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Assistant Professor at the London School of Economics and Political Science

RESEARCH INTEREST

I use innovative quantitative methods to study the geography of state building and analyze its consequences for development and conflict in 20th century Africa and modern Europe.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom Sept. 2022 –
Assistant Professor, Department of Government

University of Oxford, United Kingdom July 2020 – Aug. 2022
Departmental Lecturer in International Relations, Department of Politics and International Relations
College Tutor, St. Hilda's College
Associate Member, Nuffield College

ETH Zurich, Switzerland July 2019 – July 2020
Postdoctoral Researcher, International Conflict Research Group

Harvard University, Cambridge MA, USA Feb. 2020 – Sept. 2020
Postdoctoral Visiting Researcher, Institute for Quantitative Social Science

EDUCATION

ETH Zurich, Switzerland Apr. 2015 – May 2019
PhD in Political Science
State Building, Development and Conflict in 20th Century Africa
Committee: Lars-Erik Cederman (main supervisor), Simon Hug, Horacio A. Larreguy

Harvard University, Cambridge MA, USA Feb. 2017 – Dec. 2017
Economics Department Visiting Affiliate

ETH Zurich and University of Zurich, Switzerland Mar. 2015
MA in Comparative and International Studies (MACIS)

University of St. Gallen, Switzerland July 2012
BA in Economics & BA in International Affairs
Exchange semester at Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Book

1. Cederman, Lars-Erik, Luc Girardin, Carl Müller-Crepon & Yannick Pengl (2025). Nationalism and the Transformation of the State: Border Change and Political Violence in the Modern World. *Cambridge University Press*.

Journal articles

Conditionally accepted and forthcoming

20. Müller-Crepon, Carl (2026). Cracking or Packing Ethnic Groups? The Colonial Design of Administrative Units in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Comparative Political Studies*, accepted for publication.

Online first

19. Müller-Crepon, Carl & Nils-Christian Bormann (2026). Coethnics Covote in Africa: Studying Electoral Cleavages with a Covoting Regression Model. *American Political Science Review*, FirstView.
18. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Clara Neupert-Wentz, Andrej Kokkonen & Jørgen Møller (2026). Rulers on the Road: Itinerant Rule in the Holy Roman Empire, AD 919–1519. *American Journal of Political Science*, Early View.
17. Dawson, Stephen, Felix Haass, Carl Müller-Crepon, & Aksel Sundström (2025). The Ethnic Politics of Nature Protection. *Journal of Politics*, Online First.

In print

16. Pengl, Yannick, Carl Müller-Crepon, Roberto Valli, Lars-Erik Cederman & Luc Girardin (2026). The Train Wrecks of Modernization: Railway Construction and Nationalist Mobilization in Europe. *American Political Science Review*, 120(1), 37-54.
15. Dill, Janina, Marnie Howlett, & Carl Müller-Crepon (2026). Do Ukrainians Still Prefer Self-Defense Against Russia At Any Cost? *Journal of Peace Research*, 63(2), 269–278.
14. Müller-Crepon, Carl (2025). Building Tribes: How Administrative Units Shaped Ethnic Groups in Africa. *American Journal of Political Science*, 69(2), 406–422.
13. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Guy Schvitz & Lars-Erik Cederman (2025). Shaping States into Nations: The Effects of Ethnic Geography on State Borders. *American Journal of Political Science*, 69,(1), 132–147.
12. Dill, Janina, Marnie Howlett & Carl Müller-Crepon (2024). At Any Cost: How Ukrainians Think about Self-Defense Against Russia. *American Journal of Political Science*, 68(4), 1460–1478.
11. Cederman, Lars-Erik, Yannick Pengl, Luc Girardin & Carl Müller-Crepon (2024). The Future is History: Restorative Nationalism and Conflict in Post-Napoleonic Europe. *International Organization*, 78(2), 259–292.
10. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Guy Schvitz & Lars-Erik Cederman (2024). ‘Right-Peopling’ the State: Nationalism, Historical Legacies and Ethnic Cleansing in Europe, 1885-2020. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 69(2-3), 211–241.

