

Employment

02/2022-present Postdoctoral researcher
University of Mannheim
Chair of International Relations of Prof. Sabine Carey (50%)
Chair of Comparative Politics of Prof. Thomas Bräuninger (50%)

Education

2022 Dr. rer. soc. Political Science
University of Mannheim & Graduate School for Economic and Social Sciences
Title: “An empirical and conceptual study of political imprisonment”
Committee: Sabine Carey (Supervisor), Simon Hug (Co-Supervisor), Thomas Bräuninger (Chair)
Grade: *Summa cum laude* (awarded with the Prof. Bojanovsky Prize)
Funded by the German Academic Scholarship Foundation

2018 M.Phil. International Relations
University of Oxford (Somerville College)
Thesis supervision: Andrea Ruggeri
Grade: Distinction (awarded with the Archibald Jackson Prize from Somerville College & the Aquila Ascendens Security Policy Research Prize)

2016 B.A. Political Science & Public Law
University of Mannheim
Exchange semester: Trinity College Dublin
Grade: 1.1 (German GPA)

Peer-reviewed articles

R&R Schulte F & **Steinert C** “Repression and backlash protests: Why leader arrests backfire.”
International Interactions.

2022 **Steinert C** & Christoph Dworschak “Political imprisonment and mass protests.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

2022 Horz C, Marbach M, & **Steinert C** “Environmental pollution and authoritarian politics.”
Journal of Politics.

2022 **Steinert C** “The Impact of Domestic surveillance on Political Imprisonment: Evidence from the former GDR.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

2022 **Steinert C** “The duration of political imprisonment: Evidence from China.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

2021 Weyrauch D & **Steinert C** “Intrinsic or instrumental? Human rights alignment in inter-governmental organizations.” *Review of International Organizations* 17: 89-115.

2021 **Steinert C** “Who is a political prisoner?” *Journal of Global Security Studies* 6(3).

2020 **Steinert C** & Ruggeri A “Who are our experts? Predictors of participation in expert surveys.” *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy* 26(4).

2019 **Steinert C**, Carey S & Steinert J “Spoilers of peace: Pro-government militias as risk factors for post-conflict recurrence.” *Journal of Peace Research* 56(2): 249-263.

2019 **Steinert C** “Trial fairness before impact: Tracing the link between post-conflict trials and peace stability.” *International Interactions* 45(6): 1003-1031.

2016 **Steinert C** & Yordanova N “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.

- 2016 **Steinert C** et al. “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.
- 2014 **Steinert C** “Globale Verantwortlichkeit und traditionelles Souveränitätsdenken – Gründe für die Haltung zur Responsibility to Protect von nicht-westlichen Staaten.” *Menschen-RechtsMagazin* 2/2014.

Other publications

- 2022 **Steinert C** “Why do Russia and Ukraine exchange their prisoners?” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, May 28, 2022.
- 2021 **Steinert C** “Unknown Identities: The Political Prisoners of Xinjiang.” *Political Violence at a Glance*, January 27, 2021.
- 2020 **Steinert C** “When states obscure illegal imprisonments.” *OpenGlobalRights* (published on English and Arabic), October 5, 2020.
- 2020 **Steinert C** “Freiheit für Kriminelle, Lebensgefahr für politische Gefangene in der Türkei.” *TAZ blogs*, June 16, 2020.
- 2019 **Steinert C** “Beware of Victor’s Justice.” *Political Violence at a Glance*, August 30, 2019.
- 2018 **Steinert C** “Why pro-government militias spoil peace agreements.” *OXPOL: The Oxford University Politics Blog*, July 28, 2018.
- 2017 **Steinert C** “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.
- 2016 **Steinert C** “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 chapter

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

Book review

- 2019 **Steinert C** “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

- In progress* “The Belt and Road Initiative and Voting patterns in the UN General Assembly.” (with David Weyrauch)
- In progress* “The Belt and Road Initiative and Attitudes towards Human Rights in Europe.” (with Sabine Carey and David Weyrauch)
- In progress* “MEPs and Tweets on China: How the Belt and Road Initiative shapes public statements of European politicians.” (with Sabine Carey and David Weyrauch)
- In progress* “Selective spotlights: Shaming targets in the UN Special Procedures.”
- In progress* “The logic of prisoner exchanges: Evidence from the wars in Ukraine and the Yemen.”

