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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

*Department of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics,
Witten/Herdecke University, Germany*

Professor of International Political Studies 2020 - present

Visiting Professor of International Political Studies 2017 - 2018

Department of Government, University of Essex, UK

Senior Lecturer 2019 - 2020

Department of Politics, University of Exeter, UK

Lecturer 2015 - 2019

Humanities and Social Science Research Fellow 2015 - 2017

Political Science Department, University of Pennsylvania, US

Penn Postdoctoral Fellow Sep-Dec 2016

International Conflict Research Group, ETH Zürich, Switzerland

Post-Doctoral Researcher 2014 - 2015

AFFILIATIONS

*Cluster of Excellence "The Politics of Inequality",
University of Konstanz, DE*

2024 - present

EDUCATION

ETH Zürich, Switzerland

Ph.D., Political Science 2010 - 2014

M.A., Comparative and International Studies 2008 - 2010

Constructor University Bremen, Germany

B.A., Integrated Social Sciences 2005 - 2008

Albert-Martmöller-Gymnasium Witten, Germany

Abitur 2005

21. Bormann, Nils-Christian, Lars-Erik Cederman & Manuel Vogt (Forthcoming) “Getting Religion Wrong – A Response to Toft’s ‘Getting Religion Right’.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*
20. Kaftan, Lea & Nils-Christian Bormann (2025). “Polarization, Fragmentation, and Democratic Deconsolidation in Interwar Europe.” *Democratization*. Online First. pp.1-24. [www](#)
19. Bormann, Nils-Christian & Simon Hug (2025) “Probing PR: Does proportional representation induce ethnic power sharing?” *Research & Politics* 12(4):1-7. [www](#)
18. Viganò, Edoardo, Bruno Della Sala, Stefan Stojkovic & Nils-Christian Bormann (2025) “Political Violence and Anti-System Voting in Interwar Italy.” *Journal of Peace Research* 62(5):1581-1596 [www](#)
17. Kaftan, Lea, Bruno Della Sala, Olga Jerjomina, Stefan Stojkovic, Edoardo Alberto Viganò & Nils-Christian Bormann (2025) “Introducing the Archive of Interwar Europe Election Data & Assemblies (AIEEDA).” *Scientific Data* 12(630):1-12 [www](#)
16. Bormann, Nils-Christian & Lea Kaftan (2024). “Introducing the Democratic Electoral Systems data, 1919-1945 [version 2; peer review: 2 approved, 1 approved with reservations].” *Open Research Europe* 4:73 [www](#)
15. Bormann, Nils-Christian & Matt Golder (2022). “Democratic Electoral Systems around the world, 1946-2020.” *Electoral Studies*. 78 [www](#)
14. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Yannick Pengl & Nils-Christian Bormann (2022). “Linking Ethnic Data from Africa.” *Journal of Peace Research* 59(3):425-435 [www](#)
13. Bormann, Nils-Christian, Lars-Erik Cederman, Yannick Pengl, Nils B. Weidmann (2021). “Globalization, Institutions, and Ethnic Inequality.” *International Organization*. 75(3):665-697 [www](#)
12. Wucherpfennig, Julian, Aya Kachi, Nils-Christian Bormann & Philipp Hunziker (2021). “A Fast Estimator for Binary Choice Models with Spatial, Temporal, and Spatio-Temporal Interdependence.” *Political Analysis*. 29(4):570-576 [www](#)
11. Bormann, Nils-Christian (2019). “Uncertainty, Cleavages and Ethnic Coalitions.” *Journal of Politics*. 81(2):471-486 [www](#)
10. Bormann, Nils-Christian, Lars-Erik Cederman, Scott Gates, Benjamin T. Graham, Simon Hug, Kaare Strøm & Julian Wucherpfennig (2019). “Power Sharing: Institutions, Behavior, and Peace” *American Journal of Political Science*. 63(1):84-100. [www](#)
9. Bolleyer, Nicole, Felix-Christopher von Nostitz & Nils-Christian Bormann (2019). “Judicial Decision-Making within Political Parties: A Political Approach.” *Party Politics* 25(5):724-735. [www](#)
8. Bormann, Nils-Christian & Burcu Savun (2018). “Reputation, Concessions, and Territorial Civil War: Do Ethnic Dominoes Fall, or Don’t They?” *Journal of Peace Research*. 55(5):671-686. [www](#)

