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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: *Political Dimensions of Environmental Risk*
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

Publications

1 N. Hänze and V. Jansesberger, "Does climate adaptation aid reach those most in need? Sub-national evidence from Philippine provinces," *Political Geography*, vol. 125, p. 103 450, Mar. 2026, ISSN: 0962-6298. 🔗 DOI: 10.1016/j.polgeo.2025.103450.

2 N. Hänze, "When conflict becomes calamity: Understanding the role of armed conflict dynamics in natural disasters," *Journal of Peace Research*, vol. 62, no. 4, pp. 1030–1045, 2024. 🔗 DOI: 10.1177/00223433241265028.

3 T. Wegenast, N. Hänze, R. Haer, and M. Birulés, "The effect of traditional agricultural practices on the food consumption of households facing extreme weather events in tanzania," *Agriculture & Food Security*, vol. 13, no. 1, p. 56, 2024. 🔗 DOI: 10.1186/s40066-024-00512-1.

4 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.

Professional Experience

2022 – ····	🔖	**Independent Doctoral Fellow,** at the Cluster of Excellence "The Politics of Inequality" at the University of Konstanz
2025 – 2025	🔖	**Visiting Researcher** at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

Professional Experience (continued)

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

09/2025 - 12/2025   *Climate Change and (Spatial) Inequality*
Seminar
University of Lucerne

09/2024 - 12/2024   *Climate Change and (Spatial) Inequality*
Master Seminar
University of Lucerne

02/2024 – 02/2024   *Applied Data Management for Social Scientists*
KOMEX Course Tutorial
University of Konstanz

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

Awards

- **In_equality ECR Excellence Award 2024**, by the Cluster of Excellence "The Politics of Inequality" for the article "When conflict becomes calamity: Understanding the role of armed conflict dynamics in natural disasters"

- **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"

Peer Review Activities

- Journal of Conflict Resolution
- Journal of Peace Research
- Global and Planetary Change

Conference Participations

June 2025	**Environmental Politics and Governance (EPG)** 11th Annual Conference: Paper presentation
May 2025	**Climate, Conflict and Inequality Workshop** with the *POLIMPACT* project from the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) and the University of Konstanz: Paper presentation
	Virtual Workshop in Historical Political Economy. Annual Virtual Conference: Paper presentation
April 2025	**CENTREPEACE Junior Scholar Symposium** at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO): Paper presentation
January 2025	**The Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO)** 17th Annual Conference: Poster presentation
September 2024	**Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW) Kongress:** Paper presentation
June 2024	**Environmental Politics and Governance (EPG)** 10th Annual Conference: Poster presentation
April 2024	**In_equality Conference** Poster presentation
	International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention: Paper presentation
June 2023	**European Political Science Association (EPSA)** 13th Annual Conference: Paper presentation

Conference Participations (continued)

March 2023   🔖 **Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (AFK)** Award Ceremony

Research Interests

- 🔖 Political determinants and consequences of environmental impacts
- 🔖 Armed conflict, international climate finance, social trust
- 🔖 Quantitative methods, causal inference, spatial analysis

Skills

Software   🔖 R (excellent knowledge)
Stata (good knowledge)
Latex (excellent knowledge)
Microsoft Office (excellent knowledge)
QGIS (good knowledge)

Languages   🔖 English and German (fluent)
French (good knowledge)