

## CURRICULUM VITAE



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## PROFILE

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### *International Political Economy and International Relations*

- Postcolonial International Political Economy
- Money theory and financial markets
- International Organisations, United Nations and NGOs
- UN-Peacekeeping and humanitarian aid

### *Comparative Politics*

- Comparative-historical analysis of policy space in West Africa, particularly with a view to monetary and financial policy

*Field research in:* South Africa, Nigeria, Togo, Senegal, DR Congo, Kenya, Cameroun, USA, France, UK, Argentina, Brazil, Philippines.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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Since 7/2021	<b>Universität Bayreuth</b> , Junior Research Group Leader at the Cluster of Excellency ‚Africa Multiple‘
04/2020-06/2021	<b>Goethe-Universität Frankfurt</b> , Research Associate Prof. Andreas Nölke
10/2018-3/2020	<b>Universität Witten/Herdecke</b> , interim Professor, International Political Studies
4/2017-1/2018	<b>Universität Duisburg-Essen</b> , Research Associate with PD Dr. Daniel Lambach and Prof. Tobias Debiel
10/2014-3/2017	<b>RTWH Aachen</b> , Research Associate with Prof. Helmut König

## INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

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2-7/2021	<b>Institut d'Études Avancées</b> , Paris
1-9/2020; 2016	<b>Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung</b> , Köln
10/2017-3/2018	<b>Max-Po Center for the Study of Instabilities in Market Societies</b> , Sciences Po, Paris

4-7/2018	<b>University of Sussex</b> , Brighton
7/2013-9/2014	<b>Käte-Hamburger Kolleg</b> , Duisburg
8-12/2011	<b>Columbia University</b> , Department of Middle Eastern, Asian and African Studies, New York City, auf Einladung von Prof. Mahmood Mamdani

## PARENTAL LEAVE

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Jonathan 6/2018-9/2018; Yanis 12/2015-4/2016; Kolja 7/2010-2/2011

## EDUCATION

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2020	<b>Goethe-University Frankfurt a. M.</b> Habilitation Political Science: 'Towards a money view of international politics and the global political economy', Examiners: Prof. Andreas Nölke, Prof. Gunther Hellmann, Prof. Hans-Jürgen Bieling.
2013	<b>University of Bremen</b> Dr. phil. Political Science: 'The ambiguous practice of intervention in the DR Congo' Examiners: Prof. Klaus Schlichte, Universität Bremen, und Prof. David Chandler, Westminster University, London.
2008	<b>University Passau</b> Languages, Economics and Cultural Studies. Diploma thesis on 'Smart Sanctions against Failed States: Strengthening the State in Angola and DR Congo'.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2013-2014	<b>UN World Food Programme (WFP)</b> , Rom, Senior-Evaluator, Strategic evaluation of the Programme for Emergency Response and Preparedness, with Julia Steets und James Darcy für GPPi.
2013	<b>German Foreign Office</b> , 'The Inequities of international humanitarian action' (with Andrea Binder and Andras Horvath).
2007	<b>United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)</b> , New York, USA. Consultant. Conception und co-management der Studie 'The Effectiveness of Foreign Military Assets in Natural Disaster Response.
2009-2018	<b>Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi)</b> , Berlin, Fellow.
7-12/2005	<b>Groupe d'Action Recherche pour le Développement Global Intégré (Gardegi)</b> , Notsè, Togo. ASA-Programme. Qualitative Study On Reasons of poverty in 20 households in Notsè, Togo.
7/2001-8/2002	<b>Camphill School</b> for Handicapped Youngsters, Hermanus, Südafrika, Civil Service.

## THIRD-PARTY FUNDING

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2020-2024	<b>German Research Council (DFG)</b> , 'Financialization under state capitalism: steering capital markets in the BRICSS' ( <a href="http://www.statecapfinance.com">www.statecapfinance.com</a> ) with Andreas Nölke (Applicant) and Johannes Petry, 403.703 €.
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- 2018-2022 **German Research Council (DFG)**, Academic network 'The resilience of finance capitalism: Assessing of the role of money in the global political economy'(www.politicsofmoney.org), 88.821 €.
- 2019-2021 **International Social Research Foundation (ISRF)**, Netzwerk: The concrete reality of financial subordination (with Annina Kaltenbrunner (Applicant), Carolina Alves, Ingrid Kvangraven, Jeff Powell, Ilias Alami, Jeff Powell), 4.850 €.
- 2017-2018 **German Foundation of Peace Research (DSF)**, 'Humanitarian aid as transnational social policy in 'protracted crises'', 20.000 €.
- 2014 **University Bremen**, 'Humanitarian aid as transnational social policy', 107.000 €, awarded but not used..
- 2010 **Swedish International Development Agency**, 'Humanitarian aid: Truly universal?', with GPPI, 60.000 €.

