

Curriculum Vitae
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Professional Experience

- Since August 2015 Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics
University of Florida, USA
- October 2012 - Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics
July 2015 Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany
- Senior Research Fellow
 Head of Research Team ‘Representation and Participation in the Context of
 Inequalities’
 German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA)/ Institute of
 African Affairs, Hamburg, Germany
- March 2009 - Research Fellow
September 2012 German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA)/ Institute of
African Affairs, Hamburg, Germany
- February 2008 Consultant
International Foundation of Electoral Systems (IFES), Sierra Leone
- April 2007 Consultant
International Foundation of Electoral Systems (IFES), Nigeria
- October 2005 - Research Assistant to Dr. Susan Rice
January 2006 The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC
- June - July 2004 Parliamentary Research Assistant
Julie Morgan MP (Labour), House of Commons, United Kingdom
- September 2002 - Civil Servant
May 2003 The National Assembly for Wales Government, United Kingdom
- Education**
- March 2010 Ph.D in Political Science: Special Distinction
Jacobs University Bremen (Germany)
- August 2006 Master (dual degree) in International Studies: The George Washington
University, Washington, DC
Master (dual degree) in International Relations: Free University Berlin
Final Grade: A
- May 2004 Bachelor of Social Sciences and Economics in International Relations: University of

Wales/ Aberystwyth (United Kingdom)
Final Grade: First Class

Honors and Awards (selection)

- 2012: PhD dissertation shortlisted for the Jean Blondel PhD prize of the European Consortium of Political Research
- 2011: Best PhD dissertation in the field of social science of the Leibniz research community
- 2007 – 2009: PhD Scholarship, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Germany
- 2005: Scholarship for graduate studies in the United States, German Academic Exchange Service

Teaching

- Fall 2015: Graduate Seminar in African Politics
Civil-Military Relations in Unconsolidated Democracies
- Summer Semester 2015: MA module (lecture): Challenges to Democratization in Post-Third Wave Societies
BA module (seminar): Civil-Military Relations in Established and Young Democracies
- Winter Semester 2014/15 MA module (seminar): Methods of Comparative Politics and International Relations
BA module (seminar): Comparing Political Systems in Non-Western Democracies
- Summer Semester 2014: MA module (lecture): Challenges to Democratization in Post-Third Wave Societies
BA module (seminar): Civil-Military Relations in Established and Young Democracies
- Winter Semester 2013/14: MA module (lecture): Methods of Comparative Politics and International Relations
BA module (seminar): Comparing Political Systems in Non-Western Democracies
- Summer Semester 2013: MA module (lecture): Comparative Regionalism
BA module (seminar): Civil-Military Relations in Established and Young Democracies

Monographs

2013: *Political Parties in Africa: Ethnicity and Party Formation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Journal articles

2015: Autocratic Legacies and State Management of Islamic Activism in Niger. *African Affairs* (forthcoming)

2015 (with Matthijs Bogaards): Competitive Authoritarianism in Africa Revisited. *Comparative Governance and Politics* (forthcoming).

2013 (with Matthias Basedau): Return to the Barracks? The Military and Authoritarian Rule in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Politische Vierteljahresschrift Sonderheft* 47.

2012: Measuring and Comparing Party Ideology in Nonindustrialized Societies: Taking Party Manifesto Research to Africa. *Democratization* 19 (4): 642-667.

2012: Legitimität von Wahlen in der Transformation. *Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft* 3 (22): 340-349.

2008: Do African Parties Contribute to Democracy? Some Findings from Kenya, Ghana and Nigeria, *Africa Spectrum* 43 (2): 175-201.

Book chapters

2015: West Africa in 2014 in: Sebastian Elischer, Henning Melber and Andreas Mehler (eds.), *Africa Yearbook*, Boston: Brill Publishers.

2014 (with Matthijs Bogaards and Anika Becher): Ethnic Party Bans in Africa: Can Party Regulation Create National Parties?, in: Jacques Bertrand and Oded Haklai (eds.), *Democratization and Ethnic Minorities Conflict or Compromise?*, London: Routledge, p. 39-57.

2014: Kenia, in: Hans Joachim Lauth (ed.), *Politische Systeme im Vergleich*, München: Oldenbourg Verlag, p. 247-270. (German publication)

2012 (with Gero Erdmann): Südafrika: Historische Lasten, in: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik, DGAP Jahrbuch 2012, München: Oldenbourg Verlag. (German publication)

2010: Political Parties, Elections and Ethnicity in Kenya, in: Daniel Branch and Nicholas Cheeseman (eds.), *Our Time to Eat: Kenyan Politics since 1960*, London: LIT.

