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## Employment

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| 2026– | Director, Department of Political Institutions and Conflict, Max Planck Institute for Political and Social Science |
| 2023– | Professor (part-time), Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2023–2026 | Co-director, Amsterdam Center for Conflict Studies, University of Amsterdam |
| 2016–2023 | Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2013–2016 | Assistant Professor (with tenure), Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2008–2012 | Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Political Science, Colorado State University |

## Education

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| 2008 | Ph.D., Political Science, University of New Orleans, USA |
| 2004 | Mag. phil., Political Science, University of Innsbruck, Austria |
| 2003 | M.A., Political Science, University of New Orleans, USA |
| 2001 | B.A. equivalent, Political Science, University of Innsbruck, Austria<br>Major in Political Science, Minors in Philosophy and Spanish |

## Publications

### Books

Daxecker, Ursula E. and Brandon C. Prins. *Pirate Lands: Governance and Maritime Piracy*. Oxford University Press, 2021.

### Special Issue Editorship

Daxecker, Ursula E., Neeraj Prasad, and Andrea Ruggeri. 2025. Political Violence in Democracies. *Journal of Peace Research*.
*Featured in the *LSE blog* and *The Guardian*

Birch, Sarah, Ursula E. Daxecker, and Kristine Höglund. 2020. Special Issue on Electoral Violence. *Journal of Peace Research* 57(1).

Daxecker, Ursula E., Annette Freyberg-Inan, Marlies Glasius, Geoffrey Underhill, and Darshan Vigneswaran. 2020. Special Issue: Interdisciplinarity and the IR Event Horizon. *European*

*Journal of International Relations* 26(1).

## Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Daxecker, Ursula E. and Neeraj Prasad. 2026. "Demanding Violence, Punishing Peace: Support for Party Violence in India." Forthcoming at *Journal of Politics*.
**Winner, Stephen B. Cohen Best Paper Award 2025, International Studies Association.*

Daxecker, Ursula E. and Neeraj Prasad. 2026. "Preaching to the Converted: Misinformation and Voter Preferences in India." Forthcoming at *Electoral Studies*.

Ruggeri, Andrea, Ursula E. Daxecker, and Neeraj Prasad. 2025. "Political Violence in Democracies: An Introduction." *Journal of Peace Research* 62(5): 1363-–1375.

Daxecker, Ursula E., Hanne Fjelde, and Neeraj Prasad. 2025. "Misinformation, Narratives, and Intergroup Attitudes." *Journal of Politics* 87(2): 757–773.

Daxecker, Ursula E., Annekatrin Deglow, and Hanne Fjelde. 2024. "Voter Intimidation as a Tool of Mobilization or Demobilization? Evidence from West Bengal." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 69(7-8): 1232–1257.

Bartels, Larry M., Ursula E. Daxecker, Susan D. Hyde, Staffan I. Lindberg, and Irfan Nooruddin. 2023. "Global Challenges to Democracy? Perspectives on Democratic Backsliding." *International Studies Review* 25(2).

Daxecker, Ursula E. and Mascha Rauschenbach. 2023. "Election Type and the Logic of Pre-Election Violence: Evidence from Zimbabwe." *Electoral Studies* 85(1):102583.

Daxecker, Ursula E. and Hanne Fjelde. 2022. "Electoral Violence, Partisan Identity, and Perceptions of Election Quality: A Survey Experiment in West Bengal, India." *Comparative Politics* 55(1): 47–69.

Borzyskowski, Inken von, Ursula Daxecker, and Patrick Kuhn. 2021. "Fear of Campaign Violence and Support for Democracy and Autocracy." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 39(5): 542–564.

Birch, Sarah, Ursula Daxecker, and Kristine Höglund. 2020. "Electoral Violence: An Introduction." *Journal of Peace Research* 57(1): 3–14.

Daxecker, Ursula E. 2020. "Unequal Votes, Unequal Violence: Malapportionment and Election Violence in India." *Journal of Peace Research* 57(1): 156–170.

Schiel, Rebecca, Jonathan Powell, and Ursula Daxecker. 2020. "Peacekeeping Deployment and Mutinies in African Sending States." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 16(3): 251–271.

Daxecker, Ursula E., Annette Freyberg-Inan, Marlies Glasius, Geoffrey Underhill, and Darshan Vigneswaran. 2020. "Introduction: Interdisciplinarity and the IR Event Horizon." *European Journal of International Relations* 26(1): 3–13.

Daxecker, Ursula E., Jessica Di Salvatore, and Andrea Ruggeri. 2019. "Fraud is What People Make of It: Election Fraud, Perceived Fraud and Protesting in Nigeria." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(9): 2098–2127.

Phayal, Anup, Brandon C. Prins, and Ursula Daxecker. 2019. "Fuelling Rebellion: Maritime Piracy and the Duration of Civil War." *International Area Studies Review* 22(2): 128–147.

Daxecker, Ursula E., Elio Amicarelli, and Alexander Jung. 2019. "Electoral Contention and Violence (ECAV): Introducing a New Dataset." *Journal of Peace Research* 56(5): 714–723.

Daxecker, Ursula E. and Brandon C. Prins. 2017. "Enforcing Order: Territorial Reach and Maritime Piracy." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 34(4): 359–379.

Daxecker, Ursula E. and Brandon C. Prins. 2017. "Financing Rebellion: Using Piracy to Explain and Predict Conflict Intensity in Africa and Southeast Asia." *Journal of Peace Research* 54(2): 215–230. (Featured in the Monkey Cage)

Daxecker, Ursula E. 2017. "Dirty Hands: Government Torture and Terrorism." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(6): 1261–1289.

