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Education

- 2022 – ···· 📖 **PhD Candidate** at the University of Konstanz
Graduate School of the Social and Behavioral Sciences
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Gabriele Spilker
Thesis title: *The Circle of Natural Hazards and Vulnerability*
- 2020 – 2022 📖 **Master of Arts** in Politics and Public Administration with specialization in International Relations and European Integration (grade: 1.2)
University of Konstanz, Department of Politics and Public Administration
Thesis: *Reversing the Causal Arrow: The Nexus Between Armed Conflict and Natural Disasters*
- 2017 – 2020 📖 **Bachelor of Arts** in Political Science and Economics (grade: 1.3)
Osnabrück University, Institute of Social Sciences
Thesis: *The Impact of Droughts on the Political Trust in Africa.*
- 2015 – 2017 📖 **Law School** (passed the intermediate examination)
Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg
- 2015 📖 **Abitur** (General Higher Qualification for University Entrance)
Reformschule Kassel and Jacob-Grimm-Gymnasium Kassel


Professional Experience

- 2022 – ···· 📖 **Independent Doctoral Fellow**, at the Cluster of Excellence “The Politics of Inequality” at the University of Konstanz
- 2021 – 2022 📖 **Research Assistant** for Dr. Tim Wegenast at the Chair of International Politics at the University of Konstanz
- Preprocessing and analyzing spatial datasets
- 2021 – 2021 📖 **Research Assistant** at the Cluster of Inequality in the project *Perceptions of Inequality in a Socialist Dictatorship: Evidence from the German Democratic Republic* at the University of Konstanz
- Systematic development of a coding scheme and coding of petitions of GDR citizens
- 2019 – 2020 📖 **Research Assistant** for Prof. Dr. Alexander De Juan at the Chair of Comparative Politics at Osnabrück University
- Preprocessing, cleaning, and analyzing various complex datasets
- 2019 – 2019 📖 **Research Internship** at the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies for two months
- Developing a research proposal for a joint project with the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research to the German Research Foundation about climate change and armed conflict



Teaching experience

- 09/2024 - 12/2024  *Climate Change and (Spatial) Inequality*
Master Seminar
University of Lucerne
- 10/2021 - 04/2022  *International Relations and European Integration*
Bachelor Tutorial
University of Konstanz
- 04/2019 - 09/2019  *Methods of Empirical Social Science Research*
Bachelor Tutorial
Osnabrück University



Additional Academic Training

- Summer 2024  Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute
at Emory University, Georgia




Publications

- 1 N. Hänze, "When conflict becomes calamity: Understanding the role of armed conflict dynamics in natural disasters," *Journal of Peace Research*, vol. 0, no. 0, 2024.  DOI: 10.1177/00223433241265028.
- 2 A. De Juan and N. Hänze, "Climate and cohesion: The effects of droughts on intra-ethnic and inter-ethnic trust," *Journal of Peace Research*, vol. 58, no. 1, pp. 151–167, 2021.  DOI: 10.1177/0022343320974096.


Peer Review Activities

-  Journal of Conflict Resolution
-  Journal of Peace Research

Research Interests

-  Environmental change, political institutions, and armed conflict
-  Quantitative methods, causal inference, and spatial analysis
-  Historical persistence and deep origins of political phenomena

Awards

-  **Christiane-Rajewsky-Price 2023**, by the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies for the master thesis titled "Reversing the Causal Arrow: The Nexus Between Armed Conflict and Natural Disasters"

Skills

- Software
- R (excellent knowledge)
 - Stata (good knowledge)
 - Microsoft Office (excellent knowledge)
 - QGIS (good knowledge)
 - Latex (good knowledge)
- Languages
- English and German (fluent)
 - French (good knowledge)