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## Academic Positions

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Tenure-Track Professor, Department of Governance, **Technical University of Munich** 2020-  
Associate Researcher, Department of Social Policy & Intervention, **University of Oxford** 2019-  
Postdoctoral Researcher, Chair of Development Economics, **University of Goettingen** 2018-2020

## Education

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D.Phil, **University of Oxford**, Social Intervention 2015-2018

- Thesis Title: *“Building Financial Resilience in the Context of Deprivation: Experimental Evidence from South Africa”*, Examiners: Kate Orkin, Maren Duvendack (*passed without corrections*)

M.Sc., **University of Oxford**, Evidence-Based Social Intervention (*with distinction*) 2013-2014

B.A., **University of Konstanz**, Political Science (*GPA 1.1, “outstanding”*) 2009-2013

### Other

- Institutional Visit, **J-PAL Africa, University of Cape Town** 2017
- Exchange Semester, **Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne** 2011

## Journal Publications

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1. **Steinert JI**, Boehret I, Vasumati Satish R, Sharma S, Chatterji S (2023). [“We don’t get money in our own hands”: Evidence from focus group discussions on economic abuse against women in two states of India.](#) *BMJ Global Health*,8, e012576.
2. **Steinert JI**, Ezebuihe J, Prince H, Shukla S (2023). [Violence against Adolescent Girls during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Quantitative Evidence from Rural and Urban Communities in Maharashtra, India.](#) *Journal of Adolescent Health*, online first.
3. Shukla S, Castro Torres AF, Vasumati Satish R, Shenderovich Y, Abejirinde IO, **Steinert JI** (2013). [Factors associated with adolescent pregnancy in Maharashtra, India: a mixed-methods study.](#) *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*, online first.
4. Wollburg C, **Steinert JI**, Reeves A, Nye E (2023). [Do cash transfers alleviate common mental disorders in low- and middle-income countries? A systematic review and meta-analysis.](#) *PLOS ONE*, e0281283.
5. Shukla S, Ezebuihe JA, **Steinert JI** (2023). [Association between public health emergencies and sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence, and early marriage among adolescent girls: a rapid review.](#) *BMC Public Health*, 23(1), 117.
6. **Steinert JI**, Sternberg H, Prince H, Fasolo B, Galizzi M, Bueth T, Veltri GA (2022). [COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in Eight European Countries: Prevalence, Determinants and Heterogeneity.](#) *Science Advances*, 8(17), eabm9825.