Daxecker, Ursula E. and Brandon C. Prins. 2016. "The Politicization of Crime: Electoral Competition and the Supply of Maritime Piracy in Indonesia." *Public Choice* 169(3): 375–393.

Bader, Julia and Ursula E. Daxecker. 2015. "A Chinese Resource Curse: The Human Rights Effects of Oil Export Dependence on China versus the United States." *Journal of Peace Research* 52(6): 774–790. (Erratum)

Daxecker, Ursula E. and Brandon C. Prins. 2015. "Searching for Sanctuary: Government Power and the Location of Piracy." *International Interactions* 41(4): 699–717. [Blog post at Political Violence at a Glance]

Daxecker, Ursula E. and Brandon C. Prins. 2015. "The New Barbary Wars: Forecasting Maritime Piracy." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 11(1): 23–44.

Daxecker, Ursula E. 2014. "All Quiet on Election Day? International Election Observation and Incentives for Pre-Election Violence in African Elections." *Electoral Studies* 34: 232–243. [Featured in Foreign Policy]

Daxecker, Ursula E. and Brandon C. Prins. 2013. "Insurgents of the Sea: Institutional and Economic Opportunities for Maritime Piracy." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 57(6): 940–965.

Daxecker, Ursula E. and Michael L. Hess. 2013. "Repression Hurts: Coercive Government Strategies and the Demise of Terrorist Groups." *British Journal of Political Science* 43(3): 559–577.

Daxecker, Ursula E. 2012. "The Cost of Exposing Cheating: International Election Monitoring, Fraud, and Post-Election Violence in Africa." *Journal of Peace Research* 49(4): 503–516.

Daxecker, Ursula E. 2011. "Rivals, Instability, and the Probability of International Conflict." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 28(5): 529–551.

Daxecker, Ursula E. 2011. "Shocks, Commitment, and the Risk of Civil War." *International Interactions* 37(1): 29–55.

Daxecker, Ursula E. 2009. "Opposition Movements, Liberalization, and Civil War: Evidence from Algeria and Chile." *Civil Wars* 11(3): 234–254.

Prins, Brandon C. and Ursula E. Daxecker. 2008. "Committed to Peace? Liberal Institutions and the Termination of Rivalry." *British Journal of Political Science* 38(1): 17–34.

Daxecker, Ursula E. 2007. "Perilous Polities? An Assessment of the Democratization–Conflict Linkage." *European Journal of International Relations* 13(4): 527–553.

### Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entries

Prins, Brandon C., Aaron Gold, Anup Phayal, and Ursula E. Daxecker. 2022. "Maritime Piracy and Foreign Policy." *Oxford Research Encyclopaedia, Oxford University Press.* [First published in 2017].

Daxecker, Ursula E. and Eric Frécon. 2020. "Piracy as Multilevel Politics: Evidence from Indonesia and the Malacca Straits." In Edward R. Lucas, Samuel Rivera-Paez, Thomas A. Crosbie, and Felix Falck Jensen (eds.), *Maritime Security: Counter-Terrorism Lessons from Maritime Piracy and Narcotics Interdiction.* IOS Press, NATO Science for Peace and Security Series.

Daxecker, Ursula E. and Gerald Schneider. 2014. "Electoral Observers: The Implications of Multiple Monitors for Electoral Integrity." In Pippa Norris, Richard W. Frank, and Ferran Martinez I Coma (eds.), *Advancing Electoral Integrity.* Oxford University Press, pp. 73–94.

### Commissioned Reports and Policy Briefs

Daxecker, Ursula E. 2019. "Disaggregating Measures of Political (In)stability: Lessons from Electoral Violence." Paper commissioned by Headquarters, Supreme Allied Command Transformation (HQ SACT) of NATO, the University of Bologna, and the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) of Rome. University of Amsterdam Repository.

Daxecker, Ursula E. and Alexander Jung. 2018. "Mixing Votes with Violence: Electoral Violence Across the World." *The SAIS Review* 38(1): 39–51.

Prins, Brandon C., Ursula E. Daxecker, and Amanda Sanford. 2014. "Terror on the Seas: Assessing the Threat of Modern Day Piracy." *The SAIS Review* (Summer/Fall).

Daxecker, Ursula E. 2008. "Governance, Democratization, and Armed Conflict." *Peacebuild Emerging Issues Project.* Peacebuild: The Canadian Peacebuilding Network.

### Book Reviews

Daxecker, Ursula E. 2025. "Monitors and Meddlers: How Foreign Actors Influence Local Trust in Elections." By Sarah Sunn Bush and Lauren Prather. *H-Diplo* 16-30: 7–24.

Daxecker, Ursula E. 2012/13. "Do Democracies Win Their Wars?" Edited by Michael E. Brown, Owen R. Coté Jr., Sean M. Lynn-Jones, and Steven E. Miller. *American Review of Politics* 33 (Winter).

Daxecker, Ursula E. 2009. "Punishing the Prince: A Theory of Interstate Relations, Political Institutions, and Leader Change." By Fiona McGillivray and Alastair Smith. *American Review of Politics* 30 (Spring/Summer).

### Other

Ursula Daxecker. 2024. "Democracy and Peace: Can Democracy Solve the Problem of Political Violence?" Inaugural lecture, University of Amsterdam.

