

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of St. Gallen.  
External Research Fellow, Mannheim Center for European Social Research.  
Co-program director ‘Diplomacy and International Actors’ Foraus Think Tank.

## 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. Tina Freyburg & Prof. Hannah Smidt
- 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  
Affiliated as co-project leader at the Mannheim Center for European Social Research
- 07/2022-01/2023      Evaluator for human rights  
The German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval), Bonn  
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      **Steinert C** “Elitist Remedies? Complaint Resources and Representation in International  
Human Rights Bodies.” *International Studies Quarterly*.
- 2023      Horz C, Marbach M, & **Steinert C** “Environmental pollution and authoritarian politics.”  
*Journal of Politics* 85(2).
- 2023      Schulte F & **Steinert C** “Repression and backlash protests: Why leader arrests backfire.”  
*International Interactions*.

- 2022 **Steinert C** & Christoph Dworschak “Political imprisonment and protest mobilization.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 67(7-8).
- 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* 40(4): 349-372.
- 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** “Was ist politische Haft?” *Amnesty Journal*, 04/2023, pp. 60-61.
- 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

<i>R&amp;R</i>	“The Belt and Road Initiative and voting patterns in the UN General Assembly.” (with <a href="#">David Weyrauch</a> )
<i>Under review</i>	“How User Language Affects Conflict Fatality Estimates in ChatGPT.” (with <a href="#">Daniel Kazenwadel</a> )
<i>Under review</i>	“Policy-Specific Human Rights Shaming: Evidence from the Other Letters of the UN Special Procedures.”
<i>In progress</i>	“China’s Challenge to the Liberal International Order: Evidence from the UN Human Rights Council.” (with <a href="#">Valentin Lang</a> & Josephine Hebling)
<i>In progress</i>	“ESG regulations, firm performance, and sustainability commitments: Evidence from the French supply chain law.” (with <a href="#">Bernhard Reinsberg</a> )
<i>In progress</i>	“Claiming rights, obtaining rights? Analyzing a demand-driven approach to international human rights enforcement” (with <a href="#">Hannah Smidt</a> )
<i>In progress</i>	“Providing effective remedy? Independent accountability mechanisms in German development cooperation.” (with <a href="#">Angela Heucher</a> )
<i>In progress</i>	“Attitudes Towards Arms Exports Among Politicians and Citizens in European Democracies.” (with <a href="#">Tobias Risse</a> )

## Conference and workshop presentations

2023	International Studies Association (ISA) in Montréal, Center for Security Studies Research Colloquium ETH Zurich, CCEW Symposium 2023 at the Center for Crisis Early Warning University of the Bundeswehr Munich Munich
2022	European Political Science Association Conference (EPSA) in Prague, Comparative Politics Workshop at Texas A&M, Congreso Internacional de Sustentabilidad, Ibero University, México City, Job Talk at the University of Zurich for the position as Head of Research
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, University of Essex, Conflict Research Colloquium ( <i>all virtually</i> )
2020	American Political Science Association (APSA), Workshop on Conflict Dynamics at Nuffield College Oxford, Essex Conflict Research Colloquium ( <i>all virtually</i> )
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)

## Awards and scholarships

07/2024-06/2026	Fellowship	SNSF Swiss Postdoctoral Fellowships (114,083€ per annum)
06/2023-05/2026	Fellowship	External Fellowship at the Mannheim Center of European Social Research
03/2023-02/2025	Fellowship	International Postdoctoral Fellowship (IPF) University of St. Gallen (78,180€ per annum)
02/2020 - 08/2021	Scholarship	Doctoral Scholarship of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (17,400€ per annum)
2022	Award	Prof. Bojanovsky doctoral dissertation prize (1,000€)
2019	Award	Aquila Ascendens, young researcher prize for security policy, 2nd prize
01/2018 - 08/2019	Scholarship	Student Scholarship of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (13,600€ per annum)
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 (3,500€)
02/2014 - 08/2017	Scholarship	Friedrich Ebert Foundation (3,600€ per annum)
2011	Scholarship	Glemser Scholarship for Future Excellency, merit scholarship for best final grades in A-levels and Scheffelpreis, German essay award

## Teaching

University of St. Gallen

2023 BA tutorial in ‘Quantitative Methods’

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 Quantitative Research Methods’ with lab sessions in R

Oxbridge Summer School at the University of Oxford

2017 Introductory seminar in ‘Introduction to International Relations’

## Other academic activities

Peer review

Journal of Conflict Resolution; Comparative Political Studies; Conflict Management and Peace Science; International Interactions; Journal of Global Security Studies; Security Journal; BMC Public Health; Medicine, Conflict and Survival; 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); Environmental Policy Officer Chair of Comparative Politics in St. Gallen (2023-2024)

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); Co-organized the Conflict & Change Workshop at the University of St. Gallen (2023-2024)

Workshops moderated

Swiss Summer School in Democracy Studies at the University of Zurich (2023)

Professional roles

V-Dem Country Expert for Germany

## Data consultancy projects

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

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

## Other professional experiences

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

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

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

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  
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

## Skills

Languages

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

Software

R (advanced), PostgreSQL (advanced), Stata (advanced), Excel (advanced), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X (advanced), Github (advanced), Qualtrics (advanced), QGIS (basics), SPSS (basics)

## References

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