

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	Convenor and Fellow of the Interdisciplinary Fellowship Group “Parliaments and Democracy in Africa”, Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa, University of Ghana, Legon/Accra (September – December)
2010 – 2018	Postdoc, 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, Chair of African Politics, Prof. Ulf Engel, Institute of African Studies, University of Leipzig

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

Education

2017 Habilitation mid-term evaluation completed, Department of Politics and Public Administration, 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”, Viva “summa cum laude”

1995 – 2003 M.A. African Studies (major); Sociology; Arab Studies (minors), University of Leipzig
Maternity Leave October 1999 – September 2000

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

External Funding

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

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

2005 “Linkage-Strategien politischer Parteien in Afrika”, German Research Foundation (DFG) (128.000 €), (with Prof. Ulf Engel),

Funding from the University of Konstanz

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, Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz, 10.000 €, (with Dr. Florian Stoll, University of Bayreuth)

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, Cluster of Excellence, University of Konstanz (10.000 €)
2014	Elite Networks in Africa, Case Study Togo, Young Scholar Fund, University of Konstanz (10.000 €)
2012	Pilot Study “Elite networks in Africa” , Cluster of Excellence, University of Konstanz (34.000 €)

Nominations and Prizes

2020	Nominated for the Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize of the German Research Foundation (DFG)
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Academic Service

2019	Reports and Country Evaluations for: Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem), Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg Bertelsmann Transformation Index (BTI)
2012 to 2017	Representative for Equal Opportunity and Women’s Affairs of the Faculty of Politics, Law and Economics at the University of Konstanz
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

Consultancy Work

2019	Munzinger Archiv Länderbericht Senegal
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)

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Organization of Research Workshops

March 2019 “Parliaments and Democracy in Africa”, Dakar.

2017 “Parties and Party Systems Worldwide”, University of Konstanz (with Holger Döring, University of Bremen)

2016 “Authoritarian Legislatures”, Lomé, Togo (in preparation of the submission of the ERC-Project Proposal “Do Legislatures Enhance Democracy in Africa?”)

Work Stays Abroad

2019 Fellowship Program “Parliaments and Democracy in Africa”, Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA), University of Ghana, Legon/Accra, September - December

2019 Field work in Gabon (3 weeks, June)
Field work in Sierra Leone (3 weeks, January)

2017 Field work in Gabon (3 weeks, February – March)

2016 Field work in Mali (April – May)
Field work in Sierra Leone (3 weeks, December)
Workshop “African Parliaments and Democracy”, (September)

2015 Field work in Togo (three weeks)

2014 Field work in Togo (one month)

2012/13 Field work in Ghana (several stays, total time 4 months)

2008 Election Observer for CODEO (Coalition of Domestic Election Observers) in Ghana(December)

2005 – 2008 Extensive field work in Ghana (several stays, total time 5 months) and Senegal (several stays, total time 5 months)

2002 Hausa Intensive Language Course in Azare, Nigeria (2 months)

Teaching Experience

2010 to date: Regular lectures and seminars in the Bachelor and Master's Programs at the University of Konstanz, Supervision of more than 50 Bachelor's and 25 Master's Theses

Winter term 2017/18	Who rules? An introduction into comparative elite research
Summer term 2017	French Military Interventions in Africa (BA) The Management of Political Conflict in Electoral Autocracies (MA)
Winter term 2016/17	Gescheiterte Staaten und internationale Interventionen in Afrika (BA) Political Islam and Conflict in the Sahel (MA)
Winter term 2015/16	Who rules? Einführung in die international vergleichende Elitenforschung (BA) An Introduction to African Politics (BA)
Summer term 2015	State Failure in Africa (MA) Political Parties and Elections in Africa (BA)
Winter term 2014/15	Elites, regimes, and conflict (MA)
Summer term 2014	Democratization in Africa (BA)
Winter term 2013/14	State Failure in Africa (BA) Who rules? An introduction into comparative elite research
Summer term 2013	Introduction to Politics in Africa (BA)
Winter term 2012/13	The Sahel as a conflict region (BA) Basic Seminar Conflict and Post-conflict Reconstruction (MA)
Summer term 2012	Demokratisierung in Afrika und der arabischen Welt im Vergleich (BA) Postconflict Reconstruction in West Africa (MA)
Winter term 2011/12	Neopatrimonialism (BA) New wars and old wars? (MA)
Summer term 2011	Africa in International Relations (BA) Failed States in Sub-Saharan Africa (MA)
Winter term 2010/11	Diamonds, Oil and Drugs – Resource conflicts and war economies (BA) Basic Seminar Conflict and Post-conflict Reconstruction (MA)
Summer term 2010	Africa between democracy and authoritarianism (BA) Peacekeeping in Africa (MA)
Summer term 2007	Political Parties in Africa, University of Leipzig
Summer term 2004	Research Skills, University of Leipzig

Mentorship Program/ Career Development

2020 Konstanzia Fellowship of the Equal Opportunity Office of the University of Konstanz; Academic Mentoring and Training Program for Women, Mentor: Prof. Clionadh Raleigh, University of Sussex

Languages

German	Mother Tongue
English	C2
French	C1
Hausa	A2
Russian	A1

Statistics Software: R, STATA, SPSS, UCINET, visone