Conference and workshop presentations

- 2022 European Political Science Association Conference (EPSA) in Prague, American Political Science Association (APSA) (*accepted*)

- 2021 International Studies Association Conference (ISA), European Political Science Association Conference (EPSA), Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (NEPS), European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Swiss Political Science Association Conference, AFK Workshop on Empirical Research on Peace and Conflict (*all virtually*)
- 2020 American Political Science Association (APSA), Workshop on Conflict Dynamics at Nuffield College Oxford, Essex Conflict Research Colloquium (*all virtually*)
- 2019 AFK Workshop on Empirical Research on Peace and Conflict in Bonn, Joint Annual Conference of the German & Swiss Political Science Association in Basel
- 2018 Centre for the Study of African Economies at the University of Oxford (CSAE)

Teaching

University of Mannheim

- 2022 Graduate seminar in ‘Human Rights Violations during Peace & Conflict’
Main seminar dedicated to empirical research on human rights violations in autocracies and during armed conflicts (*hybrid*)
- 2022 Undergraduate seminar in ‘Human Rights Violations during Peace & Conflict’
Main seminar dedicated to empirical research on human rights violations in autocracies and during armed conflicts (*hybrid*)
- 2022 Undergraduate seminar in ‘Varieties of Authoritarianism’
Proseminar focused on comparative research on different types of autocratic regimes (*hybrid*)
- 2021 Undergraduate seminar in ‘Autocratic Politics and State Repression’
Proseminar focused on research on state repression in autocracies (*hybrid*)
- 2019 Undergraduate seminar in ‘Human Rights Violations during Peace & Conflict’
Proseminar dedicated to empirical research on human rights violations in autocracies and during armed conflicts (*in person*)

University of Innsbruck

- 2021 Undergraduate lecture in ‘Applied Research Methods’ with lab sessions
Advanced undergraduate methods lecture, focus on causal inference methods and the development of research designs, introduction to programming in the software R (*online*)

Oxbridge Summer School

- 2017 Introductory seminar in ‘Introduction to International Relations’
Two-weeks introductory seminar for high-school students (*in person*)

Awards and funding

	2022	Award	Prof. Bojanovsky doctoral dissertation prize
02/2020 - 08/2021		Scholarship	Doctoral Scholarship of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation
	2019	Award	Aquila Ascendens, young researcher prize for security policy, 2nd prize
09/2018 - 08/2019		Scholarship	Student Scholarship of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation
	2018	Award	Archibald Jackson Prize from Somerville College (Oxford) for academic achievements
	2018	Grant	Somerville College Alice Horseman Grant
	2018	Grant	Somerville College Development Award
01/2018 - 08/2018		Scholarship	German Academic Scholarship Foundation
02/2014 - 08/2017		Scholarship	Friedrich Ebert Foundation
	2011	Scholarship	Glemser Scholarship for Future Excellency, merit scholarship for best final grades in A-levels and Scheffelpreis, German essay award
	2010	Award	Student competition of the German Federal Agency for Political Education, 3rd prize

Research-related consulting

Minority Rights Group International

- 2022 Consulting on the development of the ‘Peoples under Threat index’
Refinement of the index to measure global variation in the oppression of minority groups

The International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights

- 2021 Consulting on the conceptualization of political prisoners
Advice on the development of new standards to identify political prisoners in Latin America

Stadt Mannheim

- 2019 Consulting on questionnaire design in an international development project
Creation of a sampling frame and a questionnaire to survey organizations in the field of international development in the region of Mannheim

Research assistance

Oxford University, Chair of International Relations

- 06/18-09/18 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

- 01/17-04/17 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 (GIGA)

- 06/16-07/16 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

- 02/14-06/16 Research assistance for Prof. Sabine Carey
Assistance in the creation of a global encyclopedia on pro-government militias and a database on murdered journalists in the ERC-project “Repression and the Escalation of Violence”

Human Rights Centre Potsdam

- 07/14-08/14 Research assistance for Prof. Norman Weiß
Literature research on the founding of the Council of Europe and drafting of a research article on the “Responsibility to Protect” (R2P)

Mannheim Center for European Social Research

- 02/14-06/14 Research assistance in the project CILS4EU
Data collection via telephone interviews with offspring of immigrated families in the project “Children of Immigrants - Longitudinal Survey in Four European Countries”

Other academic activities

Peer review

Journal of Conflict Resolution; Conflict Management and Peace Science; International Interactions; Journal of Global Security Studies; Fulbright Junior Research Award

Departmental service

Academic representative for the appointments committee of the W3-professorship in Social Data Science at the University of Mannheim (2021); membership in Open Science Mannheim

Professional experiences

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

07/18-09/18 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 & United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

05/18-07/18 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

02/17-06/18 Elected as External Relations Manager
External communication and speaker invitation for the student-led transitional justice network and organisation of a weekly seminar-series on transitional justice research

State Parliament Baden-Württemberg

01/14-02/14 Internship in the parliamentary consulting section
Drafting reports and conducting research with a focus on social, labour market, and health policy

Voluntary work

Amnesty International

01/09-present Formerly elected as head of a student group, currently member
Head of youth group in Ravensburg (2010-2011), press officer of student group in Heidelberg (2012-2013) & member of student groups in Oxford and Mannheim

Caritas Buddy-Project for refugees

01/18-10/21 Voluntary German lessons for refugees in reception centers of the city of Mannheim

Student Initiative for Children

10/15-06/16 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, Bristol (UK)

09/11-03/12 Voluntary service as teaching assistant in a school for mentally disabled children

Skills

Languages

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

Software

R (advanced), Stata (advanced), Excel (advanced), L^AT_EX (advanced), QGIS (basics), SPSS (basics), Qualtrics (advanced)

References

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