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## EDUCATION

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| <b>Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies</b><br><b>PhD candidate, International Relations &amp; Political Science</b>  | <b>Geneva, Switzerland</b><br>09/2015–2021    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis: ‘Financing and reforming the African Union: How external financing affects secretariats of international organizations’</li><li>• Committee: Stephanie Hofmann (supervisor), Liliana Andonova, Jean-François Bayart</li><li>• Fieldwork in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Brussels (Belgium), Johannesburg/Pretoria (South Africa)</li><li>• Associated Researcher, Global Governance Centre (09/2019-)</li></ul> |   |
| <b>College of Europe</b><br>MA in EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, Excellent  | <b>Bruges, Belgium</b><br>09/2014–06/2015     |
| <b>School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London</b><br>MSc International Politics, Distinction  | <b>London, UK</b><br>09/2013-08/2014          |
| <b>University of Geneva</b><br>BA Political Science, Arabic  | <b>Geneva, Switzerland</b><br>09/2009-06/2012 |

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- 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

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- Staeger, Ueli and Gwatiwa, Tshepo. Forthcoming Jan. 2021. “Peace and Security in the context of EU-Africa relations”, in Mah, Duggan & Haastrup (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

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- Staeger, Ueli. Forthcoming Dec. 2020. “Inclusive Trade in Africa: the African Continental Free Trade Area in comparative perspective, edited by David Luke and Jamie Macleod. Oxon: Routledge, 2019. Pp. 208. £120.00 (hbk)”. *Journal of Modern African Studies*.
- 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

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- Aid inertia and financial crisis: The resilience of postcolonial ties in aid allocation in France and Great Britain (with Alessandro Regio). *Under review*.
- Large purse, little power: How the EU shapes AU agency in peace & security. *Manuscript*.

- IO legitimization through perfunctory reform: Unpacking African Union financing and administrative reform. *Manuscript*.
- Public Financial Management at the African Union: Continental and external drivers of reform. *In preparation*.

## AWARDS & GRANTS

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- International Studies Association IO Section, Lawrence S. Finkelstein Prize for Best Paper, 2020. Best paper by a graduate student on International Organizations (broadly defined), presented at the ISA Annual Conference: 'Influencing Bureaucracies: How Financing Changes the African Union'
- *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, *POGEP1\_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

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- 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/seminars:
  - "External funding, IOs and developmental states in Africa", University of Bath, 21 April 2020.
  - "Les relations extérieures de l'UE : accords, diplomatie, coercition", Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva, 30 November 2016.
- Policy panels/talks (selection) :
  - "Trilateral UN-EU-AU cooperation in peace and security in Africa", *FES African Union & Institute for Global Dialogue, Moderator*, 29 October 2020.
  - "The Evolution of Multilateralism: Perspectives from the Global South", *UN Library Talks, Panelist*, UN Library in Geneva, 20 February 2020.
  - "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

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P: PRESENTER, C: CONVENOR

- "The African Union's self-legitimation through financial reform: The link between institutional and discursive self-legitimation", *LegRO workshop on (Self-)Legitimation of International Organizations in Disruptive Times*, organised by Fredrik Söderbaum & Tobias Lenz, online, December 2020 (P).

- “African Union Legitimation through Financial Reform: The Politics of Alternative Funding Models for Peace & Security”, *Swiss Researching Africa Days (SRAD)*, 23-24 October 2020 (P).
- “Financing International Organizations: Resource Mobilization in the 21st Century”, *International Studies Association 61<sup>st</sup> 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 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention*, Toronto, 28 March 2019 (P).
- “Influencing bureaucracies: How financing changes the African Union”, *International Studies Association 60<sup>th</sup> 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 Bobocea), 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 Bobocea), *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), *11<sup>th</sup> 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”, *7<sup>th</sup> European Conference on African Studies*, Basel, 29 June-1 July 2017 (P).
- Panel “Speaking Africa, integrating Africa? Norms and power of the African Union”, *7<sup>th</sup> 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 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention*, Baltimore, 25 February 2017 (P).
- “Thin Norms and Colonial Continuities: The Institutionalization of Pan-Africanism at the African Union”, *International Studies Association 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention*, Baltimore, 24 February 2017 (P).
- “Does Colonialism Still Matter in Development Aid Flows?” (with Alessandro Regio), *24<sup>th</sup> 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 Bobocea), *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

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- “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.

## SERVICE

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- Committee member, IO Section’s Finkelstein Award Committee, ISA, 2020
- Student representative, professorship hiring committee, Graduate Institute, 2018
- President, Association of Teaching and Research Assistants (ADA), Graduate Institute, 2016-2018

## JOURNAL REVIEWS

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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

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

## SKILLS

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- IT: NVivo, QGIS, Python (web scraping, data management), Wordpress
- Languages: German (native), French (C2), English (C2), Arabic (B2), Romanian (B2), Italian (A2)

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

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

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Forum Aussenpolitik (<i>foraus</i>), Swiss think-tank for foreign policy</b>  | <b>Switzerland</b>            |
| <b>Board member</b>  | 04/2017-03/2019               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributing to strategy and organisational development of the think-tank</li> <li>• Peer review and publication process management</li> </ul>  |                               |
| <b>Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)</b>   | <b>Ramallah, OPT</b>          |
| <b>Consultant</b>  | 01/2017-06/2017               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authoring a study on donor coordination in the local government sector, commissioned by Palestinian Ministry of Local Government</li> <li>• Qualitative fieldwork and statistical data collection on bilateral and pooled interventions</li> <li>• Creation of a new dataset, including geographical information system (GIS) visualisations</li> </ul> |                               |
| <b>School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London</b>  | <b>London, United Kingdom</b> |
| <b>Research assistant for Dr. Rahul Rao</b>  | 01/2014-05/2014               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research assistance</li> </ul>  |                               |
| <b>European Youth Parliament</b>   | <b>Bern, Switzerland</b>      |
| <b>President of Swiss national chapter</b>   | 02/2011-01/2014               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project management, HR, media work, contribution to organisation’s international governance</li> <li>• Trainer and facilitator at numerous conferences across Europe</li> </ul>   |                               |

**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