7. **Steinert JI**, Sternberg H, Veltri GA, Bueth T (2022). [How should COVID-19 vaccines be distributed between the Global North and South: A Discrete Choice Experiment in Six European Countries.](#) *eLife*, 11, e79819.
8. Bangura I, Chakraborty A, Garcia-Hernandez A, Kaplan L, Kuhnt J, Muhumad AA, **Steinert JI\***, Tellez D (2022). [Ethical failures in global health research: violations of Sustainable Development Goal 8, decent work for all.](#) *Lancet Global Health*, 10(5), E619. *\*authors contributed equally*
9. **Steinert JI**, Vasumati Satish R, Stips F, Vollmer S (2022). [Commitment or Concealment? Impacts and Use of a Portable Saving Device: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Urban India.](#) *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 193, 367-398.
10. **Steinert JI**, Shenderovich Y, Smith M, Zhou S, Toska E, Cluver L (2022). [Economic wellbeing and associated mediating pathways to improved antiretroviral therapy adherence among adolescents living with HIV: A prospective cohort study in South Africa.](#) *JAIDS: Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*, 91(4), 343-352.
11. Suhr F, **Steinert JI** (2022). [Epidemiology of floods in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review of health outcomes.](#) *BMC Public Health*, 22, 268.
12. Pantelic M, **Steinert JI**, Ayala G, Sprague L, Chang J, Morgan Thomas R, Nininahazwe C, Caswell G, Bach-Mortensen AM, Bourne A (2022). [Addressing epistemic injustice in HIV research: A call for reporting guidelines on meaningful community engagement.](#) *Journal of the International AIDS Society*, e25880.
13. Gnugesser E, Chwila C, Brenner S, Deckert A, Dambach P, **Steinert JI**, Baernighausen T, Horstick O, Antia K, Louis VR (2022). [The economic burden of treating uncomplicated hypertension in Sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic literature review.](#) *BMC Public Health*, 22, 1507.
14. **Steinert JI**, Atika Nyarige D, Jacobi M, Kuhnt J, Kaplan L (2021). [A systematic review on ethical challenges of ‘field’ research in low-income and middle-income countries: respect, justice and beneficence for research staff?](#) *BMJ Global Health*, e005380.
15. Ebert C, **Steinert JI** (2021). [Prevalence and risk factors of violence against women and children during COVID-19, Germany.](#) *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 99(6), 429-438.
16. Little MT, Roelen K, Lange BCL, **Steinert JI**, Yakubovich AR, Cluver LD, Humphreys DK (2021). [Effectiveness of cash-plus programmes on early childhood outcomes compared to cash transfers alone: A systematic review and meta-analysis in low- and middle-income countries.](#) *PLOS Medicine*, 18(9), e1003698.
17. **Steinert JI**, Alacevich C, Steele B, Hennegan J, Yakubovich AR (2021). [Response Strategies for Promoting Gender Equality in Public Health Emergencies: A Rapid Scoping Review.](#) *BMJ Open*, 11, e048292.
18. **Steinert JI**, Khan S, Mlambo K, Walsh FJ, Mafara E, Lejeune C, Wong C, Hettema A, Ogbouji O, Mazibuko S, Okello V, De Neve JW, Vollmer S, Baernighausen T, Geldsetzer P (2021). [The impact of immediate antiretroviral therapy initiation on patients’ healthcare expenditures: A stepped-wedge randomized trial in Eswatini.](#) *AIDS & Behavior*, 5(10), 3194-3205.
19. Eggers del Campo I, **Steinert JI** (2020). [The effect of female economic empowerment interventions on the risk of intimate partner violence: A systematic review and meta-analysis.](#) *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 23(3), 810-826.
20. **Steinert JI**, Khan S, Mlambo K, Walsh FJ, Mafara E, Lejeune C, Wong C, Hettema A, Ogbouji O, Vollmer S, De Neve JW, Mazibuko S, Okello V, Baernighausen T, Geldsetzer P (2020). [A stepped-wedge randomised trial on the impact of early ART initiation on HIV-patients’ economic outcomes in Eswatini.](#) *eLife*, 9, e58487.