Other Publications

2015 (in press): *Sacrificing Democratic Principles on the Altar of Security. Democratic Reform and Islam in the Republic of Niger*. Washington D.C.: Centre for Strategic and International Studies.

2015: The Growth of Islamism in Mauritania, African Arguments: <http://africanarguments.org/2015/05/20/the-growth-of-islam-in-mauritania-should-western-allies-worry-by-sebastian-elischer/#comment-69328>

2015: Taking Stock of ‘Good Coups’ in Africa, *Washington Post*: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2015/05/18/taking-stock-of-good-coups-in-africa/>

2015: The Management of Salafi Activity in Africa: African State Strategies and their Consequences in the Sahel. *Africa Research Initiative* 2 (1).

2014: Salafisten in Afrika: nicht zwingend Wegbereiter des Terrorismus. *GIGA Focus Afrika* 3/2014.

2013: *Contingent Democrats in Action: Organized Labor and Regime Change in Niger*. Hamburg: GIGA Working Paper 231.

2013: After Mali Comes Niger. West Africa’s Problems Migrate East. *Foreign Affairs* (online exclusive).

Numerous policy documents for the German Foreign Ministry and the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation. Details available on request.

Book Reviews

2015: Nation of Outlaws, State of Violence by Meredith Terretta. *Africa Spectrum* (forthcoming).

2013: The Yearning for Relief: A History of the Sawaba Movement in Niger by Klaas van Walraven. *Journal of African History* 54 (3): 459-461.

Presentations at Academic Conferences (selection)

2014: 'Autocratic Legacies, Organizational Adaptation and the Management of Islamic Activity in the Republic of Niger'. African Studies Association, Indianapolis, November 20 -23. Paper accepted for oral presentation.

2014: 'New Directions in African Party Research'. American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 28-30. Paper accepted for oral presentation.

2014: 'Le control de l'islam au Mali et au Niger'. Presentation at the UNISMA Conference in Bamako, Mali, July 26.

2014: 'Organizational Adaptation, Autocratic Legacies and Fundamentalist Islam in the Republic of Niger.' Konferenz des Vereins der deutschen Afrikaforschung. Bayreuth, June 11-14.

2014: 'Organizational Adaptation, Autocratic Legacies and Fundamentalist Islam in the Republic of Niger.' Mid-Western Political Science Association, Chicago, April 5. Paper accepted for oral presentation.

2013: 'Containing and Accommodating Salafism: Lessons from the Republic of Niger', Paper presented at the Research Seminar of the African Studies Center Leiden, the Netherlands, December 12.

2013: 'Coming to Terms with the Imperial Presidency? Constitutional Reform in Kenya', Presenter at the Kenya at 50 conference at the School of Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins University, Washington, DC, September 26.

2013: 'Regional cooperation and integration in Sub-Saharan Africa', Panel Organizer and Chair, the European Conference on African Studies, Lisbon, June 27.

2013: 'The rise of Izala Islam in Niger', Islam in Africa: Emerging Trends and Policy Implications, Center for International Strategic Studies/George Mason University, Washington, DC, March 25.

2012: 'Regional Integration in Sub-Saharan Africa: Different Degrees and their Causes', GIZ Workshop Afrika Regional, Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Eschborn, Germany, September 18.

2012: 'Contingent Democrats in Action: Organized Labor and Regime Change in Niger', African Studies Association, African Studies Association, Philadelphia, November 28.

Third Party Funding Applications

2014: Funding from the Gerda Henkel Stiftung for a research project on Salafism in the Sahel: State Strategies and their Consequences (17 400 Euro). The application was successful.

2013: Funding from the Fritz Thyssen Foundation for a conference on electoral authoritarianism in Africa (16 982 Euro). The application was successful. The conference took place in November 2013.

Field Research Experience

Algeria, Chad, Ghana (four times), Cameroon (three times), Mauritania, Mali, Niger (three times) Nigeria (twice), Kenya, Sierra Leone, Namibia, Togo, Mali.

Language Skills

English	fluent
German	mother tongue
French	professionally proficient

Reviewer for Journals and Funding Agencies

American Political Science Review, Democratization, Party Politics, Comparative Governance and Politics, Journal of African History, Journal of Modern African Studies, African Security Review, African Studies Quarterly, Africa Spectrum, Fritz Thyssen Foundation, German Foundation for Peace Research

Other Activities

Co-editor of the Africa Yearbook (since September 2014)

Coordinator of the Collaborative AEGIS Collaborative Research Group *Politics in Africa* (November 2013 to July 2015).