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International Organizations | Peace & Security | African international relations | EU foreign policy

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Research and Teaching Fellow (Maître-Assistant), University of Geneva, 08/2021-
Principal instructor: Supervision seminar for BA theses in International Relations; MA course on international cybersecurity
Coordinator and lecturer: Introduction to International Relations
- Research assistant, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, 02/2017-07/2021
- Teaching assistant, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, 09/2015-02/2017

EDUCATION

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|---|---|
| Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
PhD in International Relations & Political Science (summa cum laude) | Geneva, Switzerland
09/2015–07/2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis: Financing the African Union: A theory of agency and diversified resource mobilization in international organizations (defended 8 July 2021, imprimatur forthcoming in September 2021)• Committee: Stephanie Hofmann (supervisor), Liliana Andonova (internal reader), Jean-François Bayart (internal reader), Paul D. Williams (external reader, Elliott School of Governance, George Washington University)• Fieldwork in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Brussels (Belgium), Johannesburg/Pretoria (South Africa) | |
| College of Europe
MA in EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies (grade «Excellent») | Bruges, Belgium
09/2014–06/2015 |
| School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London
MSc International Politics (Distinction) | London, UK
09/2013-08/2014 |
| University of Geneva
BA Political Science, Arabic | Geneva, Switzerland
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* 42 (2): 323-345. 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. 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. 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*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Legitimation through aspiration: Why incomplete African Union reforms succeed. *Manuscript*.
- What explains variation in International Organizations' sanctions for member states' non-payment? (with Frank Mattheis, ULB). *In preparation*.

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/seminars:
 - “Organizational agency and behaviour”, Graduate Institute, 28 October 2020.
 - “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*, 5 November 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.

AWARDS & GRANTS

- 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.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PANELS

P: PRESENTER, C: CONVENOR

- “In defence of assessed contributions: What explains variation in International Organizations' sanctions for member states' non-payment?” (with Frank Mattheis), *ECPR General Conference*, online, 30 August-3 September 2021 (P).
- Panel “Financing International Organizations: Resource Mobilization in the 21st Century”, *International Studies Association 62nd Annual Convention*, online, 6 April 2021 (C).
- “Influence through funding at the African Union: Why IO secretariats allow external agenda-setting and institution-building”, *International Studies Association 62nd Annual Convention*, online, 6 April 2021 (P).
- “Aspirational Legitimation through Reform: the Case of Peace & Security at the African Union”, *Swiss Political Science Association, Annual Conference*, Geneva, 4-5 February 2021 (P).

- “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 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 Boboccea), *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 Boboccea), *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 Boboccea), *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

- “Merging peace and politics: Drivers, dilemmas and options for the AU’s new governance setup”, ECDPM Discussion Paper No. 303 (with Martin Ronceray and Lidet Tadesse Shiferaw), June 2021.
- “AUDA-NEPAD: Does money and focus equal ownership and trade?” ECDPM Talking Points, March 2021. Republished in AUDA-NEPAD’s HABARI newsletter, March 2021.
- “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, Bruges, 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.
- “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.

POLICY AND WORK EXPERIENCE

European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) **Brussels, Belgium**
Consultant 04/2021-06/2021

- Drafted a policy report on the origins, institutional dynamics and future challenges of African Union reform

Friedrich Ebert Foundation, African Union Cooperation Office **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**
Rapporteur/consultant 03/2021-07/2021

- Drafted reports for a scenario-building exercise on the future of the African Peace and Security Architecture (APSA)
- Provided recommendations for the localization and development of APSA for African and European policy audiences

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) **Ramallah, OPT**
Consultant 01/2017-05/2017

- Authored a study on donor coordination in the local government sector, commissioned by Palestinian Ministry of Local Government
- Conducted qualitative fieldwork and statistical data collection on bilateral and pooled interventions
- Created 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

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

- Research assistance

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 11/2011-02/2012

- Research assistance for survey on effects of ageing among senior citizens, Professor Michel Oris

CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Forum Aussenpolitik (*foraus*), Swiss think-tank for foreign policy **Switzerland**
Board member 04/2017-03/2019, 20%

- Contributed to strategy and organisational development of the think tank
- Improved peer review and publication process management, assured quality control

European Youth Parliament **Bern, Switzerland**
President of Swiss national chapter 02/2011-01/2013, 20%

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

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung **Jerusalem**
Research internship 04/2013-07/2013, 100%

- Research and editing of a report on the Palestinian and international movements for the boycott of Israel
- Research and monitoring, project administration and reporting

SERVICE

- 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 for Third World Quarterly, 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

British International Studies Association & BISA Africa and International Studies Working Group, International Studies Association, Swiss Society for African Studies, Swiss Political Science Association

LANGUAGE AND IT SKILLS

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

MEDIA APPEARANCES

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

REFERENCES

Available upon request