Spilker, “Localized disparities in climate finance: The sub-national allocation of mitigation and adaptation funds in least developed countries,” *Draft available at peio.me*.
- [5] Austin Beacham and **Niklas Hänze**, “Protecting against nature by protecting nature: Evidence from Europe on natural disasters and conservation,” *Draft available*.


## Professional Experience

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| 10/2022 – . . . . . |  <b>Independent Doctoral Fellow</b> at the Cluster of Excellence <i>The Politics of Inequality</i> at the University of Konstanz  |
| 02/2025 – 04/2025   |  <b>Visiting Researcher</b> at the <i>Peace Research Institute Oslo</i> (PRIO) and the <i>POLIMPACT</i> project of Halvard Buhaug   |
| 07/2021 – 03/2022   |  <b>Research Assistant</b> for Dr. Tim Wegenast at the Chair of International Politics at the University of Konstanz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preprocessing and analyzing spatial datasets</li> </ul>   |
| 01/2021 – 07/2021   |  <b>Research Assistant</b> at the Cluster of Excellence <i>The Politics of Inequality</i> in the project <i>Perceptions of Inequality in a Socialist Dictatorship: Evidence from the German Democratic Republic</i> at the University of Konstanz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systematic development of a coding scheme and coding of petitions of GDR citizens</li> </ul> |
| 04/2019 – 03/2020   |  <b>Research Assistant</b> for Prof. Dr. Alexander De Juan at the Chair of Comparative Politics at Osnabrück University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preprocessing, cleaning, and analyzing various complex datasets</li> </ul>   |
| 10/2019 – 12/2019   |  <b>Research Internship</b> at the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies for two months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a research proposal for a joint project with the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research to the German Research Foundation about climate change and armed conflict</li> </ul>  |

## Teaching Experience

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| 09/2025 - 12/2025 |  <i>Climate Change and (Spatial) Inequality</i><br>Bachelor and Master Seminar<br>University of Lucerne<br><i>Evaluation: 3.9/4</i> |
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## Teaching Experience (continued)

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- 09/2024 - 12/2024    ■ *Climate Change and (Spatial) Inequality*  
Master Seminar  
University of Lucerne  
*Evaluation: 3.5/4*
- 02/2024 - 02/2024    ■ *Applied Data Management for Social Scientists*  
KOMEX Course Tutorial  
University of Konstanz
- 10/2021 - 04/2022    ■ *International Relations and European Integration*  
Bachelor Tutorial  
University of Konstanz
- 04/2019 - 09/2019    ■ *Methods of Empirical Social Science Research*  
Bachelor Tutorial  
Osnabrück University

## Additional Academic Training

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- Summer 2024    ■ Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute  
At Emory University, Atlanta

## Awards

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- **In\_equality ECR Excellence Award 2024** by the Cluster of Excellence *The Politics of Inequality* for the article "When conflict becomes calamity: Understanding the role of armed conflict dynamics in natural disasters"
- **Christiane-Rajewsky-Price 2023** by the *German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies* (Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung) for the master thesis titled "Reversing the causal arrow: The nexus between armed conflict and natural disasters"

## Servive to the Discipline

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- Representative of the Early Career Researchers of the Cluster of Excellence *The Politics of Inequality* (year 2026)
- Co-organizer of the weekly PhD Brown Bag Seminar of the Department of Politics and Public Administration and the Cluster of Excellence *The Politics of Inequality*
- Reviewer for: *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Global and Planetary Change*

## Conference Participations

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- January 2026    ■ **The Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO)** 18th Annual Conference: Paper presentation

## Conference Participations (continued)

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	■ <b>Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA):</b> Paper presentation
June 2025	■ <b>Environmental Politics and Governance (EPG)</b> 11th Annual Conference: Paper presentation
May 2025	■ <b>Climate, Conflict and Inequality Workshop</b> with the <i>POLIMPACT</i> project from the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) and the University of Konstanz: Paper presentation
	■ <b>Virtual Workshop in Historical Political Economy. Annual Virtual Conference:</b> Paper presentation
April 2025	■ <b>CENTREPEACE Junior Scholar Symposium</b> at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO): Paper presentation
January 2025	■ <b>The Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO)</b> 17th Annual Conference: Poster presentation
September 2024	■ <b>Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW) (German Political Science Association) Kongress:</b> Paper presentation
June 2024	■ <b>Environmental Politics and Governance (EPG)</b> 10th Annual Conference: Poster presentation
April 2024	■ <b>In_equality Conference</b> Poster presentation
	■ <b>International Studies Association (ISA)</b> Annual Convention: Paper presentation
June 2023	■ <b>European Political Science Association (EPSA)</b> 13th Annual Conference: Paper presentation
March 2023	■ <b>Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (AFK)</b> (German Association for Peace and Conflict Research) Annual colloquium


## Research Interests


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- Security implications of climate change and international climate finance
- Political determinants and consequences of environmental impacts
- Causal inference, quantitative methods, spatial analysis

## **Skills**

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Software       R (Excellent knowledge)  
Stata (Excellent knowledge)  
Python (Proficient knoweldge)  
Latex (Excellent knowledge)  
Microsoft Office (Excellent knowledge)  
QGIS (Excellent knowledge)

Languages       English and German (Fluent)  
French (Proficient knowledge)