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Education

- 2022 – 📖 **PhD Candidate** at the University of Konstanz
Graduate School of the Social and Behavioral Sciences
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Gabriele Spilker
Thesis title: *The Circle of Natural Hazards and Vulnerability*
- 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

- 1 N. Hänze, “When conflict becomes calamity: Understanding the role of armed conflict dynamics in natural disasters,” *Journal of Peace Research*, vol. o, no. o, 2024. 📄 DOI: 10.1177/00223433241265028.
- 2 T. Wegenast, N. Hänze, R. Haer, and M. 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.
- 3 A. De Juan and N. 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.

Professional Experience

- 2022 – 📖 **Independent Doctoral Fellow**, at the Cluster of Excellence “The Politics of Inequality” at the University of Konstanz
- 2025 – 2025 📖 **Visiting Researcher** at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
- 2021 – 2022 📖 **Research Assistant** for Dr. Tim Wegenast at the Chair of International Politics at the University of Konstanz
- Preprocessing and analyzing spatial datasets


Professional Experience (continued)

- 2021 – 2021  **Research Assistant** at the Cluster 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
- 2019 – 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
- 2019 – 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

Teaching experience

- 09/2025 - 12/2025  *Climate Change and (Spatial) Inequality*
Seminar
University of Lucerne
- 09/2024 - 12/2024  *Climate Change and (Spatial) Inequality*
Master Seminar
University of Lucerne
- 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

- Summer 2024  Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute at Emory University, Georgia

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-Price 2023**, by the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies for the master thesis titled "Reversing the Causal Arrow: The Nexus Between Armed Conflict and Natural Disasters"

Peer Review Activities

- Journal of Conflict Resolution
- Journal of Peace Research
- Global and Planetary Change




Conference Participations

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| June 2025 | ■ Environmental Politics and Governance (EPG) 11th Annual Conference: Paper presentation |
| May 2025 | ■ Climate, Conflict and Inequality Workshop with the <i>POLIMPACT</i> 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) Kongress: Paper presentation |
| June 2024 | ■ Environmental Politics and Governance (EPG) 10th Annual Conference: Poster presentation |
| April 2024 | ■ 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 |



Conference Participations (continued)

March 2023  **Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (AFK) Award Ceremony**

Research Interests

-  Political determinants and consequences of environmental impacts
-  Armed conflict, international climate finance, social trust
-  Quantitative methods, causal inference, spatial analysis

Skills

Software	 R (excellent knowledge) Stata (good knowledge) Latex (excellent knowledge) Microsoft Office (excellent knowledge) QGIS (good knowledge)
Languages	 English and German (fluent) French (good knowledge)