7. Bormann, Nils-Christian, Lars-Erik Cederman, and Manuel Vogt (2017). “Language, Religion, and Ethnic Civil War” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(4):744-771. [www](#)
 6. Bormann, Nils-Christian & Jesse Hammond (2016). “A Slippery Slope – The Domestic Diffusion of Ethnic Civil War” *International Studies Quarterly* 60(4):587-598. [www](#)
 5. Bormann, Nils-Christian & Thomas Winzen (2016). “Contingent Learning: The Diffusion of Parliamentary Oversight Institutions in the EU” *European Journal of Political Research* 55(3):589-608. [www](#)
 4. Cederman, Lars-Erik, Nils Weidmann, and Nils-Christian Bormann (2015). “Triangulating Horizontal Inequality: Toward Improved Conflict Analysis.” *Journal of Peace Research* 52(6):806-821. [www](#)
 3. Vogt, Manuel, Nils-Christian Bormann, Seraina Rüegger, Lars-Erik Cederman, Philipp Hunziker & Luc Girardin (2015). “The Ethnic Power Relations Dataset: Integrating Data on Ethnicity, Geography, and Conflict.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 59(7):1327-1342. [www](#)
 2. Bormann, Nils-Christian & Matt Golder. (2013) “Electoral Systems Around the World: 1946-2011.” *Electoral Studies* 32(2):360-369. [www](#)
 1. Bormann, Nils-Christian. (2010) “Patterns of Democracy and Its Critics.” *Living Reviews in Democracy* 2. [www](#)
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BOOK
CHAPTERS

5. Bormann, Nils-Christian & Manuel Vogt (2025) “Language, Ethnicity, and Civil War.” Accepted for publication in the *Cambridge Handbook for Language and Political Conflict*.
4. Golder, Matt & Nils-Christian Bormann (2025). “Electoral Systems.” *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Integrity*. [www](#)
3. Bormann, Nils-Christian (2017). “Ethnic Power-Sharing Coalitions and Democratization.” In A. McCulloch & J. McGarry (Eds.) *Power Sharing: Empirical and Normative Challenges*. Routledge: London, UK. [www](#)
2. Vogt, Manuel, Nils-Christian Bormann & Lars-Erik Cederman (2016). “Democracy, Ethnic Exclusion, and Civil Conflict: The Arab Spring Revolutions from a Global Comparative Perspective.” In D. A. Backer & R. Bhavnani (Eds.) *Peace and Conflict*. Routledge: London, UK. [www](#)
1. Bormann, Nils-Christian, Manuel Vogt & Lars-Erik Cederman (2012). “Der Arabische Frühling und die Bestimmung der demokratischen Gemeinschaft.” In Andreas Auer (Ed.) *Demokratisierung im arabischen Raum*. Zentrum für Demokratie in Aarau, Switzerland.

NON-PEER
REVIEWED

3. Bormann, Nils-Christian & Ibrahim Elbadawi (2021). “The Juba Power-Sharing Peace Agreement: Will It Promote Peace and Democratic Transition in Sudan?” *Economic Research Forum Working Papers Series* No.1490. [www](#)

2. Bormann, Nils-Christian, Adina Pintilie & Jack N. Smith (Fall 2017). “Democratic Electoral Systems Around the World, 1946-2016.” *Newsletter for APSA’s Comparative Politics Section*. 27(2). [www](#)
1. Bormann, Nils-Christian, Manuel Vogt & Lars-Erik Cederman (Spring 2015). “Introducing the Ethnic Power Relations Data Family.” *Newsletter for APSA’s Comparative Politics Section*. 25(1). [www](#)

MANUSCRIPTS

Müller-Crepon, Carl & Nils-Christian Bormann (2025) “Co-ethnics Co-vote in Africa: Studying Electoral Cleavages with a Co-Voting Regression Model”. Conditionally accepted at the *American Political Science Review*

Bormann, Nils-Christian, Sona N. Golder & Jinhyuk Jang (2025). “How the Cases You Choose Affect the Answers You Get: Selection Bias in Studying Formateur Advantage.” Under Review.

