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positions

Postdoctoral research fellow, School of Economics and Political Science, University of St.Gallen, Switzerland, August 2023–present.
Postdoctoral research fellow, Global Development Policy Center, Boston University, September 2022–July 2023.

education

Ph.D., International Relations, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, December 2022.
• Dissertation: “Deliberation in the shadow of delegation: Evidence from IMF decision-making.”
• Supervisors: Prof. Thomas Risse, FU Berlin; Prof. Christina J. Schneider, UC San Diego.
M.Phil., Sociology, University of Cambridge, UK, July 2017.
Graduate Diploma, Economics, University of Cambridge, UK, June 2016.
B.Sc., Business Administration, Kalaidos University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland, April 2015.

publications

Journal articles

- Merling, L. & Forster, T., 2024. “Climate policy at the IMF: No voice for the vulnerable?” *Global Policy* 15(3): 539–553.
- Forster, T., 2024. “Respected individuals: When state representatives wield outsize influence in international organizations.” *International Affairs* 100(1): 261–281.
- Forster, T. & Heinzl, M., 2021. “Reacting, fast and slow: How world leaders shaped government responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.” *Journal of European Public Policy* 28(8): 1299–1320.
- Forster, T., Kentikelenis, A.E., Stubbs, T.H. & King, L.P., 2020. “Globalization and health equity: The impact of structural adjustment programs in developing countries.” *Social Science & Medicine* 267.
- Forster, T., Kentikelenis, A.E., Reinsberg, B., Stubbs, T.H. & King, L.P., 2019. “How structural adjustment programs affect inequality: A disaggregated analysis of IMF conditionality, 1980–2014.” *Social Science Research* 80: 83–113.

Book chapters

- Forster, T., Stubbs, T.H. & Kentikelenis, A.E., 2024. "Neoliberalism and health in global context: The role of international organizations" in *The Routledge handbook of the political economy of health and healthcare*, edited by D. Primrose, R.D. Loepky, and R. Chang. London and New York: Routledge, 154–165.
- Forster, T., Stubbs, T.H. & Kentikelenis A.E., 2022. "The politics of the International Monetary Fund" in *Handbook on the politics of international development*, edited by M. Deciancio, P. Nemiña, and D. Tussie. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing, 376–391.

Select other publications

- Doyle, K., Forster, T., Kentikelenis, A.E., Legido-Quigley, H. & Torrecilla, M., 2019. "Reducing health inequalities: The role of civil society." Brussels and Dublin: Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and Think-tank for Action on Social Change (TASC).
- Forster, T. & Kentikelenis, A.E., 2019. "Austerity and health in Europe: Disentangling the causal links." *European Journal of Public Health* 29(5): 808–809.
- Forster, T., Kentikelenis, A.E. & Bambra, C., 2018. "Health inequalities in Europe: Setting the stage for progressive policy action." Brussels and Dublin: Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and Think-tank for Action on Social Change (TASC).

select works
in progress

Book manuscript

- Forster, T., *In preparation*. "Arguing in international organizations: Why and how it matters."

Articles

- Forster, T., Honig, D. & Kentikelenis, A.E., *Revise & resubmit*. "Formal governance matters: when, how, and why states act on the IMF Executive Board."
- Forster, T., *Revise & resubmit*. "Home advantage: headquarters of international organizations and earmarked funding."
- Forster, T., *Under review*. "Deliberative negotiation in the International Monetary Fund."
- Forster, T., Bhandary, R.R. & Gallagher, K.P., *Under review*. "The International Monetary Fund and deforestation: analyzing the environmental consequences of conditional lending."
- Forster, T., Kentikelenis, A.E. & Seabrooke, L., *In preparation*. "Board games: How states pursue preferences in international organizations."
- Forster, T., *In preparation*. "Selective responses to the climate crisis: International financial institutions and strategic ignorance."

Forster, T. & Heinzl, M., *In preparation*. “Why do civil society organizations lobby intergovernmental organizations? Evidence from a global field experiment.”

**select
presentations**

International Studies Association (ISA): Montreal 2023; San Francisco 2024.
 Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO): Bern 2017; Oxford 2022; San Diego 2023; Stockholm 2024; Cambridge, MA 2025 (scheduled).
 European Political Science Association (EPSA): Belfast 2019; virtual 2021; Prague 2022.
 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference: virtual 2020; virtual 2021; Innsbruck 2022; Prague 2023; Dublin 2024.
 Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA): St.Gallen 2024; Geneva 2025 (scheduled).
 German Political Science Association (DVPW): Göttingen 2024.

**grants, prizes
& awards**

Freie Universität Berlin: “Ernst-Reuter-Preis” for best dissertation in the social sciences, 2023, EUR 10,000.
 Global Development Policy Center, Boston University: Funding for a global field experiment to study why non-governmental organizations lobby international organizations, 2023, ca. USD 4,500 (together with Mirko Heinzl).
 Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies (BGTS), Freie Universität Berlin: Various travel stipends, 2022, ca. EUR 1,500.
 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): Graduate studies scholarship, Freie Universität Berlin, 2018–2022, ca. EUR 60,000.

**teaching
& research
assistance**

Teaching
 “International organizations in an age of disorder” (with Prof. Bernhard Reinsberg), one-week summer academy of the German Scholarship Foundation, Saint Jorioz, France. September 2024.
 Lecture and exercise class, “Introduction to text analysis in R”, as part of the course “Advanced Methods and Problem Solving in International Business and Politics”, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark. February 2021 (virtual).
 Teaching assistance, “Advanced Statistics: Statistical Modeling and Causal Inference” (Prof. Mark Kayser), Hertie School, Germany. September–December 2019.

Research assistance

Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, UK. Project “Capitalism in Society” (Prof. Karthik Ramanna). April 2017–December 2018.
 Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge, UK. Project “IMF Lending & Socio-Economic Development” (Prof. Lawrence P. King). July–August 2016.

service to the profession	<p><i>Select reviewer activities</i></p> <p>Review of International Organizations (RIO); International Studies Quarterly (ISQ); Review of International Political Economy (RIPE); Regulation & Governance; Social Science Research (SSR); Globalization & Health (G&H); Social Science & Medicine (SSM); PLOS One.</p> <p><i>Conference organization</i></p> <p>Organizer of Section “21st century international organizations: Between problems and policies” for the General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Dublin, August 2024 (together with Aila Trasi).</p> <p>Co-organizer of the Junior International Organizations (IOs) Scholars workshop, virtual, Spring 2024.</p>
research methods training	<p>Social Network Analysis: Global School in Empirical Research Methods, University of St.Gallen, Switzerland, virtual, June 2021.</p> <p>Natural Language Processing: Hertie School, Germany, February–May 2019.</p> <p>Applied Machine Learning: Hertie School, Germany, February–May 2019.</p> <p>Text and Data Mining: University of Essex Summer School, UK, August 2019.</p> <p>Introductory Econometrics, LSE Summer School, UK, July 2014.</p>