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Education

Ph.D., *Governance*, Hertie School, 2021-Present.

Research Evidence, Scientific Reasoning, and Policy Decisionmakers

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 Publications

4. Sebastian Ramirez-Ruiz. (2024) "[The unexpected results of the peace referendum changed conflict termination preferences in Colombia](#)" *Research & Politics*
3. Simon Munzert, 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*.
2. Simon Munzert, 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*.
1. Simon Munzert and Sebastian Ramirez-Ruiz. (2021). "[Meta-Analysis of the Effects of Voting Advice Applications](#)" *Political Communication*.

Working Papers

- "Politicians from 12 countries rarely engage with researchers on social media, but this can change when expertise gains salience" [[Preprint](#)]
- "A framework for publishing combined web tracking and survey data." (in collaboration with Simon Munzert, Oliver Watteler, Johannes Breuer, Veronika Batzdorfer, Christina Eder, and Deborah Wiltshire) [[Preprint](#)]
- "Policy documents across 185 countries predominantly rely on evidence from the Global North" (in collaboration with Roman Senninger)
- "The Bundestag Expert Witness Tracker (BEWT): A database of German Bundestag public expert hearings"

- "Measuring scientific reasoning for public policy: Development and validation of an adaptive inventory" (in collaboration with Simon Munzert)
- "Mapping the Online News Environment: Leveraging survey and web-tracking data for audience networks"

Teaching and research experience

Instructor

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

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

Teaching assistant

Introduction to Data Science, Hertie School
Fall 2024.

Causal Inference and Statistical Modeling, Hertie School
Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020.

World Politics, Stony Brook University
Fall 2016.

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)
- "Global Preferences for Online Hate Speech Regulation"
(Simon Munzert, Richard Traunmüller | 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

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: CIVICA Data Science Days (Florence, IT), EPSA (Prague, CZ), PolMeth Europe (Hamburg, DE), Media Exposure and Opinion Workshop (Princeton, US), 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

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

Python, JS, SQL

C++

Advanced

Intermediate

Basic

Languages

Spanish, English

Italian

German

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Service

Review for academic journals: *Journal of Politics*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Research & Politics*, *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*

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