Brandon Prins, Ursula Daxecker, and Anup Phayal. 2017. "Somali pirates just hijacked an oil tanker: Here's what pirates want, and where they strike." *Washington Post – Monkey Cage.*

Ursula Daxecker, Jessica Di Salvatore, and Brandon Prins. 2016. "Where do pirates go?" *Political Violence at a Glance.*

Julia Bader and Ursula Daxecker. 2015. "A Chinese resource curse?" *Political Violence at a Glance.*

## Research in Progress

### Book Manuscript

"The Logic of Party Violence." With Neeraj Prasad. *In progress.*

### Working Papers

"Violence as Craft: How Violence Shapes Voter Preferences." With Kartikeya Batra and Neeraj Prasad. *In progress.*

"Rents, Brokers, and Electoral Strategies: Evidence from Nigeria" With Ankita Barthwal and Maureen Fubara. *In progress.*

"Understanding Political Elites' Support for Democracy: Evidence from Indian Politicians." With Ward Berenschot, Imke Harbers, and Kris Ruijgrok. *In progress.*

"Political Violence from the Bottom-Up: New Microlevel Data for India." *In progress.*

## Grants (~ 3 Million Euro)

### Individual Grants

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| 2020–2026 | "Elections, Parties, and Violence." European Research Council Starting Grant. €1,500,000. |
| 2019 | Amsterdam Center for Inequality Studies seed grant. €4,500. |
| 2018 | Stimulating European Research (SEO) initiative of the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. €7,800. |
| 2018 | "Electoral Violence." Conference grant, Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences (KNAW). €3,170. |
| 2014–2018 | "Domestic and International Determinants of Election Violence." Veni Grant, Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO). €250,000. |
| 2014–2018 | "Understanding Election Violence." European Commission Marie Curie Career Integration Grant. |

### Collaborative Grants

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| 2027–2030 | "Democratic Institutions and Violence Network in Europe (DIViNE)" Co-applicant in a network led by Andrea Ruggeri (University of Milan). MSCA Doctoral Network, European Research Council. €3,085,194 (Co-applicant portion: €305,000) |
| 2026–2033 | "Democratic Moral Craft for Just and Resilient Institutions (DEMOCRAFT)" Co-applicant in consortium led by Leonie Heres. Dutch Research Agenda, Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO). €6,750,000 (Co-applicant portion: €205,000). |

2023–2025 "The Normative Foundations of Democracy." Responsible for India portion, with Ward Berenschot, Imke Harbers, and Kris Ruijgrok. Fair and Resilient Societies initiative grant, University of Amsterdam. €200,000 (India portion: €45,000).

2025 "Balancing Demands: Exploring the 'Priority of Use' in Global Water Allocation." With Andrea Müller, Joyeeta Gupta, and Hilmer Bosch. Centre for Sustainable Development Studies, University of Amsterdam. €30,000.

2023 "Sowing Discord: Violence as a Tool for Electoral Mobilization." Co-PI with Neeraj Prasad. Research Priority Area Polarisation grant, University of Amsterdam. €5,000.

2020–2021 "Political Microtargeting on Social Media in Diverse Democracies." Co-PI with Stefania Milan. Global Digital Cultures grant, University of Amsterdam. €30,000.

2016–2017 "Crime in Civil War." Co-PI with Brandon Prins. U.S. Department of Defense 2015 Minerva Initiative, supplemental grant proposal. $180,750.

2014–2016 "Political Reach, State Fragility, and the Incidence of Maritime Piracy: Explaining Piracy and Pirate Organization, 1990–2011." Co-PI with Brandon Prins. U.S. Department of Defense 2012 Minerva Research Initiative. $776,999 (UvA portion: $270,442).

## Teaching

### Awards

Onderwijslieverdje ("Teaching darling"), Machiavelli Study Organization in Political Science, University of Amsterdam, 2018-2019

### University of Amsterdam

#### Bachelor

Democracies, Autocracies, and Transitions, Fall 2023 [Evaluation: 7.2/10], Fall 2024, Fall 2025 [Evaluation: 4.2/5]

Core Module International Relations, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022 [Evaluation: 8.1/10 in 2019, 7.8/10 in 2020, 8.0/10 in 2021, 7.9/10 in 2022]

Bachelor Thesis Project: Political Activism, Violence and Conflict (co-taught with Marlies Glasius, Jana Krause, and Vidya Marapin), Spring 2020 [Evaluations not shared with students for reasons outside of my control]

Bachelor Thesis Project: Nieuwe Bedreigingen in de Internationale Veiligheid (New Threats in International Security), taught in Dutch, Spring 2017 [Evaluation: 8.5/10]

#### Master & PhD

Master Thesis Project: Political Violence: Individual-and Group-Level Dynamics, Spring 2023 [Evaluation: 9.2/10], Spring 2024, Spring 2026

Master Thesis Project: Microfoundations of Political Violence, Spring 2022 [Evaluation: 8.8/10]

PhD Independent Reading Course: Elections and Parties in the Developing World, Spring 2021

PhD Independent Reading Course: Political Violence, Fall 2020

Specialization Module: International Relations, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013 [Evaluation: 8.1/10 in 2015, 7.7/10 in 2014, 8.0/10 in 2013]

Master Thesis Project: International Conflict, Spring 2013 [Evaluation: 8.5/10]

### Colorado State University

Introduction to International Relations (undergraduate), Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012

U.S. Foreign Policy (undergraduate), Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2012

