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POSITIONS

- 03/2023 – **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**
Head of Junior Research Group “BIOPOLISTA”, Thaeer-Institute for Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences
- 07/2020 – 02/2023 **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Thaeer-Institute for Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Agricultural and Food Policy Group
- 08/2018 – 06/2020 **University of Manchester**
Research Associate and Co-lead of the ‘Defining and Measuring Political Settlements’ project, Global Development Institute

EDUCATION

- 10/2015 – 03/2020 **London School of Economics and Political Science**
PhD in International Development
Thesis Title: “Power of the Masses: Group Size, Attribution, and the Politics of Export Bans in Africa”
Supervision: Prof. Catherine Boone, Prof. Ken Shadlen
Examiners: Anne Pitcher (U. of Michigan), Carlos Oya (SOAS)
Fields: Political Economy of Development, Industrial Policy, Commodity Processing, African Politics, Mixed Method Research
MRes in Development Studies (‘distinction’), 09/2016
- 10/2013 – 09/2014 **London School of Economics and Political Science**
MSc Development Studies
- 10/2009 – 03/2013 **University of Konstanz**
BA Politics and Administration
- 02/2011 – 07/2011 **Universidad de Granada**
Visiting Student at the Faculty of Politics and Administration

RESEARCH

Journal Articles

‘The Political Settlements Dataset: Power Configurations and Political Blocs in the Global South, 1946-2018’. (2024, with T. Kelsall), *International Interactions*.

‘A global analysis of bioeconomy visions in governmental bioeconomy strategies’. (2024, with M. Proestou and P.H. Feindt), *Ambio*, 53.

‘Using Political Settlements Analysis to Explain Poverty Trends in Ethiopia, Malawi, Rwanda and Tanzania’. (2022, with B. Chinsinga, E.H. Weldeghebrael, T. Kelsall, and T.P. Williams), *World Development*, 153.

‘The Politics of Export Restrictions: A Panel Data Analysis of African Commodity Processing Industries’. (2020) *World Development*, 130.

‘Dangerous Demographics? The Effect of Urbanisation and Metropolisation on African Civil Wars, 1961–2010’. (2015) *Civil Wars*, 17:3, 291-317.

Monograph

‘Political Settlements and Development: Theory, Evidence, and Policy (2022, lead author with T. Kelsall, W. Ferguson, M. v. Hau, S. Hickey, & B. Levy) *Oxford University Press*

Book Chapter (peer-reviewed)

‘Governing Clean Energy Transitions in China and India’. (2017, with K. Isoaho and A. Goritz) in Arent, D., Arndt, C., Miller, M., Tarp, F. and Zinaman, O. (eds) *The Political Economy of Clean Energy Transitions*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Working Paper (peer-reviewed)

‘The political settlements dataset: An introduction with illustrative applications’. (2021, with T. Kelsall) ESID Working Paper No. 165. Manchester.

Working Papers (under review)

‘Prompting Peasant Power: Cashews, Coalitions, and Collective Action in Ghana and Côte d’Ivoire’

‘External Threats and State Building: Reviewing an Old Debate with New Data’

‘Resilience Orientation in Bioeconomy Policies: A Global Comparative Analysis’ (with M. Proestou and P. Feindt)

‘Explaining Strong and Weak Resilience Orientation in Bioeconomy Policies – A Configurational Analysis’ (with M. Proestou and P. Feindt)

‘Salience of Resilience Challenges in Bioeconomy Policies: A Comparative Analysis’ (with M. Proestou and P. Feindt)

‘A Global Correlational Analysis of Bioeconomy Policy Problematizations’ (with M. Proestou and P. Feindt)

‘Explaining Low Salience of Environmental Resilience Challenges in Bioeconomy Strategies: A Cross-Regional Comparative Analysis’ (with G. Varanini, M. Proestou and P. Feindt)

Papers in Preparation

‘Patterns of Policy Instruments in Bioeconomy Policies: Types, Character, and Calibration’ (with M. Proestou and P. Feindt)

‘Transforming Tanzanite: The Transnational Politics of Processing Promotion and Value Chain Control’

‘Democratization, Rural Bias, and the Political Economy of Real Exchange Rate Valuation’

