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Academic Background

since 03/2025	Postdoctoral Fellow, Peace Research Center Prague, Charles University *Project: Foreign Interference of Foreign Powers in the Context of Contemporary Geopolitical and Technological Changes (PI: Michal Smetana)*
09/2024 - 10/2024, since 08/2026	Visiting Research Fellow, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg *Project: Arms Control and Emerging Technologies (PI: Ulrich Kühn)*
09/2022 - 07/2026	Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of Political Science, University of St. Gallen *Chair of International Relations: James W. Davis*
05/2019 - 05/2022	PhD Fellow, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University *Title of PhD thesis: External Threats, Internal Threats, and State Support for Arms Control* *Supervisors: Daniel Finke, Svend-Erik Skaaning* *Committee: Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, Madeleine Hosli, Jakob Tolstrup*
09/2021 - 12/2021	Visiting Scholar, Department of Government, University of Essex *Host: Kristian Skrede Gleditsch*
10/2016 - 09/2018	Double Master's Degree: M.A. Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz and M.Sc. International Administration and Global Governance, University of Gothenburg *Grade: 1.1/Pass with Distinction*

10/2012 - 09/2016 B.A. Social Sciences – Media, Politics, Society, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf
Grade: 1.7

Peer-Reviewed Publications

09/2026 "National Security vs. Human Security: Intrastate Conflict and States' Rhetoric on Conventional Arms Control in the United Nations General Assembly", *Research & Politics*, 13(3), 1-7. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/20531680261473948

04/2026 "Trading Arms, Trading Values? Experimental Evidence on Attitudes toward Arms Exports among Citizens and Political Elites", Online First in *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027261439065 (Co-Authored with Christoph Steinert)

08/2025 "Democracy and State Support for Arms Control", *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 21(4), oraf026. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1093/fpa/oraf026

06/2025 "Interstate Rivalry, Major Power Status, and State Support for Arms Control", *International Interactions*, 51(4), 537-567. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1080/03050629.2025.2518394

10/2024 "Multidimensional Conflicts over Disarmament and International Security: Analyzing Speeches in the First Committee of the UN General Assembly", *Political Science Research and Methods*, 13(4), 832-849. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2024.56 (Co-Authored with Daniel Finke)

01/2024 "Civil War and State Support for Conventional Arms Control", *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 42(1), 11-31. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/07388942231223422

02/2023 "External Threats and State Support for Arms Control", *Journal of Peace Research*, 61(2), 214-227. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433221123359

Ongoing Research

"Right-Wing Terrorism, Party Responses, and Citizens' Blame Attributions to Far-Right Parties", Under Review. (Co-Authored with Valentin Daur)

"Diverting Terror in Its Tracks: Cross-National Experimental Evidence on Moral Decision-Making in Battlefield Trolley Dilemmas", Under Review. (Co-Authored with James W. Davis)

"The Valence Costs and Benefits of Parties' Positional Shifts in Dynamic Political Environments", Under Review. (Co-Authored with Valentin Daur)

"Outsourcing the Outrage: Public Opinion and Plausible Deniability of Foreign Interference by Proxy", Working Paper. (Co-Authored with Ondřej Rosendorf)

"Pushing the Button? Military and Civilian Decision-Making in Drone Warfare", Work in Progress. (Co-Authored with James W. Davis and Erik Lin-Greenberg)

"Challenging Universality: How Cultural Relativism Shapes Public Opinion on Human Rights", Work in Progress. (Co-Authored with Christoph Steinert and Stefanie Walter)

"External Threats and Public Opinion on Nuclear Weapons", Work in Progress. (Co-Authored with Ulrich Kühn)

"UN Peacekeeping Operations and Citizens' Attitudes on Military Spending", Work in Progress. (Co-Authored with Hannah Smidt)

