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FACULTY POSITIONS

<i>Professor of International Relations & Data Science</i> Dept. of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences, <i>ETH Zurich</i>	07/24-
<i>Senior Research Fellow</i> Nuffield College, <i>University of Oxford</i>	10/25-
<i>Senior Research Associate</i> Dept. of Politics and International Relations, <i>University of Oxford</i>	09/25-
<i>Professor of Political Science & International Relations (on leave 07/24 - 08/25)</i> Dept. of Politics and International Relations, <i>University of Oxford</i>	03/24-08/25
<i>Professorial Fellow (on leave 07/24 - 08/25)</i> Nuffield College, <i>University of Oxford</i>	07/22-08/25
<i>Associate Professor of International Relations</i> Dept. of Politics and International Relations, <i>University of Oxford</i>	07/22 - 02/24
<i>Douglas and Ellen Lowey Assistant Professor of Political Science</i> Dept. of Political Science, <i>Duke University</i>	07/19 - 06/22
<i>Assistant Professor</i> Dept. of Political Science, <i>Duke University</i>	08/18 - 06/19
<i>Assistant Professor</i> Dept. of Government, <i>London School of Economics</i>	09/15 - 07/18

OTHER POSITIONS

<i>Senior Research Associate</i> Political Methodology, Dept. of Political Science, <i>University of Zurich</i>	09/15 - 12/17
<i>Postdoc</i> International Conflict Research, D-GESS, <i>ETH Zurich</i>	08/14 - 08/15
<i>TA and Pre-/Postdoc</i> Pol. Methodology; IR; Pol. Econ.; Dept. of Pol. Science, <i>University of Zurich</i>	07/07 - 08/15

EDUCATION

<i>PhD studies in Political Science (Dr. phil.)</i> <i>University of Zurich (UZH), Switzerland</i>	<i>PhD Defense: 10/13</i>
<i>PhD Committee:</i> Dieter Ruloff, Lars-Erik Cederman, Stathis N. Kalyvas, Elisabeth J. Wood	
<i>Dissertation:</i> “Repression and Mobilization in Civil War: The Consequences of State Violence for Wartime Collective Action” <i>Grade: Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors)</i>	
<i>lic. phil., equivalent to Master of Arts UZH</i>	

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

<i>Visiting Predoctoral Fellow</i>	01/10 - 06/11
Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Dept. of Political Science, Yale University, CT, USA	
<i>Short-Term Visiting Scholar</i>	03/12
CISEPA, PUCP, Lima, Peru	

PUBLICATIONS & SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

ARTICLES

Janina Dill, Emily Myers and Livia Schubiger. "A Matter of Principle: The Role of Consent in U.S. Support for Military Intervention, *International Security*, forthcoming.

Erica De Bruin, Gabriella Levy, Livia Schubiger, and Michael Weintraub. "Out-Competing Rivals: Armed Group Governance and Civilian Attitudes in Colombia." *American Political Science Review*, 2025, 119(4):1792-1805.

Schubiger, Livia. "One for All? State Violence and Insurgent Cohesion", featured in the *Monkey Cage*, *International Organization*, 2023, 77 (1): 33-64.

Schubiger, Livia. "State Violence and Wartime Civilian Agency: Evidence from Peru", *The Journal of Politics*, 2021, 83(4): 1383-1398.

Osorio, Javier, Livia Schubiger and Michael Weintraub. "Legacies of Resistance: Mobilization against Organized Crime in Mexico", *Comparative Political Studies*, 2021, 54(9): 1565-1596.

Dill, Janina and Livia Schubiger. "Attitudes towards the Use of Force: Instrumental Imperatives, Moral Principles, and International Law", *American Journal of Political Science*, 2021, 65(3): 612-633.

Fjelde, Hanne, Lisa Hultman, Livia Schubiger, Lars-Erik Cederman, Simon Hug, and Margareta Sollenberg. "Introducing the Ethnic One-Sided Violence Dataset", *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 2021, 38(1):109-126.