‘Power Concentration and Economic Growth’ (with T. Kelsall)

FUNDING AND AWARDS

PI, Grant for BMBF Junior Research Group “BIOPOLISTA”, 3.103.306,03 € (2022)

Finalist, Dissertation Award of the German Political Science Association (2021)

Finalist, German Thesis Award of the Körber Stiftung (2021)

Winner, African Politics Conference Group Ralphe Bunche Best Graduate Student Paper Award (2020)

Second Place, UK Doctoral Researcher Awards, Category “Management & Social Sciences” (2020)

London School of Economics and Political Science PhD Scholarship (2015-2019)

Winner, Best Overall Performance Prize’ in MSc Development Studies (LSE 2014)

Winner, Excellent Dissertation Prize’ in MSc Development Studies (LSE 2014)

DAAD postgraduate scholarship (2013-2014)

Erasmus Scholarship (2011)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Summer 2021, 2022, & 2023 **‘Qualitative Research Methods‘**
Guest Lecturer, Humboldt University Berlin
- Winter 2019/20 **‘Comparative Politics of Economic Development‘**
Lecturer, University of Konstanz
- Summer 2019 **‘Development in the International Political Economy‘**
Teaching Assistant to Tim Forsyth, LSE
- Summer 2019 **‘Introduction to the Political Economy of Development‘**
Lecturer, Humboldt University Berlin, Centre for Rural Development
- Winter 2012/13 **‘Einführung in die Internationalen Beziehungen‘**
Teaching Assistant to Prof. Dirk Leuffen, University of Konstanz

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- 01/2017 – 07/2018 **Global Development Institute, University of Manchester**
Research Consultant for the ‘Political Settlement Typologies Project’
- 09/2016 – 01/2017 **Journal of Development Studies, London**
Assistance to Managing Editor Ken Shadlen.
- 01/2015 – 03/2015 **German Development Institute (DIE), Bonn, Germany**
Visiting Researcher (Depart. for Governance, Statehood, and Security)
- 06/2012 – 12/2012 **Research Assistant (“Traditional Institutions in Sub-Saharan Africa”)**
University of Konstanz: Chair of International Relations and Conflict Management (Prof. Katharina Holzinger)
- 04/2012 – 09/2012 **Research Assistant (“Institutional Design in European Parliaments”)**
University of Konstanz: Center of Excellence (Prof. Ulrich Sieberer)

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2023

- Research Conference on ‘*Bioeconomy Policies, Actors, and Transformations: Achievements, Challenges, and Recommendations*’, organizer and presenter, HU-Berlin, 22-23 February 2023

2022

- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, presentation on ‘Resilience Orientation in Bioeconomy Policies’, Montreal, 15-18 September, 2022.
- *International Symposium and Workshops on Sustainable Solutions at Times of Transition (SuST)*, presentation on ‘Salience of resilience challenges in bioeconomy policies: A comparative analysis’, 14-17 July 2022, Nisyros Island, Greece.
- Research Workshop on ‘*Resilience and the Bioeconomy: Policy, Politics and Production Systems*’, organizer and presenter, HU-Berlin, 24. Juni, 2022

2021

- Research Workshop on ‘*Bioeconomy Policy and Governance: Origins, Impacts, and Recommendations*’, organizer and presenter, HU-Berlin, 11 November, 2021
- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, presentation on ‘Power Concentration and Economic Growth’, Virtual, September 28 - October 3, 2021.

