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## Education

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- 2013      ETH ZURICH  
*PhD Degree in Political Science, October 2013*  
I developed and tested a theoretical model explaining micro-dynamics and macro-outcomes of irregular civil wars.
- 2010      ETH ZURICH  
*Master's Degree in Comparative and International Studies, June 2010*  
With a strong focus on theory and quantitative methodology, I incorporated GIS and advanced statistical techniques into my research. The final thesis demonstrated that geographic conflict zones in civil wars can be predicted reliably ahead of time.
- 2008      UNIVERSITY OF FREIBURG  
*Magister Degree in Anthropology, Computer Science, and Cognitive Science, July 2008*  
My final thesis focused on optimization techniques for empirical Agent-Based Models.

## Academic Positions

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- 2021-      *Deputy Editor, Journal of Peace Research*
- 2019-      *Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute Oslo*
- 2017-2018 *Temporary Full Professor (Vertretungsprofessur) for International Politics, HU Berlin*
- 2015-2017 *Elected member of the Executive Committee of the Zukunftscolleg in Konstanz*
- 2015      *Visiting Lecturer, The Graduate Institute, Geneva*
- 2014-2018 *Marie Curie Fellow, Zukunftscolleg, University of Konstanz*
- 2013-2014 *Postdoctoral Researcher, International Conflict Research, ETH Zurich*
- 2012-2014 *Teaching Assistant, ECPR Winter Schools of Methods and Techniques*
- 2008-2013 *Scientific Assistant, International Conflict Research, ETH Zurich*
- 2010-2011 *Teaching Assistant, Institute for Political Science, University of Zurich*
- 2007-2008 *Student Assistant, Bioinformatics and Systems Biology, University of Freiburg*
- 2006-2008 *Student Assistant, Department for Cognitive Science, University of Freiburg*
- 2005-2006 *Teaching Assistant, Department for Cognitive Science, University of Freiburg*

## Research Interests

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*Conflict processes; Statistics; Computational modeling; Geographic Information Systems; Survey research*

## Publications

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### Peer Reviewed

- 2021 Sebastian Schutte, Jonas Vestby, Jørgen Carling, and Halvard Buhaug: Climatic conditions are weak predictors of asylum migration. *Nature Communications*, 12 (1), 1-10.
- 2021 Sebastian Schutte, Constantin Ruhe, and Niranjana Sahoo: How indiscriminate violence fuels conflicts between groups: Evidence from Kenya. *Online first in Social Science Research*.
- 2021 Sebastian Schutte, Constantin Ruhe, and Niranjana Sahoo: How fear of violence drives inter-group conflict: Evidence from a panel survey in India. *Online first in Terrorism and Political Violence*.
- 2019 Sebastian Schutte: Politics or prejudice? Explaining individual-level hostilities in India's Hindu-Muslim conflict. *International Interactions*, 45, 4, 666-692.
- 2018 Daniel Karell and Sebastian Schutte: Aid, Exclusion, and the Local Dynamics of Insurgency in Afghanistan. *Journal of Peace Research*, 55 (6): 711-725.
- 2018 Sebastian Schutte and Roos van der Haer (2018): Research Report: A software solution for rapid policy assessment with reimbursed SMS and mobile cash. *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*, 21 (6): 685-694.
- 2017 Arturas Rozenas, Sebastian Schutte, and Yuri Zhukov: The Political Legacy of Violence: The Long-Term Impact of Stalin's Repression in Ukraine. *The Journal of Politics*, 79, (4): 1147-1161.
- 2017 Nils B. Weidmann and Sebastian Schutte: Using Night Light Emissions for the Subnational Prediction of Wealth. *Journal of Peace Research*, 54 (2): 125-140.
- 2017 Sebastian Schutte. Violence and Civilian Loyalties: Evidence from Afghanistan. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 61(8): 1595-1625.
- 2017 Sebastian Schutte. Regions at Risk: Predicting conflict zones in African insurgencies. *Political Science Research and Methods*, 5 (3): 447-465.
- 2017 Sebastian Schutte. Geographic determinants of violence in civil war. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 34 (4): 380-405.
- 2015 Andrew M. Linke, Sebastian Schutte, and Halvard Buhaug. Population attitudes and the spread of political violence in Africa. *International Studies Review*, 17: 1-20.
- 2015 Sebastian Schutte. Geography, outcome, and casualties: A unified model of insurgency. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 59 (6): 1101-1128
- 2015 D. Helbing, D. Brockmann, T. Chadeaux, K. Donnay, U. Blanke, O. Woolley-Meza, M. Mousaid, A. Johansson, J. Krause, S. Schutte and M. Perc. Saving human lives: what complexity science and information systems can contribute. *Journal of Statistical Physics*, 158: 735-781.