### THIRD-PARTY FUNDING UNDER REVIEW

- Announced for **Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)**, 'The political economy of monetary dependency: West African policy space compared', 2021 401.000 €. Entscheidung steht aus.
- 2020 **European Research Council**, Starting Grant, 'The political economy of monetary and financial dependency: West African policy space compared, 1.499.164 € Abgelehnt, Ranking score B, Wiedereinreichung 10/2021.
- 2018 **Volkswagenstiftung**, Freigeist-Nachwuchhsgruppe, 'Towards a theory of monetary dependency: Peripheral states and the promises pitfalls of financial market integration through government bonds', 943.500 €. Shortlisted, Einladung zum persönlichen Vortrag.

### SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, CALLS

- 2022-2024 **Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation, Feodor-Lynen Scholarship** with *Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales*, Paris, Prof. Eve Chiapello; 120.000 €
- 2-7/2021 **Institut d'Etudes Avancées**, Paris, 45.000 €.
- 2019 **Assistant professor of Globalization and Humanitarian Studies**, University of Groningen, Netherlands; Call not followed because of the family.
- 10/2017-3/2018 **Postdoc-Scholarship** Deutschen Akademischen Auslandsdienstes (DAAD) MaxPo Center, Sciences Po, Paris, 25.000 €.
- 4-9/2018 **Postdoc-Scholarship** Deutschen Akademischen Auslandsdienstes (DAAD), University of Sussex, Brighton, 25.000 €.
- 7/2013-8/2014 **Postdoc-Fellowship**, Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Duisburg, 45.000 €.
- 8/2009-7/2013 **Heinrich-Böll Foundation**, Full Ph.D. scholarship, 81.960 €.
- 8/2005-5/2006 **Carlo-Schmid Programme**, UN Headquarters, New York, 18.000 €.
- 6-10/2005 **ASA-Programme**, Gardegi, Notsè, Togo, 5.000 €.
- 10/2004-6/2008 **Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes**, Study scholarship, 10.000 €

## SUPERVISION

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### MA-THESES

1. Extractive and inclusive Institutionend in Nigeria
2. The politics of humanitarian aid
3. Germany's approach to the Sustainable Development Goals
4. Die Unabhängigkeit der Zentralbanken
5. Inflation and money theory
6. The finance lobby in Germany
7. Global Civil Society and the Motivation of Volunteers in Greece during the Refugee Crisis 2015 – 2018 (Zweitbetreuer)
8. Bewegungsfreiheit und Wirtschaftspartnerschaftsabkommen in ECOWAS; (Zweitbetreuer)

### BA-THESES

1. State and Stool: The invention of tradition in Ghana
2. Poverty and Responsibility – A cosmopolitan Argument for a Just Order.
3. Modern Monetary Theory und Abenomics in Japan
4. Modern Monetary theory and the promise of greening central banking
5. Die Baergeldlose Gesellschaft
6. The Rise of AfD and Podemos
7. Arab Spring and the Israeli-Palestine conflict

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

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| 2014 | RWTH Aachen, ‚Lehrveranstaltungen planen‘   |
| 2019 | Quantitative Methoden und Regressionsanalyse, GESIS, Köln (dreiwöchiger Workshop) |

## KEYNOTES AND WORKSHOPS

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### KEYNOTES, AND INVITED TALKS

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| 2020 | <b>Witten/Herdecke University</b> , Philosophy, Politics and Economics conference, <i>Keynote</i> , ‘Past, present and future relations between Global South and North’, 4. Sept.               |
| 2018 | <b>Freie Universität Amsterdam</b> , “Between the particular and the universal”. Roundtable-Redner zu Kritik und science and technology studies; organisiert von Marieke de Goede, 25-26. Juni. |
| 2018 | <b>University of Sussex</b> , Brighton, “Money between the global and the national: Is there a place for money in IR theory”, Vortrag, 16. Mai.   |
| 2018 | <b>Universität Osnabrück</b> , „Mehr Kapitalismus wagen: Herrschaftsanalyse jenseits der Anarchie und die Rolle des Geldes“, Vortrag, 2. Mai.   |
| 2018 | <b>Sciences Po, Paris</b> , “The diversification of monetary dependency: The case of the West African Franc CFA zone”, Vortrag, 26. Jan.  |
| 2015 | <b>Hanse Wissenschaftskolleg</b> , Delmenhorst: „Möglichkeiten und Grenzen der Ethnographie“, Vortrag, 12. Sept.  |

2015 **Akademie für Politische Bildung**, Tutzing, "Stellen wir die richtigen Fragen?", Roundtableist, Early Career Section Internationale Beziehungen, DVPW.

