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Research Interests

Primary Fields

Comparative Politics, International Relations, Historical Political Economy

Specific Topics

Ethnic and National Identities, Conflict, Political Representation, Historical Legacies, Geospatial Data & Analysis

Regional Interests

Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe

Education

ETH Zurich

2014 – 2018

PhD in Political Science

“Resources, Rule and Rebellion in Sub-Saharan Africa”

Committee:

Lars-Erik Cederman (ETH Zurich, Main Advisor)

Nils Weidmann (University of Konstanz, Germany)

Leonardo R. Arriola (University of California, Berkeley)

Yale University

2017

Department of Political Science

Visiting Assistant in Research

University of California, Berkeley

2017

Center for African Studies

Visiting Student Researcher

ETH Zurich & University of Zurich

2012-2014

MA Comparative and International Studies

Visiting Student Researcher

The Graduate Institute Geneva

2013

Visiting Student

University of St. Gallen

2008-2012

BA International Affairs & BA Economics

Publications

Who Benefits? How Local Ethnic Demography Shapes Political Favoritism in Africa

with Janina Beiser-McGrath and Carl Müller-Crepon

British Journal of Political Science (First View)

Linking Ethnic Data from Africa

with Carl Müller-Crepon and Nils-Christian Bormann

Accepted at the *Journal of Peace Research*

Globalization, Institutions and Ethnic Inequality

with Nils-Christian Bormann, Nils Weidmann, and Lars-Erik Cederman

Accepted at *International Organization*

Digging Deeper: On the Role of Grievances in African Mining Conflicts

with Lars-Erik Cederman

In *Natural Resources, Inequality and Conflict*, eds. Hamid E. Ali and Lars-Erik Cederman

London: Palgrave Macmillan, Forthcoming

Working Papers

Cash Crops, Print Technology, and the Politicization of Ethnicity in Africa

with Philip Roessler and Valeria Rueda

R&R at the *American Political Science Review*

Cash Crops, Colonialism and Legacies of Spatial Inequality: Evidence from Africa

with Philip Roessler, Rob Marty, Kyle Sorlie Titlow, and Nicolas van de Walle

Under Review

Biased Income Shocks, Local Cleavages, and Ethnic Violence: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa

Working Paper

The Economic Basis of African Ruling Coalitions: Cash Crops, Minerals, and Ethnic Representation

with Philip Roessler

Working Paper

Share It or Lose It? Power-Sharing and Regime Stability in Multi-Ethnic Autocracies

with Ilyas Saliba

Working Paper

Work in Progress

Conflicting Legacies: The Cash Crop Revolution, Colonialism and the Making of Modern Africa

with Philip Roessler

Book Project

Naming the Nation: State Building and National Identity Formation in 19th Century Germany

with Carl Müller-Crepon

In Preparation

Nationalism and Conflict in post-Napoleonic Europe

with Lars-Erik Cederman, Dennis Atzenhofer, Luc Girardin, and Carl Müller-Crepon

In Preparation

Policy Papers

Global Conflict Trends and their Consequences

with Lars-Erik Cederman

Background Paper for the United Nations' Sustainable Development Outlook 2019

Grants & Honors

ETH Zurich

ETH Medal for Outstanding Doctoral Thesis

2019

Swiss National Science Foundation

Mobility Grant (CHF 18'542)

2017

US National Science Foundation

The Origins and Consequences of Spatial Inequality

Project Grant (with Philip Roessler and Nicolas van de Walle, USD 148,817)

2016-2018

Swiss National Science Foundation

Doc.CH Dissertation Grant (CHF 205'955)

2014-2018

ETH Zurich & University of Zurich MACIS Best Student Award	2014
ETH Zurich Excellence Scholarship & Opportunity Program Full MA Scholarship (CHF 33'000)	2012-2014
German National Academic Foundation BA Scholarship (EUR 30'000)	2008-2012

Teaching

Armed Conflict: Causes and Solutions with Seraina Rüggeger and Guy Schvitz Elective (BA). University of Lucerne.	2021
State Formation, Nationalism and Conflict with Lars-Erik Cederman Elective (PhD&MA). ETH Zurich.	2020
Political Economy of Development and Conflict in Africa with Carl Müller-Crepon Elective (MA). ETH Zurich.	2019
Political Order and Conflict with Lars-Erik Cederman Research Seminar (MA). ETH Zurich.	2019
Ethnic Violence from a Political Science Perspective with Carl Müller-Crepon. German National Academic Foundation. Summer School.	2019
Methods II: Essential Mathematics, Basic Statistics, and Linear Regression Teaching Assistant for Jorgen Boelstadt and Liam McGrath (MA). ETH Zurich.	2015-2016
Conflict Research I & II Teaching Assistant for Lars-Erik Cederman BA-level course for Swiss career officers. ETH Zurich.	2015-2016

Presentations

Invited Talks	
University of Wageningen, Economic History Seminar	2020
William & Mary, International Development Seminar	2016
Workshops	
Zurich Workshop in Empirical Political Economy	2020
Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series	2019, 2020
WGAPE UK Meeting, London School of Economics	2018
African Politics Workshop, Yale	2017
WGAPE National Meeting, University of California, Berkeley	2017
African Politics Reading Group, University of California, Berkeley	2017
The New Politics of Authoritarianism Workshop, Oxford	2017
European Network of Conflict Research, Graduate Institute Geneva	2016
Conferences	
American Political Science Association	2015, 2016, 2019, 2020
Midwest Political Science Association	2016, 2019
European Political Science Association	2015, 2018
International Studies Association	2016
Center for the Study of African Economies, Oxford	2017

Professional Service & Skills

Peer Review	American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Peace Research, Conflict Management and Peace Science
Languages	English, German, French
Software	R, Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS, LaTeX

Academic References

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