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Research Interests

Political violence, state repression, armed organizations, civilian victimization, tactics of conflict, mobilization of non-state actors, conflict dynamics.

Employment & Affiliations

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Mannheim

- Project *Repression and the Escalation of Violence* (RATE), funded by the European Research Council

Research Assistant, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

- Project: Effective Non-Violence? Resistance Strategies and Political Outcomes

Education

- 2011–2015 PhD in Politics, University of Essex (United Kingdom)
2009–2010 MA in International Relations, University of Essex (distinction)
2009 BA in Philosophy, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain)

Additional Training

- 04/2014 Spatial Econometrics (Dr. Jude Hays) Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex
08/2013 Selection and Strategic Models (Dr. Curtis Signorino) Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex
07/2013 Advanced Quantitative Methods and Research Design (Dr. Allan Dafoe), Uppsala University
08/2012 Training School on SQL and PostGIS (Dr. Nils Weidman) The European Network for Conflict Research (ENCoRe), ETH Zurich (Switzerland)
08/2012 Pooled Time-Series Cross-Sectional Analysis (Dr Robert Walker) Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex
07/2012 Introduction to Duration Models (Dr Matt Golder) Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex
10/2011 R Spatial Workshop (Dr. Kristian Gleditsch), University of Essex
02/2011 Introductory Course on Agent-Based Modelling (Dr. Nigel Gilbert) Centre for Research and Social Simulation SIMIAN, University of Surrey
08/2010 Maximum Likelihood and Limited Dependent Variable Models (Dr B. Dan Woods) Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex

Previous Academic Employment

- 2013–2015 PRIO Parti-time Researcher Project: “Actor Profiles and Violent and Non-Violent Tactics”. PI: Prof. Kristian S. Gleditsch
- 2013 Research Assistant Project: “Actor Profiles and Violent and Non-Violent Tactics”. PI: Prof. Kristian S. Gleditsch
- 2010–2011 Research Assistant - Project: “The Territorial Motivation of Terrorist Organisations”. PI: Dr. Alex Braithwaite. Funded by the Airey Neave Trust. University Collage of London
- 2010 Research Assistant: data coding. PIs: Prof. Han Dorussen, Prof. Theodora-Ismene Gizelis and Andrea Ruggieri. Article: “Events data as Bismarcks sausages? Intercoder Reliability, Coders Selection and Data Quality”, *International Interactions* 37:3, pages 340-361

Publications

Book chapter

- 2015 David Cunningham, Kristian S. Gleditsch, Belen Gonzalez, Dragana Vidovic, and Peter B. White “Nonviolence as a Weapon of the Resourceful: From Claims to Tactics in Mobilization.” (In press)

Projects

Field Work

- 09-10/2015 Field Work to Chile – RATE project.

Papers

The escalation of repression (with Sabine Carey)

Substitutes or Complements? Rebels choice of tactics in civil war (with Sara Polo)

What Happens Next? The Escalation Repression

Group Characteristics and the Choice of Violent and Non-Violent Tactics (with Marianne Dahl, Scott Gates and Kristian Gleditsch) (*Under review*)

Words and Deeds: From Incompatibilities to Outcomes in Anti- Government Disputes (with David Cunningham, Kristian S. Gleditsch, Dragana Vidovic, and Peter B. White)

Understanding Extreme Violence Against Civilians in Civil Wars

Evil Governments: genocide severity and decisions for its onset

Conferences

General Conferences

- 2015 Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung Annual Conference
- 2015, 2014 American Political Science Association (APSA)
- 2015 European Political Science Association (EPSA)
- 2014 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention
- 2014, 2013 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- 2013 Peace Science Society (PSS) Annual Meeting

Workshops

- 06/2015 Conflict, Strategies, and Tactics, University of Essex

- 05/2014 Actors, Strategies and Tactics in Contentious Direct Action, PRIO
- 11/2013 Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) 9th Annual Workshop “The Economics of Conflict, Mass Murder and Genocide”, UC Berkeley
- 2014, 2013 European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRe) Workshops
- 03/2012 Advancing the Scientific Study of Conflict and Cooperation: Alternative Perspectives from the UK and Japan, University of Essex

Grants & Prizes

- 2015 DAAD Kongress- und Vortragsreisenprogramm: Eingangsbestätigung
- 2015 APSA Travel Grant awarded for the Annual Convention in San Francisco
- 2014 ISA Travel Grant awarded for the Annual Convention in Toronto
- 2013–2014 Travel grant by the European Network for Conflict Research (ENCoRe) for ENCoRE workshops in Amsterdam (2013) and Istanbul (2014)
- 07/2013 Travel grant by the European Network for Conflict Research (ENCoRe) for Quantitative Course in Uppsala University
- 2011–2014 ESRC AQM +3 Studentship, Economic and Social Research Council (United Kingdom). Grant Number: ES/J500045/1 £17,500/year
- 2008–2009 Beca de Colaboración - The Spanish Ministry of Education Research Grant for BA students with *summa cum laude* €2,700
- 2007–2008 Premio Caja Madrid Erasmus for students with *summa cum laude* €5,000
- 2007–2008 Beca de Estudios en el Extranjero Comunidad de Madrid (Spain) for students with *summa cum laude* €4,000
- 2005–2009 Beca Universitaria Spanish Ministry of Education for students with *summa cum laude* €3,000 / year

Teaching

- 2015 Lecturer: Strategies of Conflict, 2 year BA, University of Mannheim
- 2012-2014 Graduate Teaching Assistant: Survival Analysis. Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex
- 2012-2013 Graduate Teaching Assistant: Analysis of Conflict and Peace - Statistical Analysis using R, 3 year BA and MA, University of Essex (Methods course)
- 2011-2013 Graduate Teaching Assistant: International Relation Theories, 2 year BA, University of Essex

Article Reviews

- *Journal of Conflict Resolution*
- *International Interactions*
- *Journal of Peace Research*
- *Oxford University Press*

Professional Memberships

- International Studies Association
- European Political Science Association
- American Political Science Association
- European Network for Conflict Research (ENCoRe)

Languages

- Spanish: Native language
- Italian: Beginner
- English: Advanced
- German: Beginner

Software

R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Perl

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