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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Substantive:** peace and conflict studies, natural resource governance, sustainable development, climate change adaptation, social inequalities
- **Methods:** applied statistics, geospatial analysis, mixed-methods design, survey statistics

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

04/2021 –	Interim Full Professor (W3), Chair of International Politics, University of Konstanz
08/2020 – 03/2021	Interim Full Professor (W3), Chair of Comparative Politics of Non-democratic States, University of Konstanz
08/2019–07/2020	Interim Full Professor (W3), Chair of Political Science, University of Mannheim
01/2011–07/2019	Senior Research Fellow, Chair of International Politics, University of Konstanz
Since 09/2017	Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Lucerne
09/2016–12/2016	Interim Full Professor (W3), Chair of International Relations, Zeppelin University
10/2013–03/2014	Interim Professor (W2), Chair of Comparative Politics of Non-Democratic States, University of Konstanz
05/2008–12/2010	Research Fellow, German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)
01/2006–04/2007	Lecturer, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

05/2003–09/2003 **Research Fellow and Lecturer, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz**

VISITING SCHOLAR POSITIONS

04/2006–06/2006 **Visiting Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University**

PARENTAL LEAVE

10/2015-11/2015 Full time

EDUCATION

09/2003–11/2008 **Ph.D. in Political Science, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University Pompeu Fabra**

- Thesis: “The Legacy of Landlords: Educational Distribution, Political Accountability and Development in a Comparative Perspective” (*with distinction*)
- Thesis supervisors: Prof. Gøsta Esping-Andersen, Prof. Jacint Casajuana Jordana

09/1998–05/2003 **Master of Arts (Diplom), Political Science and Public Administration, University of Konstanz**

- Thesis: “Income Distribution in Developing Countries: Does Trade Matter?”
- Thesis supervisors: Prof. Thomas Plümper, Prof. Gerald Schneider

LIST OF THIRD-PARTY FUNDING AND GRANTS

2021 **Committee on Research (University of Konstanz); EUR 5,300**

2015–2018 ***Resource Management, Grievances and Intrastate Conflict*, German Research Council (DFG); EUR 178,000**

- Main applicant and head of project (with Gerald Schneider)
- Research question: What is the role of natural resource governance in promoting socio-economic and environmental grievances at the regional level?
- Methods: quantitative, geospatial analyses employing a newly generated GIS dataset on the control rights of oil fields and mines in Africa and Latin America

2018 **Young Scholar Fund (YSF); EUR 8,500**

2015 **Young Scholar Fund (YSF); EUR 8,300**

2011–2014

Governing the Resource-Conflict Nexus: Commodity Management and Internal Violence, German Research Council (DFG); EUR 210,000

- Main applicant and head of project (with Gerald Schneider)
- Research question: To what extent do natural resource ownership structures explain intrastate armed conflict?
- Methods: econometric analyses employing newly generated data on the property rights of hydrocarbon fields worldwide

2003–2007

PhD Grant from the International Graduate School of Catalonia (IGSOC) granted by the Catalan government, EUR 48,000

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Wegenast, Tim, Cécile Richetta, Mario Krauser and Alexander Leibik. 2022. Grabbed Trust? The Impact of Large-Scale Land Acquisitions on Social Trust in sub-Saharan Africa. *World Development* 159: 106038.

Wegenast, Tim, Arpita Khanna and Gerald Schneider. 2020. The Micro-Foundations of the Resource Curse: Mineral Ownership and Local Economic Well-Being in Sub-Saharan Africa. *International Studies Quarterly* 64(3): 530–543.

De Juan, Alexander and Tim Wegenast. 2020. Climate, Food Riots and Adaptation: A Long-Term Historical Analysis of England. *Journal of Peace Research* 57(2): 265–280.

Wegenast, Tim and Jule Beck. 2020. Mining, Rural Livelihoods and Food Security: A Disaggregated Analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa. *World Development* 130: 104921.

Krauser, Mario, Gerald Schneider and Tim Wegenast. 2020. Moving from Norms Rhetorics to Norms Empirics: A Rejoinder to ‚Local Gender Norms: Persistence or Change? by Clara Neupert-Wentz. *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung* 9: 455–462.

Wegenast, Tim, Georg Strüver, Mario Krauser and Juliane Giesen. 2019. At Africa’s Expense? Disaggregating the Employment Effects of Chinese Mining Operations in Sub-Saharan Africa. *World Development*, 118: 39-51.

Krauser, Mario, Tim Wegenast, Gerald Schneider and Ingeborg Elgersma. 2019. A Gendered Resource Curse? Mineral Ownership, Female Unemployment and Domestic Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung* 8: 213–237.

Strüver, Georg and Tim Wegenast. 2018. The Hard Power of Natural Resources: Oil and the Outbreak of Militarized Interstate Disputes. *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 14(1): 86–106.

Wegenast, Tim and Gerald Schneider. 2017. Ownership Matters: Natural Resources Property Rights and Social Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Political Geography*, 61: 110–122.

Wegenast, Tim. 2016. Oil, Natural Gas, and Intrastate Conflict: Does Ownership Matter? *International Interactions*, 42(1): 31–55.