Cederman, Lars-Erik, Simon Hug, Livia Schubiger and Francisco Villamil. "Civilian Victimization and Ethnic Civil War", *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2020, 64(7-8): 1199-1225.

Gleditsch, Kristian S., Simon Hug, Livia Schubiger and Julian Wucherpfennig. "International Conventions and Non-State Actors: Selection, Signaling and Reputation Effects", *Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Working Paper 108*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2018, 62(2): 346-380.

Osorio, Javier, Livia Schubiger and Michael Weintraub. "Disappearing Dissent? Repression and State Consolidation in Mexico", *Journal of Peace Research*, 2018, 55 (2): 252-266.

Steele, Abbey and Livia Schubiger. "Democracy and Civil War: The Case of Colombia", *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 2018, 35(6): 587-600.

Schubiger, Livia and Matthew Zelina. "Ideology in Armed Groups", Symposium on Emotions and Ideologies in Violent Political Mobilization, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 2017, 50(4): 948-952.

Jentzsch, Corinna, Stathis N. Kalyvas and Livia Schubiger. "Militias in Civil Wars", Introduction to Special Issue, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2015, 59(5): 755-769.

GUEST EDITING

Jentzsch, Corinna, Stathis N. Kalyvas and Livia Schubiger. "*Militias in Civil Wars*", Special Issue, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2015, 59(5).

BOOK CHAPTERS

Schubiger, Livia and David Sulmont. "Civil Wars and their Consequences: The Peruvian Armed Conflict in Comparative Perspective". 2019. In: Soifer, H. D., & Vergara, A. (eds.). *Politics After Violence: Legacies of the Shining Path Conflict in Peru*. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press.

BOOK PROJECT

Schubiger, Livia. "*State Violence and Wartime Collective Action*" (proposal accepted by *Cambridge University Press*; manuscript in progress).

SELECTED RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Huff, Connor, Emily Myers and Livia Schubiger. "Domestic Discontent and Battlefield Desertion: Evidence from the Southern Bread Riots." Under review.

De Bruin, Erica, Gabby Levy and Livia Schubiger "Attitudes Toward Gendered Dissent." Under review.

Bailey, Max; Roland Bouffanais; Livia Schubiger and Didier Wernli. "The Diffusion of Norms on VAW in the UN." Research in Progress.

Aldana, Ursula, Erica Field, Javier Romero Haaker, Livia Schubiger, and Ferran Vega Carol. "It Takes A Village: Harnessing Social Norms to Reduce Intimate Partner Violence in Peru." Working paper.

Bailey, Max, Christy Coulson, Scott De Marchi, Spencer Dorsey, Emily Myers and Livia Schubiger. "Mobilization for Equality: Norm Change and Backlash." Research in progress.

Field, Erica, Javier Romero Haaker, Livia Schubiger and Andres Santos Vargas. "Collateral Damage: The Long-Run Effects of Armed Conflict on Intimate Partner Violence" Research in Progress.

Dow, David, Diego Romero and Livia Schubiger. "More than Words? The Politics of Reducing Gender-Based Violence." Research in progress.

BLOG POSTS, BOOK REVIEWS & CONTRIBUTIONS IN GERMAN (NON-PEER REVIEWED)

Schubiger, Livia. JPR book note on Tanisha Fazal, 2018, *Wars of Law: Unintended Consequences in the Regulation of Armed Conflict*, Cornell University Press. Published online August 5, 2019.

Gleditsch, Kristian S., Simon Hug, Livia Schubiger and Julian Wucherpfenning. "How to Keep Armed Groups from Using Land Mines", *The Monkey Cage* (Washington Post), Feb 28, 2018.

Jentzsch, Corinna, Stathis N. Kalyvas and Livia Schubiger. "Who's Fighting the Islamic State? Five Things You Need to Know about Militias in Civil War", *The Monkey Cage* (Washington Post), September 21, 2015.

