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Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Geneva

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Languages: German (native), French (C2), English (C2), Arabic (B2), Romanian (B1)

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EDUCATION

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies **Geneva, Switzerland**
PhD candidate, International Relations & Political Science 09/2015–

- Thesis: ‘Financing and reforming the African Union’ (working title). Committee: Professor Stephanie Hofmann (supervisor), Professor Liliana Andonova, Professor Jean-François Bayart.
- Fieldwork in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Brussels (Belgium), Johannesburg/Pretoria (South Africa)
- Teaching assistance 09/2015-02/2017, including IR theory, international governance, IOs.
- Doc.CH Fellow (full doctoral scholarship), Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)
- President of the Association of Teaching and Research Assistants (ADA), 2016-2018
- Student representative in professorship hiring committee, 2018
- Associated Researcher, Global Governance Centre (09/2019-)

College of Europe **Bruges, Belgium**
MA in European Union International Relations and Diplomacy Studies 09/2014–06/2015
Mention “excellent”

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London **London, UK**
MSc International Politics 09/2013-08/2014
Distinction

University of Geneva **Geneva, Switzerland**
BA Political Science, Arabic 09/2009-06/2012

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Hofmann, Stephanie C. and Ueli Staeger. 2019. ‘Frame contestation and collective securitization: the case of EU energy policy’, *West European Politics*. DOI: 10.1080/01402382.2018.1510197.
- Staeger, Ueli and Bobocea, Cristian. 2018. ‘Bureaucratic Authority and Mimesis: The Eurasian Economic Union’s multiple integration logics’. *The International Spectator* 53 (3). DOI: 10.1080/03932729.2018.1490506.
- Staeger, Ueli. 2016. ‘Africa-EU Relations and Normative Power Europe: A Decolonial Pan-African Critique’. *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* 54 (4): 981–98. DOI: 10.1111/jcms.12350.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Staeger, Ueli and Gwatiwa, Tshepo. Forthcoming 2020. “Peace and Security in the context of EU-Africa relations”, in Mah, Duggan & Hastrup (eds.), *Routledge Handbook on EU-Africa Relations*. Abingdon: Routledge.
- Staeger, Ueli. 2017. “Turning a Problem into a Solution? The Potential of Interregionalism Between the European Union and the Eurasian Economic Union”, in Gstöhl, Sieglinde & Schunz, Simon (eds.), *Theorizing the European Neighbourhood Policy*. Abingdon: Routledge.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Staeger, Ueli. 2018. “EU–China–Africa Trilateral Relations in a Multipolar World: Hic Sunt Dragones, by A. K. Stahl (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, ISBN 9781137587015); xxiii+228pp., €100.00 hb”. *Journal of Common Market Studies*. DOI: 10.1111/jcms.12762.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- External actor involvement at the African Union: organization, resources and practices. *Manuscript*.

AWARDS & GRANTS

- International Studies Association IO Section, Lawrence S. Finkelstein Prize for Best Paper, 2020
- *African Affairs* & British International Studies Association (BISA), Postgraduate Paper Prize, 2017
 - Best postgraduate paper, on a topic related to Africa, at BISA and International Studies Association conferences: ‘External actor involvement at the African Union: organization, resources and practices’
- European Communities Studies Association Switzerland, Best Article Prize, 2017
 - Best published article on the European Union by a junior Swiss scholar: ‘Africa–EU Relations and Normative Power Europe: A Decolonial Pan-African Critique’. *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* 54 (4): 981–98.
- United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies Prize (UNU-CRIS), June 2015
 - Prize for best thesis on the EU and other world regions, College of Europe.
- Swiss National Science Foundation, Doc.CH doctoral scholarship, 2017-2021
 - Competitive full doctoral scholarship, *P0GEP1_172079*, 284'135 CHF
- Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, Travel Grant, 2017
- International Studies Association, Travel Grant, 2017, 2019, 2020
- Swiss federal scholarship for College of Europe, 2014-2015
 - Full scholarship for study and board, Bruges campus, 23'000 EUR