International Security (undergraduate), Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2011, Fall 2012

International Relations Theory (graduate), Spring 2010, Fall 2011

Policymaking, Diplomacy, and World Politics (graduate), Spring 2009, Spring 2011

### University of New Orleans

Methods of Political Research (undergraduate), Fall 2004, Spring 2005, Fall 2005, Summer 2006

Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate), Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Summer 2007

Introduction to World Politics (undergraduate), Spring 2004

### Other

European Forum Alpbach, Seminar on Conflict and Cooperation: Preferences or Environment? (co-taught with Urs Fischbacher), August 15-22, 2017

## Professional Service

### Disciplinary Service

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| 2024 | Assessment committee member, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), Dutch Research Agenda Open Research Competition 2023 |
| 2023–2024 | Assessment committee member, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), Vidi grant |
| 2024 | Discussant, Book manuscript *Shallow Democracy: Political Parties and the Crisis of Representation in India* by Francesca Jensenius and Pradeep Chhibber, Center for Advanced Studies, University of Oslo, March 18–19 |
| 2023 | Discussant, Book launch Geopolitics and Democracy by Peter Trubowitz and Brian Burgoon, SPUI25, University of Amsterdam, December 9 |
| 2023 | Discussant, Book roundtable for Under the Gun: Political Parties and Violence in Pakistan by Niloufer Siddiqui and Voter Backlash and Elite Misperception: The Logic of Violence in Electoral Competition by Steven Rosenzweig, American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, August 31 |
| 2023 | Panelist, Organizing Workshops, Women in Conflict Studies, March 3 |
| 2022 | Co-Program Chair, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Nashville, Tennessee |
| 2021 | Organizer (with Stefania Milan), How Hostile Misinformation Shapes Our Politics: Insights from India, Global Digital Cultures, April 30 |

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| 2020 | Evaluator, Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships (IF), European Commission |
| 2020- | Affiliate, SafeSeas, Research Network on Maritime Security |
| 2019- | Member, Research Working Group on Elections, Peace, and Security, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden |
| 2019–2021 | Council member, Conflict Processes Section, American Political Science Association |
| 2019 | Section Program Chair, Conflict Processes Section, American Political Science Association |
| 2018–2019 | Assessment committee member, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) Veni grant |
| 2018–2019 | Expert, Global Electoral Violence Forecasting Network, U.S. Department of State 2016 Committee member, Dutch National Science Foundation (NWO) evaluation committee, PhD Talent competition |
| 2015 | Discussant, International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA. |
| 2015 | Organizer of two panels on election violence, International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA. |
| 2015-2017 | Member, Steering Group of the project on Explaining and Mitigating Electoral Violence at the University of Glasgow. |
| 2014-2017 | Councilor, Scientific Study of International Processes, International Studies Association. |
| 2014 | Section program chair, Scientific Study of International Processes, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada. |
| 2014-2016 | Member, Management Committee of European Network of Conflict Research. |
| 2013 | Discussant, Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Francisco CA. |
| 2012 | Discussant, Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Diego CA. |

## University and Departmental service

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| 2020–2026 | Principal Investigator, Elections, Violence, and Parties project (three full-time staff), Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2018-2025 | Faculty supervisor, PETGOV program group of four staff, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam |
| 2024 | Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor in Conflict and Climate, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2024–2025 | Member, Management Board, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2024 | Board member, Platform for Democratic Resilience, University of Amsterdam |
| 2023–2024 | Exam Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2023 | Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor in Political Theory, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2022 | Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor Middle East Politics search (two positions), Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2018–2021 | Program group co-leader, Political Economy and Transnational Governance (PETGOV), Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam |

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| 2021 | Organizer, Mixed-Methods in Times of COVID, Amsterdam Institute For Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam |
| 2021 | Member, COVID Committee for PhD students in need, Amsterdam Institute For Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam |
| 2020 | Search Committee Chair, Assistant Professor in Violence and Security (three positions), Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2020 | Member of the Management Team, Research Assessment Exercise, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2019– | Affiliate, Amsterdam Center for Conflict Studies, University of Amsterdam |
| 2017–2019 | Co-organizer, Speaker Series on Security, Conflict, and Peacebuilding, University of Amsterdam |
| 2016– | Member and co-founder, Amsterdam Conflict Research Network |
| 2015–2018 | Coordinator, Bachelor and Master of Science in International Relations teaching, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2015–2018 | Faculty member, Admissions Committee International Relations Master (track), Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2015 | Search Committee Member, Conflict and Security Search, Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2014– | Member, Amsterdam Center for Inequality Studies, University of Amsterdam |
| 2014 | Search Committee Member, International Relations Search (two positions), Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2012 | Member of the Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, Colorado State University. |
| 2009–2012 | Department Representative, Faculty Council, Colorado State University. |
| 2010–2011 | Member of the Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, Colorado State University. |
| 2009–2010 | Member of the Fulbright Selection Committee, Colorado State University. |
| 2008–2009 | Member of the Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science, Colorado State University. |
| 2006 | Co-Organizer of the Political Science Workshop, Department of Political Science, University of New Orleans. |
| 2005 | Member of the Student Technology Fee Committee, College of Liberal Arts, University of New Orleans. |

