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CONTACT INFORMATION

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CITIZENSHIP

Germany

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Political Science, The Ohio State University, January 2014 –
Research Associate, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, January
2014 –
Post-Doctoral Researcher, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, June
2012 - December 2013

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2012

- Duke University

Master of Arts in Economics, 2011

- Duke University

PARISS Certificate in Advanced Quantitative Methods, SSRI, 2012

- Duke University

Diplom/MA in Politikwissenschaft, 2002–2007

- Free University of Berlin
- Exchange Student at Duke University in Political Science and Economics 2005/06

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy of Development, Political Geography, Political Violence, Applied
Statistics, Southeast Asian Politics

PUBLICATIONS

- “Manpower to Coerce and Co-opt – State Capacity and Political Violence in Southern Sudan 2006-2010” With Alexander de Juan, *Conflict Management & Peace Science*. forthcoming
- “The Promise of Performance Pay? Reasons for Caution in Policy Prescriptions in the Core Civil Service” With Zahid Haznain and Nick Manning, *World Bank Research Observer* forthcoming, a prior version has appeared as *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* No. 6043. 2012
- “How Ethnicity Conditions the Effect of Oil and Gas on Civil Conflict: A Spatial Analysis of Africa from 1990 to 2010” With Matthias Basedau, *Political Geography*. forthcoming
- “Technology and Collective Action: The Effect of Cell Phone Coverage on Political Violence in Africa” With Florian Hollenbach, *American Political Science Review* 107 (2): 207-224. 2013

- “War and the Re-election Motive: Examining the Effect of Term Limits.” With Sean Zeigler and Sandeep Mazumder, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, forthcoming
- “Protest, Deterrence and Escalation: The Strategic Calculus of Government Repression”, *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 54 (1): 117-145. 2010

WORKING PAPERS

- “Oil and Urban Bias: A Curse for the Countryside?” (2013)
- “Democratic Budgets: The Effect of Elections on Local Budget Compositions in Indonesia” (2013)
- “Splitting the Difference? Institutional Capacity, Elite Competition and District Creation in Indonesia” (2012)
- “Is Clientelism Good for You? Evidence from a New Expert Survey” With Marco Fernandez. (2011)

POLICY-RELATED

- “Natural Resources and Human Development in the American States” With Erik Wibbels. Research report prepared for the American Human Development Project. 2009

AWARDS

- SEAREG Young Southeast Asia Fellow, 2013
- DIPE Research Funding (\$2,500), 2011
- PARISS Fellowship, SSRI, 2011-12
- DIPE Research Funding (\$4,000), 2010
- Robert R. Wilson Award, 2010
- Walter Molano Graduate Fellow in Comparative Politics, 2010-11
- James B. Duke International Research Travel Fellowship, 2010-11
- Duke University Summer Research Fellowship, 2010, 2011
- Duke University Conference Travel Grants, 2008, 2009, 2010
- Earhart Graduate Studies Fellowship, 2008–2009
- Duke University Graduate Studies Fellowship, 2007–2012
- DAAD Fellowship for an Internship with an International Organization, 2006
- Fulbright Travel Grant, 2005–2006
- Exchange Student Fellowship for Studies at Duke University, Free University of Berlin, Germany, 2005–2006
- Ernst-Reuter Fellowship for Outstanding Academic Success, Free University Berlin, Germany, 2005

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

- Professor Michael Ward 2009–2011
- Professor Herbert Kitschelt 2007–2009
- Professor Karen Remmer 2007-2008
- Professor Tim Büthe Fall 2007
- Professor Michael Bolle 2003–2006

Instructor

- Math Camp for Incoming Graduate Students, Duke University, Summer 2011

- SSRI Statistical Consultant for Honors Students, Duke University, 2011-12

Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Empirical Approaches (graduate level), Professor Sunshine Hillygus, Duke University, Fall 2011
- Political Applications of Game Theory (graduate level), Professor Bahar Leventoglu, Duke University, Spring 2008