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & INVITED TALKS

- Teaching assistance at Graduate Institute, 09/2015-02/2017:
 - Politics of Knowledge in International Governance (Annabelle Littoz-Monnet, 2017)
 - Region, Power and Norms (Stephanie Hofmann, 2017)
 - Feminist Theories (Elisabeth Prügl, 2017)
 - Political Violence (Keith Krause, 2017)
 - Transformations of the State (James Hollway, 2016)
 - International Environmental Institutions (James Hollway, 2016)
 - International Governance (Annabelle Littoz-Monnet, 2015)
 - Civil Society and Non-Governmental Organizations (David Sylvan, 2015 & 2016)
- Invited lectures/talks:
 - “External funding, IOs and developmental states in Africa”, University of Bath, 21 April 2020.
 - “The Evolution of Multilateralism: Perspectives from the Global South”, *UN Library Talks, Panelist*, UN Library in Geneva, 20 February 2020.
 - “Les relations extérieures de l’UE : accords, diplomatie, coercition”, Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva, 30 November 2016.
 - “L’Union Européenne et la Suisse après le Brexit”, *Panel discussion*, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, 4 November 2016.
 - “TTIP – Chance oder Gefahr für die Schweiz?” *Panel discussion*, University of St. Gallen, 11 October 2016.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PANELS

P: PRESENTER, C: CONVENOR

- “Financing International Organizations: Resource Mobilization in the 21st Century”, *International Studies Association 61st Annual Convention*, Honolulu, 27 March 2020 (C+P, conference cancelled).
- “Methodological reflections on researching the African Union’s finances and partnerships”, *Workshop ‘New approaches to the study of diplomacy’*, University of Copenhagen, 20 January 2020 (P).
- “Financing Peace and Security in Africa: the Role of the UN-AU Partnership”, *Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Annual Meeting*, Stellenbosch, 21 June 2019 (P).
- “Mixed methods in researching regional IOs: the case of external donors at the African Union”, *International Studies Association 60th Annual Convention*, Toronto, 28 March 2019 (P).
- “Influencing bureaucracies: How financing changes the African Union”, *International Studies Association 60th Annual Convention*, Toronto, 27 March 2019 (P).
- “The power of bureaucratization: influence through external aid at the African Union”, University of Gothenburg, ‘Rethinking Development’ Development Research Conference, 22-23 August 2018 (P).

- “Bureaucratic Authority and Mimesis: The Eurasian Economic Union’s multiple integration logics” (with Cristian Boboceca), Swiss Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Geneva, 5-6 February 2018 (P).
- “Bureaucratic Authority and Mimesis: The Eurasian Economic Union’s multiple integration logics” (with Cristian Boboceca), *Workshop Regionalism and Identities in the Post-Soviet Areas: Actors and Processes after the Ukrainian Crisis* (Daniel Bach, Caroline Dufy, Alessandra Russo), Sciences Po Bordeaux, 26-27 October 2017 (P).
- “The Collective Securitization of Energy” (with Stephanie Hofmann), *11th Pan-European Conference on International Studies*, *European International Studies Association*, Barcelona, 13-16 September 2017 (P).
- “External actor involvement at the African Union: organization, resources and practices”, *7th European Conference on African Studies*, Basel, 29 June-1 July 2017 (P).
- Panel “Speaking Africa, integrating Africa? Norms and power of the African Union”, *7th European Conference on African Studies*, Basel, 29 June-1 July 2017 (C).
- “Pay to play? Unpacking external actor involvement at the African Union”, *British International Study Association Annual Conference*, Brighton, 14-16 June 2017 (P+C)
- “External actor involvement at the African Union: organization, resources and practices”, *EWIS, European International Studies Association*, Cardiff, 7-10 June 2017 (P)
- “An Exclusive Inclusion Project: The Eurocentric Production EU Identity and Citizenship” (with Ezgi Yildiz), *International Studies Association 58th Annual Convention*, Baltimore, 25 February 2017 (P).
- “Thin Norms and Colonial Continuities: The Institutionalization of Pan-Africanism at the African Union”, *International Studies Association 58th Annual Convention*, Baltimore, 24 February 2017 (P).
- “Does Colonialism Still Matter in Development Aid Flows?” (with Alessandro Regio), *24th World Congress of Political Science*, International Political Science Association, Poznan, 24 July 2016 (P).
- “Decolonising methodology: Pragmatism, Eurocentrism and EU interregionalism studies”, *Decolonizing the academy*, University of Edinburgh, 26 February 2016 (P).
- ““It Wasn’t Me”: The strategic use of regionalism in EU-Russia diplomacy” (with Cristian Boboceca), *The evolution of foreign policy in the post-Soviet space* (Cristian Nitoiu), London School of Economics, 25 February 2016 (P).
- “Turning a problem into a solution? The potential of interregionalism in theorizing European Union-Eurasian Economic Union relations”, *Theorizing the European Neighbourhood Policy*, College of Europe, Bruges, 18 September 2015 (P).

