

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EMPLOYMENT

02.-07.2026	Interim Professor, School of Social Sciences, University of Mannheim Chair of Political Science, International Relations
2020 – 12.2025	Senior Researcher, RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research, Berlin Research Unit <i>Climate and Development Policy</i> Research Group <i>Global Migration</i>
2017 – 2019	Research Fellow, WZB Berlin Social Science Center Research Unit <i>Institutions and Political Inequality</i> , and Research Unit <i>Migration, Integration, Transnationalization</i>
2010 – 2017	Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, New York University, New York

EDUCATION

2007 – 2010	Ph.D. in Political Science Columbia University, New York, USA <i>With distinction</i> Supervisors: Prof. Page Fortna, Prof. Macartan Humphreys Doctoral thesis: <i>International Mediation of Military Conflicts: Causes and Consequences</i> Walter Isard Award of the Peace Science Society for the best dissertation in peace science
2004 – 2007	M.Phil. in Political Science, Columbia University, New York, USA Examination Fields: International Relations, Quantitative Methods
2003 – 2004	M.A. in Political Science, Columbia University, New York, USA
2000 – 2003	A.B. in Government, <i>summa cum laude</i> , top 5% and Senior 48 Harvard University, Cambridge, USA

AFFILIATIONS

2026 – Present	Visiting Researcher, RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research Research Unit <i>Climate and Development Policy</i>
2020 – Present	Visiting Researcher, WZB Berlin Social Science Center Research Unit <i>Institutions and Political Inequality</i>
2023 – 2024	Advisory Committee National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), Nigeria
2020 – 2023	Impact Evaluation Academic Advisory Board Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC) International Organization for Migration (IOM)
2010 – 2022	Research Working Group Member, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden
2019	Visiting Lecturer, Humboldt University of Berlin

2013 – 2014	Visiting Faculty Fellow, Global Research Institute, NYU Berlin
2009 – 2010	Research Fellow, Nuffield College, University of Oxford

GRANTS

2024	International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), support for “Women’s Voice and Agency in the Context of Climate Stress and High Migration in Senegal,” US\$30,000 (Co-PI)
2023 – 2025	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), extension of support for “Research on the Effects of the Special Initiative on Training and Job Creation,” 199,000 Euro (RWI lead)
2023 – 2025	Leibniz Collaborative Excellence, support for “The Senegal Migration Panel: Understanding Mobility in a Climate-Stressed Population,” 1,000,000 Euro (joint author and co-lead)
2023 – 2024	U.S. State Department, Program to End Modern Slavery (PEMS), support for Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) project proposal “Promoting Evidence-Based Anti-Trafficking in Nigeria,” US\$435,000 for research activities (academic co-PI)
2022 – 2023	IPA Human Trafficking Research Initiative, with funding from U.S. Department of State, support for “Irregular Migration, Trafficking, and Misinformation in Nigeria,” US\$139,000 (co-PI)
2019 – 2022	IPA Peace & Recovery Program, with funding from UK AID (DFID), support for “Irregular Migration and Misinformation in Nigeria,” US\$395,000 (co-PI)
2019	WZB Funding Competition, support for “Irregular Migration and Misinformation in Nigeria,” 80,000 EUR (co-PI)
2016 – 2017	Folke Bernadotte Academy, support for “The Local Effects of UN Peacekeeping Deployments,” 85,000 SEK (lead PI)
2011 – 2012	Folke Bernadotte Academy, support for “The Impact of Conflict and UN Intervention on Women’s Livelihoods: Micro-level Evidence from Liberia,” 372,000 SEK (co-PI)
2011	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), support for “Sudan in Transition: A Panel Survey on Individual Experiences of Partition,” US\$32,000 (co-PI)

COUNTRIES WITH FIELD PROJECTS

Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia

PUBLICATIONS

Fietz K, Lakemann T, Beber B, Priebe J, Lay J (2025). **Formalizing Employment in Africa’s Small Firms: Experimental Evidence from Côte D’Ivoire.** *The World Bank Economic Review* (forthcoming). [Featured publication at the World Bank Finance and Private Sector Research Team.] [dx.doi.org/10.4419/96973332](https://doi.org/10.4419/96973332)