## ORGANISED WORKSHOPS (SELECTION)

2022 **Von Wertschöpfungsketten und Sicherheitsapparaten:** Zur Beziehung von Ökonomie und Gewalt in den deutschsprachigen Internationalen Beziehungen, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Workshop der IB-Sektion der DVPW, with Sophia Hoffmann, 25-26 February.

2021 **Modern Monetary Theory in the Global South**, Institute for Social Studies, Den Haag, with Andrew Fisher, Ndongo Samba Sylla und Ingrid Kvangraven, und der Zeitschrift *Development and Change*, 15-16 October.

2021 **The political economy of financial subordination**, Mini-conference organizer, SASE conference, Amsterdam (with Annina Kaltenbrunner, Ingrid Kvangraven, Ilias Alami, Jeff Powell, Bruno Bonizzi), University of Amsterdam, 18-20. July.

2018-2022 **DFG-Network "Politics of money"**, Six workshops at Max Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung, dem Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung, Sciences Po Paris, University of Brighton und Goethe Universität Frankfurt, (with Benjamin Braun).

2019 **African Monetary and Economic Sovereignty in the 21st Century**, international conference, Tunis, Part II planned for November 2023, Dakar

2018 **Geld und Demokratie:** DVPW-Kongress, Frankfurt, Panel und Roundtable with Adam Tooze, Daniela Gabor, Ndongo Samba Sylla und Andreas Nölke, Oktober.

2015 **Theory and Critique of Capitalism**, *Section chair* with Wanda Vrasti, 9<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference of International Studies, Giardini Naxos, 12 Panels with 50 Teilnehmer\*innen, 23-26. September.

2014 **Theory, Inquiry and Critique: Re-invigorating the 'sociological imagination' in International Relations**, Workshopconvenor (with Benjamin Herborth) European Workshop of International Studies, Izmir 21-24. Mai.

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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### COMITTEES

Since 2018 **Speaker of the Section for International relations** of the German Political Science Association, with Prof. Diana Panke, Prof. Anja Jakobi, Dr. Sophia Hoffmann.

2020 **Comwithtee member** Best Paper Award Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen.

2019 **Comwithtee member** Ph.D. thesis award of the der German Political Science Association, with Prof. Ina Kerner und Prof. Oliver Flügel-Martinsen.

2017 **Elected member** of the structure commission of the Faculty of Philosophy at RWTH Aachen

2013-2016 **Speaker** of the Working Group Order of Violence of the German Political Science Association with Sonja Grigat und Bettina Engels.

### REVIEWER (INTERNATIONAL)

European Journal of International Relations; Review of International Political Economy; Economy and Space: Environment and Planning A; Constellations; Security Dialogue; Millennium: Journal of International Studies; Review of International Studies; Journal of International Relations and Development; International Studies Review; International Affairs; Third World Quarterly; Disasters; International Relations; Global Constitutionalism; Cambridge Review of International Relations; Disasters; Anthropological Theory; Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding; Resilience; Peacebuilding; Geographica Helvetica; Ethical; Perspectives; Österreichischer Akademischer Austauschdienst; French Institutes for Advanced Studies.

