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POSITIONS

- 03/2023 – **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**
Head of Junior Research Group “BIOPOLISTA”, Thae-Institute for Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences
- 07/2020 – 02/2023 **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Thae-Institute for Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Agricultural and Food Policy Group
- 08/2018 – 06/2020 **University of Manchester**
Research Associate and Co-lead of the ‘Defining and Measuring Political Settlements’ project, Global Development Institute

EDUCATION

- 10/2015 – 03/2020 **London School of Economics and Political Science**
PhD in International Development
Thesis Title: “Power of the Masses: Group Size, Attribution, and the Politics of Export Bans in Africa”
Supervision: Prof. Catherine Boone, Prof. Ken Shadlen
Examiners: Anne Pitcher (U. of Michigan), Carlos Oya (SOAS)
Fields: Political Economy of Development, Industrial Policy, Commodity Processing, African Politics, Mixed Method Research
MRes in Development Studies (‘distinction’), 09/2016
- 10/2013 – 09/2014 **London School of Economics and Political Science**
MSc Development Studies
- 10/2009 – 03/2013 **University of Konstanz**
BA Politics and Administration
- 02/2011 – 07/2011 **Universidad de Granada**
Visiting Student at the Faculty of Politics and Administration

RESEARCH

Monograph

Kelsall, Tim, Nicolai Schulz, William D. Ferguson, Matthias vom Hau, Sam Hickey and Brian Levy (2022) ‘Political Settlements and Development: Theory, Evidence, Implications’, *Oxford University Press*

Journal Articles

Goritz, Nicolai, Maria Proestou and Peter H. Feindt (2026) ‘Pathways to strong and weak resilience orientation in bioeconomy policies: A global configurational analysis of policy design space conditions’, *Environmental Challenges*, 22

Goritz, Nicolai (2025) ‘Prompting Peasant Protest: Cashews, Coalitions, and Collective Action in Ghana and Côte d’Ivoire’, *Comparative Politics*, 57(2)

Goritz, Nicolai, Jonas von Pfister, Maria Proestou and Peter H. Feindt (2025) ‘Characterizing bioeconomy policy instruments: A global comparative analysis of bioeconomy strategies’, *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning*

Proestou, Maria, Nicolai Goritz and Peter H. Feindt (2025) ‘Resilience Orientation in Bioeconomy Policies - A Global Comparative Analysis’, *Circular Economy and Sustainability*, 5

Proestou, Maria, Nicolai Schulz and Peter H. Feindt (2024) ‘A global analysis of bioeconomy visions in governmental bioeconomy strategies’, *Ambio*, 53

Schulz, Nicolai and Tim Kelsall (2024) ‘The Political Settlements Dataset: Power Configurations and Political Blocs in the Global South, 1946-2018’, *International Interactions*, 50(4)

Varanini, Giorgio, Maria Proestou, Nicolai Goritz and Peter H. Feindt (2024) ‘Explaining low salience of environmental resilience challenges in bioeconomy strategies: A cross-regional comparative analysis’, *Earth System Governance*, 21

Chinsinga, Blessings, Ezana H. Weldeghebrael, Tim Kelsall, Nicolai Schulz and Timothy P. Williams (2022) ‘Using political settlements analysis to explain poverty trends in Ethiopia, Malawi, Rwanda and Tanzania’, *World Development*, 153

Schulz, Nicolai (2020) ‘The politics of export restrictions: A panel data analysis of African commodity processing industries’, *World Development*, 130

Schulz, Nicolai (2015) ‘Dangerous Demographics? The Effect of Urbanisation and Metropolisation on African Civil Wars, 1961–2010’, *Civil Wars*, 17(3)

Book Chapter (peer-reviewed)

Isoaho, Karoliina, Alexandra Goritz and Nicolai Schulz (2017) ‘Governing Clean Energy Transitions in China and India’, in Douglas Arent, Channing Arndt, Mackay Miller, Finn Tarp and Owen Zinaman (eds) *The Political Economy of Clean Energy Transitions*, *Oxford University Press*, 231–249

Working Paper (peer-reviewed)

Schulz, Nicolai, and Tim Kelsall (2021) ‘The political settlements dataset: An introduction with illustrative applications’. *ESID Working Paper* No. 165. Manchester.

Working Papers (under review)

‘External Threats and State Building in the Global South: Reviewing an Old Debate with New Data’

‘Assessing the Neoliberal State in the Bioeconomy: Evidence from Germany’ (with M. Proestou and P.H. Feindt)

‘Governing multi-system transitions through collaborative policy integration: Insights from the U.S. and German Bioeconomy’ (with A. Gottinger and M. Proestou)

‘Does context really matter for environmental policy implementation? A systematic comparison of implementation determinants ‘ (with J. v. Pfister, G. Varanini, A. Ludot, J. Nal, M. Proestou, and A. Gottinger)

Papers in Preparation

‘Transforming Tanzanite: The Transnational Politics of Processing Promotion and Value Chain Control’

‘Democratization, Rural Bias, and the Political Economy of Real Exchange Rate Valuation’

