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research interests

International Political Economy; International Organizations; Deliberation; Public Health; Leadership; Crises; Text-as-Data.

education

Ph.D. Candidate, International Relations, Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, since September 2018 (exp. September 2022).

Dissertation: *Deliberation in the shadow of power: Evidence from the International Monetary Fund.*

Supervisors: Prof. Thomas Risse, FU Berlin; Prof. Christina J. Schneider, UC San Diego

M.Phil., Sociology, University of Cambridge, UK, July 2017.

Dissertation: *How structural adjustment programs affect income inequality: A disaggregated analysis of IMF conditionality, 1980—2014.*

Graduate Diploma, Economics, University of Cambridge, UK, June 2016.

B.Sc., Business Administration, Kalaidos University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland, April 2015.

publications

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Forster, T., and M. Heinzel. 2021. “Reacting, fast and slow: How world leaders shaped government responses to COVID-19.” *Journal of European Public Policy* 28(8): 1299—1320.

Forster, T., A. Kentikelenis, T. Stubbs, and L. King. 2020. “Globalization and health equity: The impact of structural adjustment programs in developing countries.” *Social Science & Medicine* 267.

→ Coverage in [The Lancet Planetary Health](#).

→ Over 1,500 posts on social media (Twitter and Facebook) on the findings.

Forster, T., A. Kentikelenis, T. Stubbs, B. Reinsberg, and L. King. 2019. “How structural adjustment programs affect inequality: A disaggregated analysis of IMF conditionality, 1980—2014.” *Social Science Research* 80: 83—113.

→ 3rd most cited article published in the past 3 years in *Social Science Research*.

→ Cited in the UN Human Rights Council’s 2020 “[Report of the Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights](#).”

→ Over 1,500 posts on social media (Twitter and Facebook) on the findings.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Forster, T., T. Stubbs, and A. Kentikelenis. 2022. "The politics of the International Monetary Fund" in *Handbook on the politics of international development*, eds. M. Deciancio, P. Nemiña, and D. Tussie. Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Forster, T., T. Stubbs, and A. Kentikelenis. Forthcoming. "Neoliberalism and health in global context: The role of international organizations" in *Handbook for the political economy of health and healthcare*, eds. R. Chang, D. Primrose, and R. Loepky. Routledge.

POLICY REPORTS

- Hadji-Lazaro, P., S. Quorning, T. Fröhlich, H. Theine and T. Forster. 2022. "Taking the Temperature of the European Green Deal." Brussels: Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS).
- Doyle, K., T. Forster, A. Kentikelenis, H. Legido-Quigley and M. Torrecilla. 2019. "Reducing health inequalities: The role of civil society." Brussels: Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) & Think-tank for Action on Social Change (TASC).
- Forster, T., A. Kentikelenis, and C. Bambra. 2018. "Health inequalities in Europe: Setting the stage for progressive policy action." Brussels: Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) & Think-tank for Action on Social Change (TASC).

OTHER

- Forster, T., and A. Kentikelenis. 2019. "Austerity and health in Europe: Disentangling the causal links." *European Journal of Public Health* 29(5): 808—809. (editorial)
- Forster, T., B. Reinsberg, and T. Stubbs. 2019. "IMF says it cares about inequality. But will it change its ways?" *The Conversation*. 17 July.

selected work-in-progress

- Forster, T. "Respected individuals: How state representatives overcome structural constraints in international organizations." Draft complete.
- Forster, T. "How to measure deliberative quality: A semi-automated approach and an application to the European Parliament." Draft complete.
- Forster, T. "Deliberation in international organizations: What are the benefits and limits of arguing?" Draft complete.
- Forster, T., and M. Heinzl. "Mandate or interests? How UN Security Council Presidents selectively engage in discussions on UNSC intervention." Draft complete.
- Forster, T., D. Honig, and A. Kentikelenis. "Not just cheap talk: States' preference expression in global governance fora and when it matters." In preparation.

Forster, T., A. Kentikelenis, and L. Seabrooke. "Board games: How states pursue preferences in international organizations." In preparation.

selected conferences

PEIO Political Economy of International Organizations (2017; scheduled 2022)

EPSA Annual conference of the European Political Science Association (2019; online 2021)

ECPR Annual meeting of the European Consortium of Political Research (online 2020; online 2021)

Text-as-data workshop, University of Zurich (2019; online 2020)

awards & scholarships

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), graduate studies scholarship, 2018—2022.

World Society Foundation, travel stipend (2017).

research methods training

Social Network Analysis, Global School in Empirical Research Methods, University of St. Gallen, virtual, June 2021.

Natural Language Processing, Hertie School, Germany, February—May 2019.

Applied Machine Learning, Hertie School, Germany, February—May 2019.

Text and Data Mining, University of Essex Summer School, UK, August 2018.

Introductory Econometrics, LSE Summer School, UK, July 2014.

teaching & research assistance

TEACHING

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. February 2021 (virtual).

Teaching Assistant for "Advanced Statistics: Statistical Modeling and Causal Inference" (Prof. Mark Kayser), Hertie School, Germany. September 2019—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 King). July 2016—August 2016.