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Professional Experience

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| 01/2026 – | ■ Postdoctoral Researcher at the Chair <i>International Politics - Global Inequality</i> and the Cluster of Excellence <i>The Politics of Inequality</i> at the University of Konstanz |
| 10/2022 – 12/2025 | ■ Independent Doctoral Fellow at the Cluster of Excellence <i>The Politics of Inequality</i> at the University of Konstanz |
| 02/2025 – 04/2025 | ■ Visiting Researcher at the <i>Peace Research Institute Oslo</i> (PRIO) |

Education

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| 2022 – 2026 | ■ PhD Candidate at the University of Konstanz
Graduate School of the Social and Behavioral Sciences
Committee: Gabriele Spilker (<i>Universiy of Konstanz</i>), Nils B. Weidmann (<i>Universitiy of Konstanz</i>), Jonas Vestby (<i>Peace Research Institute Oslo</i>)
Thesis: <i>Between Vulnerability and Adaptation: The Political Dimensions of Environmental Risk</i>
All referee reports received, grade: "excellent (o.o)" (summa cum laude); defense will be held on March 24th 2026 |
| 2024 | ■ EITM (Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models) Summer Institute at Emory University, Atlanta |
| 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: <i>Reversing the Causal Arrow: The Nexus Between Armed Conflict and Natural Disasters</i> |
| 2017 – 2020 | ■ Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics (grade: 1.3)
Osnabrück University, Institute of Social Sciences
Thesis: <i>The Impact of Droughts on the Political Trust in Africa</i> |
| 2015 – 2017 | ■ Law School (passed the intermediate examination)
Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg |

Publications

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*.

Teaching Experience

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| 09/2025 - 12/2025 |  <i>Climate Change and (Spatial) Inequality</i>
Bachelor and Master Seminar
University of Lucerne
<i>Evaluation: 3.9/4</i> |
| 09/2024 - 12/2024 |  <i>Climate Change and (Spatial) Inequality</i>
Master Seminar
University of Lucerne
<i>Evaluation: 3.5/4</i> |
| 02/2024 - 02/2024 |  <i>Applied Data Management for Social Scientists</i>
Course Tutorial (PhD level)
University of Konstanz |
| 10/2021 - 04/2022 |  <i>International Relations and European Integration</i>
Course Tutorial (Bachelor level)
University of Konstanz |
| 04/2019 - 09/2019 |  <i>Methods of Empirical Social Science Research</i>
Course Tutorial (Bachelor level)
Osnabrück University |

Additional Professional Experience

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| 07/2021 – 03/2022 |  Research Assistant for Dr. Tim Wegenast at the Chair of International Politics at the University of Konstanz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preprocessing and analyzing spatial datasets |
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Additional Professional Experience (continued)

01/2021 – 07/2021

- **Research Assistant** at the Cluster of Excellence *The Politics of Inequality* in the project *Perceptions of Inequality in a Socialist Dictatorship: Evidence from the German Democratic Republic* at the University of Konstanz
 - Systematic development of a coding scheme and coding of petitions of GDR citizens

04/2019 – 03/2020

- **Research Assistant** for Prof. Dr. Alexander De Juan at the Chair of Comparative Politics at Osnabrück University
 - Preprocessing, cleaning, and analyzing various complex datasets

10/2019 – 12/2019

- **Research Internship** at the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies for two months
 - 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

Awards

- **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-Award 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"

Services to the Discipline

- 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

January 2026

- **The Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO)** 18th Annual Conference: Paper presentation
- **Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA)**: Paper presentation

June 2025

- **Environmental Politics and Governance (EPG)** 11th Annual Conference: Paper presentation

Conference Participations (continued)

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

Research Interests

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

Skills

- 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)