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Research Interests

Political violence, political mobilization, conflict dynamics, state repression, terrorism, tactics in conflict.

Employment & Affiliations

- 2015–2019 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Mannheim**
Project: Repression and the Escalation of Violence (RATE), funded by the European Research Council under the EU's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013)/ERC Grant Agreement No. 336019. PI: Prof. Sabine Carey.
- 2013–2015 **Researcher, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)**.
Projects: 'Actor Profiles and Violent and Non-Violent Tactics' and 'Effective Non-Violence? Resistance Strategies and Political Outcomes'. PI: Prof. Kristian S. Gleditsch.
- 2011–2015 **PhD student, Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant, University of Essex**.
PhD Dissertation: *The Dynamics of State Violence: Repression and Genocide in Armed Conflict*. Supervisor: Prof. Kristian S. Gleditsch. Examiners: Prof. Neil Mitchell (UCL) & Prof. Tobias Bohmelt (University of Essex).

Education

- 2011–2015 PhD in Politics, University of Essex (United Kingdom).
- 2009–2010 MA in International Relations, University of Essex (United Kingdom).
- 2009 BA in Philosophy, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain).

Previous Academic Employment

Research positions

- 2013–2015 Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO). Projects: 'Actor Profiles and Violent and Non-Violent Tactics' and 'Effective Non-Violence? Resistance Strategies and Political Outcomes'. PI: Prof. Kristian S. Gleditsch.
- 2013 University of Essex. Project: 'Actor Profiles and Violent and Non-Violent Tactics'. PI: Prof. Kristian S. Gleditsch.
- 2010–2011 University College London (UCL). Project: 'The Territorial Motivation of Terrorist Organisations'. PI: Dr. Alex Braithwaite. Funded by the Airey Neave Trust.
- 2010 University of Essex. Project: 'Events data, Intercoder Reliability, and Data Quality'. PIs: Prof. Han Dorussen, Prof. Theodora-Ismene Gizelis and Andrea Ruggieri.

Teaching positions

- 2015 Lecturer “Strategies of Conflict.” 2nd year BA, University of Mannheim (Germany).
- 2012–2014 Graduate Teaching Assistant “Survival Analysis.” Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection – Methods course, University of Essex (United Kingdom).
- 2012–2013 Graduate Teaching Assistant “Analysis of Conflict and Peace – Theories and Statistical Analysis (using R).” MA and 3rd year BA, University of Essex (United Kingdom).
- 2011–2013 Graduate Teaching Assistant “International Relation Theories.” 2nd year BA, University of Essex (United Kingdom).

Publications

- 2018 “Transición sin Violencia a una Democracia Limitada: Dinámicas Internas de la Transición Chilena.” *Iberoamericana: América Latina, España, y Portugal*, Año XVIII (2018), Vol. 67.
- 2017 “Words and Deeds: From Incompatibilities to Outcomes in Anti-government Disputes” *Journal of Peace Research* 54(4): 468–483, with David Cunningham, Kristian S. Gleditsch, Dragana Vidovic, and Peter B. White.
- 2016 “Violence and Non-Violence in Anti-Government Mobilization” Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) project report, with David Cunningham, Kristian S. Gleditsch, Dragana Vidovic, and Peter B. White.
- 2016 “Understanding Duterte’s ‘Dirty War’ in the Philippines” *Political Violence at a Glance*.
- 2015 “Nonviolence as a Weapon of the Resourceful: From Claims to Tactics in Mobilization.” *Mobilization* 20:4, 471–491, with Peter B. White, Dragana Vidovic, Kristian S. Gleditsch, and David Cunningham.

Under Review

- [1] “The Strategic Logic of Terrorism in Armed Conflicts,” with Sara Polo (Rice University).
- [2] “Facilitating Repression: How media Constraints Affect the Escalation of Repression,” with Sabine Carey (University of Mannheim) & Neil Mitchell (University Collage London).
- [3] “How (Non-)Violent Opposition Tactics Trigger Military Coups in Counterinsurgency Wars,” with Christian Gläbel (University of Mannheim) & Adam Scharpf (GIGA).
- [4] “Group Characteristics and the Choice of Violent and Non-Violent Tactics,” with Marianne Dahl (PRIO), Scott Gates (PRIO) and Kristian Gleditsch (University of Essex).