21. Cluver L, Shenderovich Y, Meinck F, Berezin M, Doubt J, Ward C, Parra Cardona J, Lombard C, Lachman J, Wittesaelea C, Wessels I, Gardner F, **Steinert JI** (2020). [Parenting, mental health and economic pathways to prevention of violence against children in South Africa](#). *Social Science & Medicine*, 262, 113194.
22. **Steinert JI**, Cluver LD, Meinck F, Nzima D, Doubt J (2020). [Opening the Black Box: A mixed-methods investigation of social and psychological mechanisms underlying changes in financial behaviour](#). *Journal of Development Studies*, 134, 443-466.
23. Kaplan L, Kuhnt J, **Steinert JI\*** (2020). [Do no harm? Field research in the Global South: Ethical challenges faced by research staff](#). *World Development*, 127, 104810. *\*authors contributed equally*
24. Pantelic M, **Steinert JI**, Parks J, Mellors S (2019). [‘Management of a spoiled identity’: Systematic review of interventions to address self-stigma among people living with and affected by HIV](#). *BMJ Global Health*, 4(1), e001285.
25. Redfern A, Cluver L, Casale M, **Steinert JI** (2019). [Cost and cost-effectiveness of a parenting programme to prevent violence against adolescents in South Africa](#). *BMJ Global Health*, 4(2), e001147.
26. Liel C, Meinck F, **Steinert JI**, Kindler H, Lang K, Eickhorst A (2019). [Is the Brief Child Abuse Potential Inventory \(BCAPI\) a valid measure of child abuse potential among mothers and fathers of young children in Germany?](#) *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 88, 432-444.
27. Haghghat R, **Steinert JI**, Cluver L. (2019). [The effects of decentralising antiretroviral therapy care delivery on health outcomes for adolescents and young adults in low-and middle-income countries: a systematic review](#). *Global Health Action*, 12(1), 1668596.
28. **Steinert JI**, Cluver LD, Meinck F, Doubt J, Vollmer S (2018). [Household economic strengthening through saving and budgeting: Evidence from a field experiment in South Africa](#). *Journal of Development Economics*, 134, 443-466.
29. **Steinert JI**, Zenker J, Filipiak U, Movsisyan A, Shenderovich Y, Cluver LD (2018). [Do saving promotion interventions help alleviate poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa? A systematic review and meta-analysis](#). *World Development*, 104, 238-256.
30. Cluver LD, Meinck F, **Steinert JI**, et al. (2018). [Parenting for Lifelong Health: A pragmatic cluster randomised controlled trial of a non-commercialised parenting programme for adolescents and their families in South Africa](#). *BMJ Global Health*, 3(1), e000539.
31. Yakubovich AR, Stoeckl J, Murray J, Melendez-Torres GJ, **Steinert JI**, Glavin CEY, Humphreys DK (2018). [Risk and protective factors for intimate partner violence against women: Systematic review and meta-analyses of prospective-longitudinal studies](#). *American Journal of Public Health*, e1–e11.
32. Steinert C, Carey S, **Steinert JI** (2018). [Spoilers of peace: Pro-government militias as risk factors for conflict recurrence](#). *Journal of Peace Research*, 56(2), 249-263.
33. Herrero Romero R, Cluver L, Hall J, **Steinert JI** (2018). [Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Adolescents and Educational Delay in Two Provinces in South Africa: Impacts of Personal, Family and School Characteristics](#). *Education As Change*, 22(1), 1-33.
34. **Steinert JI**, Cluver LD, Melendez-Torres GJ, Herrero Romero R (2017). [Relationships between poverty and AIDS illness in South Africa: an investigation of urban and rural households in KwaZulu-Natal](#). *Global Public Health*, 12(9) 1183-1199.
35. Doubt J, Bray R, Loening-Voysey H, Cluver L, Byrne J, Nzima D, King B, Shenderovich Y, **Steinert JI**, Medley S (2017). ["It has changed": Understanding change in a parenting programme in South Africa](#). *Annals of Global Health*, 83(5-6), 767-776.

36. **Steinert JI**, Cluver LD, Melendez-Torres GJ, Vollmer S (2016). [One Size Fits All? The validity of a composite poverty index across urban and rural households in South Africa](#). *Social Indicators Research*, 136(1), 51-72.
37. Cluver LD, Meinck F, Shenderovich Y, Ward CL, Herrero Romero R, Redfern A, Lombard C, Doubt J, **Steinert JI**, et al. (2016). [A parenting programme to prevent abuse of adolescents in South Africa: study protocol for a randomised controlled trial](#). *Trials*, 17, 328.
38. **Steinert JI**, Grimm S (2014). [Too good to be true? United Nations peacebuilding and the democratization of war-torn states](#). *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 32(5), 513-535.

## Work in Progress

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1. Sternberg H, **Steinert JI** & Bueth T. [Compliance in the Public versus the Private Realm: Economic Preferences, Institutional Trust, and COVID-19 Health Behavior](#). *R&R, Health Economics*.
2. Sternberg H, **Steinert JI** & Vollmer S. [On the Basis of \(Mis\)Trust? Spousal Trust and Trustworthiness in Household Decision Making: Experimental Evidence from India](#). Discussion Paper No. 279, Courant Research Centre - Poverty, Equity and Growth (CRC-PEG), University of Goettingen.

