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Academic Positions

- Since 07/2017: Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the WZB Berlin Social Science Center
- 02/2017 - 06/2017: Postdoctoral Lecturer and Researcher at the Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Hamburg, Germany
- 02/2017 – 03/2017: Part-time parental leave
- 10/2016 - 01/2017: Parental leave
- 04/2016 - 09/2016: Researcher at the Chair of Political Science, especially Global Governance (Prof. Antje Wiener, PhD FAcSS), Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Hamburg, Germany
- 06/2015 - 06/2016: Coordinator of a funding application for a Research Unit (*Forschergruppe*) at the University of Hamburg on “Constitutionalism Unbound: Contested Narratives of Global Constitutionalisation”;
- 04/2010 - 09/2016 Managing Editor for *Global Constitutionalism – Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law* (an interdisciplinary international peer-reviewed Journal, published with Cambridge University Press)
- 04/2010 - 04/2015: Researcher at the Chair of Political Science, especially Global Governance (Prof. Antje Wiener, PhD FAcSS), Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Hamburg, Germany

Academic Qualifications

- 08/2016: PhD in Political Science from the University of Hamburg.
 - Title: “The Humanization of *international relations*: Prosecution, Protection, and Killing”.
 - Committee: Prof. Antje Wiener, PhD, FAcSS; Prof. Anthony F. Lang Jr., PhD; Prof. Markus Kornprobst, PhD; Prof. Dr. Susanne Krasmann
 - Grade: *summa cum laude*
- 11/2009: M.A. Diplomacy, Law and Global Change (Coventry University, UK)
- 12/2008: M.A. Democratic Governance and Civil Society (University of Osnabrück, Germany)
- 12/2006: B.A. Social Sciences (University of Osnabrück, Germany)

Publications

Refereed

- “On the Meaning of Democracy: Critique and Counter-Critique”, *New Perspectives: Interdisciplinary Journal on Central & East European Politics*, (2017), 25(2), 21-27 (Forum ‘On Pseudonymous Politics: Regarding Implicit and Explicit Misconceptions of Democracy’ by Peter Sloterdijk)
- “Individualized and Yet Dehumanized? Targeted Killing via Drones”, contribution to a special issue titled "Game Changer? On the Epistemology, Ontology and Politics of Drones" *BEHEMOTH - A Journal on Civilisation*, (2015), 8(2), 128-153
- “‘To prevent future Kosovos and future Rwandas.’ A critical constructivist view of the Responsibility to Protect”, *International Journal of Human Rights*, (2015), 19(8), 1074-1097
- “Den Schleier lichten? Kritische Normenforschung, Freiheit und Gleichheit im 'Arabischen Frühling'" [Lifting the Veil? Critical Norms Research, Freedom and Equality in the Context of the ‘Arab Spring‘], *Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen*, (2014), 21(2), 85-106 (co-authored with Maren Hofius, Jan Wilkens, and Hannes Hansen-Magnusson)

Review Essays

- “The Responsibility to Protect: Words, Deeds and Humanitarian Interventions”, *Journal of International Political Theory* (2014), 10(3), 361-370

Contribution in Edited Volumes

- „Zum Verhältnis von Normativität und Normalität in der Normenforschung“ [On the relationship between Normativity and Normality in Norms Research] (forthcoming), in: Engelkamp, Stephan; Glaab, Katharina, and Graf, Antonia (Eds.) „Kritische Normenforschung in Deutschland. Neue Wege in den Internationalen Beziehungen“ [Critical Norms Research in Germany: New Ways in International Relations], Schriftenreihe Internationale Beziehungen [International Relations Series], Baden-Baden: Nomos (co-authored with Hannes Hansen-Magnusson and Maren Hofius)
- “To prevent future Kosovos and future Rwandas.’ A critical constructivist view of the Responsibility to Protect” (2016), in Grover, Sonja (Ed.) *The Responsibility to Protect, Perspectives on the Concept's Meaning, Proper Application and Value*, Routledge, 76-99 [reprint from journal article]
- “Plagiarismus und der Fall Guttenberg – Weit mehr als ein Kavaliersdelikt” [Plagiarism and the Case of Guttenberg - Far More than a Trivial Offence] (2015), in A. Antić, E. Hausteiner, J. Huber, S. Huhnholz, D. Jacob, A. Marciniak, C. Schmelzle, T. Thiel and M. Weisspflug (Eds.): *Theorieblog Jahrbuch 2010-2015* [Theorieblog Yearbook 2010-2015], Berlin: epubli GmbH, 367-369.
- “Die Responsibility to Protect und Souveränität“ (2014) [The Responsibility to Protect and Sovereignty] in: Volk, Christian and Kuntz, Friederike (Eds.): *Souveränität in der transnationalen Konstellation* [Sovereignty in the transnational constellation], Baden-Baden, Nomos, 189-214 (in German)

