

# CARL MÜLLER-CREPON

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Assistant Professor at the London School of Economics and Political Science

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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I use innovative quantitative methods to study the geography of state building and analyze its consequences for development and conflict in 20<sup>th</sup> century Africa and modern Europe.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**London School of Economics and Political Science**, United Kingdom Sept. 2022 –  
Assistant Professor, Department of Government

**University of Oxford**, United Kingdom July 2020 – Aug. 2022  
Departmental Lecturer in International Relations, Department of Politics and International Relations  
College Tutor, St. Hilda's College  
Associate Member, Nuffield College

**ETH Zurich**, Switzerland July 2019 – July 2020  
Postdoctoral Researcher, International Conflict Research Group

**Harvard University**, Cambridge MA, USA Feb. 2020 – Sept. 2020  
Postdoctoral Visiting Researcher, Institute for Quantitative Social Science

## EDUCATION

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**ETH Zurich**, Switzerland Apr. 2015 – May 2019  
PhD in Political Science  
*State Building, Development and Conflict in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Africa*  
Committee: Lars-Erik Cederman (main supervisor), Simon Hug, Horacio A. Larreguy

**Harvard University**, Cambridge MA, USA Feb. 2017 – Dec. 2017  
Economics Department Visiting Affiliate

**ETH Zurich and University of Zurich**, Switzerland Mar. 2015  
MA in Comparative and International Studies (MACIS)

**University of St. Gallen**, Switzerland July 2012  
BA in Economics & BA in International Affairs  
Exchange semester at Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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14. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Guy Schvitz & Lars-Erik Cederman (2024). 'Right-Peopling' the State: Nationalism, Historical Legacies and Ethnic Cleansing in Europe, 1885-2020. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Online First.

13. Müller-Crepon, Carl (2023). Building Tribes: How Administrative Units Shaped Ethnic Groups in Africa. *American Journal of Political Science*, accepted for publication.
12. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Guy Schvitz & Lars-Erik Cederman (2023). Shaping States into Nations: The Effects of Ethnic Geography on State Borders. *American Journal of Political Science*, accepted for publication.
11. Cederman, Lars-Erik, Yannick Pengl, Luc Girardin & Carl Müller-Crepon (2023). The Future is History: Restorative Nationalism and Conflict in Post-Napoleonic Europe. *International Organization*, accepted for publication.
10. Dill, Janina, Marnie Howlett & Carl Müller-Crepon (2023). At Any Cost: How Ukrainians Think about Self-Defense Against Russia. *American Journal of Political Science*, Early View.
9. Neupert-Wentz, Clara & Carl Müller-Crepon (2023). Traditional Institutions in Africa, Past and Present. *Political Science Research and Methods*, FirstView.
8. Lars-Erik Cederman, Luc Girardin & Carl Müller-Crepon (2023). Nationalism and the Puzzle of Reversing State Size. *World Politics*, 75(4), 692-734.
7. Müller-Crepon, Carl (2023). State Reach and Development in Africa since the 1960s: New Data and Analysis. *Political Science Research and Methods*, 11(3), 663-672.
6. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Yannick Pengl & Nils-Christian Bormann (2022). Linking Ethnic Data from Africa. *Journal of Peace Research*, 59(3), 425–435.
5. Müller-Crepon, Carl (2022). Local Ethno-Political Polarization and Election Violence in Majoritarian vs. Proportional Systems. *Journal of Peace Research*, 59(2), 242–258.
4. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Philipp Hunziker & Lars-Erik Cederman (2021). Roads to Rule, Roads to Rebellion: Relational State Capacity and Conflict in Africa. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 65(2-3), 563-590.
3. Beiser-McGrath, Janina, Carl Müller-Crepon & Yannick Pengl (2021). Who Benefits? How Local Ethnic Demography Shapes Political Favoritism in Africa. *British Journal of Political Science*, 51(4), 1582–1600.
2. Müller-Crepon, Carl (2020). Continuity or Change: (In)direct rule in British and French Colonial Africa. *International Organization*, 74(4), 707–741.
1. Müller-Crepon, Carl & Philipp Hunziker (2018). New Spatial Data on Ethnicity: Introducing SIDE. *Journal of Peace Research*, 55(5), 687–698. *JPR Best Visualization Award 2018*.

## WORKING PAPERS

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3. Müller-Crepon, Carl, Clara Neupert-Wentz, Andrej Kokkonen & Jørgen Møller. Rulers on the Road: Itinerant Rule in the Holy Roman Empire, AD 919–1519. *Under review*.
2. Pengl, Yannick, Carl Müller-Crepon, Roberto Valli, Lars-Erik Cederman & Luc Girardin. The Train Wrecks of Modernization: Railway Construction and Nationalist Mobilization in Europe. *American Political Science Review*, Revise & Resubmit.
1. Müller-Crepon, Carl. Indirect Rule, Cash Crop Production, and Development in Africa.

## ONGOING RESEARCH

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Müller-Crepon, Carl. Cracking or Packing Ethnic Groups? The Colonial Design of Administrative Units in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Müller-Crepon, Carl & Nils-Christian Bormann. How Ethnic Cleavages Divide Voters into Parties: New Methods and Evidence from Sub-Sahara Africa .

Dawson, Stephen, Felix Haass, Carl Müller-Crepon, & Aksel Sundström. Control through Conservation: The Ethnic Politics of Natural Protection in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Müller-Crepon, Carl. Roads to Extraction: Natural Resources and the Physical Foundations of State Capacity in Africa.

