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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 (HIK)** 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: "Sparkling 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

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

Last updated November 2025