9. Neupert-Wentz, Clara & Carl Müller-Crepon (2024). Traditional Institutions in Africa, Past and Present. *Political Science Research and Methods*, 12(2), 267–284.
8. Lars-Erik Cederman, Luc Girardin & Carl Müller-Crepon (2023). Nationalism and the Puzzle of Reversing State Size. *World Politics*, 75(4), 692–734.
7. Müller-Crepon, Carl (2023). State Reach and Development in Africa since the 1960s: New Data and Analysis. *Political Science Research and Methods*, 11(3), 663–672.
6. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Yannick Pengl & Nils-Christian Bormann (2022). Linking Ethnic Data from Africa. *Journal of Peace Research*, 59(3), 425–435.
5. Müller-Crepon, Carl (2022). Local Ethno-Political Polarization and Election Violence in Majoritarian vs. Proportional Systems. *Journal of Peace Research*, 59(2), 242–258.
4. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Philipp Hunziker & Lars-Erik Cederman (2021). Roads to Rule, Roads to Rebellion: Relational State Capacity and Conflict in Africa. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 65(2-3), 563–590.
3. Beiser-McGrath, Janina, Carl Müller-Crepon & Yannick Pengl (2021). Who Benefits? How Local Ethnic Demography Shapes Political Favoritism in Africa. *British Journal of Political Science*, 51(4), 1582–1600.
2. Müller-Crepon, Carl (2020). Continuity or Change: (In)direct rule in British and French Colonial Africa. *International Organization*, 74(4), 707–741.
1. Müller-Crepon, Carl & Philipp Hunziker (2018). New Spatial Data on Ethnicity: Introducing SIDE. *Journal of Peace Research*, 55(5), 687–698. *JPR Best Visualization Award 2018*.

WORKING PAPERS

2. Dill, Janina, Marnie Howlett, Carl Müller-Crepon & Mara Revkin (2025). Fate or Choice? Attitudes Toward Collaboration and Reintegration in Ukraine. *Under Review*.
1. Müller-Crepon, Carl. Indirect Rule, Cash Crop Production, and Development in Africa.

SOFTWARE PACKAGES

CVReg: Covoting Regression Model and associated methods, in R

hegdata: Data on Historical Ethnic Geography in Europe, in R

cjRank: Ranking of attribute features and nested marginal means for conjoint experiments, in R

pspm: Estimation of Probabilistic Spatial Partition Models, in R

SpatialLattice: Setting up and handling spatial graph data, in R

LEDA: Linking Ethnic Data from Africa, in R

SIDE: Compositional spatial data on ethnicity, in R

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

European Research Council, Starting Grant (PI; EUR 1'500'000) BORDERS: Border Change and Local Development in Europe and Beyond	Jan 2026 — Dec 2030
Swedish Research Council, Research Project Grant (Co-I; SWK 5'000'000) Imagined Cartographies: A Survey Experiment on Territorial Border Preferences	Jan 2024 — Dec 2026
LSE Department of Government Group Seed Grant (PI; GBP 5'850) The Space to Belong to: Understanding Individual's Perceptions of Community within Multiethnic Settings (<i>returned</i>)	July 2023 — July 2024
John Fell Fund Grant (Co-PI; GBP 10'000) Imagined Cartographies: A Survey Experiment on Territorial Border Preferences	Mar. 2022 – Aug. 2022
Leverhulme Small Research Grant (GBP 9'939) Cracking or Packing Ethnic Groups? The Colonial Design of Administrative Units in Sub-Saharan Africa	Sep. 2021 – June 2023
Doc.CH grant (CHF 208'301) PhD grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation	Mar. 2016 – Sep. 2019
Doc.Mobility grant (CHF 12'760) Mobility grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation	Feb. 2017 – Dec. 2017
ETH Medal Awarded for MA thesis entitled <i>Ethno-Political Competition and Pre-Election Violence in Africa</i> .	Dec. 2015
Scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation (EUR 10'200)	Feb. 2010 – Mar. 2015
ETH Zurich Master Scholarship (CHF 17'000)	Sep. 2013 – Mar. 2015
Carlo-Schmid Fellowship (EUR 10'800) Fellowship at the United Nation's Department for Economic and Social Affairs	Sep. 2012 – Feb. 2013
Arthur Rich Award (CHF 2'000) Awarded for excellent BA thesis on ethical issues at the University of St. Gallen	Mai 2013

