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positions

Postdoctoral research fellow, School of Economics and Political Science, University of St.Gallen, August 2023–Present.
Postdoctoral research fellow, Global Development Policy Center, Boston University, September 2022–July 2023.

education

Ph.D., International Relations, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, December 2022.
• Dissertation: “Deliberation in the shadow of delegation: Evidence from IMF decision-making”
• Supervisors: Prof. Thomas Risse, FU Berlin; Prof. Christina J. Schneider, UC San Diego.
M.Phil., Sociology, University of Cambridge, UK, July 2017.
Graduate Diploma, Economics, University of Cambridge, UK, June 2016.
B.Sc., Business Administration, Kalaidos University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland, April 2015.

publications

Journal articles

- Forster, T., 2024. “Respected individuals: When state representatives wield outsize influence in international organizations.” *International Affairs* 100(1): 261–281.
- Forster, T. & Heinzel, M., 2021. “Reacting, fast and slow: How world leaders shaped government responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.” *Journal of European Public Policy* 28(8): 1299–1320.
• Blog post. February 2022. “Academically trained leaders made a difference during the early stages of the pandemic.” *LSE EUROPP – European Politics and Policy*.
- Forster, T., Kentikelenis, A.E., Stubbs, T.H. & King, L.P., 2020. “Globalization and health equity: The impact of structural adjustment programs in developing countries.” *Social Science & Medicine* 267.
• Coverage in “The Lancet Planetary Health.”
- Forster, T., Kentikelenis, A.E., Reinsberg, B., Stubbs, T.H. & King, L.P., 2019. “How structural adjustment programs affect inequality: A disaggregated analysis of IMF conditionality, 1980–2014.” *Social Science Research* 80: 83–113.
• Most cited article in *Social Science Research* in the first 3 years of publication.
• Cited in the UN Human Rights Council’s 2020 “Report of the Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights.”
• Blog post. July 2019. “IMF says it cares about inequality. But will it change its ways?” *The Conversation*.

Book chapters

- Forster, T., Stubbs, T.H. & Kentikelenis, A.E., 2024. "Neoliberalism and health in global context: The role of international organizations" in *The Routledge handbook of the political economy of health and healthcare*, edited by D. Primrose, R.D. Loepky, and R. Chang. Routledge.
- Forster, T., Stubbs, T.H. & Kentikelenis A.E., 2022. "The politics of the International Monetary Fund" in *Handbook on the politics of international development*, edited by M. Deciancio, P. Nemiña, and D. Tussie. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing, 376–391.

Select other publications

- Doyle, K., Forster, T., Kentikelenis, A.E., Legido-Quigley, H. & Torrecilla, M., 2019. "Reducing health inequalities: The role of civil society." Brussels and Dublin: Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and Think-tank for Action on Social Change (TASC).
- Forster, T. & Kentikelenis, A.E., 2019. "Austerity and health in Europe: Disentangling the causal links." *European Journal of Public Health* 29(5): 808–809.
- Forster, T., Kentikelenis, A.E. & Bambra, C., 2018. "Health inequalities in Europe: Setting the stage for progressive policy action." Brussels and Dublin: Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and Think-tank for Action on Social Change (TASC).

select works
in progress

Book manuscript

- Forster, T., *In preparation*. "Arguing in international organizations: Why and how it matters."

Articles

- Merling, L. & Forster, T., *Conditional accept*. "Climate policy at the IMF: No voice for the vulnerable?" *Global Policy*.
- Forster, T., Honig, D. & Kentikelenis, A.E., *Under review*. "Formal governance structures and informal dynamics in intergovernmental organizations: Evidence from IMF decision-making."
- Forster, T., *Draft complete*. "Deliberating over development policy: What are the benefits and limits of arguing in international organizations?"
- Forster, T., Bhandary, R.R. & Gallagher, K.P., *Draft complete*. "International financial institutions and climate change: Evidence from IMF conditionality and deforestation."
- Forster, T., Kentikelenis, A.E. & Seabrooke, L., *In preparation*. "Board games: How states pursue preferences in international organizations."

Forster, T., *In preparation*. “Selective responses to the climate crisis: International financial institutions and oracular power.”

Forster, T. & Heinzel, M., *In preparation*. “Why do civil society organizations lobby intergovernmental organizations? Evidence from a global field experiment.”

select presentations

International Studies Association (ISA): Montreal 2023; San Francisco 2024 (scheduled).

Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO): Berne 2017; Oxford 2022; San Diego 2023.

European Political Science Association (EPSA): Belfast 2019; virtual 2021; Prague 2022.

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference: virtual 2020; virtual 2021; Innsbruck 2022; Prague 2023; Dublin 2024 (scheduled).

Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA): St.Gallen 2024 (scheduled).

German Political Science Association (DVPW): Göttingen 2024 (scheduled).

grants, prizes & awards

Freie Universität Berlin: “Ernst-Reuter-Preis” for best dissertation in the social sciences, 2023, EUR 10,000.

Global Development Policy Center, Boston University: Funding for a global field experiment to study why non-governmental organizations lobby international organizations, 2023, ca. USD 4,500 (together with Mirko Heinzel).

Berlin Graduate School for Global and Transregional Studies (BGTS), Freie Universität Berlin: Various travel stipends, 2022, ca. EUR 1,500.

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): Graduate studies scholarship, Freie Universität Berlin, 2018–2022, ca. EUR 60,000.

teaching & research assistance

Teaching

Lecture and exercise class, “Introduction to text analysis in R”, as part of the course “Advanced Methods and Problem Solving in International Business and Politics”, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark. February 2021 (virtual).

Teaching assistance, “Advanced Statistics: Statistical Modeling and Causal Inference” (Prof. Mark Kayser), Hertie School, Germany. September–December 2019.

Research assistance

Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, UK. Project “Capitalism in Society” (Prof. Karthik Ramanna). April 2017–December 2018.

Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge, UK. Project “IMF Lending & Socio-Economic Development” (Prof. Lawrence P. King). July–August 2016.

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| service to the profession | <p><i>Select reviewer activities</i></p> <p>Review of International Organizations (RIO); International Studies Quarterly (ISQ); Review of International Political Economy (RIPE); Social Science Research (SSR); Globalization & Health (G&H); Social Science & Medicine (SSM); PLOS One.</p> |
| research methods training | <p><i>Conference organization</i></p> <p>Organizer of Section “21st century international organizations: Between problems and policies” for the General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Dublin, August 2024 (together with Aila Trasi).</p> <p>Co-organizer of the Junior International Organizations (IOs) Scholars workshop, virtual, Spring 2024.</p> |
| | <p>Social Network Analysis: Global School in Empirical Research Methods, University of St.Gallen, Switzerland, virtual, June 2021.</p> <p>Natural Language Processing: Hertie School, Germany, February–May 2019.</p> <p>Applied Machine Learning: Hertie School, Germany, February–May 2019.</p> <p>Text and Data Mining: University of Essex Summer School, UK, August 2019.</p> <p>Introductory Econometrics, LSE Summer School, UK, July 2014.</p> |