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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

## EDUCATION

- **Heidelberg University** since Apr 2025  
*PhD student 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 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](https://doi.org/10.1080/13537113.2023.2235174)

## TEACHING

- **Academic Writing (Heidelberg University, M.A. level)**  
*summer semester 2025, winter semester 2025/2026*

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- **Workshop "Mass Mobilization and Democratization"** Oct 2025  
*Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Norway*

## PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES

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### • 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

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- heiDOCS Mobility Grant for ECPR General Conference, Thessaloniki, Greece (675€, Aug 2025)

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** German (mother tongue), English (C1), French (B2), Norwegian Bokmål (B1), Russian (A2), Spanish (A2)

**Software:** Microsoft Office, R, Stata, LaTeX

*Last updated November 2025*