Blog Posts

- “Researching Humanitarian Affairs: Normative Issues, Research Gaps, and Methodological Challenges” (2018) *Orders Beyond Borders*, available at <https://ordersbeyondborders.blog.wzb.eu/2018/11/13/humanitarian-affairs-issues-gaps-challenges/>
- “The Rise of Killer Robots: Should machines be allowed to kill us?” (2018) at *Orders Beyond Borders*, available at <https://ordersbeyondborders.blog.wzb.eu/2018/02/09/the-rise-of-killer-robots-should-machines-be-allowed-to-kill-us/>
- “‘Politikwissenschaft ist kein Laberfach‘ – Eine kritische Replik auf Karl-Rudolf Korte“ [”‘Political Science is not only talking‘ - A critical response to Karl-Rudolf Korte“] (2015) at *Bretterblog*, available at <https://bretterblog.wordpress.com/2015/08/19/politikwissenschaft-ist-kein-laberfach-eine-kritische-replik-auf-karl-rudolf-korte/>
- “Responsibility to Protect: A Political Science Perspective on the International Law Section of the Coalition Agreement” (2013), Blogpost (co-authored with Antje Wiener) at *Verfassungsblog*, available at: <http://www.verfassungsblog.de/en/responsibility-to-protect-a-political-science-perspective-on-the-international-law-section-of-the-coalition-agreement;>
- “From Kosovo to Syria – Why R2P is of No Use if the UN Security Council is Unable to Act Together” (2013), Blogpost at *Verfassungsblog*, available at: <http://www.verfassungsblog.de/en/from-kosovo-to-syria-why-r2p-is-of-no-use-if-the-un-security-council-is-unable-to-act-together>
- Plagiarismus und der Fall Guttenberg – Weit mehr als ein Kavaliersdelikt" [Plagiarism and the Case of Guttenberg - Far More than a Trivial Offence] (2011), Blogpost at *Theorieblog*, available at: <http://www.theorieblog.de/index.php/2011/02/plagiarismus-und-der-fall-guttenberg-weit-mehr-als-ein-kavaliersdelikt/>

Publications in Preparation

- Monographs:
 - “The Humanization of Global Politics: Discourses on International Criminal Law, the Responsibility to Protect, and Drones” (Under review with *Cambridge University Press*)
- Contributions to Edited Volumes
 - “R2P: Opening Discursive Spaces for Politics of Protection“ for an edited volume entitled “Rethinking the Responsibility to Protect - Challenged and Confirmed”; Edited by Alexander Reichwein und Mischa Hansel (under review with a publisher)
 - “Telling the Story of R2P: The Emplotment of R2P in the UN Security Council’s deliberation on Libya” (co-authored with Bastian Loges) for an edited Volume on “The Responsibility to Protect: Consolidation and Contestation”; Edited by Phil Orchard and Charlie Hunt (under review with the Editors)

- Journal articles
 - “Activating Norm Collisions: Insights from the Field of International Drug Control” (co-authored with Andrea Liese und Anna Holzscheiter). To be submitted as part of a special issue.
 - “Analysing Norm Collisions: An intersubjective and agency-oriented perspective” (co-authored with Andrea Liese und Anna Holzscheiter)
 - Constructing the Individual Human Being through Positions in Discourse: Insights from Security Discourses

Teaching Experience

- Summer term 2017: Undergraduate seminar: Introduction to Political Science (Year 1)
- Summer term 2017: Undergraduate seminar: The European Union: Actors, Structures, Current Challenges (Year 1)
- Summer term 2016: Undergraduate seminar: International Relations and International Law (Year 1)
- Summer term 2016: Postgraduate seminar “The Humanization of International Relations: International Criminal Law, Drones, and Human Rights”
- Summer term 2012: Undergraduate seminar “Diplomacy, International Relations & International Law” (Year 1)
- Summer term 2011: Undergraduate seminar “Norms in International Relations” (Year 3)
- Summer term 2010: Undergraduate seminar “Norms in International Relations” (Year 3); Co-taught with Antje Wiener

Papers Presented at Conferences and Workshops (selection)

- 12th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Prague, Czech Republic, 12th-15th September 2018: R2P and the Genocide Convention: A Tale of Two Norms.
- 12th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Prague, Czech Republic, 12th-15th September 2018: Roundtable contribution on “Perspectives For Humanitarian Research In International Relations“
- ECPR General Conference 2018, Hamburg, Germany: 22nd to 25th of August 2018: Analysing Norm Collisions: A Conceptual Framework and Its illustration [together with Anna Holzscheiter and Andrea Liese]
- 4th Workshop of the Thematic Groups on Norms Research in IR of the German PSA: Norms and the Role of Agency, University of Potsdam, Germany: 4th to 5th of May: Algorithms, Autonomy, Agency: The Curious Case of Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems
- 5. Offene Sektionstagung, Sektion “Internationale Beziehungen”, Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft [5th open section conference, Section „International Relations“ of the German PSA], University of Bremen, Germany: 4th to 6th of October 2017: “Telling the Story of R2P: A narrative account of the Responsibility to Protect” [together with Bastian Loges]