Wegenast, Tim and Matthias Basedau. 2014. Ethnic Fractionalization, Natural Resources and Armed Conflict. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 31(4): 432–457.

Wegenast, Tim. 2013. Opening Pandora's Box? Inclusive Institutions and the Onset of Internal Conflict in Oil-Rich Countries. *International Political Science Review*, 34(4) 392–410.

Basedau, Matthias, Johannes Vüllers, Georg Strüver and Tim Wegenast. 2011. Do Religious Factors Impact Armed Conflict? Empirical Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa. *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 23(5): 752–779.

Wegenast, Tim. 2010. Uninformed Voters for Sale: Electoral Competition, Information and Interest Groups in the US. *Kyklos*, 63(2): 271–300.

Wegenast, Tim. 2010. Cana, Café, Cacau: Agrarian Structure and Education in Brazil, *Revista de Historia Económica – Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History*, 28(1): 103–137.

Wegenast, Tim. 2009. The Legacy of Landlords: Educational Distribution and Development in a Comparative Perspective, *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft – Comparative Governance and Politics*, 3(1): 81–107.

SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS

Access Denied: Land Alienation and Pastoralists' Conflicts (with Cécile Richetta), *revise & resubmit*

Climate Shocks and Food Security: Assessing the Effectiveness of Agroecological Practices in Tanzania (with Marcel Birulés, Niklas Hänze and Roos Haer)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Wegenast, Tim and Cécile Richetta. 2022. Large-scale agricultural projects are not working for Africa. *African Arguments*, August 30, 2022. <https://africanarguments.org/2022/08/large-scale-agricultural-projects-are-not-working-for-africa/>

Wegenast, Tim. 2020. Received wisdom says the state should stay out of the resource sector. *African Arguments*, September 24, 2020. <https://africanarguments.org/2020/09/received-wisdom-says-the-state-should-stay-out-of-the-resource-industry/>

Leibik, Alexander and Tim Wegenast. 2020. Land Deals and Social Fabrics: The Impact of Large-Scale Land Acquisitions on Social Trust in sub-Saharan Africa. AIDDATA Working Paper No. 102.

Wegenast, Tim and Jule Beck. 2019. Mining, Rural Livelihoods and Food Security: A Disaggregated Analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa. AIDDATA Working Paper No. 80.

Wegenast, Tim and Gerald Schneider. 2017. Why Multinational Resource Owners Incite Social Dissent. Political Violence at a Glance, August 31, 2017. <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2017/08/31/why-multinational-resource-owners-incite-social-dissent/>

Wegenast, Tim, Georg Strüver, Mario Krauser and Juliane Giesen. 2017. On Africa's Back? Disaggregating the Social Impact of Chinese-controlled Mineral Extraction. GIGA Working Paper No. 308

Wegenast, Tim. 2013. The Impact of Fuel Ownership on Intrastate Violence. GIGA Working Paper No. 225.

Strüver, Georg and Tim Wegenast. 2011. Ex oleo bellare? The Impact of Oil on the Outbreak of Militarized Interstate Disputes. GIGA Working Paper No. 162.

Wegenast, Tim. 2010. Inclusive Institutions and the Onset of Internal Conflict in Resource-rich Countries. GIGA Working Paper No. 126.

Basedau, Matthias and Tim Wegenast. 2009. Oil and Diamonds as Causes of Civil War in Sub-Saharan Africa: Under what Conditions? *Colombia Internacional*, 70: 35–59.

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Refereeing: *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Defense and Peace Economics, International Interactions, International Political Science Review, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Political Geography, Political Research Quarterly, Resources Policy, Studies in Comparative International Development, The Extractive Industries and Society, Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung, World Development*

**Funding
and dissertation
evaluator for:**

Heidelberger Akademie der Wissenschaften, German Academic Exchange Service, Institute for Advanced Study for Early Career Researchers (University of Konstanz), Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)

Transfer:

Media appearances including Deutsche Welle, Deutschlandradio Wissen, Rede Globo, Financial Times Deutschland, Hessischer Rundfunk, Westdeutscher Rundfunk, Quartz Africa

Opinion articles on sustainable development, conflict and political economy issues in various newspapers, including La Vanguardia (Spain),

O Estado de São Paulo (Brazil), O Globo (Brazil), Huffington Post, Deutsche Welle, Political Violence at a Glance, African Arguments

Supervision: 23 MA theses; 45 BA theses; 1 postdoctoral Herz fellow (Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz)

Memberships: Environmental Peacebuilding Association (Founding Member), European Political Science Association, Swiss Political Science Association

