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Current position

Heidelberg University (Heidelberg, Germany) 07/2014–*present*
Research Center for Distributional Conflict and Globalization and
Max Weber Institute for Sociology
Postdoctoral researcher

Affiliations

German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)
(Bonn, Germany) 07/2014–*present*
Department Governance, Statehood, Security
Associate fellow

Education

University of Essex (Colchester, United Kingdom) 10/2010–06/2014
Department of Government
PhD in Government, 17 June 2014; degree not graded
Thesis: “A nudge too far? The effects of democracy aid on democratization and political instability”
Supervisors: Kristian S. Gleditsch (Essex; *chair*) and Jörg Faust (German Development Institute)
Examiners: Katharina Michaelowa (University of Zurich) and Han Dorussen (Essex)

Universität zu Köln (Cologne, Germany) 10/2002–01/2008
Diplom (Masters equivalent) in Regional Studies Latin America, 29 January 2008; grade 1.6
Subjects: political science, Latin-American history, Spanish and Portuguese language and literature,
economic and social geography, international law

Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale” (Naples, Italy) 09/2004–03/2005
Latin-American history and literature

Work experience

German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)
(Bonn, Germany) 03/2008–06/2014
Department Governance, Statehood, Security
Researcher; research, training and policy advice on fragile states, foreign aid and democratization

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) [formerly GTZ]
(Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and Eschborn, Germany) 09/2006–12/2006 and 04/2007
Field research for my master thesis in Haiti and the Dominican Republic; student consultant

Un Techo para Chile (Iquique, Chile) 08/2001–08/2002
Alternative civilian service; built emergency housing in slums

Consulting

Bertelsmann Stiftung, 2013, 2015–2016
German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), 2015–2017

German Institute for Development Evaluation / Deutsches Evaluierungsinstitut der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit (DEval), 2015
InWent Capacity Building International, 2010
University of Duisburg-Essen, 2008
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), 2006

Publications

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Jörn Grävingholt, Sebastian Ziaja and Merle Kreibaum (2015): “Disaggregating state fragility: a method to establish a multidimensional empirical typology”, *Third World Quarterly* 36(7), 1281–1298

Jörg Faust, Jörn Grävingholt and Sebastian Ziaja (2015): “Foreign aid and the fragile consensus on state fragility”, *Journal of International Relations and Development* 18(4), 407–427

Sebastian Ziaja (2012): “What do fragility indices measure?”, *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft* 1(6), 39–64

Books

Javier Fabra Mata and Sebastian Ziaja (2009): *Users’ Guide on Measuring Fragility*, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Book chapters

Axel Dreher, Valentin Lang and Sebastian Ziaja (2017): “Foreign aid in areas of limited statehood”, forthcoming in the *Oxford Handbook of Governance and Limited Statehood*, edited by Thomas Risse, Tanja A. Börzel and Anke Draude.

Sebastian Ziaja and Javier Fabra Mata (2010): “State fragility indices: lessons for development policy”, in: Claske Dijkema, Karine Gatelier, Ivan Samson, Josiane Tercinet (eds.): *Rethinking the Foundations of the State: an Analysis of Post-Crisis Situations*, Brussels: Bruylant, 417–430

Ulrich Volz and Sebastian Ziaja (2010): “Die Auswirkungen der Finanzkrise auf fragile Staaten” [“The impact of the financial crisis on fragile states”], in: Christiane Fröhlich, Margret Johannsen, Bruno Schoch, Andreas Heinemann-Grüder, Jochen Hippler (eds.): *Friedensgutachten [Peace Report] 2010*, Berlin: Lit, 376–388

Other publications

Sebastian Ziaja (2014): “Donor fragmentation in democracy support has its benefits”, *KfW Development in Brief* 25

Julia Leininger and Sebastian Ziaja (2014): “Conflicting objectives in democracy promotion: avoiding blueprint traps and incomplete democratic transitions”, *DIE Briefing Paper* 11/2014

Jörg Faust and Sebastian Ziaja (2012): “German aid allocation and partner country selection: development-orientation, self-interests and path dependency”, *DIE Discussion Paper* 7/2012

Jörn Grävingholt, Sebastian Ziaja and Merle Kreibaum (2012): “State fragility: towards a multi-dimensional empirical typology”, *DIE Discussion Paper* 3/2012

Sebastian Ziaja and Javier Fabra Mata (2010): “State fragility indices: potentials, messages and limitations”, Bonn: *DIE Briefing Paper* 10/2010

Jörn Grävingholt, Stefan Gänzle and Sebastian Ziaja (2009): “The convergence of peacebuilding and state building: addressing a common purpose from different perspectives”, *DIE Briefing Paper* 4/2009

Manuscripts

Sebastian Ziaja, Jörn Grävingholt and Merle Kreibaum: “Constellations of fragility: differentiating states with finite mixture modeling”

Sebastian Ziaja: “Diversity trumps quantity: democracy aid, donor fragmentation and democratization”

Sebastian Ziaja and Martin Elff: “Assessing method factors, dimensionality and clusters in political regime data with dynamic finite-mixture factor analysis”

Sebastian Ziaja: “What’s the beef with fried chicken? A spatial analysis of local exposure to globalization and domestic conflict in Africa”

Sebastian Ziaja: “Fuel or water to the fire? A country-month analysis of foreign aid and political unrest in Africa”

Sebastian Ziaja: “Democratization and the monopoly of violence in developing countries”

Work in progress

Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Sebastian Ziaja: “Signaling support for democratization: social movements, international involvement and regime change”