Bormann, Nils-Christian & Lukas Stötzer (2024) “Government Formation in Interwar Europe: New Data and Analysis.”

Bormann, Nils-Christian & Edoardo Vigano (2025) ‘Political Violence and Anti-System Voting in the Weimar Republic.’

AWARDS

British Journal of Political Science

Excellence in Reviewing Award 2024

The Politics of Inequality Cluster of Excellence, University of Konstanz

Senior Fellowship 2020

University of Exeter

Humanities and Social Science Research Fellowship 2015 - 2017

International Studies Association

Dina Zinnes Award 2014

NCCR Democracy

Living Reviews in Democracy Best Paper Award 2013

RESEARCH
FUNDING

European Research Council

ERC Starting Grant
“Democracy, Anger & Elite Responses” (DANGER) 2021-2026

AHRC/ESRC Partnership for Conflict, Crime & Security Research

Interdisciplinary Research Innovation Award on
Conflict and International Development 2016

Swiss National Science Foundation

Fellowship for Young Researchers
Six-months stay at the University of Pittsburgh 2012

German Fulbright Commission

One-Year Scholarship
Declined 2010

CERTIFICATES

School of Education, University of Exeter, UK

Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice 2015-2018

TEACHING

(FULL COURSES)

Universität Witten-Herdecke, Germany

Challenges to Democracy (MA) Fall 2020-2022

Comparative Politics (BA) Spring 2018, Fall & Spring 2020-2023

Foreign Policy (MA) Spring 2018, 2021 & 2023

Globalization and Global Governance (MA) Fall 2017, 2020-2022

Governing the Globe – Key Issues (MA) Fall 2017, 2020 & 2021

International Relations (BA) Fall 2017, 2020-2023, Spring 2021 & 2023

Introductory International Relations (MA) Fall 2017, Spring 2021&2023

Security (MA) Spring 2016 & 2018, Fall 2021 & 2023

War Experiences of Refugees (MA) Spring 2016 & Fall 2017

Universität Innsbruck, Austria

Advanced International Relations: Conflict Research (BA) Fall 2024

Introduction to International Relations (MA) Fall 2024

University of Essex, UK

International Negotiation (BA/MA) Fall 2019

International Relations – Theories and Approaches (BA) Fall 2019

University of Exeter, UK

Logic of Democracies & Dictatorships (BA) Fall 2018

State & Society (BA) Spring 2017

Strategic Theory and Conflict (BA) 2015, 2017, 2019

Understanding Civil Wars (BA) 2018-19

ETH Zürich, Switzerland

The Politics of Coalitions (MA) Spring 2015

*University of Applied Sciences in Business Administration Zürich,
Switzerland*

Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods Spring 2014

TEACHING
(SHORT
COURSES)

Witten/Herdecke University, Germany

Introduction to R and Data Management (BA/MA) Fall 2021

German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Germany

Introduction to R and Data Management (MA) 2018

University of Pennsylvania, United States

Introduction to R and Geographic Information Systems (MA) 2016

ETH Zürich, Switzerland

Lectures on Inter- & Intrastate Conflict (BA) 2010–2013

University of Pittsburgh, United States

Introduction to R and Geographic Information Systems (MA) 2012

Lectures on Ethnic Politics and Civil War (BA) 2012

PRIMARY
SUPERVISION

Universität Witten-Herdecke, Germany

BA Theses: 17 Since 2017

MA Theses: 10 Since 2017

PhD Supervision: 3 Since 2021

University of Exeter, UK

BA Theses: 34 2015–2019

MA Theses: 15 2015–2019

PhD Upgrades: 2 2019

POLICY &
PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT

Press Appearances

Interview Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung Krieg mit Russland? Wissenschaftler sehen hohes Risiko	2025
Newspaper article Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung Ein bewaffneter Konflikt wird wahrscheinlicher	2025
Interview ND Mehr politische Gewalt, oder mehr Berichte darüber?	2024
Interview Trouw Steeds minder burgers keuren geweld tegen politici categorisch af	2024
Interview Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung: Gewalt in der Politik nimmt dramatisch zu - wem das nutzt	2024
Newspaper article Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung: Waffenstillstand führt nicht zu Frieden	2023
Interview Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung: Ukraine: Konfliktforscher sehen kein schnelles Ende der Kämpfe	2023
Interview Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung: Konfliktforscher: "Putin hat sich doppelt verschätzt"	2022