Ruloff, Dieter and Livia Schubiger. "Kriegerische Konflikte: Eine Uebersicht" [*Armed Conflicts: An Overview*], In: *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte* 16-17, 2007, p. 10-17.

Ruloff, Dieter and Livia Schubiger. “Zwischenstaatliche Kriege” [*Inter-state Wars*], In: *Handbuch Sicherheitsgefahren*, ed. by T. Jaeger, 2015, Springer VS.

HONORS, GRANTS & AWARDS

PAPER AWARDS

MPSA Best Paper by Emerging Scholar Award, 2017, with Javier Osorio and Michael Weintraub.

PROJECT GRANTS

Training Local Leaders to Prevent and Reduce Intimate Partner Violence: Evidence from Peru, various grants including Innovations for Poverty Action; J-Pal; National Institutes of Health; Wellspring Philanthropic Fund; with Erica Field (lead PI), Ursula Aldana and Javier Romero Haaker.

Explaining Civilian Support for Criminal and Political Armed Groups, US National Science Foundation; with Michael Weintraub and Erica de Bruin (lead PI).

Attitudes Towards Civilian Killings in War, LSE Sticerd; with Janina Dill.

Inequality and Pro-Social Attitudes in Peru, LSE RIIF seed funding & UvA; with Abbey Steele and Seiki Tanaka.

Civilian Victimization and Conflict Escalation, Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS); with Lars-Erik Cederman (lead PI), Simon Hug, and Marcelo Olarreaga.

Mining and Social Protest in Latin America, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF); with Simon Bornschier, Marco Steenbergen (lead PI), and Manuel Vogt.

FACULTY ADVANCEMENT AWARDS

Tuition award for the Faculty Success Program (National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity), jointly awarded by the Dean’s office, Trinity College of Arts & Sciences, and the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement, Duke University.

DISSERTATION AWARDS

SIAF Award

Dissertation prize awarded by the Swiss Institute of International Studies (SIAF) for an outstanding social science dissertation submitted 2012-2015 at ETH Zurich / University of Zurich.

Prize for Excellence in Applied Development Research

Dissertation prize awarded by the Research Group on Development Economics of the German Economic Association and the KfW Development Bank (1st prize; Young Researcher Category).

UZH Annual Award for Outstanding Scholarship

Prize awarded annually to one dissertation or other exceptional academic achievement in the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zurich.

Best PhD Thesis in Political Science

Dissertation prize awarded by the University of Zurich’s Department of Political Science.

Shortlist for the Jean Blondel PhD Prize

Dissertation shortlisted for the ECPR Prize for the Best PhD Thesis in Politics.

PREDOCTORAL GRANTS AND AWARDS

Fellowship for Prospective Researchers, Swiss National Science Foundation.

Young Researcher Fellowship, Zurich University Alumni Association, Fund for the Support of Aspiring Young Academics.

Scholarship for Young Researchers, Janggen-Poehn Foundation (declined).

Semester Prize for Outstanding Scholarly Work, Awarded in Political Science (with C. Meier & F. Miard), UZH.

Semester Prize for Outstanding Scholarly Work
Awarded in Social Anthropology, UZH.

INVITED TALKS

*Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz, November 24, 2025.

*Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Geneva, September 29, 2025. *Department of Political Economy, Kings College London, January 17, 2024. *The Comparative Politics Workshop (CPW), University of Chicago, April 19, 2023, virtual.

