

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Personal Information

Date of birth	07/02/1977
Nationality	German
Marital status	separated, single parent
Children	two (born 1999 and 2008)
Maternity leave	April 2008 – April 2009 October 1999 – September 2000

Academic Positions

2018 to date	Independent Research Fellow, University of Konstanz ERC Starting Grant “Do Legislatures Enhance Democracy in Africa” (DLEDA)
2019	September – December 2019 Convenor and Fellow of the Interdisciplinary Fellowship Group “Parliaments and Democracy in Africa” at the Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa, University of Ghana, Legon/Accra
2010 – 2018	Postdoc at the Chair for International Politics and Conflict Management, Prof. Katharina Holzinger, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz Habilitation Project “Elite Networks in Africa”
2005 - 2010	Junior Research Fellow at the Chair of African Politics, Prof. Ulf Engel, Institute of African Studies, University of Leipzig

2004 Research Assistant at the University of Leipzig, Department of African Studies

Education

2017 Habilitation mid-term evaluation completed at the University of Konstanz

2005 – 2010 PhD Project „Party-voter linkage in Ghana and Senegal: A comparative perspective“, University of Leipzig, Supervisor Prof. Ulf Engel
PhD grade “opus valde laudabile”, Rigorosum “summa cum laude”

1995 – 2003 M.A. African Studies (major subject); Sociology; Arab Studies (minor subjects)

M.A. Thesis “The role of Trade Unions in the process of democratization in Zambia and Zimbabwe”

1991 – 1995 Abitur (German secondary school leaving examination), Gymnasium am Reileck“, Halle, Germany

Research Grants

2020 “Stratification, ways of life and socio-political orientations in Kenya and Cote d’Ivoire. A comparative mixed-methods study in Sociology and Political Science”
Interdisciplinary Collaborative Project at the Zukunftskolleg Universität Konstanz together with Dr. Florian Stoll, University of Bayreuth (10.000 €)

2017 ERC Starting Grant “Do Legislatures Enhance Democracy in Africa? (DLEDA)”, (1,5 Mio €)

2017 with Dominik Balthasar, SwissPeace, Basel, “Networks of Cooperation in Somalia”, UN Initiative on Peace and Reconciliation in Somalia (3.500 €)

2016 Workshop on African Legislatures in preparation of an ERC Starting Grant Proposal, AFF University of Konstanz (10.000 €)

2015 Elite Networks in Africa, Case Study Sierra Leone funded by the University of Konstanz, Cluster of Excellency (10.000 €)

2014 Elite Networks in Africa, Case Study Togo funded by the Young Scholar Fund, University of Konstanz (10.000 €)

- 2012 Pilot Study “Elite networks in Africa”, funded by the University of Konstanz Cluster of Excellency (34.000 €)
- 2005 “Linkage-Strategien politischer Parteien in Afrika”, (together with Prof. Ulf Engel), funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), (128.000 €)
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Academic Service

- 2019 Reports and Country Evaluations for:
V-Dem
Bertelsmann Transformation Index
Munzinger Archive Länderberichte
- 2012 to 2017 Representative for Equal Opportunity and Women’s Affairs of the Faculty of Politics, Law and Economics at the University of Konstanz
- 2013 Consultant for the Developmental Leadership Program of the CfBT Education Trust, Reading, UK, Case Study Ghana
- 2011-2013 Consultant for the Crisis Early Warning-Project of the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation (Country Report Senegal)
- Reviewer for: American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Democratization, International Studies Quarterly, African Affairs, Third World Quarterly, Journal of Modern African Studies, Journal of African Studies and Development, Nations and Nationalism, International Area Studies Review, Journal of Asian and African Studies, Journal of Contemporary African Studies, African Journal of History and Culture
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Organization of Research Workshops

- March 2019 “Parliaments and Democracy in Africa”, Research Workshop, Dakar,
- 2017 “Parties and Party Systems Worldwide”, Workshop at the University of Konstanz, organized together with Holger Döring, University of Bremen
- 2016 “Authoritarian Legislatures”, Workshop held in Lomè, Togo, in preparation of the submission of the ERC-Project Proposal “Do Legislatures Enhance Democracy in Africa?”

Country Experience (work-related)

2019	Field research in Gabon (June) Field research in Sierra Leone (December)
2017	Field research in Gabon (February – March)
2016	Field research in Mali (April – May) Field research in Sierra Leone (December) Workshop “African Parliaments and Democracy”, September 2016 in Lomé, Togo.
2014, 2015	Field research in Togo
2012/13	Field research in Ghana
December 2008	Election Observer for CODEO (Coalition of Domestic Election Observers) in Ghana
2005 – 2008	Extensive field research in Ghana (5 months) and Senegal (5 months)
2002	Hausa Intensive Language Course in Azare, Nigeria (2 months)

Other Positions and Work Experience

2003-2005	Junior Assistant in Market Research (part-time), Krämer Marktforschung, Halle/Saale
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Languages

Mother language	German
Fluent	English, French
Basic Knowledge	Hausa, Russian

Computer Skills

MS Office, Open Office, R, STATA, SPSS, UCINET, visone
