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CURRENT POSITION

- 2026 – present **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Hertie School*
- Project: Narrative, Power, and Control (NPC): The Authoritarian Playbook in the Global Video Games Industry
 - Funded by the Cluster of Excellence Contestations of the Liberal Script (SCRIPTS), German Research Foundation (DFG)

EDUCATION

- 2022 – 2026 **Dr. rer. pol., (PhD) Political Science** (summa cum laude), *Hertie School*
- Dissertation: The Changing Nature of Internet Control: Conditions and Consequences of Institutionalizing Repression Online
 - Committee: Anita R. Gohdes, Carl H. Knutsen, Julian Wucherpfennig
 - Visiting Researcher: *University of Oslo*, Department of Political Science, 2025
- 2019 – 2021 **MSSc Peace and Conflict Studies** (with distinction), *Uppsala Universitet*
- 2015 – 2019 **BA Politics and Public Administration**, *University of Konstanz*

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

2026. [Ceasefires and civilian targeting in civil war](#). *Journal of Peace Research* (Online First) [with Corinne Bara].
2026. [Legalizing control: the rise of restrictive internet regulation in sub-Saharan Africa](#). *Democratization* 33(1): 137–162.
- Replication Material: [Dataverse](#)
2025. [Who, what, and when? Linking Violence to Civil Wars](#). *Research and Politics* 12(1) [with Corinne Bara].
- R-package: [GitHub](#)
2023. [A New Era: Power in Partnership Peacekeeping](#). *International Studies Quarterly* 67(3): squad03 [with Corinne Bara].
- Blog post: [IPI Global Observatory \(2023\)](#) with Corinne Bara
 - Blog post: [CPD Policy Blog \(2024\)](#) with Evgenija Kroeker
 - Media: [Horizonte: Das Schweizer Forschungsmagazin \(2024\)](#)

BOOK CHAPTERS

2026. [Digital Authoritarianism](#). In: *De Gruyter Handbook of Political Control*, edited by Jennifer Earl and Jessica Mave Braithwaite, De Gruyter [with Anita Gohdes and Allison Koh].

WORK IN PROGRESS

Control or Commerce? The Increasing Dilemma of Digital Censorship. *Under review* [with Fabiola Schwarz].

- Awarded the best paper award at the [The Hague 2024 Conference on International Cyber Security](#)

Resistance in the Streets, Data in the Sheets: A conceptual and empirical appraisal of protest event data. *Under review* [with Christoph Dworschak, Christian Oswald, Maxine Leis, and Hannah Frank].

Repercussions of Internet Regulations for Information Control. *Manuscript in preparation*.

POLICY CONTRIBUTIONS

2026. [Data4Transformation: Representative Survey Data on Constitutional Review of Political Parties and Tax Reform Preferences in Germany](#). *Brand New Bundestag* [with Samuel Brielmaier].

- Media: POLITICO Berlin Playbook (Newsletter); Berlin.Table (Morning Briefing)

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2025	DAAD Research Stipend , full funding for six month research stay at University of Oslo
2025	ISA annual meeting travel funds
2023	DAAD-PROMOS Scholarship, for workshops and conferences in the UK
2022	Hertie School Scholarship, full funding for three years of PhD study
2020	Carlo-Schmid Scholarship, full funding for a six-month internship at the United Nations

TEACHING

2026	Lead Teaching Assistant, MA lecture Statistics II: 3 labs (~20 students each), coordination of TA activities, examination, and content development, <i>Hertie School</i> .
2024, 2025	Lead Teaching Assistant, MA lecture Statistics I: 2 labs (~20 students each), examination and coordination of TA activities, <i>Hertie School</i> .
2018	Teaching Assistant, undergraduate lecture German Politics: group tutorials (~40 students) and examination, <i>University of Konstanz</i> .

PRESENTATIONS

2026	European Political Science Society (EPSS) Annual Convention
2022, 2026	Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science (NEPS) Annual Convention
2024, 2025	European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Convention
2023, 2025	Annual Workshop on Conflict Dynamics
2025	Comparative Institutions and Regimes (CIR) Seminar, <i>University of Oslo</i>
2025	PhD Workshop, Department of Political Science, <i>University of Oslo</i>
2025	International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention
2024	Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaften (DVPW) Annual Convention
2024	Workshop on Comparative Studies of Digital Repression, <i>Hertie School</i>
2024	Authoritarian Political Systems Group (APSG) Workshop
2022	Annual Congress of the Swiss Political Science Association

TRAINING

2023	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS), <i>University of Edinburgh</i>
2023	European Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (Euro-SWAMOS), <i>Hertie School</i>

ACADEMIC SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

Departmental Service

2019 – 2020	Vice-Chair, Student Association of the DPCR (Pax et Bellum), <i>Uppsala Universitet</i>
2019	Student Rep., Committee on Curricular Affairs (ALW), <i>University of Konstanz</i>
2016 – 2017	Chair Student Association and Student Representative., Faculty Council Department of Politics and Public Administration, <i>University of Konstanz</i>

Reviewer *BJPIR, CMPS, ISQ, JCR*

Affiliations [EDP Network](#), [European PhD Cybersecurity Accelerator Programme](#), EPSS, NEPS

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

2023 – 2024	Research Associate , <i>Hertie School</i> Chair of International and Cyber Security [Anita Gohdes]
2021 – 2022	Research Assistant , <i>Uppsala Universitet</i> Project: Ceasefires and the Dynamics of Violence in War Zones [PI: Corinne Bara]
2020	Graduate Research Assistant , <i>Texas A&M</i> and <i>University of Pennsylvania</i> Project: Discrimination Against Immigrants in Germany [PIs: Donghyun Danny Choi, Mathias Poertner, and Nicholas Sambanis]
2019	Student Research Assistant , <i>University of Konstanz</i> Chair of International Relations [Prof. Katharina Holzinger]

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2026	Research Associate , <i>Brand New Bundestag</i> Data4Transformation Project: Issue polling on policies for a resilient democracy
2021	Data Consultant , <i>United Nations</i> Strategic Planning and Monitoring Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary General
2020 – 2021	Carlo Schmid Fellow , <i>United Nations</i> Strategic Planning and Monitoring Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary General
2018	Intern , <i>German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</i> Climate Policy Division

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Languages	German (native), English (C1), Spanish (B1), French (A2), Swedish (A1)
Software	R, Qualtrics, MS Power Suite, MS Office Suite, L ^A T _E X