Prepared for submission

- [1] “Understanding Extreme Violence Against Civilians in Civil Wars.”
- [2] “Rebel Threat or Political Connections? The Contextual Logic of Military Home Deployment in Argentina (1976-1983),” with Christian Gläbel (University of Mannheim) & Adam Scharpf (GIGA).
- [3] “The Particulars of Transitions from Autocracies to Democracies: Explaining the Lack of Escalating Violence in the Chilean Democratic Transition,” with Sabine Carey (University of Mannheim).
- [4] “The Political Consequences of Wartime Sexual Violence: New Evidence from a List Experiment in Sri Lanka,” with Richard Traummüller (Goethe University Frankfurt).
- [5] “How to Improve Human Rights in Post-conflict Settings: The Role of Accountability, ” with Sabine Carey (University of Mannheim).

Datasets

- 2014– “Governmental Incompatibilities Data Project (GIDP) dataset,” with David Cunningham, Kristian Gleditsch, Dragana Vidovic, and Peter White.
- 2015– “Rebel Tactics in Conflict: One-sided Violence, Battle Events, and Terrorism,” with Sara Polo.
- 2015 Archigos 4.1 (updates), with Prof. Hein Goemans, Prof. Kristian Gleditsch, and Prof. Giacomo Chiozza.

- 2013–2014 “Locality: Location of Non-violent Campaigns in NAVCO 1.0,” with Marianne Dahl.
- 2009–2010 “United Nations Time of Intervention: Recognition of Conflicts within Different Organs of the UN and Time of PKO Deployment.”

Field Work

- 2018–Jun. Sri Lanka. Project: ‘Repression and the Escalation of Violence (RATE).’ Large-N survey, semi-structure interviews, and archival research (large-N survey expected March 2018, field work June 2018).
- 2015–Nov. Argentina. Project: ‘The Military Organization of State Repression.’ PI: Adam Scharpf. Data collection, semi-structure interviews, and archival research.
- 2015–S/Oc. Chile. Project: Repression and the Escalation of Violence (RATE).’ Data collection, semi-structure interviews, and archival research.

Conferences & Presentations

Invited talks

- 2017–Sep. Goethe University Frankfurt. Title: “From Autocracies to Democracies: Lack of Violence Escalation in Chile,” Frankfurt (Germany).
- 2016–Jun. Simon-Skjoldt Center for the Prevention of Genocide at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Title: “Research Agenda on Political Violence,” Washington (USA).
- 2015–Oct. Universidad Católica de Chile. Title: “Civil War and Genocide: Understanding Extreme Violence Against Civilians,” Santiago de Chile (Chile).

Organized workshops

- 2017–Jun. “Tactics in Conflict.” Funding: the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung. Co-organizers: Professor Kristian S. Gleditsch (University of Essex) and Gerald Schneider (University of Konstanz). University of Konstanz (Germany).
- 2017–Apr. “Post-conflict Peace and Stability.” Funding: ERC Grant 336019 ‘Repression and the Escalation of Violence (RATE)’ at the Chair of Political Science IV, University of Mannheim (Germany)

Conferences

- 2018–Apr. International Studies Association Annual Convention (ISA), San Francisco (USA).
- 2018–Mar. The Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship, Münster (Germany).
- 2017–Sep. American Political Science Association (APSA), San Francisco (USA).
- 2017–Jun. European Political Science Association (EPSA), Milan (Italy).
- 2017–Jan. Rhein-Neckar Triangle, Heidelberg University (Germany).
- 2016–Sep. American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia (USA).
- 2016–Feb. International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Atlanta (USA).
- 2015–Sep. Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung Annual Conference, Leipzig (Germany).
- 2015–Sep. American Political Science Association (APSA), San Francisco (USA).
- 2015–Jun. European Political Science Association (EPSA), Viena (Austria).
- 2014–Mar. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago (USA).
- 2014–Mar. International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Toronto (Canada).
- 2013–Oct. Peace Science Society (PSS) Annual Meeting, Knoxville (USA).
- 2013–Apr. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago (USA).