Beber B, Frohnweiler S, Lakemann T, Partey-Anti P, Schnars R, Lay J (2025). **Skills Trainings and Bayesian Learning: A Multisite Randomized Controlled Trial in Ghana.** *Ruhr Economic Papers* 1170. Essen: RWI. [dx.doi.org/10.4419/96973355](https://doi.org/10.4419/96973355)

Beber B, Heidland T, Leopold S, Ruhose J, Syll M, Tchokni Y (2025). **Does Information about Legal Migration Pathways Reduce Irregular Migration Aspirations?** *SSRN Research Paper* 5353691. [dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5353691](https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5353691)

Beber B, Lakemann T, Schnars R, Lay J (2025). **Employment Effects of Skills Trainings in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Systematic Review of Recent Randomized Controlled Trials.** *De Economist* 173(1): 87-120. [Featured publication at the World Bank Skills Development Group.] doi.org/10.1007/s10645-024-09442-6

Frohnweiler S, Beber B, Ebert C (2024). **Information Frictions, Belief Updating and Internal Migration: Evidence from Ghana and Uganda.** *Journal of Development Economics* 171, 103311. doi.org/10.1016/j.jdeveco.2024.103311

Beber B, Ebert C, Sievert M (2024). **Is Intent to Migrate Irregularly Responsive to Recent German Asylum Policy Adjustments?** Ruhr Economic Papers 1071. Essen: RWI. [Invited submission, *World Development.*] dx.doi.org/10.4419/96973243

Lakemann T, Beber B, Lay J, Priebe J (2024). **Light Touch, Lean Tally: Impacts of an MSME Support Program in Côte D'Ivoire.** Ruhr Economic Papers 1096. Essen: RWI. [Revised version: **Does Consulting Improve Firm Performance and Jobs? A Randomized Evaluation of a Business Support Program in Côte d'Ivoire.** Revise and resubmit, *Economic Development and Cultural Change.*] dx.doi.org/10.4419/96973273

Frohnweiler S, Adongo C, Beber B, Lakemann T, Priebe J, Lay J (2024). **Effects of Skills Training on Employment and Livelihood Outcomes: A Randomized Controlled Trial with Young Women in Ghana.** Ruhr Economic Papers 1095. Essen: RWI. [Revised version: **Rethinking Skills Training Impacts: Occupational Sorting, Better Jobs, and Stakeholder Optimism.**] dx.doi.org/10.4419/96973272

Beber B, Ebert C, Kyle J, Riaz Z (2024). **Migration and Women's Voice and Agency in Senegal: Introducing a New Survey.** Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute. hdl.handle.net/10568/168164

Beber B, Frohnweiler S, Lakemann T, Lay J (2024). **Gute Jobs durch Ausbildung: Anspruch und Realitäten der EZ in Afrika.** *GIGA Focus Afrika* 4. Hamburg: GIGA. doi.org/10.57671/gfaf-24041

Frohnweiler S, Beber B, Ebert C (2023). **Delayed Effects on Migration Intentions in an Information Provision Experiment in Ghana.** *Revue d'économie du développement* 35(3-4): 37-44. doi.org/10.3917/edd.373.0037

Aksunger N, Vernot C, Littman R, Voors M, Meriggi N, Abajobir A, Beber B, et al. (2023). **COVID-19 and Mental Health in Eight Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Prospective Cohort Study.** *PLOS Medicine* 20(4): e1004081. doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1004081

Beber B (2022). **Peacekeeping and the Geographic Diffusion and Containment of Conflict.** In: *Handbook on Peacekeeping and International Relations*, ed. Dorussen H, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing. doi.org/10.4337/9781839109935.00025

Beber B, Lakemann T, Lay J (2022). **Die SI Jobs: Hohe Ambitionen, gute Ansätze, Umsetzungsschwächen.** Position Paper for the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, October 2022.

