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Research interests

Substantive: Political Violence and Instability, International and Civil Conflict

Methodological: Quantitative Methods, Computational Social Science, Prediction, Causal Inference

Education

Trinity College Dublin

Dublin, Ireland

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science

09/2017–present

Supervisor: Prof. Thomas Chadeaux

Examiners: Prof. Charles Butcher, Prof. Nils Metternich

University of Nottingham

Nottingham, United Kingdom

M.A. in International Relations (Research Track)

09/2013–12/2014

University of Mannheim

Mannheim, Germany

M.A. in Political Science

08/2012–09/2014

B.A. in Political Science

08/2009–07/2012

Peer-reviewed publications

Oswald, Christian, and Daniel Ohrenhofer. 2022. “[Click, click boom: Using Wikipedia data to predict changes in battle-related deaths.](#)” *International Interactions* 48(4): 678–696.

Oswald, Christian, Melanie Sauter, Sigrid Weber, and Rob Williams. 2020. “[Under the Roof of Rebels: Civilian Targeting After Territorial Takeover in Sierra Leone.](#)” *International Studies Quarterly* 64(2): 295–305.

Public scholarship

Oswald, Christian, and Daniel Ohrenhofer: [Using Wikipedia for conflict forecasting.](#) *ECPR's The Loop*. 19 July 2022.

Oswald, Christian, Melanie Sauter, Sigrid Weber, and Rob Williams: [Civilian Victimization and Rebel Territorial Control in Sierra Leone.](#) *The Quantitative Peace*. 13 April 2020.

Working papers

“Caught up in the moment: The effect of changes in territorial control on the timing, location and intensity of state-based and one-sided violence in civil conflicts”

“Margin of (t)error: Predicting terrorism in civil conflicts for theory building and improvement”

“Staying local: The effect of battlefield dynamics on the timing and location of terrorism in civil conflicts”

“The revolution will not be typewritten: Comparing topics among the three generations of the Red Army Faction”

Additional training

Responsible Public Engagement Institute	University of Denver
Direct engagement with policy actors, Disseminating research to policy audiences	2021
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research	University of Michigan
Bayesian modeling I & II, Game Theory I & II	2018, 2019
IQMR Summer Institute	Syracuse University
Multi-method Research, Natural Experiments, Causal Models & Text Analysis	2019
BIGSSS Computational Social Science Summer School on Conflict	Jacobs University
Analyzing conflict dynamics at the event-level	2018
EITM Europe Summer Institute	University of Mannheim
Theoretical and methodological foundations	2014
ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques	University of Vienna
Panel Data Analysis	2014

Teaching experience

International Conflict (PG), Instructor	09/2021–01/2022
Contemporary International Relations (UG), Instructor	09/2021–01/2022
Research Methods for Political Science (UG), Instructor	09/2021–01/2022
International Relations (UG), Teaching Assistant	09/2018–08/2021
Introduction to Political Science (UG), Teaching Assistant	09/2017–08/2018

Presentations

Crisis Forecasting Symposium, Center for Crisis Early Warning, Munich	11/2022
Empirical Peace and Conflict Research, AFK Methods section	09/2022
PRIO Research School Symposium, Oslo (virtual)	09/2022
Conflict Research Society, Belfast	09/2022
European Political Science Association, Prague	06/2022
PolMeth Europe, Hamburg	06/2022
COMPTXT, Dublin	05/2022
Predicting Conflict, Center for Crisis Early Warning (virtual)	10/2021
Society for Political Methodology (virtual)	07/2021
Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (virtual)	06/2021
European Political Science Association (virtual)	06/2021
PolMeth Europe (virtual)	03/2021

ViEWS Prediction Competition (virtual)	10/2020
Conflict Research Society, Brighton	09/2019
IQMR Summer Institute, Syracuse	06/2019
Peace Research Institute Oslo, Oslo	03/2018

Scholarships, Awards & Honours

Teaching Certificate of Achievement (School of Social Sciences and Philosophy)	2020
Scholarship for Political Science Research (ICPSR)	2019
NSF Open Pool Scholarship (IQMR)	2019
EITM Certification Scholarship (ICPSR)	2018
PRIO Research School on Peace & Conflict Member	03/2018–present
Ph.D. Scholarship (Department of Political Science)	09/2017–07/2021
Associated Member of GESS CDSS , University of Mannheim	09/2013–08/2014
Qualification Scholarship (GESS)	09/2013–08/2014
Erasmus Scholarship	01/2011–06/2011

Grants

Trinity Trust & Department Travel Grants	2018, 2019
CDSS Travel and Research Grant	06/2014
School Student Fund	12/2013
ECPR Travel and Accommodation Grant	12/2013

Research & work experience

Teaching Fellow, Department of Political Science	09/2021–01/2022
Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science	09/2017–08/2021
Research Assistant, CONIAS Risk Intelligence	02/2015–08/2017
Junior Research Assistant, ICPVTR (RSIS, NTU Singapore)	06/2013–09/2013
Research Assistant, Institute of Baltic Studies	08/2011–09/2011
Student research assistant, MZES & SFB 884 “Political Economy of Reforms”	02/2010–01/2015

Skills

Statistical software & programming: R, JAGS, Stan, Python, Stata, SPSS, Git, Markdown, \LaTeX

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), Spanish & French (good), Russian & Estonian (basic)

Affiliations

European Political Science Association, Network of European Peace Scientists, Conflict Research Society, Society for Political Methodology