Sebastian Ziaja: “The democratic civil peace revisited: assessing the predictive power of political regime indicators”

Markus Lang, Thomas Wencker and Sebastian Ziaja: “Cold war redux? A network analysis of cooperation by political regime type”

Christine Hackenesch, Svea Koch and Sebastian Ziaja: “World problems and problem-solving capabilities: an empirical typology of countries”

Presentations and workshops

Professional conference presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA), annual meeting 2013, 2015

Arbeitskreis Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (AFK), annual meeting 2016, methods workshop 2016

Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW), section development theory and policy 2008; working group democracy research 2009; section comparative political science 2015, 2017

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), general conference 2009, 2013; joint sessions 2013, 2014

European Network on Conflict Research (ENCoRe), biannual meetings 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

European Political Science Association (EPSA), general conference 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

International Political Economy Society (IPES), annual conference 2015

International Political Science Association (IPSA), joint conference with ECPR 2011

International Studies Association (ISA), annual convention 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Peace Science Society (PSS), joint conference with ISA 2013

Invited presentations

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), “Workshop on defining a multi-dimensional approach to fragility for the OECD States of Fragility Report 2016”, BMZ, Berlin, 15 October 2015

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), “The evolving conceptualization of fragility and the EU comprehensive approach to external conflict”, FES, Brussels, 16 October 2014

OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC), “The 18th DAC network on governance plenary meeting”, European Commission, Brussels, 29 January 2014

World Bank Center on Conflict Security and Development, UNDP and OECD, “Expert workshop on peace-building and state-building indicators”, Washington, D.C., 27–28 September 2011

World Bank International Development Association (IDA), “Working group on fragile and conflict-affected states”, Washington, D.C., 25 September 2011

London School of Economics (LSE), Crisis States Research Centre, “Expert workshop on measuring poor state performance”, London, 20–21 May 2010

USAID/OECD-DAC, “International network on conflict and fragility (INCAF) meeting”, Washington, D.C., 5 November 2009

Workshop organization

Lecture series “The end of globalization? Understanding the challenges to international cooperation”, Heidelberg University, October 2016 to February 2017 (co-organized with Andreas Fuchs; speakers include, among others, Andrew Moravcsik, Andrew K. Rose, Nita Rudra, Heidemarie Wiczorek-Zeul)

“European Network for Conflict Research (ENCoRe) spring meeting 2015”, DIE, Bonn, 5-7 March 2015 (co-organized with Sabine Carey)

Workshop “Political institutions and inclusive development”, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, 10-11 November 2014 (co-organized with Helmut Anheier, Luis Camacho and Jörg Faust)

DIE summer school “Research design”, Gary Goertz (University of Arizona), DIE, Bonn, 12-16 July 2011

“Indices on fragility and conflict – what use and implications for European development policy in Africa?”, European Development Days, Stockholm, 22–24 October 2009 (co-organized with Javier Fabra Mata)

Teaching experience

Graduate seminar “Social science indicators”, Heidelberg University, Fall 2016

Graduate seminar “Measuring conflict”, Heidelberg University, Fall 2015

Undergraduate seminar “War, democracy and foreign aid”, University of Mannheim, Fall 2014

Teaching assistant for Luke Keele, “Non-parametric and semi-parametric methods”, Essex Summer School on Social Science Data Analysis (ESS) 2012

Teaching assistant for Marco Steenbergen, “Logit and probit models”, ESS 2011

“Development and security”, yearly one-day postgraduate course on development policy at DIE, with Jörn Grävingholt, 2009–2014

Taught volunteers how to conduct survey interviews and build wooden barracks in Iquique, Chile, 2001–2002

Awards

Rudolf Wildenmann Prize for the best paper by a young scholar at the *ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops* for “Diversity Trumps Quantity: Types of Foreign Aid, Donor Fragmentation and Democratization”, presented at the 2013 Joint Sessions in Mainz

Referee

British Journal of Political Science, *Democratization*, *European Political Science Review*, *International Peacekeeping*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Third World Quarterly*, *World Development*

Methods training

- “Hierarchical models”, by Jeff Gill, Essex Summer School on Social Science Data Analysis (ESS) 2013
- “Modelling heterogeneity in cross-sectional and panel data”, by Daniel Stegmüller, ESS 2012
- “Causal inference in the social sciences”, by Benn Jann, GESIS Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences, Cologne, 27 February to 2 March 2012
- “Panel data analysis for comparative research”, by Chris Adolph, ESS 2011
- “Selection and strategic models”, by Curtis Signorino, ESS 2011
- “Non-parametric and semi-parametric methods”, by Luke Keele, ESS 2010
- “Structural equation modelling with AMOS”, by Markus Wirtz, University of Duisburg-Essen, 2010
- “Mathematical tools for social scientists: matrix algebra with R”, by Martin Elff, GESIS, Cologne, 2009
- “Non-linear multivariate analysis and multidimensional scaling”, by Patrick Groenen, GESIS, Cologne, 2009
- “Advanced research methods”, by Vera Troeger, University of Essex, 2010/11
- “Basic econometrics”, Center for Development Studies (ZEF), Bonn, 2008
- “Qualitative comparative analysis (QCA)”, by Andrea Herrmann, University of Cologne, 2007

Programming skills

Advanced skills in R (including GIS), Stata, LaTeX

Language skills

German (native)
English, Spanish (fluent)
French, Italian, Portuguese (basic speaking, good reading skills)