- *Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft Kongress*, presentation on , Resilience Orientations in Bioeconomy Policies – A Qualitative Comparative Analysis’, virtual, 14-16 September, 2021
 - *European Consortium for Political Research General Conference*, presentation on ‘Resilience Orientations in Bioeconomy Policy Design – A Comparative Analysis of 51 Countries’, virtual, August 31 – September 3, 2021.
 - *International Political Science Association World Congress*, presentation on ‘Integrative Policy Patterns as Governance Innovation for Resilient Bioeconomies’, Virtual, 10-15, July 2021
 - *International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP5)*, presentation on ‘Nexus issues, resilience concerns and post-exceptionalism in bioeconomy policies – A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of bioeconomy strategies and their design spaces’, Virtual, 5-9 July 2021
- 2020**
- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, organized panel on the ‘Democracy and Development: Insights from new Data Collection Efforts’, Virtual, 9-13, September 2020
 - *Development Studies Association Annual Meeting*, presentation on ‘Do Political Settlements Matter? A large-N Regression Analysis’, University of Birmingham, 16-19, June 2020
- 2019**
- *ESID Conference*, presented on ‘Political settlements and Pathways to Development, Manchester (University of Manchester), 9-11 September 2019
 - *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, organized panel on the ‘The Political Economy of Rural Mobilization and Threat in the Developing World’, Washington D.C., 29 August to 1 September 2019
 - *European Working Group on African Political Economy*, Berlin (WZB), 11-12 April 2019
- 2018**
- Research Workshop on ‘*Structural change and technological upgrading in times of globalization*. Presented on ‘Export Restrictions as Tool to Promote Commodity Processing?’, University of Siegen, 8-10 November 2018
 - *African Studies Association UK Biennial Meeting*, convened two panels on ‘The Politics of Agricultural and Industrial Policy in Africa’ & ‘The Economics of Export Diversification in Africa in the 21st Century’, University of Birmingham, 11-13 September 2018
 - *African Politics Conference Group Online Colloquium*, presentation on “The Political Economy of Commodity Processing Promotion”, 8 August 2018
 - *Development Studies Association Annual Meeting*, convened panel on ‘The Political Economy of Industrial Policy and State Business Relationships in the 21st Century’, Manchester (University of Manchester), 27-29 June 2018
 - *Oxford Central Africa Forum*, talk on “Transforming Tanzanite: The Politics of Commodity Export Prohibitions in Tanzania”, Oxford (Green Templeton College), 23 May 2018
 - *European Working Group on African Political Economy*, presentation on “The Political Economy of Commodity Processing Promotion”, LSE, 23 and 24 March 2018
- 2017**
- *Development Studies Association Annual Meeting*, convened panel on ‘State Business Relations in the Developing World’, University of Bradford, 6-8 September, 2017
 - *Southeast England Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE)*, University of Oxford, 10 March 2017
- 2016**
- *Development Studies Association Annual Meeting*, panel on ‘Political settlements and prospects for institutional transformation: re-thinking state- and peace-building in situations of fragility’, Oxford, 13 September 2016
 - ‘*Applied Political Settlements Workshop, Oxford*’ (Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford), 5-6 September 2016
 - Conference on ‘*Africa's Turn to Industrialize? Shifting Global Value Chains, Industrial Policy and African Development*’, London (LSE), 3 May 2016
 - *Southeast England Working Group on Afr. Polit. Economy (WGAPE)*, LSE, 18 March, 2016
 - *CP/CPE half-day workshop series on ‘Comparative Studies on Subnational Politics: Reports from the Frontier*’, London (LSE), 1 February 2016

QUALIFICATIONS

<i>Language</i>	German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (fluent)
<i>Computing</i>	Stata, R, QGIS, Qualtrics, MAXQDA
<i>Fieldwork</i>	Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania (8 months in 2017), Malaysia, South Africa
<i>Training</i>	Enhancing the Quality of Industrial Policy (EQuIP) Training of Trainers

AFFILIATIONS, ASSOCIATIONAL MEMBERSHIP, AND SERVICE

Affiliated Researcher	Center for Rural Development, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; British Institute in East Africa, Kenya; ESID, University of Manchester
Associations	African Studies Association; American Political Science Association; Development Studies Association
Service	Ethics Committee of the Thaeer-Institut, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

06/2022 –	Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, Togo Technical support to the Togo Go Big Industrialisation project
2014 & 2017	UNDP & Economic and Social Research Foundation, Tanzania Consultancy on Tanzanian Human Development Reports 2014 & 2017
05/2015 – 07/2015	GIZ (German Agency for International Cooperation), Lima, Peru Consultancy in project "CADESAN - Fortalecimiento de Capacidades para la Descentralización en los Países Andinos"
05/2013 – 07/2013	KfW (German Development Bank), Frankfurt, Germany Internship in the Governance Department
10/2011 – 03/2012	GIZ (German Agency for International Cooperation), Nepal Internship in Project "Supporting Measures to Strengthen the Peace Process".

REFERENCES

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