POLICY WRITING

- “Mapping of Donor Engagement in the Local Governance Sector in the Palestinian Territories”, GIZ, May 2017.
- “Conditionality in context – scenarios for EU relations with the Eurasian Economic Union”, College of Europe Policy Brief, Brugge, June 2016.
- “TTIP: Switzerland at the Table or on the Menu?”, Policy Brief, *foraus* Think-Tank, Zurich, May 2016.
- “Written evidence for the UK House of Lords EU External Affairs Sub-Committee on the strategic review of the EU’s foreign and security policy” (with Stephanie Hofmann), 2015, <http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/eu-external-affairs-subcommittee/strategic-review-of-the-eus-foreign-and-security-policy/written/22463.html>.
- “The European Union’s Regionalism Diplomacy in Africa: An English School Approach”, *Bruges Regional Integration & Global Governance (BRIGG) Working Paper*, UNU-CRIS, October 2015.
- “Understanding civil society and European Parliament contention with TTIP negotiations”, *EU Diplomacy Papers*, College of Europe, April 2015.
- “Reaching for the Stars. European and Swiss International Cooperation in Science and Technology.” SwissCore report for State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation & Swiss National Science Foundation, March 2013.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

South Africa FM, Radio Télévision Suisse (*A bon entendeur*), Schweizer Radio & Fernsehen (*Echo der Zeit*)

JOURNAL REVIEWS

African Studies, European Journal of International Security, Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies, European Political Science Review, Journal of Eurasian Studies, South African Journal of International Affairs (SAJIA), Journal of Common Market Studies JCMS, Revue Politique Européenne

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- European International Studies Association
- International Studies Association
- Swiss Society for African Studies
- Swiss Political Science Association

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Forum Aussenpolitik (*foraus*), Swiss think-tank for foreign policy **Switzerland**
Board member 04/2017-03/2019

- Contributing to strategy and organisational development of the think-tank
- Peer review and publication process management

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) **Ramallah, OPT**
Consultant 01/2017-06/2017

- Authoring a study on donor coordination in the local government sector, commissioned by Palestinian Ministry of Local Government
- Qualitative fieldwork and statistical data collection on bilateral and pooled interventions
- Creation of a new dataset, including geographical information system (GIS) visualisations

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London **London, United Kingdom**
Research assistant for Dr. Rahul Rao 01/2014-05/2014

- Research assistance

European Youth Parliament **Bern, Switzerland**
President of Swiss national chapter 02/2011-01/2014

- Project management, HR, media work, contribution to organisation's international governance
- Trainer and facilitator at numerous conferences across Europe

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung **Jerusalem, OPT**
Research internship 04/2013-07/2013

- Research and editing of a critical appreciation of the Palestinian and international movement for the boycott of Israel
- Research and monitoring, project administration and reporting

SwissCore Contact Office for Research, Innovation & Education **Brussels, Belgium**
Trainee research policy 09/2012-02/2013

- Monitoring and reporting on European research policy for Swiss State Secretariat and National Science Foundation
- Policy report 'European and Swiss strategies in international cooperation in science and technology'

Department of Political Science, University of Geneva **Geneva, Switzerland**
Research assistant 02/2011-02/2013

- Research assistance for survey on effects of ageing among senior citizens, Professor Marco Giugni
- Field research assistant for *protestsurvey* project, Professor Marco Giugni