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Academic Postitions

Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow, European University Institute (EUI), 2025-2027.

Education

Ph.D., *Governance* (Dr. rer. pol., summa cum laude), Hertie School, 2021-2025.
   The Evidence Interface: How policymakers encounter, engage with, and make sense of
   scientific knowledge
   Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Simon Munzert

M.P.P., Master's in *Public Policy*, Hertie School, 2020.

B.A., *Political Science and Government* & *Sociology*, Stony Brook University, 2017.

Journal Articles (*peer reviewed*)

5. *Ramirez-Ruiz, Sebastian* and Roman Senninger. "Government policy documents across 185 countries largely cite Global North sources amid uneven accessibility" [Preprint] (In principle acceptance at *Nature Human Behaviour*)

4. *Ramirez-Ruiz, Sebastian*. (2024) "The unexpected results of the peace referendum changed conflict termination preferences in Colombia" *Research & Politics*, 11(1).

3. Munzert, Simon, *Sebastian Ramirez-Ruiz*, Andrew M. Guess, Pablo Barberá, and JungHwan Yang. (2022). "Who's Cheating on Your Survey? A Detection Approach with Digital Trace Data" *Political Science Research and Methods*, 12(2), 390-398.

2. Munzert, Simon, *Sebastian Ramirez-Ruiz*, Başak Çalı, Lukas F. Stoetzer, Anita Gohdes, and William Lowe. (2022). "Prioritization preferences for COVID-19 vaccination are consistent across five countries" *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, 9(1), 1-10.

1. Munzert, Simon and *Sebastian Ramirez-Ruiz*. (2021). "Meta-Analysis of the Effects of Voting Advice Applications" *Political Communication*, 38(6), 691-706.

Working Papers

· *Ramirez-Ruiz, Sebastian*. "Politicians from 12 countries rarely engage with researchers on social media, but this can change when expertise gains salience" [Preprint]

- "The Bundestag Expert Witness Tracker (BEWiT): A database of German Bundestag public expert hearings"
- Minetto, Francesca, *Sebastian Ramirez-Ruiz*, and Roman Senninger. "International institutions as evidence sources for the European Union"
- Munzert, Simon, *Sebastian Ramirez-Ruiz*, Oliver Watteler, Johannes Breuer, Veronika Batzdorfer, Christina Eder, and Deborah Wiltshire. "A framework for publishing combined web tracking and survey data." [Preprint]
- Global Social Media Experiment Manylabs. "Testing the Causal Impact of Social Media Reduction Around the Globe" (Colombia team leader) | In principle acceptance as Registered Report at *Nature*

Work in Progress

- "Measuring scientific evidence consumption literacy for public policy: Development and validation of the INSPIRE adaptive inventory" (in collaboration with Simon Munzert)
- "Examining the effects of social media reduction on democratic values and elections" (Project leader — Global Social Media Experiment Manylabs study)
- "Reproducibility across time: Using automated methods to assess stability and knowledge decay of political science findings" (in collaboration with Kevin Munger)
- "Mapping the online news environment: Leveraging survey and web-tracking data for audience networks"

Teaching and Research Experience

Instructor

*Automated Data Collection, June 2026
    European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy.

*Advanced Topics in Causal Inference, April 2026
    European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy.

Introduction to R Programming, Aug 2025
    Hertie School (DS3), Berlin, Germany.

Data Science and Evidence-Based Policymaking, Jun 2024
    GIZ/Hertie School, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Data Management for the Public Sector, May 2024
    GIZ/Hertie School, Berlin, Germany.

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Data Science, Hertie School
    Fall 24.

Causal Inference and Statistical Modeling, Hertie School
  Spring 25, Spring 24, Fall 23, Spring 23, Spring 22, Spring 21, Fall 20, Spring 20.

World Politics, Stony Brook University
  Fall 16.

Research Assistant

Pre-doctoral Research Associate, Hertie School (Jun 2020-Jul 2021)
  - "Media Exposure and Opinion Formation in an Age of Information Overload"
    (Simon Munzert, Pablo Barberá, Andrew Guess, JungHwan Yang | Volkswagen Stiftung)
  - "Comparative Legislators Database"
    (Sascha Göbel, Simon Munzert)
  - "Global Preferences for Online Hate Speech Regulation"
    (Simon Munzert, Richard Traunmüller, Lisa Oswald, Julia Ellingwood | Facebook)

Research Assistant to Prof. Slava Jankin Mikhaylov, Hertie School (Sep 2019-May 2020)

Research Assistant to Prof. Simon Munzert, Hertie School (Sep 2019-May 2020)

Professional Experience

Program Assistant - Consultant (Jan 2018-May 2018)
  Malteser International Americas, New York, US.

Advisor (Sep 2017-May 2018)
  Permanent Mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the UN, New York, US.

Diplomatic Intern (Jan 2017-Aug 2017)
  Permanent Mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the UN, New York, US.

Presentations

2025: Leibniz Open Science Day 2025: "Better Science for Better Policies" (Berlin, DE).
2024: Aarhus University (Aarhus, DK), EPSA (Cologne, DE), Berlin-Brandenburg Political Behavior Workshop (Berlin, DE).
2023: CIVICA Political Behavior and Institutions Conference (Berlin, DE), Hertie School Political Economy Lunch Seminar (Berlin, DE).
2022: Media Exposure and Opinion Workshop (Princeton, US), CIVICA Data Science Days (Florence, IT), EPSA (Prague, CZ), PolMeth Europe (Hamburg, DE), Latin American Peace Science Society Annual Conference (Remote).
2021: AFK-Empirical Peace and Conflict Workshop (Berlin, DE).

Certificates

Introduction to Teaching in Higher Education, *Hertie School* (Jan 2020)

Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation: Project Management for the UN, Government, and NGOs, *New York University* (Sep 2017-May 2018)

Grants and Honors

Max Weber Fellowship.
Hertie School Faculty Activity Fund (FAF).
Hertie Doctoral Stipend.
DAAD - Colfuturo Scholarship.
Provost Award for Academic Excellence - Stony Brook University.
Colombian Education Fund Scholarship.
SUNY Empire State Diversity Honors Scholarship.

Programming skills

R, LaTeX, Git, HTML, CSS	*Advanced*
Python, Julia, JS, SQL	*Intermediate*
C++, Bash/Shell scripting	*Basic*

Languages

Spanish, English	*Proficient*
Italian	*Advanced* (C1)
German	*Basic* (A2)

Service

Review for academic journals: *Journal of Politics*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Research & Politics*, *Scientific Data*, *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*

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