TEACHING

Evaluation grades (EG): 5=best, 1=worst

The Politics of Ethnicity LSE, MSc Political Science (EG 4.7)	Spring 2026–
Introduction to Comparative Politics and Conflict Studies LSE, MSc Political Science (EG 4.5)	2023–
War, Power, and Morality: Divisive Debates and Contentious Conflicts LSE, Summer School (EG 4.6)	Summer 2024–
Comparative Conflict Analysis LSE, MSc Conflict Analysis (EG 4.4)	Fall 2022
Research Design and Methods Practical Sessions University of Oxford, MPhil International Relations (EG 4.5)	Fall 2020, 2021

Thesis Seminar (co-taught)	Fall 2020, 2021
University of Oxford, MPhil International Relations	
The Development of the International System and Contemporary Debates in IR Theory	Fall 2020
University of Oxford, MPhil International Relations core course (EG 4.7)	
Undergraduate Tutoring	Fall 2020–
University of Oxford: <i>Practice of Politics</i> (EG 4.5); <i>International Relations core course</i> (EG 5.0); <i>International Security</i> (EG 4.0)	
Political Economy of Development and Conflict in Africa (with Yannick Pengl)	Fall 2019
ETH Zurich, graduate course (EG 4.9)	
Ethnic conflict from a political science perspective (with Yannick Pengl)	Summer 2017
German National Academic Foundation summer school, undergraduate course (EG 4.4)	
Teaching Assistant Quantitative Methods	Fall 2015
ETH Zurich, graduate course by Liam McGrath and Jørgen Bølstad	
Teaching Assistant Introduction to Political Economy	Fall 2014, 2015
University of Zurich, undergraduate course by Prof. Katharina Michaelowa	

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Kiel Institute for the World Economy	Mar. 2013 – July 2013
Research-internship on migration and development	
United Nations Department for Social and Economic Affairs	Sep. 2012 – Feb. 2013
Carlo-Schmid Fellow at the Office for Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Support and Coordination, Policy Coordination Branch	
Coordination Régionale des Artisans de Ségou, Mali	Aug. 2008 – July 2009
Voluntary service through the <i>weltwärts</i> -program of the German Development Service	

PRESENTATIONS

Invited	2026: University of Bristol*; University of Oxford; IE Madrid;
	2025: EUI Florence; IBEI Barcelona; MIT Global Diversity Lab; University College London; University of Bath;
	2024: NYU Abu Dhabi (declined due to parental leave)
	2023: University College London; University of Barcelona, IPerG; LSE African Political Economy and IR Seminars
	2022: University of Oxford & Nuffield College; London School of Economics and Political Science; Ohio State University
	2021: University of Essex
	2020: University of Washington in St. Louis
	2019: Graduate Institute Geneva
	* scheduled

Conferences	APSA Annual Meeting (2017–2021, 2024–); EPSA Annual Meeting (2019, 2022–2024); MPSA Annual Conference (2017, 2020); ISA Annual Convention (2016, 2022); Swiss Political Science Association (2017, 2020)
Workshops	Uses and Abuses of the Murdock Atlas in Social Science Research (LSE, 2026); Historical Political Economy Scoping Workshop (Hanover, 2025); Future of disaggregated conflict research (PRIO Oslo, 2025); Interdisciplinary Workshop on Identity and Politics (IAST/TSE, 2024); Conflict, Peace & Security Hub, University of Oxford (2023); Borders and Boundaries Conference University of Pennsylvania (2021); Border Science Exploratory Seminar (Harvard Radcliffe Institute, 2020); Empirical Peace and Conflict Research (2016, 2018); 3 rd Witten Conference on Institutional Change (2016); European Network of Conflict Research (2015, 2016); graduate student workshops at ETH and Harvard University

OTHER

Co-Organizer	Politics of the Global South Workshop (2024–); LSE African Political Economy Seminar (2023–); LSE Political Science and Political Economy Seminar Series (2023–); Oxford IR Colloquium (2021-2022); Oxford DPIR Politics Research Colloquium (2021); Political Economy Seminar, ETH Zurich (2018); Conflict Colloquium, ETH Zurich (2018)
Reviewer	American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, <i>Economic and Social Research Council</i> , Economic Systems, European Review of Economic History, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Nationalities Papers, Nations and Nationalism, Political Analysis, Political Geography, Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Research and Politics, Texas National Security Review, World Politics
Languages	English, German (mother tongue), Swiss German, Spanish, French
Software	R, Stata, Python, PostgreSQL, ArcGIS, QGIS

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