## Policy Outlets

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1. Lunchenkov N, **Steinert JI** (2022). [Risk Behavior and Adversity of Male PrEP Users in Ukraine during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Pre-War Needs Assessment - Results and Recommendations](#). Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity.
2. Pantelic M, **Steinert JI**, Mellors S, Murau F (2019). [What works? Addressing self-stigma among people affected by HIV](#). *Frontline AIDS*.
3. Loening-Voysey H, Doubt J, Nzima D, Shenderovich Y, **Steinert JI**, Byrne J, Cluver L (2018). [Relevance, Implementation and Impact of the Sinovuyo Teen Parenting Programme in South Africa: Summary of findings](#). UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti, Florence.
4. Meinck F, **Steinert JI** et al. (2016). [Measuring and monitoring national prevalence of child maltreatment: A practical handbook](#). Technical Report. World Health Organization/Regional Office for Europe, Geneva.

## Invited Talks

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1. *“Ethics in Development Field Research”*, **Invited Keynote**, Development Economics Network Berlin (DENeB) 8th PhD Workshop, 2023
2. *“Assessing Harmful Health Outcomes among Adolescent Girls in Zambia and India in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Research Findings and Ethical Implications”*, **Invited Keynote**, Annual Conference of the Austrian Health Economics Association, 2023
3. *“Violence against Women and Children during the COVID-19 Pandemic”*, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Research Group ”Analytical Sociology”, 2022
4. *“COVID-19 and Domestic Violence in Germany: A Comprehensive Approach To Risk Factors and Trends”*, Hertie School Berlin, Political Economy Lunch Seminar, 2021
5. *“Strategies to Reduce COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in Europe: Evidence from Online Survey Experiments”*, University of Oxford, Center for Evidence-Based Intervention Research Group, 2021

6. “*Violence against Women and Children during the COVID-19 Pandemic*”, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, ”Sociological Perspectives on the COVID-19 Crisis”, 2021
7. “*Randomized Evidence on the Impact of a Saving Promotion Intervention in Urban India*”, University of Passau, Development Economics Research Group, 2021
8. “*The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Germany*”, Stockholm School of Economics, Brown Bag Seminar, 2020

## Conference Presentations

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- 2023: European Economic Association (EEA) Annual Conference, Advances with Field Experiments (University of Chicago); 17th World Congress of Public Health, European Domestic Violence Conference, International Association for Feminist Economics Annual Conference
- 2022: Behavioural Public Policy Conference; German Economic Association (AEL) Conference; Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) Annual Meeting (*virtually*); International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention (*virtually*)
- 2021: Nordic Conference in Development Economics (*virtually*); 2021 Researcher Gathering co-hosted by Innovations for Poverty Action and the Global Poverty Research Lab, Northwestern University
- 2020: AIDS 2020; 16th World Congress on Public Health; European Political Science Association Conference 2020; European Health Economics Association Conference (*all virtually*)
- 2019: What Works Global Summit; AIDS Impact Conference; German Economic Association (AEL) Conference; Africa Conference GIGA and Leuphana University
- 2018: German Economic Association (AEL) Annual Conference; 22nd International AIDS Conference; 67th Annual Meeting of the French Economic Association (AFSE); Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev, accepted); Oxford CSAE Conference; 11th RGS Doctoral Conference in Economics
- 2017: Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (SSES) Annual Congress; German Economic Association (AEL) Annual Conference; Economic Science Association World Meeting; Development Economics Network Berlin (DeNEB) PhD Conference; EADI-NORDIC Conference; Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) Annual Conference
- 2016: German Economic Association (AEL) Annual Conference
- 2015: SEEP Network (Household Economic Strengthening Research Dialogues)
- 2014: European Political Sciences Association Annual Conference