‘Power Concentration and Economic Growth’ (with T. Kelsall)

FUNDING AND AWARDS

PI, Grant for BMBF Junior Research Group “BIOPOLISTA”, 3.103.306,03 € (2022)
Finalist, Dissertation Award of the German Political Science Association (2021)
Finalist, German Thesis Award of the Körber Stiftung (2021)
Winner, African Politics Conference Group Ralphe Bunche Best Graduate Student Paper Award (2020)
Second Place, UK Doctoral Researcher Awards, Category “Management & Social Sciences” (2020)
London School of Economics and Political Science PhD Scholarship (2015-2019)
Winner, Best Overall Performance Prize’ in MSc Development Studies (LSE 2014)
Winner, Excellent Dissertation Prize’ in MSc Development Studies (LSE 2014)
DAAD postgraduate scholarship (2013-2014)
Erasmus Scholarship (2011)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Winter 2024/25	Political Economy of Comparative Economic Development Lecturer, Humboldt University Berlin
Summer 2021, 2022, & 2023	‘Qualitative Research Methods‘ Guest Lecturer, Humboldt University Berlin
Winter 2019/20	‘Comparative Politics of Economic Development‘ Lecturer, University of Konstanz
Summer 2019	‘Development in the International Political Economy‘ Teaching Assistant to Tim Forsyth, LSE
Summer 2019	‘Introduction to the Political Economy of Development‘ Lecturer, Humboldt University Berlin, Centre for Rural Development
Winter 2012/13	‘Einführung in die Internationalen Beziehungen‘ Teaching Assistant to Prof. Dirk Leuffen, University of Konstanz

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

01/2017 – 07/2018	Global Development Institute, University of Manchester Research Consultant for the ‘Political Settlement Typologies Project’
09/2016 – 01/2017	Journal of Development Studies, London Assistance to Managing Editor Ken Shadlen.
01/2015 – 03/2015	German Development Institute (DIE), Bonn, Germany Visiting Researcher (Depart. for Governance, Statehood, and Security)
06/2012 – 12/2012	Research Assistant (“Traditional Institutions in Sub-Saharan Africa”) University of Konstanz: Chair of International Relations and Conflict Management (Prof. Katharina Holzinger)
04/2012 – 09/2012	Research Assistant (“Institutional Design in European Parliaments”) University of Konstanz: Center of Excellence (Prof. Ulrich Sieberer)

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2026

- *Conference on Policy Process Research (COPPR)*, presentation on ‘*Dealing with Programmatic Complexity: A Global Comparison of Analytical Capacity Building in Bioeconomy Policymaking*’, University of Bern, January 20-23, 2026.

2025

- *International Conference on Public Policy (ICCP7)*, organized panel on ‘*Assessing Policy Implementation Performance – The Role of Context*’, and presentations on ‘*Does context shape the determinants of implementation success in Environmental Policy? A Systematic Literature Review*’, Chiang Mai, July 2-4, 2025.

2024

- *Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft Kongress*, presentation on ‘*Explaining Low Salience of Environmental Resilience Challenges in Bioeconomy Strategies: A Cross-Regional Comparative Analysis*’, Göttingen, 24-27 September, 2024.
- *IIPPE 14th Annual Conference in Political Economy*, presentation on ‘*Transforming Tanzanite: The Transnational Politics of Processing Promotion and Value Chain Control*’, Istanbul, September 4-7, 2024
- *European Consortium for Political Research General Conference*, section chair for the ‘*Politics of Development*’ section, and presentations on ‘*Transforming Tanzanite: The Transnational Politics of Processing Promotion and Value Chain Control*’ and ‘*Unveiling the contextual determinants of Success and Failure in Environmental Policy Implementation: A Systematic Literature Review*’, Dublin, August 12-15, 2024.
- Research workshop *Meeting on the Political Economy of Development (MoPED)*, participant, WZB, Berlin, July 1-2, 2024.
- Research workshop on ‘*Climate PPPs: Interrogating climate and energy public-private partnerships in Africa*’, host and participant, HU-Berlin, 11-12 June, 2024

2023

- Research conference on ‘*Bioeconomy Policies, Actors, and Transformations: Achievements, Challenges, and Recommendations*’, organizer and presenter, HU-Berlin, 22-23 February, 2023

2022

- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, presentation on ‘*Resilience Orientation in Bioeconomy Policies*’, Montreal, 15-18 September, 2022.
- *International Symposium and Workshops on Sustainable Solutions at Times of Transition (SuST)*, presentation on ‘*Salience of resilience challenges in bioeconomy policies: A comparative analysis*’, 14-17 July 2022, Nisyros Island, Greece.
- Research Workshop on ‘*Resilience and the Bioeconomy: Policy, Politics and Production Systems*’, organizer and presenter, HU-Berlin, 24. Juni, 2022

