

SNF-Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Zurich.
Policy fellow for ‘Diplomacy and International Actors’, Foraus Foreign Policy Think Tank.

Post-doctoral employment

07/2023-present	University of Zurich, PI of the SNF-funded project “ <i>An Empirical Study of the United Nations Human Rights Complaint Mechanisms</i> ”
03/2023-06/2024	University of St. Gallen, IPF-postdoctoral research fellow
01/2024-06/2024	University of Geneva, postdoctoral researcher in the SNF-funded SPARK-project “ <i>Debating Human Rights</i> ”
02/2022-01/2023	University of Mannheim, postdoctoral researcher and co-project leader at the MZES (50%)
07/2022-01/2023	German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval), evaluator for human rights (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: <i>Summa cum laude</i> (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: <i>Distinction</i> (thesis 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

1. **Steinert C** & Kazenwadel D. (2024) “[How user language affects conflict fatality estimates in ChatGPT.](#)” *Journal of Peace Research*.
2. **Steinert C.** (2024) “[Elitist remedies? Complaint resources and representation in international human rights bodies.](#)” *International Studies Quarterly* 68(2). (*Featured in a CSS Policy Perspective)
3. **Steinert C** & Weyrauch D. (2024) “[The Belt and Road Initiative and voting patterns in the UN General Assembly.](#)” *Research & Politics* 11(1).
4. **Steinert C.** (2024) “[Policy-specific human rights shaming: Evidence from the Other Letters of the UN Special Procedures.](#)” *Journal of Human Rights* 23(4): 385–403.
5. Horz C, Marbach M, & **Steinert C.** (2023) “[Environmental pollution and authoritarian politics.](#)” *Journal of Politics* 85(2). (*Honorable Mention for the Joseph Bernd Award of the SPSA for the best paper published in JOP in 2023)

6. Schulte F & **Steinert C.** (2023) “Repression and backlash protests: Why leader arrests backfire.” *International Interactions* 49(1).
7. **Steinert C** & Dworschak C “Political imprisonment and protest mobilization.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 67(7-8): 1564–1591. (*Recipient of the Peace Science Society Will H. Moore III Prize & the NEPS medal 2023, featured in [Political Violence at a Glance](#))
8. **Steinert C.** (2023) “The impact of domestic surveillance on political imprisonment: Evidence from the former GDR.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 67(1): 38-65.
9. **Steinert C.** (2023) “The duration of political imprisonment: Evidence from China.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 40(4): 349-372. (*Featured in the [Uyghur Rights Monitor](#); 2023 Glenn Palmer Prize for the best article published in CMPS)
10. Weyrauch D & **Steinert C.** (2022) “Intrinsic or instrumental? Human rights alignment in intergovernmental organizations.” *Review of International Organizations* 17: 89-115.
11. **Steinert C.** (2021) “Who is a political prisoner?” *Journal of Global Security Studies* 6(3). (*Featured in the [Amnesty Journal](#))
12. **Steinert C** & Ruggeri A. (2020) “Who are our experts? Predictors of participation in expert surveys.” *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy* 26(4).
13. **Steinert C.** (2019) “Trial fairness before impact: Tracing the link between post-conflict trials and peace stability.” *International Interactions* 45(6): 1003-1031. (*Featured in [Political Violence at a Glance](#))
14. **Steinert C**, Carey S & Steinert J. (2018) “Spoilers of peace: Pro-government militias as risk factors for post-conflict recurrence.” *Journal of Peace Research* 56(2): 249-263. (*Featured in the [Oxford University Politics Blog](#))
15. **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.
16. **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.
17. **Steinert C.** (2016) “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.
18. **Steinert C.** (2014) “Globale Verantwortlichkeit und traditionelles Souveränitätsdenken – Gründe für die Haltung zur Responsibility to Protect von nicht-westlichen Staaten.” *MenschenRechtsMagazin* 2/2014.

Other publications

1. **Steinert C.** (2024) “Reprisals for UN cooperation: The plight of human rights defenders in repressive states.” *Foraus-Blog*, July 23, 2024.
2. **Steinert C.** (2024) “Politische Gefangene und ihre Befreiung.” *Für Vielfalt. Zeitschrift für Menschen- und Minderheitsrechte*, Gesellschaft für bedrohte Völker, 55, 3/2024.
3. **Steinert C.** (2024) “UN Human Rights Council members: Champions or challengers of human rights?” *Foraus-Blog*, May 6, 2024.
4. **Steinert C.** (2024) “How independent are independent human rights experts?” *Foraus-Blog*, January 12, 2024.
5. **Steinert C.** (2023) “Unequal access to UN human rights bodies.” *CSS Policy Perspective of the ETH Zurich Center for Security Studies*, Volume 11/6.
6. **Steinert C.** (2023) “Was ist politische Haft?” *Amnesty Journal*, 04/2023, pp. 60-61.
7. **Steinert C.** (2023) “Putting ideas behind bars: Here’s why it doesn’t work.” *Political Violence at a Glance*, January 5, 2023.
8. **Steinert C.** (2022) “Why do Russia and Ukraine exchange their prisoners?” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, May 28, 2022.
9. **Steinert C.** (2021) “Unknown identities: The political prisoners of Xinjiang.” *Political Violence at a Glance*, January 27, 2021.
10. **Steinert C.** (2020) “When states obscure illegal imprisonments.” *OpenGlobalRights* (published in English and Arabic), October 5, 2020.
11. **Steinert C.** (2020) “Freiheit für Kriminelle, Lebensgefahr für politische Gefangene in der Türkei.” *TAZ blogs*, June 16, 2020.