## Third-Party Funding

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- **European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant**, support for “Disentangling and Preventing Economic Violence against Women (ECOV1)”, Principal Investigator, 1.500.000 EUR (2024-2028)
- **German Alliance for Global Health Research (GLOHRA)**, support for “School-based prevention of teacher and family violence: A pilot cluster-randomised controlled trial in Tanzania” (with Tobias Hecker), Co-PI , 120.000 EUR (2023-2024)
- **Bavarian Institute for Digital Transformation (bidt)**, support for “Understanding, Detecting, and Mitigating Online Misogyny Against Politically Active Women in Germany, India, and Brazil” (with Jürgen Pfeffer & Sahana Udupa), Co-PI, 217.000 EUR (2022-2024)
- **EU Horizon2020 Grant**, support for “PERISCOPE- Pan-European Response to the Impacts of COVID-19 and Future Pandemics and Epidemics” (sub-component with Tim Buethle), Co-PI, 259.375 EUR (2020-2023)
- **TUM Seed Grant**, support for “Disentangling and Preventing Economic Violence against Women” (preparation of ERC Starting Grant Application), Principal Investigator, 50.000 EUR (2022)

- **DFG COVID-19 Focus Funding**, support for “How the COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts Child Marriage, Sexual and Reproductive Health, and Intimate Partner Violence in India and Zambia”, Principal Investigator, 205.000 EUR (2021-2022)
- **Google Cloud & Harvard Global Health Institute**, support for “The Impact of COVID-19 on Violence Against Women in Germany” (with Cara Ebert), Co-PI, 6.500 USD (2020)
- **Dr. Hans Riegel Foundation**, support for “The Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic for Economic Productivity and Family Wellbeing” (with Cara Ebert & Sayli Javadekar), Co-PI, 7.700 EUR (2020)
- **Seed Grant, WZB Social Science Center**, support for “Changing Gender Norms and Attitudes Through Role Models: Field Experiment in India” (with Ana Garcia Hernandez), Co-PI, 34.000 EUR (2019) - *funding cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic*

## Awards and Fellowships

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- Joachim Herz Add-On Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Economics, 2018, 12.500 EUR (2018-2020)
- “Highly commended” voting for Vice-Chancellor’s Innovation Award (with Lucie Cluver), University of Oxford, 2018
- Nautilus Award for exceptional academic achievement, Green Templeton College, 2018
- Barnett Prize for best research paper, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, 2018
- Economic and Social Research Council PhD Funding, 2015-2018, GBP 15.057 p.a.
- Advanced Quantitative Methods Stipend, 2015-2018, GBP 3.000 p.a.
- Teresa Smith Prize for best MSc thesis at the Department of Social Policy and Intervention, 2014
- German Academic Scholarship Foundation (“Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes”), 2011-2014, up to EUR 17.200 p.a.

## Teaching

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<b>Introduction to Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis</b> , PhD course, TUM	2023-
<b>Global Health</b> , Master’s course, TUM	2020-
<b>Gender Disparities in Health and Development</b> , Master’s course, TUM	2020-
<b>Introduction to International Development</b> , Bachelor’s course, TUM	2020-2022
<b>Research Design</b> , Bachelor’s course, TUM	2020
<b>Systematic Reviews in Health Research</b> , ”Dr.med” course, University of Heidelberg	2019-2020
<b>Essentials of Global Health</b> , Master’s course, University of Goettingen	2019
<b>Poverty &amp; Inequality</b> , Master’s course, University of Goettingen	2018-2019
<b>Introduction to International Development</b> , Oxford Summer School	2017

## Services to the Profession

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- Gender Equality Officer, TUM School of Social Sciences and Technology, Technical University of Munich, 2021-
- Elected Member of School Council, TUM School of Social Sciences and Technology, Technical University of Munich, 2021-