Larreguy, Horacio, Benjamin Marx & Carl Müller-Crepon. Chiefs, Pre-Colonial Centralization and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa.

## SOFTWARE PACKAGES

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`cjRank`: Ranking of attribute features and nested marginal means for conjoint experiments, in R

`pspm`: Estimation of Probabilistic Spatial Partition Models, in R

`SpatialLattice`: Setting up and handling spatial graph data, in R

`LEDA`: Linking Ethnic Data from Africa, in R

`SIDE`: Compositional spatial data on ethnicity, in R

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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**John Fell Fund Grant** (Co-PI; GBP 10'000) Mar. 2022 – Aug. 2022  
Imagined Cartographies: A Survey Experiment on Territorial Border Preferences

**Leverhulme Small Research Grant** (GBP 9'939) Sep. 2021 – June 2023  
Cracking or Packing Ethnic Groups? The Colonial Design of Administrative Units in Sub-Saharan Africa

**Doc.CH grant** (CHF 208'301) Mar. 2016 – Sep. 2019  
PhD grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation

**Doc.Mobility grant** (CHF 12'760) Feb. 2017 – Dec. 2017  
Mobility grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation

**ETH Medal** Dec. 2015  
Awarded for MA thesis entitled *Ethno-Political Competition and Pre-Election Violence in Africa*.

**Scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation** (EUR 10'200) Feb. 2010 – Mar. 2015

**ETH Zurich Master Scholarship** (CHF 17'000) Sep. 2013 – Mar. 2015

**Carlo-Schmid Fellowship** (EUR 10'800) Sep. 2012 – Feb. 2013  
Fellowship at the United Nation's Department for Economic and Social Affairs

**Arthur Rich Award** (CHF 2'000)

Mai 2013

Awarded for excellent BA thesis on ethical issues at the University of St. Gallen

**TEACHING**

Evaluation grades (EG): 5=best, 1=worst

**Comparative Conflict Analysis**

Fall 2022

London School of Economics and Political Science, (EG 4.4)

**Research Design and Methods Practical Sessions**

Fall 2020, 2021

University of Oxford, MPhil International Relations, (EG 4.5)

**Thesis Seminar** (co-taught)

Fall 2020, 2021

University of Oxford, MPhil International Relations

**The Development of the International System and Contemporary Debates in IR Theory**

Fall 2020

University of Oxford, MPhil International Relations core course (EG 4.7)

**Undergraduate Tutoring**

Fall 2020–

University of Oxford: *Practice of Politics* (EG 4.5); *International Relations core course* (EG 5.0); *International Security* (EG 4.0)**Political Economy of Development and Conflict in Africa** (with Yannick Pengl)

Fall 2019

ETH Zurich, graduate course (EG 4.9)

**Ethnic conflict from a political science perspective** (with Yannick Pengl)

Summer 2017

German National Academic Foundation summer school, undergraduate course (EG 4.4)

**Teaching Assistant Quantitative Methods**

Fall 2015

ETH Zurich, graduate course by Liam McGrath and Jørgen Bølstad

**Teaching Assistant Introduction to Political Economy**

Fall 2014, 2015

University of Zurich, undergraduate course by Prof. Katharina Michaelowa

**NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE****Kiel Institute for the World Economy**

Mar. 2013 – July 2013

Research-internship on migration and development

**United Nations Department for Social and Economic Affairs**

Sep. 2012 – Feb. 2013

Carlo-Schmid Fellow at the Office for Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Support and Coordination, Policy Coordination Branch

**Coordination Régionale des Artisans de Ségou, Mali**

Aug. 2008 – July 2009

Voluntary service through the *weltwärts*-program of the German Development Service

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Invited** 2023: University College London; University of Barcelona, IPErG; LSE African Political Economy and IR Seminars  
 2022: University of Oxford & Nuffield College; London School of Economics and Political Science; Ohio State University  
 2021: University of Essex  
 2020: University of Washington in St. Louis  
 2019: Graduate Institute Geneva
- Conferences** APSA Annual Meeting (2017–2021); EPSA Annual Meeting (2019, 2022–2023); MPSA Annual Conference (2017, 2020); ISA Annual Convention (2016, 2022); Swiss Political Science Association (2017, 2020)
- Workshops** Interdisciplinary Workshop on Identity and Politics (IAST/TSE, 2024)\*; Conflict, Peace & Security Hub, University of Oxford (2023); Borders and Boundaries Conference University of Pennsylvania (2021); Border Science Exploratory Seminar (Harvard Radcliffe Institute, 2020); Empirical Peace and Conflict Research (2016, 2018); 3<sup>rd</sup> Witten Conference on Institutional Change (2016); European Network of Conflict Research (2015, 2016); graduate student workshops at ETH and Harvard University  
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## OTHER

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- Co-Organizer** LSE African Political Economy Seminar (2023–); LSE Political Science and Political Economy Seminar Series (2023–); Oxford IR Colloquium (2021-2022); Oxford DPIP Politics Research Colloquium (2021); Political Economy Seminar, ETH Zurich (2018); Conflict Colloquium, ETH Zurich (2018)
- Reviewer** American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, *Economic and Social Research Council*, Economic Systems, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Nations and Nationalism, Political Geography, Political Science Research and Methods, Research and Politics, Texas National Security Review, World Politics
- Languages** English, German (mother tongue), Swiss German, Spanish, French
- Software** R, Stata, Python, PostgreSQL, ArcGIS, QGIS

February, 2024