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Education

- 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 title: *Between Vulnerability and Adaptation: The Political Dimensions of Environmental Risk*
- 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

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] **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.
- [3] 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.
- [4] 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] 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?” *Revise and resubmit.*

- [2] **Niklas Hänze**, “How natural disaster shape political institutions: Evidence from earthquakes and income tax introductions,” *Under review*.
- [3] William Favell and **Niklas Hänze**, “Social trust in a changing climate: The dual impact of environmental and conflict stressors,” *Draft available*.
- [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

- 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
- 2021 – 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
- 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*
Bachelor and Master Seminar
University of Lucerne
Evaluation: 3.9/4
- 09/2024 - 12/2024  *Climate Change and (Spatial) Inequality*
Master Seminar
University of Lucerne
Evaluation: 3.5/4

Teaching Experience (continued)

- 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, Atlanta

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"

Servive to the Discipline

- Representative of the Early Career Researchers of the Cluster of Excellence *The Politics of Inequality* (year 2026)
- 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)

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

Research Interests

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

Skills

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| Software | ■ R (Excellent knowledge)
Stata (Excellent knowledge)
Latex (Excellent knowledge)
Microsoft Office (Excellent knowledge)
QGIS (Proficient knowledge) |
| Languages | ■ English and German (Fluent)
French (Proficient knowledge) |