- 2014 Sebastian Schutte and Karsten Donnay. Matched wake analysis: finding causal relationships in event data. *Political Geography*, 41: 1-10.
- 2012 Sebastian Schutte. Cooperation beats deterrence in cyberwar. *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*, 18 (3).
- 2011 Sebastian Schutte and Nils B. Weidmann. Diffusion patterns of violence in civil war. *Political Geography*, 30 (3): 143–152.
- 2009 Sebastian Schutte. Optimization and falsification in empirical Agent-Based Models. *Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulation*, 13 (1) 2.

### Other publications

- 2019 Daniel Karell and Sebastian Schutte: How US Military Aid Can Backfire. *Political Violence at a Glance*: <https://tinyurl.com/yyy6sfux>
- 2016 Nils B. Weidmann and Sebastian Schutte: Want to know how rich your neighbor is? Take a look at a satellite image. *Monkey Cage blog of the Washington Post*: <https://tinyurl.com/lxamr3>.
- 2016 Sebastian Schutte: Trump/Hitler comparisons are overstated. How did Hitler actually consolidate power? *Monkey Cage blog of the Washington Post*: <https://tinyurl.com/luvu7m2>.

### Theses

- 2013 Sebastian Schutte. Violence, Geography, and Mobilization. A theory of insurgency. PhD thesis, ETH Zurich. Available online at <http://e-collection.library.ethz.ch/view/eth:7740>.
- 2010 Sebastian Schutte. Regions at Risk - Estimating conflict zones in African civil wars. MA thesis, ETH Zurich. Available online at <http://sebastianschutte.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/MAThesisSchutte2010.pdf>.
- 2008 Sebastian Schutte. Crystal ball or screensaver? Discussing suitable applications for Agent-Based Modeling in the humanities. Magisters thesis, University of Freiburg. Available online at <http://www.freidok.uni-freiburg.de/volltexte/6001/>.

### Software

- 2013 Sebastian Schutte and Karsten Donnay: MWA package for causal inference in spatiotemporal event data. Available online at <http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/mwa/index.html>.

### Classes taught

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- 2017 Introduction to Comparative Politics and International Relations, Humboldt University of Berlin

- 2017 The Political Geography of Power and Conflict, Humboldt University of Berlin
- 2017 Introduction to Civil War Research, Humboldt University, Berlin
- 2015 Introduction to Geographic Event Data Analysis in R, University of Konstanz
- 2015- Theories of Political Violence: Top-down versus Bottom-up, The Graduate Institute Geneva; University of Konstanz; Humboldt University of Berlin

### Awards and Grants

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- 2021 Grant by the Research Council of Norway for a three year project on the connection between online speech and real world harm.
- 2018 Co-winner of the Nils Petter Gleditsch JPR Article of the Year Award (with Daniel Karell)
- 2016 5-year ZIF-Marie Curie Research Fellowship at the Zukunftskolleg in Konstanz
- 2016 Grant (Standardprojekt) by the German Foundation for Peace Research to study emergent hostilities in low intensity conflicts via SMS surveys
- 2014 Zukunftskolleg funding for deployment of an SMS gateway for panel surveys in India
- 2014 Zukunftskolleg funding for a research visit to Duke University, NC, USA
- 2014 2-year ZIF-Marie Curie Research Fellowship at the Zukunftskolleg in Konstanz
- 2013 Early PostDoc Mobility Fellowship from the Swiss National Science Foundation (declined in favor of the Marie Curie Fellowship)
- 2012 Winner of the Stuart A. Bremer award for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference
- 2012 Winner of the CISP (Centro Interateneo di Studi per la Pace) award for the best paper on topics of interest to the center

### Service

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Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Geography*, *Journal of Politics*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*

Contributed 64 reviews totaling 54,517 words since 2013