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Research Interests

Survey Experiments, Political Violence, Decolonisation, Ethnic Representation, Public Opinion, Foreign Policy and Democratisation in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Education

2022 - Pres	PhD Government at the University of Essex
2021 - 2022	MSc Conflict Resolution (Distinction) at the University of Essex
2018 - 2021	BA (1st Class Hons) International Relations at the University of Essex

Teaching Experience

10/25 - Pres	Senior Post Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Department of Political Science at UCL for the Policy Making module
01/24 - Pres	Senior Post Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Department of Political Science at UCL for the Politics and Policy in Practice module
07/25 - 08/25	Teaching Assistant in the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis for the course: Introduction to R Programming
07/24 - 08/24	Teaching Assistant in the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis for the course: Introduction to Quantitative Methods in R
07/23 - 08/23	Teaching Assistant in the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis for the course: Introduction to Quantitative Methods in R
01/23 - 06/23	Senior Post Graduate Teaching Assistant in Research Methods in the Department of Political Science at UCL for the Science, Scientific Discovery and Statistics module
01/23 - 06/23	Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Government at the University of Essex for the Violent Non-State Actors: Violence, Conflict and Crime module
09/22 - 01/23	Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Government at the University of Essex for the Conflict Analysis module
09/22 - 01/23	Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Government at the University of Essex for the International Institutions module

Research Experience

04/24 - 07/24	PhD Research Fellow at UNU-WIDER Helsinki under Dr Laura Saavedra-Lux
01/22 - 03/22	Research Assistant in the Conflict, Security, and Development Research Group at King's College London, assisting Dr Kseniya Oksamytna
11/21 - 09/22	Research Assistant in the Department of Government at the University of Essex, assisting Dr Florian Kern
05/21 - 06/21	Research Assistant in the Department of Government at the University of Essex, assisting Professor Sarah Shair-Rosenfield
11/20 - 09/21	Research Assistant in the Department of Language & Linguistics at the University of Essex assisting Professor Hannah Gibson

Research Projects

Publications

- 1 | Kern, F., Steinwand, M. & Diebire S. "How does government foreign policy reflect constituent attitudes in Africa? Comparative evidence on free movement and trade" in the Afrobarometer Working paper series (2025)
- 2 | Justino, P., Saavedra-Lux, L. & Diebire S. "Beyond Ukraine and Gaza: five consequences of overlooking other conflicts" in The Conversation (2024)

Work in Progress

- 1 | Diebire, S. "How does clientelism affect public support for democracy? Evidence from Burkina Faso" - Nominated for the Francesco Kjellberg Award
- 2 | Diebire, S. "Layers of Belief: A Hierarchical Model of Ideology in Africa"
- 3 | Diebire, S. "Are African Governments Representative of Women's Preferences on Free Movement and Free Trade?"
- 4 | Diebire, S. "Collateral Damage: A Comparative Analysis of Afrobeat Influence on African Politics"

Talks, Workshops and Conferences

2023	Presented Diebire, S. “How ethnic group membership affects post-revolutionary expectations of political leadership” Kern, F., Steinwand, M. & Diebire S. “How does government foreign policy reflect constituent attitudes in Africa? Comparative evidence on free movement and trade” papers at the European Conference on African Studies
2023	Invited to talk at the Afroconnect Transdisciplinary Seminars by the University of Sant’Anna Pisa on co-authored paper Kern, F., Steinwand, M. & Diebire S. “How does government foreign policy reflect constituent attitudes in Africa? Comparative evidence on free movement and trade”
2023	Presented Diebire, S. “How ethnic group membership affects post-revolutionary expectations of political leadership” paper at the International Studies Association Annual Conference
2022	Presented Diebire, S. “How ethnic group membership affects post-revolutionary expectations of political leadership” paper at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference

Software

Statistics	R
Markup	R Sweave, R Markdown, LaTeX
Survey Design	Qualtrics
Version Control	Git, Github
Front-end	HTML, Jekyll

Languages

Italian, Bissa, French, English

Courses

2023	Survey Methods in Migration Research at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
2023	2C Advanced Survey Data Analysis and Survey Experiments at the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis
2022	1N Methods for Fieldwork in Social Science at the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis

Awards

2025	Nomination for the Francesco Kjellberg Award for Outstanding Papers Presented by New Scholars at IPSA
2023	Early Career Mobility Grant by the Italian Society of Political Science - €400
2023	SeNSS Research Training Support Grant for ECAS Conference - £1,197
2022	University of Essex Conference Travel Grant - £900
2022	American Political Science Association - £400
2022	Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis Scholarship - £1,100
2022	SeNSS Research Training Support Grant for APSA Conference - £1,467
2021	South East Network for Social Sciences 1+3 Studentship
2021	University of Essex Undergraduate Excellence Scholarship
2021	University of Essex Big Essex Award Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum
2020	Academic Prize—Included in the Dean's List for Excellence
2020	International Student of the Year Award Grant - £2,500
2019	Dubai AYI Model United Nations Development Program Committee Outstanding Diplomacy Award

Professional Service

2019 - 2020	Black Students Community Officer Student Union Black Network, Student Union, University of Essex
2023 - Pres	Editorial Assistant for the Sentio Journal

Further Work Experience

2020 - 2021	Member of the Tackling Racism Working Group at the University of Essex, UK
2020 - 2021	Board Trustee for the University of Essex's Student Union, UK
2019 - 2020	Legal and Consular Affairs intern for Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Burkina Faso, Burkina Faso

References

My references are available on request