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## Education

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**Ph.D., University of Mannheim**, Graduate School for Economic and Social Sciences      expected 2021

- Thesis title: An empirical and conceptual study of political imprisonment
- Supervisor: Prof. Sabine Carey
- Funded by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation

**M.Phil., University of Oxford**, International Relations      2016-2018

- Thesis Title: “No peace without justice?” Tracing the link between post-conflict trials and peace stability (awarded with Achibald Jackson Prize from Somerville College)
- Grade: Distinction

**B.A., University of Mannheim**, Political Science & Public Law      2013-2016

- Exchange Semester, **Trinity College Dublin**
- Grade: German GPA: 1.1

Abitur Welfengymnasium Ravensburg (German GPA: 1.2)      2011

## Peer-reviewed articles

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1. **Steinert C** (2020). Who is a political prisoner? *Journal of Global Security Studies* forthcoming.
2. Weyrauch D & **Steinert C** (2020). Intrinsic or instrumental? Human rights alignment in intergovernmental organizations *Review of International Organizations* forthcoming.
3. **Steinert C** & Ruggeri A (2020). Who are our experts? Predictors of participation in expert surveys. *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy* forthcoming.
4. **Steinert C** (2019). Trial fairness before impact: Tracing the link between post-conflict trials and peace stability. *International Interactions* 45(6): 1003-1031.
5. **Steinert C**, Carey S & Steinert J (2019). Spoilers of peace: Pro-government militias as risk factors for post-conflict recurrence. *Journal of Peace Research* 56(2): 249-263.
6. **Steinert C** & Yordanova N (2016). Alliance with the enemy: Why the CDU and the Greens formed their first coalition in a large German federal state? *German Politics* 25(1): 54-72.
7. **Steinert C** et al. (2016). Impact of the UN convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (UN-CRPD) on mental health care research – a systematic review. *BMC Psychiatry* 16:166.
8. **Steinert C** (2014). Globale Verantwortlichkeit und traditionelles Souveränitätsdenken – Gründe für die Haltung zur Responsibility to Protect von nicht-westlichen Staaten. *MenschenRechtsMagazin* 2/2014.

## Book chapter

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1. Schilling-Vacaflor A, **Steinert C** (2017). “(Neo-)Extraktivismus statt nachhaltiger Entwicklung: Grenzen des lateinamerikanischen Wachstumsmodells.” In: *Entwicklungstheorie von heute - Entwicklungspolitik von morgen*. Burchardt et al. (ed.). Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlag.

## Others

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1. When states obscure illegal imprisonments. *OpenGlobalRights* (published on English and Arabic), October 5, 2020.
2. Freiheit für Kriminelle, Lebensgefahr für politische Gefangene in der Türkei. *TAZ blogs*, June 16, 2020.
3. Beware of Victor’s Justice. *Political Violence @ A Glance*, August 30, 2019.
4. Why pro-government militias spoil peace agreements. *OXPOL: The Oxford University Politics Blog*, July 28, 2018.
5. United People Organization. A vision for progress and a better world order. *The Lighthouse Journal of the Oxford International Relations Society* Issue 14/ Hilary Term.
6. The impact of societal preferences on national monetary policy outcomes: A revival of economic pluralism. *Politikon: The IAPSS Journal of Political Science* 31(2): 26-52.

## Book review

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1. The Peacemaker’s Paradox: Pursuing Justice in the Shadow of Conflict. By: Priscilla Hayner. Review published in *Journal of Peace Research - Book Notes* 2019.

## Working papers

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1. Domestic surveillance and state repression: Evidence from the former GDR
2. Political imprisonment and mass protest: Evidence from the former GDR (with Christoph Dworschak)
3. The duration of political imprisonment: Evidence from China
4. Environmental pollution and repression in the former GDR (with Moritz Marbach & Carlo Hertz)

