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Human Rights · Conflict & Peace · Gender & Conflict · International Law · Computational Social Science

EDUCATION

2022– **PhD Student, Political Science**, *The University of Texas at Dallas, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS)*
 Dissertation: ‘Preventing Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment: Assessing the Effect of National Prevention Mechanisms on Human Rights Compliance,’ expected completion Spring 2027.

2007–2008 **Masters Student, European Studies**, *Free University Berlin, Germany, Fachbereich Politik- und Sozialwissenschaften*
 Politics, Law, Economics of the European Union

2000 - 2007 **Diploma Student, Interpreting (English, Spanish)**, *Johannes-Gutenberg Universität Mainz, Germany, Fachbereich Angewandte Sprach und Kulturwissenschaften*
 Contextual Focus on Law and Medicine

PUBLICATIONS

Article Patrick T. Brandt, Sultan Alsarra, Vito J. D’Orazio, **Dagmar Heintze**, Latifur Khan, Shreyas Meher, Javier Osorio, & Marcus Sianan (2025). “Extractive versus Generative Language Models for Political Conflict Text Classification.” Forthcoming at *Political Analysis*.

Article Jared F. Edgerton, Elizabeth L. Brannon, **Dagmar Heintze**, & Hollie Nyseth Nztatira (2025). “Unpacking gendered co-participation in political violence: Women perpetrators of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.” *American Journal of Political Science*.

Article Javier Osorio, Afraa Alshammari, Naif Alatrush, **Dagmar Heintze**, Amber Converse, Sultan Alsarra, Latifur Khan, Patrick T Brandt, Vito D’Orazio (2025). “The Devil is in the Details: Assessing the Effects of Machine-Translation on LLM Performance in Domain-Specific Texts.” *Proceedings of Machine Translation Summit XX: Volume 1*

Article Javier Osorio, Sultan Alsarra, Amber Converse, Afraa Alshammari, **Dagmar Heintze**, Latifur Khan, Naif Alatrush, Patrick T Brandt, Vito D’Orazio, Niamat Zawad, Mahrusa Billah (2024). “Keep it local: Comparing domain-specific LLMs in native and machine translated text using parallel corpora on political conflict.” *2024 2nd International Conference on Foundation and Large Language Models (FLLM)*

UNDER REVIEW

Article Jared Edgerton, **Dagmar Heintze**, Alan van Beek, and Hamoing Xiong: “Hierarchy misalignment and war: Network effects of relational and material power.” *Revise & Resubmit*

WORKING PROJECTS *NS* indicates near submission

Article [NS] **Dagmar Heintze**. “Domestic Human Rights NGOs and Victims’ Support in International Human Rights Litigation.”

Article **Dagmar Heintze**. “(Semi)independent Human Rights Advocates: National Prevention Mechanisms and Human Rights Monitoring and Reporting.”

Article Elisa D’Amico, Nguyen Ha, **Dagmar Heintze**, & Jingding Wang. “Migration in Conflict: The Empirical Roots of Strategic State Violence.”

Article Gabriela Okundaye-Santos, **Dagmar Heintze** & Nila Zarepour-Arizi. “UNtold Stories: PKOs and Gender-Based Violence.”

Article Bo Won Kim & **Dagmar Heintze**. “Institutional Echoes: Diffusion in the Making of the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025 **International Studies Association (ISA) South**, paper presentation, “(Semi)independent Human Rights Advocates: National Prevention Mechanisms and Human Rights Monitoring and Reporting.”

2025 **International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting**, paper presentation, “Domestic Human Rights NGOs and Victims’ Support in International Human Rights Litigation.”

2025 **Texas Triangle Conference**, paper presentation, “Hierarchy misalignment and war: Network effects of relational and material power.”

2024 **Pre-Conference Workshop “Networks & Conflict”, Peace Science Society International**, paper presentation, “Unpacking the gendered co-participation in political violence: Women fighters during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.”

2024 **American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting 2024**, poster presentation, “Domestic Human Rights NGOs and Victim’s Support in International Human Rights Litigation.”

2024 **Texas Methods Conference 2024**, poster presentation, “Coparticipation and Centrality of Women in the Rwandan Genocide.”

2024 **Texas Comparative Circle Conference 2024**, poster presentation, “Coparticipation and Centrality of Women in the Rwandan Genocide.”

