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

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- Research and Teaching Fellow (Maître-Assistant), University of Geneva, 08/2021-
- 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

### Visiting positions and institutional affiliations:

- Visiting scholar, Department of International Relations, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, 07/2022-08/2022
- Associated researcher, Global Governance Center, Geneva Graduate Institute, Geneva, 09/2022-
- Member of the steering committee, Geneva Africa Lab, University of Geneva, 07/2022-

## EDUCATION

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<b>Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies</b> PhD in International Relations & Political Science (summa cum laude)	<b>Geneva, Switzerland</b> 09/2015–07/2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis: Financing the African Union: A theory of agency and diversified resource mobilization in international organizations (defended 8 July 2021). Summa cum laude (dissertation), Summa cum laude avec les félicitations du jury (defence).</li><li>• 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)</li><li>• Fieldwork in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), Brussels (Belgium), Johannesburg/Pretoria (South Africa)</li></ul>	
<b>College of Europe</b> MA in EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies (grade «Excellent»)	<b>Bruges, Belgium</b> 09/2014–06/2015
<b>School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London</b> MSc International Politics (Distinction)	<b>London, UK</b> 09/2013-08/2014
<b>University of Geneva</b> BA Political Science, Arabic	<b>Geneva, Switzerland</b> 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* 42 (2): 323-345. DOI: 10.1080/01402382.2018.1510197.
- Staeger, Ueli and Boboccea, 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. 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

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- 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

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Under review or ready for submission:

- The war in Ukraine, the African Union, and African agency (*Under review*)
- Resource mobilization in security partnerships: Explaining cooperation and coercion in the EU’s partnership with the African Union (*Re&R*)
- Legitimation through aspiration: Why incomplete African Union reforms succeed (*Under review*)
- Book manuscript: Money and power in the African Union: The effects of diversified resource mobilization on International Organizations (*in preparation*)

In preparation:

- What explains variation in International Organizations’ sanctions for member states’ non-payment? (with Frank Mattheis, UNU-CRIS)
- The European Peace Facility and African agency: How the EU’s changing foreign policy doctrine affects African security (with Toni Haastrup, University of Sterling).
- Swiss Peacekeeping Policy: Determinants of small state multilateral personnel deployments

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE & INVITED TALKS

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- University of Geneva, 2021-:
  - Introduction to International Relations (BA level, coordinator and lecturer)
  - Security and international organisations (principal instructor, MA level)
  - Supervision seminar for BA theses in International Relations (management of 10 teaching assistants covering 150 students, lecturer, supervision of theses)
  - Supervision of MA theses in the MA in Political Science
  - Supervision of MA theses in the MAS in International Security, with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- 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:
  - “International security, multilateralism, and African agency”, University of the Witwatersrand, 22 August 2022.
  - “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) :
  - “African Voices at the UN: Strengthening multilateral partnerships between Addis, Geneva and New York”, by invitation of the Swiss Embassy in Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, 9 June 2022
  - “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

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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.

## GRANTS

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- Swiss Leading House Africa, Research Partnership Grant, 2022. Collaborative project and funds for a visiting affiliation at University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, 12'240 CHF.
- 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

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P: PRESENTER, C: CONVENOR

- "Money and power in peace operation transitions", *Swiss Researching Africa Days*, 28 October 2022, Bern (P).
- "Innovation and reinvention in resource mobilization: Experiences from five international organizations", *Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Annual Meeting*, roundtable with academics and IO leaders from OSCE, ICRC, German Ministry of Health, 24 June 2022 (C).
- "Diversified Resource Mobilization and the Agency of International Organization Secretariats: The Case of the African Union", *British International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Newcastle, 17 June 2022 (C+P).
- "The European Peace Facility and African agency: How the EU's changing foreign policy doctrine affects African security" (with Toni Haastrup), *British International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Newcastle, 16 June 2022 (P).
- "Legitimation through Aspirational Reform: Why Incomplete African Union Reforms Succeed", *International Studies Association 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention*, Nashville, 31 March 2022.
- "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 62<sup>nd</sup> 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 62<sup>nd</sup> 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 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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- “The Trials, Tribulations, and Triumphs in Financing the African Union”, Symposium contribution, Southern African Public Law, August 2022.
- Report “Prospects for Swiss partnership with African regional and multilateral diplomacy”, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, June 2022.
- Final report of the dissemination phase of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung’s project “New Approaches to Collective Security” on the African Peace and Security Architecture, November 2021.
- “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.
- “TIP: 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

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Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs  
Consultant

Bern, Switzerland  
04/2022-06/2022

- Drafted a report on dynamics of change of African Union and Regional Economic Communities’ diplomacy, with a view to Switzerland’s seat on the UN Security Council

- Organised a high-level seminar and public keynote event for the African diplomatic community in Geneva
- Gave three briefings on African Union reforms and multilateral diplomacy in Addis Ababa

**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** 03/2021-11/2021

- 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

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**Forum Aussenpolitik (*foraus*), Swiss think-tank for foreign policy** **Switzerland**  
**Board member / Review Board member** 04/2017-03/2019; 05/2022-

- 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

- 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

- 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

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- Journal reviews for Politics and Governance, Journal for International Relations and Development, 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.

- Co-convenor, PhD & Postdoc Colloquium, University of Geneva, Department of Political Science and International Relations, 2021-
- 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

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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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

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- IT: NVivo, QGIS, Python (web scraping, data management), Wordpress, Moodle (proficiency with grading features and plugins for large multiple-choice exams), Stata (basic)
- Languages: German (native), French (C2), English (C2), Arabic (B2), Romanian (B2)

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

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

## REFERENCES

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