Beber B, Scacco A (2022). **The Myth of the Misinformed Migrant? Survey Insights from Nigeria's Irregular Migration Epicenter.** Ruhr Economic Papers 957. Essen: RWI. dx.doi.org/10.4419/96973121

Beber B, Frohnweiler S, Lakemann T, Lay J, Priebe J, Schnars R, Tafese T (2021). **Rigorose Messung von Wirkungen der Maßnahmen der Sonderinitiative: Wissenschaftliche Begleitung der Sonderinitiative Ausbildung und Beschäftigung (RéUsSITE).** RWI Projektberichte. Essen: RWI. epub.sub.uni-hamburg.de/epub/volltexte/2025/189457/pdf/M6_GIGA_Begleitforschung_Zwischenergebnisse_WP1.pdf

Beber B (2021). **Do Peacekeepers Contain Conflict? Insights from Spatially Disaggregated Data.** Ruhr Economic Papers 931. Essen: RWI. dx.doi.org/10.4419/96973090

Beber B, Dworschak R, Lakemann T, Lay J, Priebe J (2020). **Skills Development and Training Interventions in Africa: Findings, Challenges, and Opportunities.** RWI Projektberichte. Essen: RWI. hdl.handle.net/10419/247426

Beber B, Gilligan M, Guardado J, Karim S (2019). **The Promise and Peril of Peacekeeping Economies.** *International Studies Quarterly* 63(2): 364-379. doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqz012

Beber B, Gilligan M, Guardado J, Karim S (2017). **Peacekeeping, International Norms, and Transactional Sex in Monrovia, Liberia.** *International Organization* 71(1): 1-30. doi.org/10.1017/S0020818316000242

Beber B, Gilligan M, Guardado J, Karim S (2015). **U.N. Peacekeeping and Transactional Sex.** *Washington Post*, June 16.

Beber B, Roessler P, Scacco A (2014). **Intergroup Violence and Political Attitudes: Evidence from a Dividing Sudan.** *The Journal of Politics* 76(3): 649-665. doi.org/10.1017/S0022381614000103

Beber B, Blattman C (2013). **The Logic of Child Soldiering and Coercion**. *International Organization* 67(1): 65-104. [Robert O. Keohane Award for the best research article published in International Organization by an untenured scholar.] doi.org/10.1017/S0020818312000409

Beber B (2012). **International Mediation, Selection Effects, and the Question of Bias**. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 29(4): 397-424. [Stuart A. Bremer Award at the annual Peace Science Society meeting.] doi.org/10.1177/0738894212449091

Beber B, Scacco A (2012). **What the Numbers Say: A Digit-Based Test for Election Fraud**. *Political Analysis* 20(2): 211-234. Also in Political Analysis Virtual Issue 4 on Election Fraud and Electoral Integrity. doi.org/10.1093/pan/mps003

Beber B, Scacco A (2009). **The Devil Is in the Digits**. *Washington Post*, June 20. Reprinted in Bock D, Mariano T (2012), *Stats in Your World*, Pearson.

ADDITIONAL CURRENT CONFERENCE PAPERS

Beber B, Scacco A, Humphreys M, Mwachofi P, Yang D. **Misinformation and Irregular Migration: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Nigeria**. Konferenzpapier (u.a. RFBerlin Migration Forum 2025, EPSA 2025).

Beber B, Ebert C, Murken N, Riaz Z. **Social Networks and Migration. Migration Behavior and Origin Network Characteristics in Senegal**. Konferenzpapier (u.a. PSE Summer School on Migration Economics 2025, AFD-World Bank International Conference on Migration and Development 2025).

Beber B, Humphreys M, Naumann L. **"Native Flight" in Urban School Districts: Data from Berlin, Germany**. Konferenzpapier (u.a. Bocconi-Columbia Conference 2025, EPSA 2025).

Beber B, Ebert C, Riaz Z, Singh J. **Improving Migration Outcomes: A Mentoring Experiment and its Network Effects in Senegal**. Konferenzpapier (u.a. Berlin Development Economics Workshop 2025, GDEC 2025)

Beber B, Detlefsen L, Ebert C, Frohnweiler S, Jahedi S. **Cognitive Load, Migration, and Climate Adaptation in Senegal**. Konferenzpapier (u.a. GDEC 2024, LEADS 2024).

RECENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND INVITED TALKS

2025 RFBerlin Migration Forum, Rockwool Foundation, Berlin; Ländergespräch zur Vorbereitung der Regierungsverhandlungen der deutschen Entwicklungszusammenarbeit mit Ghana, BMZ, Berlin; Berlin Development Economics Workshop, ESMT Berlin; German Development Economics Conference, Frankfurt am Main; EPSA Annual Conference, Madrid; Meetings on the Political Economy of Development (MoPED), WZB Berlin; Netzwerktreffen der BMZ Sonderinitiative „Gute Beschäftigung für sozial gerechten Wandel“, Berlin; VfS Annual Conference, Cologne; Berlin Replication Games, Free University Berlin; Migration und Fieldwork Research Workshop, Free University, Berlin; Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Irregular Migration, HWWI Hamburg; SIPGI Research Conference on Political and Social Institutions, Amman, Jordan; Joint Learning Forum on Evidence That Matters - Evidence-based Development Cooperation in Strategy and Practice, Berlin (co-organizer); Delegation of the Egyptian Ministry of Labor and GIZ, RWI Berlin

2024 USAID & EGAP Migration Research Discussion; USAID Impact Evaluation Working Group; CSAE Conference, Oxford; RWI-Passau Friendship Workshop; German Development Economics Conference, Hannover; Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society; IPA & NAPTIP Webinar on Irregular Migration; Meetings on the Political Economy of Development (MoPED), WZB Berlin; EPSA Annual Conference, Cologne; KIEL-CEPR African Economic Development Conference (AEDC), BMF, Berlin; VfS Annual Conference, Berlin; IPI-TD Brown Bag, WZB Berlin; Leibniz Environment and Development Symposium (LEADS), Berlin; World Bank/UNU-WIDER/ILO Jobs and Development Conference, Cairo; RWI Impuls, Berlin; AFD-World Bank International Conference on Migration and Development, Bologna

2023	GIZ Ghana, Accra; University of Ghana Business School, Accra; Interagency Group on Trafficking in Persons (U.S. Dept. of State/USAID/U.S. Dept. of Labor); Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Berlin; German Development Economics Conference, Dresden; Friends of OECD; EPSA Annual Conference, Glasgow; IPI & MIT Research on West African Migration, WZB Berlin; VfS Annual Conference, Regensburg; MIASA Policy Conference, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana, Accra
2022	IOM GMDAC Workshop on Irregular Migration Decisions; Conference on the Political Economy of Migration Regimes, Free University Berlin; IDEAL-M Conference, Cologne; EPSA Annual Conference, Prague (Track Chair for International Relations/Conflict); IMISCOE Annual Conference, Oslo; Meetings on the Political Economy of Development (MoPED), WZB Berlin; EGAP Seminar Series on Displacement, Migration, and Integration; Impact Evaluation Research Methods Workshop, IPA and Lagos Business School
2021	IPI Brown Bag Seminar, WZB Berlin; GIZ Training on Rigorous Impact Evaluations; Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and DLR-PT; RP3 Brown Bag Seminar, GIGA
2020	Research Colloquium, Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen
2019	Research Workshop on the Future of Peacekeeping Data, FBA & UNIGE, Genoa; Current Issues in Asylum and Migration, Research Workshop, University of Bamberg; Political Science Seminar Series, NYU-Abu Dhabi; Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE), Berlin
2018	Development Economics Network (DENEb) Seminar Series, Berlin; International Research and Policy Workshop on Post-Conflict Processes, DIE/GDI, Bonn; New Qualitative and Quantitative Data in Peace and Conflict Research, AFK Methods Working Group, Hamburg; EPSA Annual Conference, Vienna; Jan Tinbergen Peace Science Conference, Verona; Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm; Symposium on the Micro-Dynamics of Armed Conflicts, IBEI; ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco; Workshop on Migrant Integration in Africa, Europe, and Beyond, WZB Berlin (Co-organizer)

TEACHING

2026	University of Mannheim Graduate: International Politics (lecture), Advanced Topics in International Politics: International Migration (seminar) Undergraduate: Modern Warfare in a Changing World (seminar), Thesis colloquium
2022	Hertie School of Governance, Berlin Conflict, Peacekeeping, and Development (syllabus development)
2019	Humboldt University of Berlin Advanced Topics in Applied Quantitative Methods
2010 – 2017	New York University Graduate: International Intervention in Conflicts (2010, 2013 – 2015), Quantitative Political Analysis I (2011 – 2012, 2014 – 2016) Undergraduate: International Politics (2011 – 2012), International Relations Senior Honors Seminar (2012, 2016), International Relations Seminar on War and International Intervention (2013, 2015, 2017)