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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Hertie School, Berlin

Oct 2019–

Postdoctoral research fellow & data scientist

Hertie School Data Science Lab & SCRIPTS Data and Methodology Center

EDUCATION

University of Southern California, Los Angeles

defended Sep 2019

Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations

Dissertation *Perspectives on state capacity and the political geography of conflict* uses computational methods to understand spatial and temporal dynamics of actor behavior in conflict zones. Chair: P. James

Methodology certificate (2015): Completion of courses in advanced statistical analysis, research design, causal inference, data visualization, introductory and advanced machine learning, Python programming

University of Southern California, Los Angeles

2015

M.A. in Economics

Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

2013

Diplom Degree in Political Science (B.A. and M.A. equivalent)

Duke University, Durham

2010–2011

Non-degree exchange program

Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera, Valencia, Spain

2010

Non-degree exchange program

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles

- [1] Bread before guns or butter. Introducing Surplus Domestic Product (with Christopher Fariss and Jonathan Markowitz). In *International Studies Quarterly*. Forthcoming.
- [2] Moral Hazard: German Public Opinion on the Greek Debt Crisis (with Brian Rathbun and Kathleen Powers). In *Political Psychology*. 2018.

Book chapters

- [3] "In Defeat, Defiance": Churchill in Words (1935–1939) and in Deeds (1940) (with Brian Rathbun). In *Reasoning of State: Realists, Romantics and Rationality in International Relations*. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press. 2019.

Conference proceedings

- [4] Measuring territorial control in civil wars using Hidden Markov Models: A data informatics-based approach (with Hong Xu, Cheng Cheng, and T. K. Satish Kumar). In *Proceedings of the NIPS 2017 Workshop on Machine Learning for the Developing World*. 2017.

UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

Under review

- [1] Territorial control in civil wars: Theory and measurement using machine learning. Revise & resubmit at *Journal of Peace Research*.
 - Winner of Kenneth E. Boulding Award of the International Studies Association Peace Studies Section 2018
- [2] Deportation, Crime, and Victimization (with Sandra Rozo and Steven Raphael). Revise & resubmit at *Journal of Population Economics*.
 - Nominated for Juan Luis Londoño Prize at the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association meeting 2017
- [3] New Estimates of Over 500 Years of Historic GDP and Population Data (with Christopher Fariss and Jonathan Markowitz).

Working papers

- [4] How does Insecurity Affect Government Welfare Spending? Insights from Colombian Municipalities.
- [5] Estimating conflict exposure from event data.
- [6] Strategic compassion: The determinants of international emergency aid after natural disasters (with Thomas Jamieson).
- [7] Measuring Power Projection (with Jonathan Markowitz, Megan Becker, Jacob Tucker, and Lauren Cholakian).

AWARDS

2018 Kenneth E. Boulding Award for best student paper, ISA Peace Studies Section
2016 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ISA West Conference
2015 Essay Competition Winner, USC Center for International Studies
2014 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ISA West Conference

TEACHING

Director of Research and Training	USC Security and Political Economy (SPEC) Lab
<i>Developed curriculum for data science training of graduate & undergraduate RAs</i>	2016–2017
Participant in instructor training	RStudio
<i>Data science pedagogy for diverse student groups</i>	July 2019

As instructor

Data Science Workshop Series for faculty and postdoctoral fellows	Hertie School
<i>Co-organizer & instructor</i>	Jan–May 2020
Advanced data visualization in R for Ph.D. students	Summer Methods School, Florida State University
<i>3 four-hour sessions</i>	May 2019
Math and quantitative methods for social science Ph.D. students	USC
<i>Four-day course</i>	Aug 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016
Introduction to \LaTeX for Ph.D. students	USC
<i>Two-hour workshop</i>	Feb 2018, Apr 2016
Maps in R for Ph.D. students	USC
<i>Two-hour workshop</i>	Apr 2017

Data visualization in R <i>2 two-hour lecture & lab series</i>	USC Apr 2017
Data management in R <i>6 two-hour lecture & lab series</i>	USC Fall 2016
Introduction to R <i>2 two-hour sessions & lab series</i>	USC Mar 2016
As teaching assistant	
Math and quantitative methods for social science Ph.D. students <i>Four-day course</i>	USC Aug 2015