- 5. Offene Sektionstagung, Sektion „Internationale Beziehungen“, Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft [5th open section conference, Section „International Relations“ of the German PSA], University of Bremen, Germany: 4th to 6th of October 2017: “Meaningful Human Control - A Contested Norm”
- Workshop: Zum Begriff und Phänomenen der Norm: theoretische Perspektiven auf Normen und Normenforschung in den Internationalen Beziehungen, [Workshop: On the Term and Phenomenon of the Norm: Theoretical Perspectives on Norms and Norms Research in International Relations]: Frankfurt/Main, Germany, 29th to 30th of March 2017: “Mapping Different Norm Conceptions: The Case of R2P“,
- 1st Workshop „New Directions in International Political Theory“ (in cooperation with the University of Fudan (China), Hamburg (Germany) und Macquarie (Australia) 2016/2017; Hamburg, Germany, 19th to 20th of July 2016: “R2P: Opening Discursive Spaces for Politics of Protection”
- 57th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, USA, 16th to 19th of March 2016: “Targeted Killing via Drones: Accounting for Harm in Individualized War” and “R2P: Opening Discursive Spaces for Politics of Protection”.
- Young Researchers Workshop of the European International Studies Association: “(Re)Constructing Violence: Norms, Knowledge and International Legal Discourses” Catania, Italy, 22nd of September 2015: “Individualised and Yet De-Humanized? Targeted Killing via Drones”
- 56th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, USA, 18th to the 21st of February 2015: “The Individual Human Being as Being Worthy of Protection”
- ISA Catalytic Workshop: “The Responsibility to Protect Doctrine at Ten Consolidation and Contestation”, New Orleans USA, 17th of February 2015: ““To Prevent Future Kosovos and Future Rwandas’: A critical view on R2P’s development”
- 4. Offene Sektionstagung »Internationale Politik«, Sektion “Internationale Politik”, Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft [4th open section conference „International Politics“, Section „International Politics“ of the German PSA], University of Magdeburg, Germany: 25th to 27th of September 2014: “Den Schleier lichten? Kritische Normenforschung, Freiheit und Gleichheit im 'Arabischen Frühling“ [“Lifting the Veil? Critical Norms Research, Freedom and Equality in the Context of the »Arab Spring«] (co-authored with Maren Hofius, Jan Wilkens and Hannes Hansen-Magnusson)
- 4. Offene Sektionstagung »Internationale Politik«, Sektion “Internationale Politik”, Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft [4th open section conference „International Politics“, Section „International Politics“ of the German PSA], University of Magdeburg, Germany: 25th to 27th of September 2014: „Die soziale Konstruktion von Individuen in internationalen Beziehungen: Schutz, Strafverfolgung und gezieltes Töten“ [“The Social Construction of Individuals in international relations: Protection, Prosecuting and Targeted Killing”]
- 55th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, 26th to 29th of March 2014: “The Individual Human Being in international relations: R2P as a Process of Social Construction of Individuals in international relations”

- Workshop "Menschenrechtsschutz jenseits staatlicher Grenzen: Von Rechten und Pflichten" ["Human Rights Protection Beyond State Borders: On Rights and Duties"] Workinggroup "Human Rights" of the German PSA, TU Darmstadt, Germany, 11th of October 2013: "Recht und Politik: Zwei Narrative über das Individuum in internationalen Beziehungen: Strafverfolgung, Schutz, und gezieltes Töten außerhalb von Staaten" ["Law and Politics: Two Narratives of the Individual in international relations: Criminal Prosecution, Protection and Targeted Killing Outside of States"]
- "8th Pan – European Conference on International Relations", Warsaw, Poland, 18th to 21st of September 2013, "The Individual in the international relations: A Story of Politics and Law: Prosecution, Protection and Killing of Individuals in the International Realm"
- 4th Workshop of the network „Critical Normresearch“: "Critical Normresearch als metatheory and political practice: New pathways in the German International Relations", Münster, Germany, 27th to 29th of June 2012: "Meaning-in-use: Towards Relaxing the Relationship Between Normativity and Normality" (together with Hannes Hansen-Magnusson und Maren Hofius)
- 53rd Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Diego, USA, 1st to 4th of April 2012: "The Use of Force, the Individual and the International Realm." and "Leaving States and International Organisations Behind: The Individual as a Bearer of Rights and Responsibilities in the International Realm"
- 6th European Consortium for Political Research, Reykjavik, Iceland, 25th to 28th of August 2011: "Responsibility and Obligation"

