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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

Jacobs University Bremen, Germany

B.A., Integrated Social Sciences 2005 - 2008

Bormann, Nils-Christian, Lars-Erik Cederman & Manuel Vogt (Forthcoming). “Getting Religion Wrong – A Response to Toft’s ‘Getting Religion Right’.” Accepted at the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

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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](#)

Bormann, Nils-Christian (2019). “Uncertainty, Cleavages and Ethnic Coalitions.” *Journal of Politics*. 81(2):471-486 [www](#)

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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](#)

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](#)

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Bormann, Nils-Christian & Jesse Hammond (2016). “A Slippery Slope – The Domestic Diffusion of Ethnic Civil War” *International Studies Quarterly* 60(4):587-598. [www](#)

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](#)

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](#)

Vogt, Manuel, Nils-Christian Bormann, Seraina Rügger, 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](#)

Bormann, Nils-Christian & Matt Golder. (2013) "Electoral Systems Around the World: 1946-2011." *Electoral Studies* 32(2):360-369. [www](#)

Bormann, Nils-Christian. (2010) "Patterns of Democracy and Its Critics." *Living Reviews in Democracy* 2. [www](#)

BOOK
CHAPTERS

Bormann, Nils-Christian & Manuel Vogt (2025) "Language, Ethnicity, and Civil War." Accepted for publication in the *Cambridge Handbook for Language and Political Conflict*.

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](#)

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](#)

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NON-PEER
REVIEWED

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](#)

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](#)

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

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.

Kaftan, Lea & Nils-Christian Bormann (2025) “Polarization, Fragmentation, and Democratic Deconsolidation in Interwar Europe.” Revise & Resubmit.

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).” Revise & Resubmit.

Bormann, Nils-Christian & Matt Golder (2024). “Elections, Electoral Systems & Electoral Integrity.” Revise & Resubmit

Bormann, Nils-Christian & Simon Hug (2024) “Probing PR: Does proportional representation induce ethnic power sharing?” Under Review

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

Müller-Crepon, Carl & Nils-Christian Bormann (2024) “Co-ethnics Co-vote in Africa: Studying Electoral Cleavages with a Co-Voting Regression Model”. Revise & Resubmit.

Vigano, Edoardo, Bruno Della Sala, Stefan Stojkovic & Nils-Christian Bormann (2024) “Political Violence and Anti-System Voting in Interwar Italy.” Revise & Resubmit.

HONORS &
GRANTS*British Journal of Political Science*

Excellence in Reviewing Award 2024

European Research Council

ERC Starting Grant
“Democracy, Anger & Elite Responses” (DANGER) 2020

The Politics of Inequality Cluster of Excellence, University of Konstanz

Senior Fellowship 2020

AHRC/ESRC Partnership for Conflict, Crime & Security Research

Interdisciplinary Research Innovation Award on
Conflict and International Development 2016

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

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

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

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

POLICY & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	<i>Press Appearances</i>	
	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
	Gastbeitrag 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 überschätzt"	2022
	<i>Policy Reports</i>	
	Research cited in <i>World Bank</i> Report "Pathways for Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict"	2018
<i>Blog articles</i>		
<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	
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INVITED TALKS	University of Amsterdam	2024
	Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf	2023
	Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB)	2022
	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, 2022–2024
	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, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Union Politics, 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, World Politics*

University

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

MEMBERSHIP Arbeitskreis Friedens- & Konfliktforschung
American Political Science Association
Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft
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REFERENCES

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