2023 **American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting 2023**, paper presentation, “The Centrality of Women in Hutu Militias.”

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024- **Research Assistant, NSF-funded project “ConfliBERT – a domain-specific pre-trained language model for conflict and political violence,” with Dr. Patrick T. Brandt**

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2025 **EITM Summer Institute Participation Scholarship**

2024 **Box-Steffensmeier Scholarship to attend the ICPSR Summer Program**

2024 **Rita Mae Kelly Scholarship Award. The University of Texas at Dallas, Award: \$1,000**

2023 **APSA Conflict Processes Section Travel Award, Award: \$270**

2022 **Brian J.L. Berry Scholar, The University of Texas at Dallas**

CERTIFICATIONS

2024 **Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Certification**

2024 **Graduate Teaching Certificate**, Center for Teaching and Learning, The University of Texas at Dallas

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2025 **Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, Sponsored by the University of Michigan (NSF)**, Project: ‘National Prevention Mechanism Reporting and Citizen Mobilization’

2025 **Vanderbilt Summer School in International Survey Methods**

2024 **Inter-University Consortium for Political & Social Research (ICPSR), Data Science and Text Analysis; Panel Data and Longitudinal Analysis**

2024 **Responsible Conduct In Research Training, The University of Texas at Dallas**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer 2023 **University of Texas at Dallas, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS)**
Instructor of Record, “PSCI 4396.091 The Politics of Law in Europe”

Summer 2022 **Brandenburg State Police University**
Instructor of Record “The Police in Europe”

2019–2022 **Brandenburg State Police University**
Instructor of Record “European Human Rights Law”

2017–2022 **Brandenburg State Police University**
Instructor of Record “English for Law Enforcement”

2015–2017 **Brandenburg State Police University**
Instructor of Record “English for Law Enforcement”

GUEST LECTURES

Spring 2025 **University of Texas at Dallas, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS)**
ATCM 2340 Visual Communication in a Global Context “Introduction to German Politics.”

Spring 2024 **University of Texas at Dallas, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS)**
PSCI 4356.001 International Political Economy “Preferential Trade Agreements.”

Fall 2023 **University of Texas at Dallas, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS)**
PSCI 4359.001 International Conflict “Alliances and Defense Cooperation II,” & “International Organizations and Economic Interdependence.”

Spring 2023 **University of Texas at Dallas, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS)**
PSCI 3350 Comparative Politics “Germany.”

Fall 2022 **University of Texas at Dallas, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS)**
PSCI 3328 International Relations “Human Rights.”

Spring 2019 **University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary**
“English for Law Enforcement.”

EMPLOYMENT

2019– **Tenured Lecturer (European Human Rights Law, English for Law Enforcement) *On Academic Leave*, Brandenburg State Police University, Oranienburg, Germany**

2017– **Tenured Lecturer (English for Law Enforcement) *On Academic Leave*, Brandenburg State Police University, Oranienburg, Germany**

2015–2017 **Lecturer (English for Law Enforcement), Brandenburg State Police University, Oranienburg, Germany**

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2020–2022 **Head of the English Language Department**, Brandenburg State Police University, Germany.

2021, 2022 **Conference Organizer in Cooperation with the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, “Implicit BIAS”**, Brandenburg State Police University, Germany.

2020–2021 **Planning and Executing Committee, “Human Rights Conference”**, Brandenburg State Police University, Germany.

2019–2020 **Curriculum Revision and Re-Accreditation Committee**, Brandenburg State Police University, Germany.

2018 **Planning and Executing Committee, “Fair Treatment of Persons in Police Custody Conference”**, Brandenburg State Police University, Germany.

MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

2017–2022 **Bachelor Thesis Supervisor**, Mentored an average of five bachelor students in their thesis development and defenses per semester, Brandenburg State Police University, Germany.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2025–Present **International Studies Association (ISA)**

2024–2025 **Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA)**

2023–2025 **American Political Science Association (APSA)**

2023–Present **Peace Science Society International (PSSI)**

2025–Present **Women’s Caucus International Studies Association Executive Committee - Graduate Student Representative**

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Software Proficiency: R, STATA, Python, LaTeX

LANGUAGES

German: Native

English: Professional Fluency

Spanish: Fluency

French: Intermediate