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Research Interests

protest | nonviolent resistance | gender | repression | political violence | autocratization | quantitative methods

Education

- **Heidelberg University** *since Apr 2025*
  PhD candidate in Political Science
  - Working title: "Gender and Protest Dynamics in High-Risk Contexts"
  - Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Aurel Croissant
- **Heidelberg University** *Apr 2021 - Mar 2024*
  M.A. in Political Science and Slavic and Eastern European Studies
  - Thesis: "Protesting in the Face of Repression: Motivational Factors and Gender Dynamics in High-Risk Protests" (Grade: 1.0, Supervisor: Dr. Christoph Trinn)
  - Overall Grade: 1.1
- **University of Oslo** *Jan 2023 - Jun 2023*
  Exchange Semester
  - Program: Peace and Conflict Studies
- **Heidelberg University** *Oct 2017 - Mar 2021*
  B.A. in Political Science and Public Law
  - Thesis: "Pfade der Eskalation – Eine Analyse der Gewaltintensität von Protestwellen in ethnischen Konflikten" (Grade: 1.0, Supervisor: Dr. Felix Schulte)
  - Overall Grade: 1.2
- **Gymnasium Weilheim** *Sept 2008 - Jun 2016*
  Abitur
  - Overall Grade: 1.3

Academic Professional Experience

- **Heidelberg University, Institute of Political Science** *since Oct 2024*
  Research Associate, Lecturer and Student Advisor
- **German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA)** *Jul 2022 – Apr 2024*
  Research Assistant, Project: "Monitoring System and Transfer Platform Radicalization (MOTRA)"
- **German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ)** *Nov 2018 – Dec 2022*
  Research Assistant in DKFZ's Library
- **Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (HIIK)** *Jul 2019 – Jan 2022*
  Conflict Researcher, responsible for the conflicts: Georgia (South Ossetia) and Georgia (Abkhazia)
- **Heidelberg University** *Apr 2020 – Feb 2022*
  Research Assistant, Project: "Sparking Events, Emotional Climates, and Cascades of Cultural Identity Conflicts"

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Peckelhoff, C. & Schulte, F. (2023). Grievances, Policies or Clientelism? The Different Logics behind Ethnic Voting in Democracies and Autocracies. Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, p. 1-19. DOI: 10.1080/13537113.2023.2235174

Teaching

- **Protest in Autokratien (Heidelberg University, B.A. level)**
  winter semester 2026/2027
- **Gewaltfreier Massenprotest und Demokratisierung (Heidelberg University, B.A. level)**
  summer semester 2026
- **Academic Writing (Heidelberg University, M.A. level)**
  summer semester 2025, winter semester 2025/2026

Additional Training

- **Summer School for Women in Political Methodology** *July 2026*
  University of Mannheim, Germany
- **Methods Course "A Hands-On Introduction to Longitudinal and Panel Data Analysis"** *Feb 2026*
  Konstanz Methods Excellence Workshops (komex)
- **Workshop "Mass Mobilization and Democratization"** *Oct 2025*
  Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Norway

Presentations at Conferences

- **Arbeitskreis Friedens- und Konfliktforschung AFK Kolloquium** *March 2026*
  Universität Leipzig, Germany
  ◦ Paper Presentation of "State Repression and Protest Intensity: Exploring the Deterrence-Backlash Puzzle Through a Gendered Lens"
- **ECPR General Conference** *Aug 2025*
  Aristotle University Thessaloniki, Greece
  ◦ Paper Presentation of "State Repression and Protest Intensity: Exploring the Deterrence-Backlash Puzzle Through a Gendered Lens"

Grants

◦ heiDOCS Mobility Grant for komex course, Konstanz, Germany (500€, Feb 2026)
◦ heiDOCS Mobility Grant for ECPR General Conference, Thessaloniki, Greece (675€, Aug 2025)

Skills

Languages: German (mother tongue), English (C1), French (B2), Norwegian Bokmål (B1), Russian (A2), Spanish (A2)
Software: Mircosoft Office, R, Stata, LaTeX

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