TAUGHT COURSES

UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ

Summer 2023	<p><i>Resource Governance and Food Security in the Global South</i> MA Seminar; evaluation result: 1.0 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)</p> <p><i>The Political Economy of Development</i> MA Seminar; evaluation result: 1.20 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)</p> <p><i>Land Governance and Local Sustainable Development</i> BA Seminar; evaluation result: 1.29 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)</p> <p><i>Forschungskolloquium</i> BA/MA</p>
Winter 2022/2023	<p><i>Sustainable Rural Development</i> MA Seminar; evaluation result: 1.21 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)</p> <p><i>Extractive Industries and Sustainable Development</i> MA Seminar; evaluation result: 1.56 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)</p> <p><i>International Relations and European Integration</i> BA Lecture; evaluation result: 2.5 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)</p> <p><i>Research Colloquium</i> BA/MA</p>
Summer 2022	<p><i>Large-Scale Land Acquisitions, Agricultural Systems and Rural Livelihoods</i> MA seminar; evaluation result: 1.29 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)</p> <p><i>Long-Term Determinants of Development</i> BA seminar; evaluation result: 1.13 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)</p> <p><i>Resource Governance and Social Conflict</i> MA seminar; evaluation result: 1.25 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)</p> <p><i>Research Colloquium</i> BA/MA level</p>

- Winter 2021/2022 ***Agriculture, Institutions and Development***
 BA seminar; evaluation result: 1.2 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Escaping the Natural Resource Curse***
 MA & PhD seminar; evaluation result: 1.36 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- International Relations and European Integration***
 BA lecture; evaluation result: 2.38 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Research Colloquium***
 BA/MA level
- Summer 2021 ***The Determinants of Nations' Prosperity and Wellbeing***
 MA seminar; evaluation result: 1.2 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Explaining Social Conflict and Peace***
 BA seminar; evaluation result: 1.29 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Property Rights and Rural Development***
 MA seminar
- Research Colloquium***
 BA/MA
- Winter 2020/2021 ***The Political Economy of Rural Livelihoods***
 MA & PhD seminar; evaluation result: 1.17 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Institutional Foundations of the Resource Curse***
 MA seminar; evaluation result: 1.5 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Determinants of Domestic Conflict and Cooperation***
 BA seminar; evaluation result: 1.67 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Development and Institutions***
 MA seminar; evaluation result: 2.0 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Research Colloquium***
 BA/MA
- Summer 2019 ***Property Rights Regimes and Social Conflict***
 BA seminar
- Land Governance and Local Sustainable Development***
 BA seminar; evaluation result: 1.43 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Research Colloquium***
 BA/MA
- Winter 2018/2019 ***International Relations and European Integration***
 MA basic seminar
- Natural Resource Governance and Sustainable Local Livelihoods***
 MA seminar
- Winter 2013/2014 ***Exploring the Causes of Peace and Conflict***
 BA seminar
- The Economic History of Development***
 BA seminar
- Natural Resources and Development***
 BA seminar

- Winter 2009/2010 ***The Political Economy of Development: Long-Term Historical Changes***
 BA seminar
- Summer 2009 ***International Political Economy and International Organizations***
 MA basic seminar
- Winter 2008/2009 ***Resource Abundance, Institutions and Development***
 BA seminar
The Political Economy of Underdevelopment
 BA seminar
- Summer 2003 ***Globalization and the Nation State***
 BA seminar
Political and Economic Transition in Latin America
 BA seminar

UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM

- Spring 2020 ***The Political Economy of Development and Institutions***
 BA lecture; evaluation result: 2.0 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
Governing the Natural Resource Curse
 BA seminar
Research Colloquium
 BA level
- Autumn 2019 ***Introduction to Development Studies***
 BA seminar; evaluation result: 1.8 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
Land Deals, Mining Investments and Local Rural Livelihoods
 BA seminar
Academic Research and Writing
 BA exercise course
Research Colloquium
 BA level

UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND

- Autumn 2018 ***The Political Economy of Development and Aid***
 BA & MA seminar
- Autumn 2017 ***The Political Economy of Development and Aid***
 BA & MA seminar

ZEPPELIN UNIVERSITY, FRIEDRICHSHAFEN

- Autumn 2016 ***International Relations***
 BA seminar
International Political Economy
 MA seminar
Political Economy of Development and Administration
 BA seminar

UNIVERSITY POMPEU FABRA, BARCELONA

Summer 2007 *Introduction to Research Methods*
BA seminar
Spanish Politics I
BA seminar

GENERAL SKILLS

Software skills: R, Stata, ArcGIS

Language skills: German (native), Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

- Environmental Peacebuilding Association (2022)
- European Public Choice Society (2013)
- European Political Science Association (2022, 2017, 2013)
- European Consortium for Political Science (2011, 2009)
- European Conference for African Studies (2023)
- European Social Science History Conference (2017, 2008)
- German Political Science Association (2020, 2018)
- International Political Science Association (2011)
- Midwest Political Science Association (2007, 2006)
- Swiss Political Science Association (2023, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2016)

INVITED TALKS (SELECTION)

- 2023: “Land use change and social conflict in sub-Saharan Africa”. Workshop “Conflicts in Space – Spatial Conflicts. Current Research Perspectives”. Technical University of Berlin, 22 June, 2023.
- 2018: “Mining, Rural Livelihoods and Food Security: A Disaggregated Analysis of Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa.” Workshop “SDG12 Responsible Consumption and Production”, Newcastle University, London, 28 June 2018.
- 2006: “Agrarian Structure and Educational Inequalities in Brazil”, General Conference of the Latin American Political Science Association, Sao Paulo, 4–6 September 2006.