## Public Engagement and Impact

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| 2026 | Expert, Nieuwsuur report on violence against political parties in the Netherlands, May 8. |
| 2025 | Interview, "Protest, Polarization, and Political Violence-Where to Draw the Line?," Faculty of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Amsterdam |
| 2025 | Expert, The United States, Autocratization, and Political Violence, Trouw |
| 2025 | Author, "Why Political Violence Is On the Rise in the United States and Where it Might Lead", LSE blog post, with Neeraj Prasad and Andrea Ruggeri |
| 2024 | Expert, The Year of Elections and Implications for Democracy, EenVandaag, November 12 |
| 2024 | Moderator, "The U.S. Elections, Conflict in Politics, and What it Means for Democracy," Amsterdam Center for Conflict Studies, November 12 |
| 2024 | Podcast interview, "Democracy, Backsliding, and Violence," Room for Discussion, May 22 |

2024 Interview, Estadao, May 10
2024 Speaker, "Democracy and Conflict - Opposites or Complements?", Observer Research Foundation, January 15
2023 Speaker, Joint EU-UNDP Global Conference on Peaceful and Inclusive Elections in a Digital Age, Brussels, November 9
2023 Speaker, "Party Violence in West Bengal," Institute for Development Studies Kolkata, July 27
2023 Expert, Protect Democracy project, SNF Agora Institute at Johns Hopkins University, survey waves 1 & 2
2022 Panelist, "Dysfunctional Democracy: the Midterm Elections, the US Constitution, and the Future of American Politics," University of Amsterdam, November 15
2022 Panelist, "Election Observation from the Bottom Up" ELECTOR Workshop, University of Birmingham (hybrid), November 9
2022 Consultant, "Sustaining Peace during Electoral Processes (SELECT)," Information Integrity Report, United Nations Development Programme, November 8
2022 Participant, Expert Consultation on Informational Integrity, EC-UNDP Joint Task Force on Electoral Assistance, July 14
2022 Presenter, Misinformation and Polarisation in Indian Election Campaigns, Center for Policy Research, India, July 7
2022 Expert, Regional Consultation for Asia and the Pacific on Information Integrity and its Intersection with Electoral Violence, EC-UNDP Joint Task Force on Electoral Assistance, June 9
2021 Presenter, "Reducing Violence and Maintaining Stability," ELECTOR Inaugural Workshop, November 25, Brussels, Belgium
2020 Panelist, "After the US Presidential Elections - Comparative Perspectives on the Health of US Democracy," University of Amsterdam, November 10
2018 Presenter "Unintended Consequences of International Election Observation," Folke Bernadotte Academy Research-Policy Dialogue, Stockholm, Sweden
2016 Presenter, Expert Discussion, "Electing Peace - What Works in Electoral Violence Prevention?" European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium
2014 Presenter, Harvest Day, Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam

## Editing and Reviewing

### Editorial Management

2025 Special Issue Guest Editor, Journal of Peace Research
2019– Editorial Board Member, International Interactions
2020–2024 Editorial Committee Member, European Journal of International Relations
2020 Special Issue Guest Editor, Journal of Peace Research
2020 Special Issue Guest Editor, European Journal of International Relations
2018–2020 Associate Editor, European Journal of International Relations
2015–2018 Associate Editor, International Interactions
2014–2015 Editorial Board Member, International Interactions

### Manuscript Reviewer

*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, International Security, European Journal of International Relations, Marine Policy, European Political Science Review, European Journal of Political Research, Electoral Studies, Political Science Research and Methods, Party Politics, African Affairs, International Interactions, Foreign Policy Analysis, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Terrorism and Political Violence, European Journal of International Security, African Affairs, Democratization, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Defence & Peace Economics, Government and Opposition, International Peacekeeping, International Journal of Public Opinion Research*

### Book Reviewer

*Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press*

### Grant committees and Reviewing

*European Research Council, European Commission Marie Curie Incoming Fellowships, National Science Foundation (NSF), Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) Veni, Vidi, and Open Research Council competition, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) PhD Talent competition, German Science Foundation (DFG)*

## Organization of Scientific Meetings

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| 2026 | The Logic of Party Violence: Insights from of the Elections, Violence, and Parties project, University of Amsterdam, May 27. |
| 2026 | Political Institutions and Conflict Department Inaugural Workshop, Harnack Haus, Berlin, April 9-10. |
| 2024 | Political Violence in Democracies (with Andrea Ruggeri and Neeraj Prasad), University of Amsterdam, February 5-6. |
| 2022 | New Research on African Politics (with Neeraj Prasad, Noyonika Das, and Maureen Fubara), University of Amsterdam, December 5. |
| 2022 | Political Violence and Electoral Politics (with Neeraj Prasad, Noyonika Das, and Maureen Fubara), University of Amsterdam, October 24-26. |
| 2022 | Politics of the Global South (with Neeraj Prasad, Noyonika Das, and Maureen Fubara), University of Amsterdam, July 12. |
| 2021 | Elections and Violence: Actors, Targets, and Strategies (with Neeraj Prasad, Noyonika Das, and Maureen Fubara), Online Research Workshop, October 25-27. |
| 2018 | Organizer, Election Violence (with Sarah Birch and Jana Krause), University of Amsterdam, February 15-16. |
| 2017 | Political Violence (with Jessica Di Salvatore), University of Amsterdam, March 24. |
| 2016 | Crime and Politics (with Brandon Prins), , University of Amsterdam, December 8-9. |
| 2016 | Resources, Crime, and Civil War Organizer (with Brandon Prins), Peace Science Society Meeting (International), South Bend, IN, October 21. |

## Supervision

### Postdoctoral Supervision

Neeraj Prasad, postdoctoral fellow, 2021-24. Now Assistant Professor, University of Amsterdam.