Teaching Experience

02/2026 - 05/2026	M.A. Seminar "Fundamentals of Arms Control" (Co-Teacher), Institute of Political Science, University of St. Gallen
09/2023	PhD Workshop "Swiss Summer School in Democracy Studies: Democracy and Peace" (Moderator), University of Zurich
03/2023	M.A. Seminar "Fundamentals of Arms Control" (Substitute Teacher), Institute of Political Science, University of St. Gallen
10/2022	M.A. Seminar "The War in Ukraine" (Substitute Teacher), Institute of Political Science, University of St. Gallen
08/2020 - 12/2020	M.Sc. Seminar "Civil Wars: Causes and Consequences" (Course Coordinator, Teacher, Examiner), Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
01/2020 - 06/2020	B.Sc. Lecture "Political Institutions" (Teaching Assistant), Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
04/2015 - 08/2015	B.A. Lecture "Introduction to the Political System of Germany" (Teaching Assistant), Institute of Social Sciences, Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf

10/2014 - 02/2015	B.A. Lecture "Sociology Basics" (Teaching Assistant), Institute of Social Sciences, Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf

Conference and Workshop Presentations

09/2026	Annual Conference, Italian Political Science Association
06/2026, 06/2021	Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, Network of European Peace Scientists
06/2026	Annual Conference, European Political Science Society
09/2025, 10/2024, 09/2023, 09/2022, 09/2021	Empirical Peace and Conflict Research Workshop, German Association of Peace and Conflict Studies
09/2025	Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association
06/2025, 07/2024	Annual Conference, European Political Science Association
01/2025, 02/2024, 02/2023	Annual Congress, Swiss Political Science Association
02/2024	Workshop Political Violence in Democracies, University of Amsterdam
06/2023	Biennial Conference, Swiss Network of International Studies
03/2022	Annual Conference, German Association of Peace and Conflict Studies
10/2021, 10/2019	Annual Meeting, Danish Political Science Association
08/2021	General Conference, European Consortium for Political Research
03/2021	Conflict and Regime Workshop, Aarhus University

Research and Study Grants

04/2024	Research Grant, CHF 6,938 (~7,100 €), Basic Research Fund, University of St. Gallen
02/2024	Research Grant, CHF 10,000 (~10,550 €), Basic Research Fund, University of St. Gallen (Co-applicant)
09/2021 - 12/2021	Travel Grant, DKK 17,500 (~2,350 €), Augustinus Fonden
09/2021 - 12/2021	Travel Grant, DKK 9,500 (~1,300 €), William Demant Fonden

09/2020	Research Grant, DKK 6,000 (~800 €), Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
03/2020	Research Grant, DKK 20,000 (~2,700 €), Department of Political Science, Aarhus University
10/2017 - 07/2018	Scholarship, 8,050 €, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Other Academic Activities

Invited Talks and Presentations

04/2023	"nanoTalks: Peace and Conflict", Reatch

Media Appearances

05/2025	"Warum Russlands Nachbarn auf Anti-Personen-Minen setzen" [Why Russia's Neighbors Rely on Anti-Personnel Mines], ntv.de
02/2025	"Afslører FN's talerstol verdens splittelse?" [Does the UN Stage Reveal the World's Divisions?], DFF Podcasts

Departmental Service

06/2025 - 07/2026	Co-Organizer, Political Science Research Seminar, University of St. Gallen
03/2024 - 07/2026	Program Committee Member, PhD in International Affairs and Political Economy, University of St. Gallen
09/2023 - 07/2026	Co-Founder and Main Organizer, Conflict and Change Working Group, University of St. Gallen

Peer-Review

British Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Contemporary Security Policy, Ethnopolitics, International Interactions, Journal of International Business Policy, Perspectives on Terrorism, Political Research Quarterly, Research & Politics

Skills

Software

R (advanced), MS Office (advanced), Qualtrics (advanced), LaTeX (advanced), Unipark (advanced), E-Prime (advanced)

Languages

German (native), English (C2), French (B1), Danish (B1)