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EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Professor

Social Sciences Department, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Madrid, Spain

01/2025 - Present

Postdoctoral Fellow

Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences, ETH Zurich

Zurich, Switzerland

04/2024 - 12/2024

EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science

Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences, ETH Zurich

Zurich, Switzerland

10/2019 - 03/2024

- Thesis title: Whose state, whose nation? Explaining Uneven State Capacity in Latin America
- Committee: Prof. Lars-Erik Cederman (ETH), Dr. Manuel Vogt (UCL), Prof. Miguel Angel Centeno (Princeton)

Visiting Scholar

Department of Political Science, University College London

London, UK

04/2022 - 07/2022

MA Comparative and International Studies

Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences, ETH Zurich

Zurich, Switzerland

09/2017 - 09/2019

BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Lucerne

Lucerne, Switzerland

09/2014 - 06/2017

PUBLICATIONS

- **War Did Make States: Revisiting the Bellicist Paradigm in Early Modern Europe.** *International Organisation*, Spring 2023, 77(2): 324-362 (with Lars-Erik Cederman, Guy Schvitz and Luc Girardin.)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- **Engines of Progress: Nation-building and Railroad Construction in Latin America**
 - Presented at APSA 2023 (potential outlets: *IO*, *AJPS*, *LAPS*, *ISQ*)
- **Remnants of the Colonial Past: Ethnic Mobilization and Nation-Building in Latin America** (with Raul L. Madrid, Luis Schenoni and Guillermo Kreiman)
 - Presented at EPSA 2023 and APSA 2024 (potential outlets: *JPR*, *JCR*, *LAPS*)
- **The Return of Nationalist Geopolitics: Liberal Backsliding and Conflict** (with Lars-Erik Cederman, Luc Girardin, Andreas Juon, and Julian Wucherpennig)
 - Presented at APSA 2024 (potential outlets: *APSA*, *IS*)
- **Book manuscript: Whose state, whose nation? Explaining Uneven State Capacity in Latin America** (potential outlets: *CUP*, *OUP*)
- **Indigenous Plunder Raids and Local State Capacity in Argentina** (with Jorge Mangonnet, Christopher L. Carter and Federico Lombisano) (data collection stage)
- **Rethinking Rebellion: A Conceptual Introduction to the Latin American Revolts Dataset** (with Raul L. Madrid, Luis Schenoni and Guillermo Kreiman) (potential outlets: *JPR*, *ISQ*)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- **2025:** SPSA
- **2024:** APSA, Legacies Workshop (NTNU)
- **2023:** Annual Conflict and Change Conference (UCL), EPSA, APSA
- **2022:** American Historical Association (AHA), APSA
- **2021:** Poster session at APSA
- **2020:** Annual Conflict and Change Conference (UCL)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Lecture and Seminar: World Politics Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	Madrid, Spain Spring Term 2025
Guest lecture: Ethnic conflict and state development in Latin America (in Spanish) Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru	Lima, Peru (online) March 2024
Guest lecture: War in Chile and its internal consequences (in Spanish) Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	Santiago, Chile (online) May 2022
BA Seminar: Political Violence: Concepts, Causes and Consequences Department of Political Science, University of Zurich	Zurich, Switzerland Fall Term 2021
Tutorial: Political Economy (in German) Department of Political Science, University of Zurich	Zurich, Switzerland Spring Term 2018 and 2019

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant at Latin American Revolts Database University of Texas at Austin, University College London	Remote 07/2022-07/2023
Research Assistant at International Conflict Research Group Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences, ETH Zurich	Zurich, Switzerland 05/2018 - 09/2019
Research Assistant at Chair of Political Economy and Development Department of Political Science, University of Zurich	Zurich, Switzerland 09/2017 - 06/2019

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Reviewer at the *Journal of Peace Research*, the *Journal of Politics*, *Stosunki Międzynarodowe – International Relations*, and the *British Journal of Political Science*
- Discussant and Chair at EPSA 2023, discussant at the Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series

SKILLS

- **Languages**
 - Spanish (native): fluent in speaking, reading and writing
 - English (C1): fluent in speaking, reading and writing
 - German (C1): fluent in speaking, reading and writing
- **Software:** R, QGIS, LaTeX, Python, STATA