2021

- Research workshop on ‘*Bioeconomy Policy and Governance: Origins, Impacts, and Recommendations*’, organizer and presenter, HU-Berlin, 11 November, 2021
- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, presentation on ‘*Power Concentration and Economic Growth*’, Virtual, September 28 - October 3, 2021.
- *Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft Kongress*, presentation on ‘*Resilience Orientations in Bioeconomy Policies – A Qualitative Comparative Analysis*’, virtual, 14-16 September, 2021
- *European Consortium for Political Research General Conference*, presentation on ‘*Resilience Orientations in Bioeconomy Policy Design – A Comparative Analysis of 51 Countries*’, virtual, August 31 – September 3, 2021.
- *International Political Science Association World Congress*, presentation on ‘*Integrative Policy Patterns as Governance Innovation for Resilient Bioeconomies*’, Virtual, 10-15, July 2021
- *International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP5)*, presentation on ‘*Nexus issues, resilience concerns and post-exceptionalism in bioeconomy policies – A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of bioeconomy strategies and their design spaces*’, Virtual, 5-9 July 2021

2020

- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, organized panel on the ‘Democracy and Development: Insights from new Data Collection Efforts’, Virtual, 9-13, September 2020
- *Development Studies Association Annual Meeting*, presentation on ‘Do Political Settlements Matter? A large-N Regression Analysis’, University of Birmingham, 16-19, June 2020

2019

- *ESID Conference*, presented on ‘Political settlements and Pathways to Development, Manchester (University of Manchester), 9-11 September 2019
- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, organized panel on the ‘The Political Economy of Rural Mobilization and Threat in the Developing World’, Washington D.C., 29 August to 1 September 2019
- *European Working Group on African Political Economy*, Berlin (WZB), 11-12 April 2019

2018

- Research workshop on ‘*Structural change and technological upgrading in times of globalization*. Presented on ‘Export Restrictions as Tool to Promote Commodity Processing?’, University of Siegen, 8-10 November 2018
- *African Studies Association UK Biennial Meeting*, convened two panels on ‘The Politics of Agricultural and Industrial Policy in Africa’ & ‘The Economics of Export Diversification in Africa in the 21st Century’, University of Birmingham, 11-13 September 2018
- *African Politics Conference Group Online Colloquium*, presentation on “The Political Economy of Commodity Processing Promotion”, 8 August 2018
- *Development Studies Association Annual Meeting*, convened panel on ‘The Political Economy of Industrial Policy and State Business Relationships in the 21st Century’, Manchester (University of Manchester), 27-29 June 2018
- *Oxford Central Africa Forum*, talk on “Transforming Tanzanite: The Politics of Commodity Export Prohibitions in Tanzania”, Oxford (Green Templeton College), 23 May 2018
- *European Working Group on African Political Economy*, presentation on “The Political Economy of Commodity Processing Promotion”, LSE, 23 and 24 March 2018

2017

- *Development Studies Association Annual Meeting*, convened panel on ‘State Business Relations in the Developing World’, University of Bradford, 6-8 September, 2017
- *Southeast England Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE)*, University of Oxford, 10 March 2017

2016

- *Development Studies Association Annual Meeting*, panel on ‘Political settlements and prospects for institutional transformation: re-thinking state- and peace-building in situations of fragility’, Oxford, 13 September 2016
- ‘*Applied Political Settlements Workshop, Oxford*’ (Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford), 5-6 September 2016
- Conference on ‘*Africa's Turn to Industrialize? Shifting Global Value Chains, Industrial Policy and African Development*’, London (LSE), 3 May 2016
- *Southeast England Working Group on Afr. Polit. Economy (WGAPE)*, LSE, 18 March, 2016
- *CP/CPE half-day workshop series on ‘Comparative Studies on Subnational Politics: Reports from the Frontier*’, London (LSE), 1 February 2016

QUALIFICATIONS

<i>Language</i>	German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (fluent)
<i>Computing</i>	Stata, R, QGIS, Qualtrics, MAXQDA
<i>Fieldwork</i>	Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Malaysia, South Africa, Germany
<i>Training</i>	Enhancing the Quality of Industrial Policy (EQUIP) Training of Trainers

AFFILIATIONS, ASSOCIATIONAL MEMBERSHIP, AND SERVICE

Affiliated Researcher	Center for Rural Development, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; British Institute in East Africa, Kenya; ESID, University of Manchester
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Associations	African Studies Association; American Political Science Association; Development Studies Association
Service	Ethics Committee of the Thaeer-Institut, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

02/2024 – 02/2024	Overseas Development Institute (ODI) Political Settlements Data Analysis for ODI's Flagship Nexus Report
06/2022 – 09/2022	Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, Togo Technical support to the Togo Go Big Industrialisation project
2014 & 2017	UNDP & Economic and Social Research Foundation, Tanzania Consultancy on Tanzanian Human Development Reports 2014 & 2017
05/2015 – 07/2015	GIZ (German Agency for International Cooperation), Lima, Peru Consultancy in project "CADESAN - Fortalecimiento de Capacidades para la Descentralización en los Países Andinos"
05/2013 – 07/2013	KfW (German Development Bank), Frankfurt, Germany Internship in the Governance Department
10/2011 – 03/2012	GIZ (German Agency for International Cooperation), Nepal Internship in Project "Supporting Measures to Strengthen the Peace Process".

REFERENCES

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