PRESENTATIONS
AND
CONFERENCES

- Presentation “How Ethnicity Conditions the Effect of Natural Resources on Violence: A Spatial Conflict Analysis of Africa 1990-2010”, With Matthias Basedau. APSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 29 - September 1, 2013
- Presentation “How Ethnicity Conditions the Effect of Natural Resources on Violence: A Spatial Conflict Analysis of Africa 1990-2010”, With Matthias Basedau. Gulf Research Council Annual Meeting, Cambridge, July 2-5, 2013
- Presentation “Why Enter? Natural Resources and the Number of Conflict Participants in Civil War”. EPSA Annual Meeting, Barcelona, June 20-22, 2013
- Presentation “Why Enter? Natural Resources and the Number of Conflict Participants in Civil War”. EPSA Annual Meeting, Barcelona, June 20-22, 2013
- Presentation “Splitting the Difference? Institutional Capacity, Elite Competition and District Creation in Indonesia ”. SEAREG Meeting, Duke University, May 23-25, 2013
- Presentation “New Advancement in Geo-Spatial Methods and Conflict Prediction in Political Science ”. SYMIN Expert Meeting, BICC, Bonn, April 24, 2013
- Presentation “How Ethnicity Conditions the Effect of Natural Resources on Violence: A Spatial Conflict Analysis of Africa 1990-2010”, With Matthias Basedau. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 3-6, 2013
- Presentation “Fuel for the Flames? The Conditional Effects of Natural Resources and Ethnicity on Violence”, With Matthias Basedau. SISP Conference, Rome, September 13-15, 2012
- Presentation “Technology and Collective Action: The Effect of Cell Phone Coverage on Political Violence in Africa”, With Florian Hollenbach. APSA Conference, New Orleans, August 29 - September 2, 2012 (cancelled)
- Presentation “Who Lobbies? Evidence from a Cross-National Enterprise Survey”, With Benjamin Barber IV and Simon Weschle. EPSA Conference: Lobbying, Berlin, June 21-23, 2012
- Presentation “Technology and Collective Action: The Effect of Cell Phone Coverage on Political Violence in Africa”, With Florian Hollenbach. MPSA Conference: Technology and Political Development, Chicago, April 12-15, 2012
- Presentation “Splitting the Difference? Explaining Indonesian District Creation using a Bayesian Spatial Model”, MPSA Conference: Panel on Bayesian Solutions for Methodological Problems in Political Science, Chicago, April 12-15, 2012
- Presentation “Splitting the Difference? Explaining Indonesian District Creation using a Bayesian Spatial Model”, SPSA Conference, New Orleans, January 12-14, 2012

- Presentation “Urban Bias and Democracy: The Causal Effect of Elections on Rural Public Goods Provision” , APSA Conference: Panel on Elections and the Distribution of Goods in the Developing World, Seattle, September 1-4, 2011
- Poster Presentation “Splitting the Difference? Elite Competition, Spatial Dependence and District Creation in Indonesia” PolMeth Conference, Princeton University, July 28-30, 2011
- Presentation “Decentralization from Below. Elite Competition, Spatial Dependence and District Creation in Indonesia” Conference on Decentralization and Democratization in Southeast Asia, University of Freiburg, June 15-17, 2011
- Presentation “Partisan Strategies and Political Economic Performance. Do Modes of Democratic Accountability Affect Economic Fortunes?” With Marco Fernandez. Workshop on Democratic Accountability Strategies, Duke University, May 18-19, 2011
- Presentation “Using Spatial Models and Network Analysis to Generate Predictions of Sparse Events” With Mike Ward, Brian Greenhill and Florian Hollenbach, APSA Conference: Panel on Modeling Techniques for Macro-Political Events, Washington, DC, September 2-5, 2010
- Poster Presentation “A Bayesian Spatial Probit Model for Conflict with Variable Selection” PolMeth Conference, Iowa State University, July 22-24, 2010
- Presentation “Political Survival, Term Limits and Conflict: an Empirical Investigation” MPSA Conference: Panel on Methods in International Relations in Chicago, April 22-25, 2010
- Presentation “A Bayesian Spatial Probit Model for Conflict with Variable Selection” Finding Thetas in Europe Conference, Mannheim University, April 8-9, 2010
- Presentation “A Theory of Urban Bias: A Dual Dilemma of Political Survival” Joint Comparative Political Economy Workshop between Harvard, Princeton, Yale and Duke, Duke University, September 18, 2009
- Presentation “Partisan Strategies and Political Economic Performance. Do Modes of Democratic Accountability Affect Economic Fortunes?” With Marco Fernandez. APSA Conference: Panel on Modes of Democratic Partisan Accountability and Electoral Competition. Programmatic and/or Clientelistic Citizen-Politician Linkages?, September 3-6, 2009
- Discussant for “Datasets on Economic Inequality”, Datasets in Comparative Politics Workshop, Duke University, April 2009
- Presentation “Protest, Deterrence and Escalation: The Strategic Calculus of Government Repression” MPSA Conference: Panel on Game Theoretic Approaches to the Study of Civil War in Chicago, April 1-5, 2009
- Presentation “A Theory of Urban Bias in Developing Countries: A Dual Dilemma of Political Survival” Juan March Institute, “The Geography of Peace and Conflict: Decentralization, Group Identities and Separatism in Comparative Perspective” Conference, Madrid, March 13-14 2009
- Discussant for “Behavioral Modifications of Rational Choice”, Epistemology and Methods in Comparative Politics Workshop, Duke University, April 2008

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

The World Bank

- Washington, DC
- Short-term consultant for research project on performance pay reform, PREM Sector Department, July–August, December 2011

Delegation of the European Commission

- Washington, DC
- Intern, Fall and Winter 2006

UBS Investment Bank

- London, UK
- Summer Analyst M&A, July–August 2006

SERVICE

Professional

- Manuscript Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management & Peace Science*, *Human Rights Review*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Social Movement Studies*, *Social Problems*, *South European Society & Politics*

Department and Graduate School

- Graduate Student Member, Graduate Curriculum Reform Committee, 2010
- Co-organizer Graduate Student Colloquium, Duke University, 2009–2010
- Junior Representative to the Graduate and Professional Student Council, Duke University, 2007–2008
- Member of the GPSC Judicial Committee, Duke University, 2007–2008