12. **Steinert C.** (2019) “[Beware of victor’s justice.](#)” *Political Violence at a Glance*, August 30, 2019.
13. **Steinert C.** (2019) “The Peacemaker’s Paradox: Pursuing Justice in the Shadow of Conflict.” By: Priscilla Hayner. Book review published in *Journal of Peace Research - Book Notes* 2019.
14. **Steinert C.** (2018) “[Why pro-government militias spoil peace agreements.](#)” *OXPOL: The Oxford University Politics Blog*, July 28, 2018.
15. **Steinert C.** (2017) “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.
16. 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.

Working papers

- R&R* “The backlash against civil society participation in international organizations: The case of human rights complaints mechanisms” (with [Hannah Smidt](#))
- R&R* “Perceptions of human rights complaint mechanisms: The case of German international development cooperation.” (with [Angela Heucher](#), [Tobias Polak](#), [Martin Bruder](#), [Lena Taube](#), [Lea Smidt](#))
- Under review* “Trading arms, trading values? Attitudes toward arms exports among politicians and citizens in European democracies.” (with [Tobias Risse](#)) (*funded by the Green Box research grant)
- Under review* “Due diligence and firm performance: Evidence from the French supply chain law.” (with [Bernhard Reinsberg](#))
- In progress* “The illiberal challenge to the liberal international order: Evidence from the UN Human Rights Council.” (with [Valentin Lang](#))
- In progress* “Emotions in international assemblies: Debating human rights in the UN Human Rights Council.” (with [Simon Hug](#) & [Jascha Grübel](#))
- In progress* “Perceptions on police oversight institutions in European democracies.” (with [Kristine Eck](#))

Conference and workshop presentations

- 2024 Network of European Peace Scientists (NEPS) conference in Dublin, Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Congress in St. Gallen, AFK Methods Workshop in Berlin, International Studies Seminar Series University of Konstanz, Research Colloquium University of Geneva, Research Colloquium Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights Vienna, Global Governance Talk Series at the Geneva Graduate Institute
- 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
- 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
- 2020 American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference, Workshop on Conflict Dynamics at Nuffield College Oxford, Essex Conflict Research Colloquium
- 2019 AFK Workshop on Empirical Research on Peace and Conflict in Bonn, Joint Annual Conference of the German & Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA) in Basel
- 2018 Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference at the University of Oxford (CSAE)

Awards

1. NEPS medal for the best publication in Peace Science in 2023
2. Will H. Moore III Prize of the Peace Science Society for the best publication in 2023
3. Glenn Palmer Prize for the best article published in Conflict Management and Peace Science in 2023
4. Honorable Mention for the Joseph Bernd Award of the SPSA for the best paper published in the Journal of Politics in 2023
5. Prof. Bojanovsky doctoral dissertation prize in 2022
6. Aquila Ascendens, young researcher prize for security policy, 2nd prize in 2019
7. Archibald Jackson Prize from Somerville College (Oxford) for academic achievements in 2018
8. Scheffelpreis, German essay award in 2011
9. Student competition of the German Federal Agency for Political Education, 3rd prize in 2010

Grants, fellowships, and scholarships

11/2024	Grant	Travel grant of the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences for the PEIO conference at Harvard University (1,000 CHF)
09/2024	Grant	IPZ Research Grant University Zurich (1,300 CHF)
01/2024	Grant	Green Box Research Fund of the University of St. Gallen (10,000 CHF)
07/24-06/26	Fellowship	SNSF Swiss Postdoctoral Fellowship (150,276 CHF per annum)
06/23-05/26	Fellowship	External Fellowship at the Mannheim Center of European Social Research
03/23-02/25	Fellowship	International Postdoctoral Fellowship (IPF) University of St. Gallen (76,006 CHF per annum)
02/20-08/21	Scholarship	Doctoral Scholarship of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (17,400€ per annum)
01/18-08/19	Scholarship	Student Scholarship of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (13,600€ per annum)
2018	Grant	Somerville College Alice Horseman Grant
2018	Grant	Somerville College Development Award (£2000)
02/14-08/17	Scholarship	Friedrich Ebert Foundation (3,600€ per annum)
2011	Scholarship	Glemser Scholarship for Future Excellency, merit scholarship for best final grades in A-levels

Teaching

University of Zurich

2024 MA seminar in 'The United Nations and Human Rights'

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; Defence and Peace Economics; Ethnopolitics; BMC Public Health; Security Journal; Journal of Contemporary China; International Journal of Public Administration; Medicine, Conflict and Survival; Conflict Resolution Quarterly; Cognet Social Sciences; 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 co-officer at the Chair of Comparative Politics in St. Gallen (2023-2024); Member of the selection committee for a PhD position at the Chair of International Relations at the University of St. Gallen

Workshops organized

External Relations Manager for the Oxford Transitional Justice Research Network (OTJR), 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

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

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

Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative & United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

05/18-07/18 Data Analysis for the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index
Data preparation and computation for the Republic of Congo & Cambodia

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), Excel (advanced), L^AT_EX(advanced), Stata (intermediate), Python (intermediate), Github (intermediate), Qualtrics (intermediate), PostgreSQL (intermediate), QGIS (basics), SPSS (basics)

References

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