Policy Reports

Economic Research Council Working Paper "The Juba Power-Sharing Peace Agreement"	2021
Research cited in <i>World Bank</i> Report "Pathways for Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict"	2018

Blog articles

<i>Economic Research Forum</i> "The Juba Peace Agreement"	2021
<i>Political Violence at A Glance</i> "Three Questions and Answers About the Civil War in Ethiopia"	2021
"Will Civil War in Ethiopia Spread?"	2020
"The Prevention of Civil War – A New Research Agenda"	2019
<i>Oxford Research Group</i> "A Slippery Slope? Armed Conflict Diffusion Within States"	2017
"Language, Religion and Ethnic Civil Wars"	2016

INVITED TALKS	Peace Research Institute Oslo	2025
	University of Amsterdam	2024
	Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf	2023
	Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB)	2022
	Uppsala University	2019
	University of Duisburg-Essen	2019
	University of Birmingham	2018
	University of North Texas	2018
	London School of Economics	2018
	Oxford University	2017
	Duke University	2016
	University College Dublin	2016
	Universität Witten Herdecke	2015
	University of Konstanz	2013, 2019, 2021
	University of California, Davis	2012
Pennsylvania State University	2012	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	American Political Science Association	2013-2014, 2016–2020, 2022–2025
	Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaften	2011, 2024
	ECPR Joint Sessions	2011, 2015, 2017
	European Political Science Association	2011, 2013 - 2018, 2022-2025
	International Studies Association	2013–2016, 2018, 2022
	Mid-Western Political Science Association	2012, 2017
	Peace Science Society (Europe)	2018
	Peace Science Society (International)	2012–2014, 2016
	Political Economy of Democracy & Dictatorship	2018, 2022-23
	Political Economy of International Organizations	2017
	Swiss Political Science Association	2013

SERVICE

Profession

Editorial Board Member: *International Interactions* 2019-

Manuscript Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Union Politics*, *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Conflict Research*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion and Parties*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, *Oxford University Press*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Geography*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Publius – The Journal of Federalism*, *Research and Politics*, *Statistics, Politics & Policy*, *World Politics*

University

Member of the Senate Witten/Herdecke University	2025-
Director of Studies, BA in Philosophy, Politics & Economics Witten/Herdecke University	2021-
Vice-Chair of the Dissertation & Habilitation Committee Witten/Herdecke University	2023-
Vice-Dean of Research, Faculty of Economics & Society Witten/Herdecke University	2021-2022
Member of three search committees, leading one Faculty of Economics & Society, Witten/Herdecke University	2020-2022
Member of reaccreditation committee, BA in Philosophy, Politics & Economics, Witten/Herdecke University	2020-2022
Exam officer, University of Exeter	2018-2019
Student recruitment at open days, University of Exeter	2015-2019
Convenor of speaker series “New Approaches to Conflict Research”, University of Exeter	2015-2016

Workshop/Panel Organizer

Witten/Herdecke University “Wie Gewalt Demokratie gefährdet ”	2026
Witten/Herdecke University “Violence & Democracy”	2025
Northwestern German Network of Conflict Studies Annual Retreat	2025
Northwestern German Network of Conflict Studies Annual Retreat	2022
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association “Advances in the Study of Power Sharing Coalitions”	2019
University of Exeter “Political Contention & New Dimensions of Diffusion”	2016
ECPR Joint Sessions “Political Institutions and Political Violence”	2011

MEMBERSHIP

Arbeitskreis Friedens- & Konfliktforschung
 American Political Science Association
 Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft
 European Political Science Association
 Peace Science Society (International)

REFERENCES

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