Anup Phayal, postdoctoral fellow, 2016-17. Now Associate Professor, University of North Carolina-Wilmington.

## PhD Supervision

Tendai Kasinganeti, PhD expected 2028. Climate Finance in the Global South.

Yasemin Sivri. PhD expected 2028. The Normalization of Authoritarianism: Evidence from Turkey.

Bryan Peters, PhD expected 2026. Piracy and its Control: Assessing Harms and Appraising Counterpiracy Efforts Across Regional Contexts. University of Leuven, Belgium.

Maureen Fubara, PhD 2026. Decentralized Despotism: How Subnational Incumbents Produce. Now *Lecturer, University of Amsterdam*. Electoral Violence. Now *Lecturer, Amsterdam University College.*

Noyonika Das, PhD 2025. Violence for Control: Explaining Violent Local Elections in India. Now *Lecturer, University of Amsterdam*.

Sebastian Pantoja Barrios. PhD 2025. Conceptualizing and Explaining Subnational Democratic Regimes in Colombia. Now *Lecturer, University of Leiden*.

Nilmawati, PhD 2022. The Persistence of IUU Fishing in Indonesia: A Multi-Level Governance perspective. Now *Government Affairs and Policy Lead, International Pole and Line Foundation (IPNLF) Indonesia*.

Kris Ruijgrok, PhD 2018. Challenging Information Scarcity: The Effect of Internet Use on Protest in Authoritarian Regimes. Now *Assistant Professor, University of Amsterdam*.

Jessica Di Salvatore, PhD 2017 cum laude. Peacekeepers against Ethnic and Criminal Violence. Now *Associate Professor, University of Florence*.

## PhD Committee Membership

Emma van der Goot, PhD 2024. The Impact of Online Battles: Use and Implications of Political Conflict Frames in a Digital Media Environment.

Daniel Uribe Gomez, PhD 2022. Alliances Between Civilians and Combatants in Civil Wars.

Diliara Valeeva, PhD 2021. The Transnational Corporate Elite Network: Nature and Properties.

Javier Garcia Bernardo, PhD 2020. Offshore Finance and Corporate Tax Avoidance.

Shakeel Hayat, PhD 2020. Inclusive Development and Multilevel Transboundary Water Governance: The Kabul River

## External PhD Committees

Ankita Barthwal. PhD 2025. Partisanship in Unlikely Places: Causes and Consequences of Partisan Attachment in Developing Democracies. University of Oslo.

Ernest Akuamoah, PhD 2023. Do Leaders Matter? How Personal Characteristics and Experiences Shape Electoral Violence, Australian National University.

Ghadafi Saibu, PhD 2022. Political Parties, Violent Youth, and Electoral Insecurity. University of Bayreuth.

Johan Ahlbäck, PhD 2020. Electoral Integrity in Unconsolidated Democracies: Challenges and Potential Remedies. London School of Economics.

Solveig Hillesund, PhD 2019. Choosing Targets and Tactics: How Horizontal Inequality Spurs Conflict. University of Oslo.

Lorena Castilla Medina, PhD 2019. Housing, Land, and Property Rights: The Impact of UN Peacekeeping Operations on Economic Recovery in Bosnia and Herzeogvina. University of Essex.

Aurelien Evéquoz, PhD 2019. Electoral Violence in Authoritarian Regimes: Location and Determinants of Government Coercion. University of Geneva.

Dieuwertje Kuijpers, PhD 2018. Gambling with Lives for Survival: How Democratic Governments Respond to Casualties. Free University of Amsterdam.

## Predoctoral and Research Intern Supervision

Moritz Dyczek, Research Master Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam, Fall 2025. Now predoctoral research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Political and Social Science.

Pawas Pratakshit, University of Amsterdam, July 2025-June 2026. Now PhD student at University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Anvita Pant, Research Master Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam, Fall 2023. Now PhD Student at Free University of Amsterdam.

Titas Ganguly, Research Assistant Elections, Violence, and Parties (EVaP), 2023-2024, Now PhD Student at University of California, Davis.

Shahane Da Silva, Honors Program Bachelor of Political Science, University of Amsterdam, Fall 2022

Hennes-Michel Barnehl, Research Master Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam, Spring 2022. Now PhD Student at University of California, San Diego.

Alexander Jung, Research Assistant Electoral Contention and Violence data (ECAV), 2018-2019, Now Postdoctoral Scholar at International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam.

## Visiting PhD and Postdoc Supervision

Abdul Rahman Latip, postdoctoral guest fellow, 2025-26. Assistant Professor, University of Malaysia.

Nihad Aboud, PhD student at University of Essex, Fall 2023. Now Senior Research Officer, Essex Law School.

Victor Alembik, PhD student at University of Milan, Spring 2023.

### Master Theses (Chaired Only)

Supervision of 8 Master theses, University of Amsterdam, Spring 2024

Supervision of 8 Master theses, University of Amsterdam, Spring 2023

Supervision of 6 Master theses, University of Amsterdam, Spring 2022

Supervision of 6 Bachelor theses, University of Amsterdam, Spring 2020

Supervision of 10 Bachelor theses, University of Amsterdam, Spring 2017

Supervision of 11 Master theses, University of Amsterdam, Spring 2013

Carpenter, Meghan, Permanent Membership on the UN Security Council, Honors Thesis, 2012, Committee Member.