## Conference and workshop presentations

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| Brasenose College Research Round on Conflict Research, Oxford (online due to Covid-19) | 2020 |
| Workshop on Conflict Dynamics at Nuffield College, Oxford (online due to Covid-19)     | 2020 |
| American Political Science Association (APSA), San Francisco (online due to Covid-19)  | 2020 |
| Essex Conflict Research Colloquium (online due to Covid-19)                            | 2020 |
| AFK Empirical Research on Peace and Conflict Conference, Bonn                          | 2019 |
| Joint Annual Conference of the German & Swiss Political Science Association, Basel     | 2019 |
| Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford                                      | 2018 |

## Teaching

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| University of Mannheim, Human Rights during Peace & Conflict, Undergraduate Seminar  | 2019 |
| University of Oxford, Introduction to IR at the International Oxbridge Summer School | 2017 |

## Scholarships and Research Grants

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- Doctoral Scholarship of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation, EUR 19.200 p.a.
- Doctoral Scholarship of the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences Mannheim, 2018, EUR 15.000 p.a.
- Alice Horseman Grant - Somerville College, 2018, GBP 500
- Somerville College Development Award, 2018, GBP 2000
- German Academic Scholarship Foundation, 2017-2018, EUR 13.600 p.a.
- Friedrich Ebert Foundation, 2014-2017, EUR 13.600 p.a.
- Erasmus Scholarship, 2005
- Glemser Scholarship for Future Excellency, merit scholarship for best final grades in A-levels, 2011

## Prizes

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- Aquila Ascendens, young researcher prize for security policy, 2nd prize, 2019
- Archibald Jackson Prize from Somerville College (Oxford) for academic achievements, 2018
- Scheffelpreis, German language award, 2011
- 3rd place of the school competition of the German Federal Agency for Political Education, 2010

## Professional activities

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Reviewer: Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Interactions

## Research assistance

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**Oxford University, Chair of International Relations** June-September 2018  
Research assistance for Prof. Andrea Ruggeri: Assistance in the creation of an expert survey on the ideological composition of armed groups

**Oxford Institute of Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict** January-April 2017  
Research assistance for Prof. David Rodin: Literature research for a book project on *jus inter bellum*, i.e. normatively permissible conduct of military policies in periods of peace between armed conflicts

**German Institute of Global Area Studies** June-July 2016  
Research assistance for Prof. Almut Schilling-Vacaflor: Co-authorship of a book chapter on development policies & resource extraction in Latin America

**University of Mannheim, Chair of International Relations** 2014-2016  
Research assistance for Prof. Sabine Carey in the ERC-project “Repression and the Escalation of Violence”: Assistance in the creation of a global encyclopedia on pro-government militias

**Human Rights Centre Potsdam** July-August 2014  
Research assistance for Prof. Norman Weiß: Literature research on the founding of the Council of Europe

**Mannheim Center for European Social Research** February-July 2014  
Research assistance in the project “Children of Immigrants - Longitudinal Survey in Four European Countries”: Data collection via telephone interviews with offspring of immigrated families

## Other professional experiences

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**Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights** July-September 2018  
Internship in the UN Human Rights Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division: Drafting of the Statistical Report for the 38th Session of the Human Rights Council

**Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative & UNDP** May-July 2018  
Data Analysis for the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index with Stata: Data preparation and computation for the Republic of Congo & Cambodia

**Oxford Transitional Justice Research Network** 2017-2018  
Elected as External Relations Manager: External communication for the biggest student-led transitional justice network in the world, organisation of a weekly seminar-series on transitional justice research

**State Parliament Baden-Württemberg** January 2014  
Internship in the parliamentary consulting section with focus on social, labour market, and health policy

## Voluntary work

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**Caritas Buddy-Project for refugees** 2018-present  
Voluntary German lessons for refugees in reception centers of the city of Mannheim

**Amnesty International** 2009-2017  
Head of youth group in Ravensburg, press officer of student group in Heidelberg & member of student group in Oxford

**Student Initiative for Children** 2015-2016  
Elected as national deputy head: Organisation of the student-run initiative that organises free tutoring by students for more than 1.000 socially disadvantaged pupils

**St. Christopher's School** 2011-2012  
Voluntary service as teaching assistant in a school for mentally disabled children in Bristol (UK)

## Software

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R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, SPSS, Excel, Qualtrics

## Languages

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German (native speaker); English (fluent); Spanish (fluent); French (basic knowledge)