*Institutions and Political Economy Research Group, University of Barcelona, Spain, April 13, 2023. *The Instituto Carlos III-Juan March (IC3JM), Madrid, Spain, March 24, 2023. *PSPE, Government Department, London School of Economics, March 21, 2023. *Nuffield College, University of Oxford, January 17, 2023. *Comparative Politics Workshop, co-hosted with ILAS, Columbia University, virtual, February 16, 2022. *Comparative Politics Workshop, Vanderbilt University, virtual, Feb 3, 2022. *Comparative Politics Workshop, George Washington University, virtual, Dec 3, 2021. *Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, virtual, Nov 23, 2021. *CRITICS speaker series, Georgetown University, Washington DC, Nov 22, 2021. *PREACH seminar, PRIO Norway, virtual, August 19, 2021. *The Moral Psychology of War Workshop, Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law, and Armed Conflict (ELAC) & Nuffield College Oxford, virtual, May 13-14, 2021. *ETH Zurich, Department Humanities, Social and Political Sciences, virtual, Dec 1, 2020. *Conference on Old and New Challenges to Mexican Democracy, Yale University, Oct 3, 2019. *Advancing Research on Conflict Workshop, John Hopkins University, August 26-27, 2019. *USHMM Seminar on Civilian Mobilization & Mass Atrocities, Wash. DC, June 13, 2019. *TISS Faculty Seminar, Chapel Hill NC, Dec 13, 2018. *Pol. Economy & Pol. Science (PEPS) Meeting, Santiago de Chile, Nov 14-16, 2018.

*Philosophy, Politics & Economics Seminar, Brown University, Providence RI, Oct 4, 2018.

*Political Economy Workshop, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany, June 14, 2018.

*Political Economy Seminar, University of Mannheim, Germany, May 14, 2018. *Comp. Institutions & Regimes, Dept. of Polit. Science, Univ. of Oslo, Norway, May 4, 2018. *Security and Statecraft Workshop, Dept. of Internat. Relations, LSE, Feb 27, 2018. *Department of Government Speaker Series, University of Essex, Feb 13, 2018. *Oxford IR Workshop, Oxford University, Nov 2, 2017. *Workshop on Micro-dynamics of Political Violence, University of Konstanz, Sep 20-21, 2017. *Latin American Political Economy Series, UCL, Feb 15, 2017.

*Political Economy Seminar, King's College London, Nov 23, 2016. *Workshop on Emotions, Ideologies & Political Violence, Cambridge UK, Jul 25-30, 2016. *Conference on Organized Crime in Mexico, CIDE, Mexico City, June 20, 2016. *Political Contention & Diffusion Workshop, University of Exeter, May 31-June 1, 2016. *Conflict, Security & Development Seminar Series, King's College London, UK, May 5, 2016. *Micro-Comp. Studies of 20th Century Conflicts, Yale University, April 23-24, 2016. *Watson Seminar, Dept. of Political Science, University of Rochester, Feb 19, 2016. *Departmental Research Seminar, Dept. of Political Science, UCL, UK, Dec 16, 2015. *Conference on Colombian Peace Process, Univ. del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia, Dec 4, 2015. *Oxford Nuffield Seminar, Oxford University, UK, Nov 10, 2015. *Kobe Satsuki Political Science Meeting (Pres. & Disc.), Kobe University, Japan, May 14, 2015. *CIDCM/IR Workshop, University of Maryland, College Park MD, Feb 23, 2015.

*Department of Politics & Public Admin., University of Konstanz, Germany, June 5, 2014.

*Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden, October 17, 2013.

*International Relations Workshop, Yale University, New Haven CT, February 23, 2011.

SERVICE

PEER REVIEWING

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, International Interactions, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, NYUAD Research Enhancement Fund, Political Science Research & Methods, PS: Political Science & Politics, Research & Politics, Security Studies, Swiss National Science Foundation, World Politics

BOARDS, COUNCILS, AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

Jury for Best Paper Award, Conflict Processes Section, American Political Science Association. Member. 2025.

ETH Einstein School of Public Policy. Member. 2025 - .

SiD Lab, Co-director. 2024- .

Journal of Peace Research. Editorial Committee. 2021 - .

Swiss Political Science Review, International Advisory Board, 2017 - .

Committee for Young Researcher Award, Article Category. SVPW. 2022.

Political Economy of Conflict & Crime Workshop. XII Ridge Forum, Lima, Peru. Scientific Committee. 2020.

Conflict Research Society, UK. Governing Council, 2017 - 2019.