Workshops

- 2017–Dec. “Political Dissent: Causes, Tactics, and Outcomes.” University of Essex, Colchester – European Research Council (United Kingdom).
- 2017–Oct. “AFK-workshop Mixed Methods Approaches To Studying Peace and Conflict.” University of Mannheim (Germany).
- 2017–Sep. “Análisis de Conflictos Sociales y Ambientales en Chile.” Goethe University Frankfurt (Germany).
- 2017–Sep. “New Perspectives on the Micro-Dynamics of Political Violence.” University of Konstanz – Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) (Germany).
- 2017–Jul. “Tactics in Conflict.” University of Konstanz – Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung (Germany).
- 2017–Apr. “Post-Conflict Peace and Stability.” University of Mannheim – European Research Council (Germany).
- 2017–Mar. “International Workshop on Comparative Survey Design and Implementation (CSDI).” Mannheim (Germany).
- 2016–Aug. “The Policy Implications of Nonviolent Direct Action & Violent and non-violent tactics in conflict.” Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) (Norway).
- 2016–Jun “Making Democracy Work in Latin America.” Political Economy of Reforms (SFB), University of Mannheim (Germany).
- 2016–Jun. “Preventing Mass Atrocities Perpetrated by Non-State Actors: Advancing the Research Agenda.” Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington (USA).
- 2015–Jun. “Conflict, Strategies, and Tactics.” University of Essex, Colchester (United Kingdom).
- 2014–May “Actors, Strategies and Tactics in Contentious Direct Action.” Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) (Norway).
- 2014–Oct. “European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRe),” Uppsala (Sweden).
- 2014–May “European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRe),” Istanbul (Turkey).
- 2013–Nov. Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) 9th Annual Workshop “The Economics of Conflict, Mass Murder and Genocide,” UC Berkeley (USA).
- 2013–Sep. “European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRe),” Colchester (United Kingdom).
- 2013–Apr. “European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRe),” Amsterdam (Netherlands).
- 2012–Mar. “Advancing the Scientific Study of Conflict and Cooperation: Alternative Perspectives from the UK and Japan,” University of Essex, Colchester (United Kingdom).

Grants & Prizes

- 2017 DAAD Kongress- und Vortragsreisenprogramm: (EPSA 2017) – €750.
- 2016 ISA Travel Grant awarded for the Annual Convention, Atlanta – \$ 400.
- 2015 DAAD Kongress- und Vortragsreisenprogramm: (APSA 2015) – €1,750.
- 2014 ISA Travel Grant awarded for the Annual Convention, Toronto – \$ 300.
- 2013–2014 Travel grant by the European Network for Conflict Research (ENCoRe) for ENCoRE workshops, Amsterdam (2013) and Istanbul (2014).
- 2013 Travel grant by the European Network for Conflict Research (ENCoRe) for Quantitative Course in Uppsala University – €2,000/year.
- 2011–2014 ESRC AQM +3 Studentship, Economic and Social Research Council (United Kingdom). Grant Number: ES/J500045/1 – £21,322/year.
- 2008–2009 Beca de Colaboración - The Spanish Ministry of Education Research Grant for BA students with *summa cum laude* – €2,700.
- 2007–2008 Premio Caja Madrid Erasmus for students with *summa cum laude* – €5,000.

- 2007–2008 Beca de Estudios en el Extranjero Comunidad de Madrid (Spain) for students with *summa cum laude* – €4,000.
- 2005–2009 Beca Universitaria - Spanish Ministry of Education for students with *summa cum laude* – €3,000/year.

Additional Training

- 2014–Apr. Spatial Econometrics (Prof. Jude Hays). Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex (United Kingdom).
- 2013–Aug. Selection and Strategic Models (Prof. Curtis Signorino). Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex.
- 2013–Jul. Advanced Quantitative Methods and Research Design (Prof. Allan Dafoe). Uppsala University (Sweden).
- 2012–Aug. Training School on SQL and PostGIS (Prof. Nils Weidman). The European Network for Conflict Research (ENCoRe), ETH Zurich (Switzerland).
- 2012–Aug. Pooled Time-Series Cross-Sectional Analysis (Prof. Robert Walker). Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex (United Kingdom).
- 2012–Jul. Introduction to Duration Models (Prof. Matt Golder). Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex (United Kingdom).
- 2011–Oct. R Spatial Workshop (Prof. Kristian Gleditsch). University of Essex (United Kingdom).
- 2011–Feb. Introductory Course on Agent-Based Modelling (Prof. Nigel Gilbert). Centre for Research and Social Simulation SIMIAN, University of Surrey (United Kingdom).
- 2010–Aug. Maximum Likelihood and Limited Dependent Variable Models (Prof. B. Dan Woods). Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex (United Kingdom).

Academic Services

Reviews

American Journal of Political Science (AJPS), American Political Science Review (APSR), International Studies Quarterly (ISQ), Journal of Conflict Resolution (JCR), Journal of Peace Research (JPR), International Interactions (II), Journal of Global Security Studies (JGSS), Peace Economics, Peace Politics & Public Policy.

Professional membership

International Studies Association (ISA), American Political Science Association (APSA), European Political Science Association (EPSA), European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), European Network for Conflict Research (ENCoRe).

Skills

Languages

Spanish (native), English (professional), German (fair), Italian (fair).

Software

STATA, R, \LaTeX , Perl, Microsoft Office, XLSForms.

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