- Jury Member of German Academic Scholarship Foundation (PhD scholarship & Bachelor's student stipend), 2018, 2022, 2023
- Member of Research Ethics Committees, Department for Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford, 2018

## Refereeing Activity

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- Reviewer for the following journals: Nature Scientific Data (2023), Bulletin of the World Health Organization (2023), Vaccine (2023), Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (2023), Development Policy Review (2023), Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (2023, 2022), Science (2022), PNAS (2022), Nature Human Behaviour (2022, 2020), BMJ Global Health (2022), Journal of Public Health (2022,2020), Journal of Economic Surveys (2022, 2019), Frontiers in Behavioral Economics (2022), European Union Politics (2022), World Development (2022, 2019, 2018), Journal of the International AIDS Society (2022, 2020), International Journal of Public Health (2022, 2019), PLOS Medicine (2021), Journal of Family Violence (2021), Women's Health (2021), JAIDS (2021), Conflict & Health (2021), Child & Family Social Work (2021), Frontiers Public Health (2021), AIDS & Behaviour (2020), PLOS One (2020), Social Science and Medicine (2020), Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance (2020), Frontiers Psychiatry (2020), Global Health Action (2020), Journal of Development Effectiveness (2019), Progress in Development Studies (2019), Journal of Interpersonal Violence (2019), AIDS Care (2019), Applied Economics (2018), Child Abuse and Neglect (2018), International Journal for Re-Views in Empirical Economics (2018), Social Indicators Research (2019, 2018, 2017, 2016), Journal of Adolescent Health (2017), Children and Youth Services Review (2017), Social Sciences Journal (2017), Health Education Journal (2017)
- External Reviewer for National Science Foundation (US)
- External Reviewer for UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Medical Research Council

## Fieldwork and Data Collection

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Februar - September 2022:

**Principal Investigator**, Qualitative Focus Group Discussions & Cross-Sectional Survey (6000 female adolescents), Pune/Sangli, India; Mazabuko/Kalomo/Monze, Zambia

October 2018-December 2019:

**Principal Investigator**, Randomized Controlled Trial (1600 adults) & Lab-In-Field Experiment (700 adults), Pune, India

April-October 2015:

**Project Manager**, Randomized Controlled Trial (550 caregiver-adolescent pairs), King Williams Town, South Africa

September 2014-March 2015:

**Fieldwork Coordinator**, Cohort Study (> 1000 HIV-positive adolescents), East London, South Africa

## Consulting and Work Experience

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**Frontline AIDS** - Research Consultant 2017-2019  
*Systematic review of interventions to address self-stigma among HIV risk populations & Rapid evidence assessment of socioeconomic inclusion programs for HIV prevention in LGBTQ+ populations*

**Save the Children** - Research Consultant 2017- 2018  
*Development of a Save the Children Common Approach for Violence Free Schools*

<b>Oxford Microfinance Initiative</b> - Project Manager	2016-2017
<i>Impact evaluation of a literacy programme for empowering low-income women in Uganda &amp; Designing a sustainable business model for an income generation project targeting poor households in Ugandan slums</i>	
<b>SEEP Network</b> - Research Consultant	2016-2017
<i>Developing a series of policy briefs for producing and evaluating research evidence on household economic strengthening programmes for orphans and vulnerable children</i>	
<b>World Health Organization</b> - Research Consultant	2015-2016
<i>Developing a handbook for measuring and monitoring the prevalence of child abuse and neglect in Europe</i>	
<b>Friedrich Ebert Foundation</b> , United Nations Liaison Office - Policy Researcher	2013
<b>Peace Research Institute Frankfurt</b> - Research Assistant	2011-2012

## Language Skills

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German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Italian (basic)

## Software Skills

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R, Stata, MPLUS, SPSS, Latex, MAXQDA, Atlas.ti, Open Data Kit, MS Office