

Post-doctoral employment

- 03/2023-present Postdoctoral research fellow
University of St. Gallen
International Postdoctoral Fellowship (IPF) at the Chair of International Relations of
Prof. Hannah Smidt & Prof. Tina Freyburg
- 02/2022-01/2023 Postdoctoral researcher
University of Mannheim
Chair of International Relations of Prof. Sabine Carey (50%)
Chair of Comparative Politics of Prof. Thomas Bräuninger (50%), until 06/2022
- 07/2022-01/2023 Evaluator for human rights
The German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval)
Evidence-based evaluation of German development policies in terms of their compliance with
human rights principles; dissemination of the evaluation reports to diverse audiences (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

- 2023 Horz C, Marbach M, & **Steinert C** “Environmental pollution and authoritarian politics.”
Journal of Politics.
- 2023 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 **Steinert C** “The Impact of Domestic surveillance on Political Imprisonment: Evidence
from the former GDR.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 67(1): 38-65.
- 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

- 2023 **Steinert C** “Putting ideas behind bars: Here’s why it doesn’t work.” *Political Violence at a Glance*, January 5, 2023.
- 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* “Selective spotlights: Shaming targets in the UN Special Procedures.”
- In progress* “How China shapes voting behavior in the UN Human Rights Council.” (with **Valentin Lang** & **David Weyrauch**)
- 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](#))
- In progress* “The consequences of the German Supply Chain Act: Evidence from a regression discontinuity design.” (with [Bernhard Reinsberg](#))
- In progress* “The logic of prisoner exchanges: Evidence from the wars in Ukraine and the Yemen.”
- In progress* “Citizen complaints to the UN and state repression.” (with [Hannah Smidt](#))
- In progress* “Providing effective remedy? Independent accountability mechanisms in German development cooperation.” (with [Angela Heucher](#))

Conference and workshop presentations

- 2023 International Studies Association (ISA) in Montréal, International Conference on the Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship (PEDD) in Münster
- 2022 European Political Science Association Conference (EPSA) in Prague
- 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 MA seminar in ‘Human Rights Politics’
- 2022 BA seminar in ‘Human Rights Violations during Peace & Conflict’
- 2022 BA seminar in ‘Varieties of Authoritarianism’
- 2021 BA seminar in ‘Autocratic Politics and State Repression’
- 2019 BA seminar in ‘Human Rights Violations during Peace & Conflict’

University of Innsbruck

- 2021 BA lecture in ‘Applied Research Methods’ with lab sessions in R

Oxbridge Summer School at the University of Oxford

- 2017 Introductory seminar in ‘Introduction to International Relations’

Awards and scholarships

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| 03/2023-02/2025 | Fellowship | International Postdoctoral Fellowship (IPF) University of St. Gallen |
| 02/2020 - 08/2021 | Scholarship | Doctoral Scholarship of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation |
| 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

Other academic activities

Peer review

Journal of Conflict Resolution; Conflict Management and Peace Science; International Interactions; Journal of Global Security Studies; BMC Public Health; 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

Workshops organized

External Relations Manager for the Oxford Transitional Justice Research Network (OTJRN); co-organized a weekly seminar series on transitional justice research at the University of Oxford (2017-2018)

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

German Institute of Global Area Studies (GIGA)

06/16-07/16 Research internship in the Latin America section
Co-authorship of a book chapter on development policies & resource extraction in Latin America

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)

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

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
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 international development organizations

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 Language buddy for refugees from Syria and the Gambia
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
1:1-support of a pupil with autism; support of classroom and sports activities

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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