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2019 USC Graduate School Summer Research and Writing Grant
 2018 USC Center for International Studies Graduate Student Research Grant (with Thomas Jamieson)
 2018 PolMeth XXXV National Science Foundation (NSF) travel grant
 2018 Visions in Methodology (VIM) NSF conference participation travel grant
 2017 Peace Science Society travel grant
 2017 APSA travel grant
 2017 ISA travel grant
 2013–2018 USC Winifred Greenleaf Allen Fellowship (tuition and stipend)
 2013–2018 USC Dornsife Doctoral Fellow stipend
 2013 McGill Graduate Excellence Fellowship (declined).
 2012 Internship grant by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
 2010–2011 Fellowship by Freie Universität Berlin and Duke University (tuition and stipend)
 2010–2011 Scholarship by the DAAD (stipend)
 2010–2011 Ernst-Reuter Fellowship of the Ernst-Reuter Society of the FU Berlin (stipend)
 2010 Fulbright Travel Grant (declined)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

New Faces in Political Methodology XI Conference (Penn State University)	2019
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

rstudio::conf	2020
Society for Political Methodology Europe	2020
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth) Annual Meeting	2018
Peace Science Society International North American Meeting	2017, 2018
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting	2017, 2018, 2019
USC Center for International Studies Working Paper Series	2018

Neural Information Processing Systems Workshop <i>Machine Learning for the Developing World</i>	2017
ISA West Annual Meeting	2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
USC Conference <i>Political Economy and Power Projection</i>	2016

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

PSS Workshop “Measuring and Conceptualizing Rebel Governance” <i>Invited participant</i>	Kansas State University Nov 2019
Visions in Methodology (VIM) conference <i>Invited participant</i>	Ohio State University May 2018
Dornsife Ph.D. Academy <i>Invited panelist</i>	USC Nov 2018, Sep 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RStudio <i>Software engineering intern</i>	May–Aug 2019 <i>Remote</i>
Developed open source software solutions for peer review in data science classes via the <code>ghclass</code> R package	
Research Center SFB 700 “Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood” <i>Student Assistant to the Management</i>	2011–2013 <i>Berlin, Germany</i>
Managed the center’s professional and academic development program for doctoral students. Organized presentations, receptions, and workshops in the U.S. and Germany.	
German Embassy <i>Intern, Political Department</i>	Summer 2012 <i>Washington D.C., USA</i>
Wrote policy briefs for embassy staff.	
German Council on Foreign Relations <i>Intern, Transatlantic Relations Program</i>	Spring 2012 <i>Berlin, Germany</i>
Authored policy reports and press analyses. Conducted data base management.	
Deutscher Bundestag (German Parliament) <i>Student Assistant to Member of Parliament</i>	2008–2009 <i>Berlin, Germany</i>
Authored policy dossiers and press reviews.	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Jonathan Markowitz (USC Center for International Studies)	2016–2019
Research Assistant to Brian Rathbun (USC Center for International Studies)	2014–2015
Research Assistant to Stacy Smith (USC Annenberg Inclusion Initiative)	2014

SERVICE

Executive Board Student Representative for ISA West (2015–2017)

Discussant, APSA panel “Territorial Control and Conflict Dynamics in Civil Wars” (August 2018)
 Discussant, USC conference “The Political Economy of Security” (January 2018)
 Discussant, USC CIS Working Paper Series (October 2018, November 2017, February 2016, September 2015, April 2015)
 Ad hoc reviewer for *Foreign Policy Analysis*

SOFTWARE

R	Functional programming & package development Statistical analysis Machine learning Data management (<code>tidyverse</code>) Advanced data visualization (<code>ggplot2</code>) Spatial analysis (<code>sf</code>) Bayesian modeling (<code>rstan</code>) Natural language processing Web scraping
Large scale computing	High-Performance Computing (USC) Amazon Web Services Elastic Compute Cloud RStudio Cloud
Stata	Data management, analysis, and visualization
Python	Text analytics, data management (<code>pandas</code>), SQLite
Other	\LaTeX Adobe Illustrator

LANGUAGES

German (native), English (excellent), Spanish (intermediate), French (basic)

REFERENCES

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