### REVIEWER (NATIONAL)

Politische Vierteljahresschrift; DAAD; Springer; Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen; Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung; Die Friedenswarte

### SPRACHEN

Deutsch (Muttersprache), Englisch (Fließend in Wort und Schrift), Französisch (Fließend in Wort und Schrift), Spanisch (Gut), Portugiesisch (Grundkenntnisse)

## List of Publications

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### MONOGRAPHS

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| Under preparation | (with Kvangraven I, Sylla N) African States in World Markets: The Longue Durée of Banking, Finance and Self-Determination, Critical Frontiers of Development, <i>Oxford University Press</i> . |
| 2015              | <a href="#">The practice of humanitarian intervention: Aid workers, agencies and institutions in the Democratic Republic of Congo</a> , Routledge (paperback 2018).                            |
| 2008              | Smart Sanctions against Failed States: Strengthening the State in Angola and the DR Congo, Vdm Verlag Dr. Müller.  |

### EDITED VOLUMES OR FORA

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| Forthcoming | (with Braun B) <a href="#">Capital claims: Following finance across borders</a> (Review of International Political Economy Series, Routledge).                                    |
| Forthcoming | (with Sylla, N Ben Ghada, M, Mahmood, I, Kaboub, F) <a href="#">Monetary and Economic Sovereignty in 21<sup>st</sup> century Africa</a> , Pluto Books.                            |
| 2018        | <a href="#">ZIB-Forum: Strukturwandel der Globalisierung? Brexit, Trump(ismus), Strategien Chinas und die politische Ökonomie der internationalen Beziehungen</a> , Heft 2, 2018. |
| 2016        | (with Heins V, Unrau C) <a href="#">Humanitarianism and challenges of cooperation</a> , Routledge.  |

2015 (with Bargues P, Schmidt J, Schmidt M) Global Dialogue Series No. 10, Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Duisburg.

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Under review (with Kvangraven I, Sylla, N) Beyond financialization: The longue durée of finance in Ghana and Senegal since 1850, *Cambridge Journal of Economics*.
- Under review (with Petry, J, Nölke A) Financialization under state capitalism: Securities exchanges in emerging markets, *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*.
- Under review (with Sylla, N) Towards a political economy of monetary dependency: The case of the Franc CFA zone in West Africa, *Development and Change*.
- Under review (with Hein A) The order of survival: History and institutionalization of social assistance and transnational humanitarian aid in and beyond the state, *Disasters*.
- 2020 (with Kvangraven I, Sylla N) Financial subordination and uneven financialization in 21st century Africa, *Community Development Journal*, 56(1), 119-140.
- 2019 (with Sylla, N) Towards a political economy of monetary dependency: The case of the Franc CFA zone in West Africa *MaxPo Discussion paper*. Paris.
- 2019 The multiplicity of societies and capitalist money: The production of (international) hierarchies from the slave trade to the Franc CFA, *Globalizations* 17(3). 516-531.
- 2019 Geld, Weltmarkt und monetäre Dependenz: Was uns die Franc CFA Zone über kapitalistisches Geld sagt, *PROKLA*, 49 (194), 137-156.
- 2019 Money and moneyness: thoughts on the nature and distributional power of the 'backbone' of capitalist political economy, *Journal of Cultural Economy*, 12:2, 101-118.
- 2019 (with Schmidt M) Against Understanding: The Techniques of Shock and Awe in Jesuit Theology, Neoliberal Thought and Timothy Morton's Philosophy of Hyperobjects, *Global Society*, 33:1, 66-81.
- 2018 Strukturwandel der Globalisierung? Auf der Suche nach Verbindungen zwischen Trump, Brexit und den Strategien Chinas, *Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen*, 25(2), 126-143.
- 2017 Mehr Kapitalismus wagen: Herrschaftsanalyse ‚jenseits der Anarchie‘ und die Rolle des Gelds, *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*, 2, 269-284.
- 2017 (With Hoffmann S) There is no alternative: Der Aufstieg der humanitären Hilfe in der internationalen Politik, *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung* 5 (1), 73-106.
- 2015 Strategies of critique in IR: From Foucault and Latour towards Marx. *European Journal of International Relations*, 21(2), 243-266.
- 2015 Kritik der Intervention: Eine widerständige Analyse der aktuellen Interventionen in der Demokratischen Republik Kongo, *Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen*, 22(1), 169-187.

- 2014 [Malevolent politics: The government as blind spot in the International Crisis Group's analysis of the Democratic Republic of Congo](#). *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 35, No. 4, 669-685.
- 2012 [Recipes for Intervention – Western policy papers imagine the Congo](#), *International Peacekeeping*, Vol. 19, No.5, 549-564.