## Invited Presentations and Keynotes

### Keynotes

2025 "Democracy, Violence, and Conflict: Making Violence in Democracies Visible." Humboldt University, Berlin, September 5.

2024 "Political Identities in Conflict." Keynote, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, November 20.

### Invited Talks

2025 T.E. Lawrence Speaker Series, All Souls College, University of Oxford, November 3

2025 Milan Conflict Research Seminar, Department of Political Science, University of Milan, October 16

2025 Research Seminar, Department of Social and Political Science, University of Florence, October 14

2025 Comparative Politics Seminar, Department of Political Economy, King's College London, September 22

2025 Democracy, Anger, and Elite Responses Project Workshop, May 22–24

2024 Democracy and Its Discontents, Max Planck Society, Munich, December 19

2024 Political Violence: Historical Contexts and Contemporary Challenges, Sarajevo, October 24–27

2024 Meeting on the Political Economy of Development (MoPED), WZB Berlin, July 1–2

2024 Brown Bag Seminar, Department of Political Science, Tulane University, April 29

2024 Conflict & Change Seminar, University College London, April 10

2023 Symposium on Boundaries, Max Planck Society, Munich, October 19–20

2023 Peace Research Institute Oslo, September 20

2023 Center for Electoral Management Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, July 24

2023 Departmental Speaker Series, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, March 9

2022 Conference on Political Violence and Democratic Backsliding, WZB Berlin, October 5–7
2022 Meeting on the Political Economy of Development (MoPED), WZB Berlin, June 16–17
2022 Pirate Lands Book Talk, Amsterdam Center of Conflict Studies, May 10
2021 Pirate Lands Virtual Book Talk, Safe Seas, April 29
2021 Kroc-Kellogg Peace, Conflict, Crime and Violence Workshop, University of Notre Dame, March 23
2020 The Pursuit of Peaceful Polling: Preventing and Managing Electoral Violence, Virtual Research Workshop, December
2020 Trivedi Centre for Political Data, Virtual Seminar, Ashoka University, November 27
2020 School of Politics and International Relations, Virtual Seminar, University of Kent, September 30
2020 What we Know about Piracy, Stable Seas and Safe Seas, Virtual Seminar, June 9
2020 Research Group Seminar, Centre for Maritime Research (MARE), University of Amsterdam, January 13
2019 Department Seminar, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick, United Kingdom, October 31
2019 Comparative Institutions and Regimes Seminar, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo, October 25
2019 Managing Electoral Violence Workshop, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden, June 10
2019 Uncovering Hidden Maritime Crimes – Consequences for the Shipping Industry, Danish Shipping, Copenhagen, May 27
2019 Advanced Research Workshop on Lessons from Counterpiracy and Counternarcotics, Royal Danish Defence College, May 27–29
2019 Department of Political Science, University of Geneva, March 11
2019 Department of Government Seminar Series, University of Essex, January 22
2018 Workshop "Challenges and New Frontiers in Micro and Meso-Level Conflict Data Collection and Analysis," Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), December 5–6
2018 Mannheim Centre for European Social Research Seminar, University of Mannheim, October 29
2018 Conference "Projecting Stability in an Era of Hybrid Warfare and Terrorism: NATO Role?" NATO Headquarters, Supreme Allied Command Transformation (HQ SACT), Forlí, Italy, October 24–26
2018 Global Security Program, University of Glasgow, October 10
2018 Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies, University of Leiden, June 21
2018 Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Workshop and Research-Policy Dialogue on Elections in Emerging Democracies, Stockholm, June 11–12
2018 Workshop on Political Violence, University of Texas at Dallas, May 15–16
2018 Workshop Beyond Political Violence, University of Essex, February 27
2017 Seminar on Conflict and Cooperation, Forum Alpbach, August 15–22
2017 IR Colloquium, Department of International Relations, University of Oxford, May 9
2017 Workshop on Electoral Violence, King's College London, March 21
2016 Department of Political Science, University of Central Florida, August 29

2016 Workshop on Contentious Elections, Electoral Integrity Project, Poznań, Poland, July 23
2016 Workshop on Institutions and Conflict, Genoa, Italy, June 16–17
2016 Workshop on Distributional Grievances as Obstacles to Peace, Frankfurt, Germany, June 9–10
2016 Conference on the Political Economy of Political Violence, Dallas, TX, May 18–21
2014 Workshop on Forecasting, Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada
2014 Roundtable Presentation, Free University, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2013 Electoral Integrity Workshop, Harvard University
2011 Department of Political Science, University of Salzburg, June 27
2011 Center Austria, University of New Orleans
2004 Journeys in World Politics Workshop, University of Iowa, October 28–31