Organised Panels and Workshops

- Workshop co-convenor for a workshop on "Norms between Normality and Normativity" at the University of Hamburg, Germany, 11-12 October 2018.
- Panel on "International Norms and the Boundaries of Democracy" [in German] at the 27th Scientific Congress of the German Political Science Association, University of Frankfurt, Germany: 25th to 28th September 2018 (organised together with Lisbeth Zimmermann)
- Panel on "Limits of Human Rights" [in German] at the 27th Scientific Congress of the German Political Science Association, University of Frankfurt, Germany: 25th to 28th September 2018 (organised together with Simon Koschut)
- Panel on "Norms of Humanitarian Politics" at the 12th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Prague, Czech Republic: 12th to 15th of September 2018 (organised together with Caroline Fehl)
- Panel on "Relationships between Norms: Contestation, Collision, and more?" at the ECPR General Conference 2018, University of Hamburg, Germany: 22nd to 25th of August 2018 (organised together with Andrea Liese)
- Panel on "R2P: New Approaches and Perspectives" at 5th open section conference, Section „International Relations“ of the German PSA, University of Bremen, Germany: 4th to 6th of October 2017 (organised together with Bastian Loges).

- Panel on “Drone Strikes and Targeted Killing: Insights from Theory and Methodology” at the 57th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, USA, 16th to 19th of March 2016

Invited Talks

- “Norm Collisions in Global Politics: The Case of Drug Use and Control”, Lecture in the IR Colloquium of Prof. Anja Jakobi, 16th of May 2018, TU Braunschweig, Germany
- “US Foreign Policy after Obama”, Public Lecture at the German Youth for Understanding Committee Germany, 27th of October 2016, Hamburg, Deutschland [in German]
- “The role of the US in the World”, Public Lecture at the German Youth for Understanding Committee Germany, 18. June 2016, Hamburg, Deutschland [in German]

Outreach (Public Lectures and Consultation)

- 2018: Meetings with members of the German parliament and/or their staff as part of the *Leibniz im Bundestag* Program
- Lunchtime Talk on “Digitalization and Civil Society: How does Digitalization Establish New Actors in the International Arena?” Part of the 4th Network Consolidation Programme: “Diplomacy in Times of Digitalization”, organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (*Auswärtiges Amt*), 21st of October 2015, Hamburg (together with Maren Hofius).
- “Who governs the world?” Public Lecture as part of the “Night of the Knowledge” at the University of Hamburg, 29th of October 2011 (together with Philip Liste) [in German]

Professional Service and Academic Community

Academic Refereeing

- Die Friedenswarte: Journal of International Peace and Organization
- Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen
- Ethics & International Affairs
- European Journal of International Relations
- Norms in International Relations (Springer Book Series)

Professional Memberships

- International Studies Association (ISA)
- European International Studies Association (EISA)
- German Political Science Association (DVPW)

Academic Community

- Speaker of the Thematic Group “IR Norms Research” of the German Political Science Association (DVPW) (together with Simon Koschut, Carmen Wunderlich, and Lisbeth Zimmermann) (Since March 2017)
- Member of the ISA Theory Section’s best paper award committee 2017

- Member of the Board of the Department of Social Science at the University of Hamburg (11/2010 - 04/2015)
- Member (Young Researcher) of the Centre for Globalisation and Governance at the University of Hamburg (04/2010 – 06/2017)
- Member (Young Researcher) of the Research Area 4 ”*Global Governance, Constitutionalism and World Society*” at the Centre for Globalisation and Governance at the University of Hamburg (04/2010 – 06/2017)

Funding (competitive)

Research, Workshop Organisation and Teaching

- 2011: 16 000 € University of Hamburg / Faculty Graduate School: Workshop series on qualitative research methodology (with six colleagues)
- 2011: 3 550 € University of Hamburg: Funding for the use of e-learning in seminars taught at the Chair of Global Governance
- 2010: 2 400 € University of Hamburg: Funding for the implementation of e-learning at the Chair of Global Governance

Tuition

- 2008/2009: 1 000 £ Coventry University International Merit Scholarship

Travel

- 2016: 400 \$ ISA Atlanta
- 2016: 800 € German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- 2015: 450 \$ ISA New Orleans
- 2015: 374 \$ ISA Workshop Grant
- 2015: 400 € University of Hamburg
- 2014: 200 € Centre for Globalisation and Governance
- 2014: 650 € University of Hamburg
- 2012: 500 € Centre for Globalisation and Governance
- 2011: 523 € German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- 2011: 400 € Graduate School Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences

Experience Abroad

- 2008/2009 Coventry University, United Kingdom: MA Program in Diplomacy, Law, and Global Change
- 2001/2002: Exchange Student with YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING Germany to New Zealand