#### REFERIERTE ZEITSCHRIFTENAUFsätze IN VORBEREITUNG

Systemic hierarchies: The subordination of African states as a monetary and financial phenomenon

(with Alami, I, Alvares, C, Bonizzi B, Kaltenbrunner A, Kvangraven I, Powell, J) International Financial Subordination – A research agenda

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- Forthcoming Von der Relevanz der deutschen Internationalen Beziehungen zum Nutzen der politischen Ökonomie als Konfliktanalyse, in: Schöne H und Bergem W (Hg.) *Wie relevant ist die Politikwissenschaft?*, Springer VS
- Forthcoming Die Unentrinnbarkeit des Staates? Der Staat als Norm und Verständnisprinzip unter Interventionspersonal in Goma und New York, in: Engelkamp, S, Glaab K und Graf A (Hg), *Kritische Normenforschung als Metatheorie und politische Praxis. Neue Wege in den Internationalen Beziehungen*, Nomos: Berlin.
- 2020 (with Schmidt M) Depending on money: Money as a forceful relation among everyday Kenyans and Kenya's international relations. In: Schlichte, K und Biecker, S 2020: *The Political Anthropology of Internationalized Politics*, Rowman & Littlefield International
- 2019 (with Sylla N) Financialization in the West-African Monetary Union, *African Agenda* 22(2), 7-9.
- 2017 [What money does: An inquiry into the backbone of capitalist political economy](#), Max-Planck Discussion paper, Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne.
- 2016 [Totality and practices: The dangers of empiricism and the promise of a logic of reconstruction in practice-based research](#), in: Jonas M et al. (2016) *Praxeological political analysis*, Routledge, 107-115.
- 2016 [More than morals: Explaining the rise of humanitarian aid](#), in: Heins, V, Koddenbrock K, Unrau C (2016) *Humanitarianism and challenges of cooperation*, Routledge. 84-97.
- 2014 (with Schouten P) Intervention as Ontological Politics: security, pathologization, and the failed state effect in Goma, in: Bachmann, Jan; Colleen Bell, Caroline Holmqvist, *The New Interventionism – Perspectives on war: police assemblages*, London: Routledge. 183-203.
- 2014 From Joke to Reality: Why Critique needs a Social Theory, in: Bargues P, Koddenbrock K, Schmidt J, Schmidt M. 2015. [Ends of critique](#). Global Dialogue Series No. 10, Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Duisburg., 25-34.
- 2013 [Strategic essentialism and the possibilities of critique in peacebuilding](#), in: *Relational sensibility and the Turn to the Local*, Center for Global Cooperation Global Dialogue Series No. 2.



- 2013      [The 'Failed-State' Effect: Statebuilding and State Stories from the Congo](#), in: Chandler, David / Sisk, Timothy, *Routledge Handbook of Statebuilding*, Routledge, London 118-130.
- 2013      [The International Self and the humanitarianization of politics – A case-study of the DR Congo](#) in: Bliesemann de Guevara (Ed.). *Statebuilding and State-Formation – The political sociology of intervention*, Routledge, London, 214-229.

#### POLICY PAPERS AND EVALUATIONS

- 2015      (with Steets J, Galli A, Darcy J) [Strategic Evaluation of the Preparedness and Response Enhancement Programme](#), World Food Program, Rome.
- 2013      (with Binder A, Horvath A) [Reflections on the inequity of humanitarian assistance: possible courses of action for Germany](#), Discussion paper, Global Public Policy Institute, Berlin.
- 2009      (with Büttner M) [The Will to bridge? European Commission and U.S. Approaches to Linking Relief Rehabilitation and Development](#), in Steets, J, Hamilton D: *Humanitarian Assistance: Improving U.S.-European Cooperation*, Johns Hopkins University Press, Washington D.C.
- 2009      [EC and U.S. approaches to linking relief rehabilitation and development in DR Congo](#) (2009), in Steets, Julia/ Dan Hamilton: *Humanitarian Assistance: Improving U.S.-European Cooperation*, Johns Hopkins University Press, Washington D.C.

#### JOURNALISM, BLOGS, MEDIA

- 2020      [Euro, Franc CFA and the geopolitical legacy of colonialism](#), Jacobin, 17 June 2020.
- 2019      [Zum Deal zwischen Staat und Finanzsektor](#), Soziopolis, 19 November 2019.
- 2018      (with Mertens D) [So regiert der Dollar die Welt](#), Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung, 18 November 2018.
- 2013      [Congolese Wrongly Branded as Pathological](#), Interview for IPS News Services New York.
- 2009      [Conflict in the DR Congo](#), Interview for Deutsche Welle-World.
- 2008      [MONUC troop increase in the DR Congo](#), Interview on the BBC „The World Today“.