## Conference Presentations

2025 European Political Science Association, Madrid, June 26–28
2025 Social Norms and Threats to Democracy Workshop, University of Oxford, June 15–18
2024 American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 4–8
2024 European Political Science Association, Cologne, July 3–4
2023 Affective Polarization and Democracy, Amsterdam, November 6–7
2023 American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, August 31–September 3
2023 Network of European Peace Scientists, Bologna, June 26–28
2023 European Political Science Association, Glasgow, June 22–24
2023 International Studies Association, Montreal, March 15–18
2022 Households in Conflict Network, Warwick, November 23–24
2022 American Political Science Association, Montreal, September 15–18
2022 Conflict Research Society, Belfast, September 7–9
2022 European Political Science Association, Prague, June 23–25
2022 Network for European Peace Scientists, London, June 20–22
2022 International Studies Association, Nashville, TN, March 29–April 2
2022 Digital Misinformation in the Global South (DIMIS) Research Workshop, Virtual, March 25
2022 Amsterdam Network for Conflict Research, January 28
2021 International Studies Association, Virtual Meeting, April 5–8
2021 Hot Politics Lab, University of Amsterdam, January 15
2020 Amsterdam Conflict Club, University of Amsterdam, October 30
2020 European Political Science Association, Virtual Meeting, June 16–18
2019 Global Maritime Security Conference, Abuja, Nigeria, October 7–9
2019 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 28–September 1
2019 International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, March 26–29
2018 Politicologenetmaal, Leiden University, Netherlands, June 7–8
2018 International Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 5–8
2017 Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, Antwerp, Belgium, June 26–28
2017 Politicologenetmaal, Leiden University, Netherlands, June 1–2
2017 International Studies Association Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February 22–25
2016 Peace Science Society Meeting, South Bend, Indiana, October 20–22

2016 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, March 16–19
2016 European Conflict Network Meeting, Geneva, January 21–22
2015 European Conflict Network Meeting, Barcelona, Spain, October 1–2
2015 European Conflict Network Meeting, Bonn, Germany, March 5–7
2015 International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February 18–21
2014 European Conflict Network Meeting, Uppsala, Sweden, October 15–18
2014 European Conflict Network Meeting, Istanbul, April 24–26
2014 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, March 26–30
2013 European Conflict Network Meeting, Amsterdam, April 24–26
2013 International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, April 3–6
2012 European Political Science Association, Berlin, Germany, June 21–23
2012 International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, April 1–4
2011 Peace Science Society, Los Angeles, CA, October 14–15
2011 International Studies Association Meeting, Montreal, Canada, March 15–19
2010 International Studies Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA, February 17–20
2010 Southern Political Science Association Convention, Atlanta, GA, January 6–9
2009 International Studies Association Meeting, New York, NY, February 15–18
2009 Southern Political Science Association Convention, New Orleans, LA, January 8–10
2008 International Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 26–29
2008 Southern Political Science Association Convention, New Orleans, LA, January 9–12
2007 International Studies Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, February 28–March 2
2006 Peace Science Society North American Meeting, Columbus, OH, November 10–12
2006 Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 20–23
2005 Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 5–8
2004 Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 15–18
2004 Southwestern Political Science Association, Corpus Christi, TX, March

## Professional Associations

American Political Science Association

European Political Science Association

International Studies Association

Network of European Peace Scientists

## Additional Training

2022 Superb Supervision Training for PhD Supervision, University of Amsterdam.
2020–2021 Leadership Training for Vidi-ERC Laureates, University of Amsterdam.
2020 Certificate, Human Subjects Research – Social-Behavioral-Educational Research, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative, November 2020.
2004 Program Scholar, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. Courses in Regression Analysis, Simultaneous Equation Models, and Game Theory. University of Michigan, June-August 2004.

## Data Collection

Booth-level Election Results in West Bengal, 2019-2021 (in progress)

Micro-Level Data on Political Violence in West Bengal, 2011-2021 (in progress)

Electoral Contention and Violence Dataset (ECAV), 1990-2012 (complete) Maritime Piracy Event and Location Data (MPELD) dataset, 1985-2016 (complete)

Maritime Pirate Organizations (MPO) surveys (complete)

International Election Monitoring in Africa, 1990-2010 (complete)

## Field Research

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| 2024 | India, West Bengal and Delhi, January |
| 2023 | India, West Bengal and Maharashtra, July–August |
| 2023 | Nigeria, June |
| 2022 | India, West Bengal, September |
| 2021 | India, West Bengal, November–December |
| 2019 | India, Delhi, May |
| 2019 | Nigeria, April & October |
| 2018 | India, Bihar and Delhi, December |
| 2018 | India, Karnataka and Delhi, December |
| 2017 | Indonesia and Singapore, October–November |

## Honors and Awards

Travel Grant, Office of International Programs, Colorado State University, 2012 (declined)

Resident Fellow, School of Global Environmental Sustainability, Colorado State University, 2012-2013 (declined)

Professional Development Program Award, Colorado State University, College of Liberal Arts, 2009- 2012

Austrian Science Talk Travel and Hotel Grant, Austrian Ministry for Science and Technology, 2009

Professional Development Program Award, Colorado State University, College of Liberal Arts, 2008- 2009

Dina Zinnes Award, Best Graduate Student Paper in Scientific Study of International Processes, International Studies Association Meeting 2008.

Chancellor's Fellowship, University of New Orleans, 2004-2007

Crescent City Doctoral Tuition Scholarship, University of New Orleans, 2003-2008

Special Incentives for Doctoral Students Fund, Louisiana Board of Regents, 2006-2007

ICPSR Fellowship, The University of Michigan, 2004

Joint Study Scholarship, University of Innsbruck, 2002-2003

## Personal Information

Three children (1999, 2007, 2010)

## Other

## Other Professional Experience

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| 2000–2001 | Media Analyst for mediAwatch, Institute for Media Analysis in Innsbruck, Austria, Partner of the Austrian Press Agency, 2000-2001. |
| 1999 | Exit polls survey analyst for the elections to the Tyrolean Regional Government, Austria. |

## Languages

German (native), English (fluent), and Dutch (CEFR C2)

## Software

Stata, ArcGIS

## Nationality

Austrian citizen

## References

Available upon request.