CONFERENCES, SPEAKER SERIES, AND WORKING GROUPS

Faculty Affiliate/Coordinating Member: TISS (2021-2022); Duke-UNC Latin American Politics Working Group (2018-2022); SoWEPS (2019-2022).

Co-organizer: SPC Seminar Series, Duke, 2019-2022; SoWEPS-2 Conference, 2020, Duke; General Speaker Series, Duke, 2019; Workshop on Civil Society & Development, 2017, LSE; Workshop on State Violence, 2016, LSE; Conference on Militias in Civil Wars, 2012, Yale.

TEACHING (*Selected Courses*)

PUBLIC POLICY

LSE and ETHZ. EMPA/EMPP, Science in Perspective (executive, graduate, and undergraduate)

Human-Centered AI for Social Good: Peace, Health, Climate; (w/ M. El-Assady, A. Duursma, E. Vayena, A. Wenger). Graduate and undergraduate. ETH Zurich. 2025.

Political Science and Public Policy (w/ S. Hix, 2018 & A. Cirone, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022).

METHODOLOGY & DATA SCIENCE

University of Zurich and ETHZ. Level: MA (graduate)

Data Science, AI & Human Rights. ETH Zurich. 2025. (w/ M. Bailey).

Advanced Methods: Causal Inference and Research Design, Fall 2013, Spring & Fall 2014 (w/ M. Steenbergen).

COMPARATIVE POLITICS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

University of Zurich & London School of Economics & Duke University & University of Oxford & ETHZ.

Topics in International Relations and Data Science: Norms, Gender, and Violence. Master in Comparative and International Studies. Graduate. ETH Zurich. 2025.

Identities, Norms, and Violence. MPhil Politics & IR. Oxford. 2024.

MPhil in Politics: Comparative Government, Sessions on Violent Conflict (w/ Stathis Kalyvas). 2023. Oxford.

The Development of the International System & Contemporary Debates in International Relations Theory (IR MPhil Core Course, Block V). Oxford. 2023.

IR PRS Seminar for DPhil Students. Oxford. 2023.

IR MPhil Thesis Seminar. Oxford. 2023

Repression and State Violence. Graduate. Duke. 2021.

Political Violence, Repression, and Organized Crime. 2020, 2021, 2022 (w/ E. Mvukiyehe in 2022). Undergraduate. Duke.

Political and Criminal Armed Groups. 2019. Undergraduate. Duke.

Civil Wars. 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022. Graduate. Duke.

Armed Groups: Violence, Governance, and Mobilization. 2016, 2017, 2018. Msc. LSE.

Comparative Conflict Analysis, 2015, 2016, 2017. Msc (w/ conflict research group). LSE.

PhD SUPERVISION & EXAMINATION

Silvia Bueno López (Advisor), ETH Zurich. Johannes Lucht (Co-Advisor), ETH Zurich. Sebastian Raphael Priego, Oxford (Co-Supervisor). Carina Uchida, Oxford (Co-Supervisor). Emily Myers, Duke (Co-Chair/Advisor). Gabby Levy, Duke (Co-Chair/Advisor). Kelly Hunter, Duke (Co-Chair/Advisor). Stephanie Wright, Duke (PhD Committee). Kendrick Hardison, Duke (PhD Committee). Viola Rothschild, Duke (PhD Committee). Priscilla Torres, Duke (PhD Committee). Diego José Romero, Duke (PhD Committee). Dean Gerard Dulay, Duke (PhD Committee). Margaret Foster, Duke (PhD Committee). Mateo Villamizar Chaparro, Duke (PhD Committee). Steven Saroka, UNC (PhD Committee). Megan Erickson, University of Washington (PhD Committee). Claudia Wiehler, ETH Zurich (Second Advisor). Leslie Fischer, HSG (Second Advisor). Johan Ahlback, LSE (Co-Supervision). Elise Must, LSE (Examiner). Mohammad Aghdam, University of Geneva (Jury). Evgenija Kroeker, Oxford (Examiner). Addi Haran, Oxford (Examiner).

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