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Current Position

Professor of Political Science (W3), Dept. of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz (since 2015).
Co-Speaker, Cluster of Excellence “The Politics of Inequality”, University of Konstanz (since 2019).

Previous Positions

Department Chair, Dept. of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz (2016–2018).

Professor of Political Science (W2), Dept. of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz (2012–2015).

Research Fellow, Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz (2012–2014).

Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for the Study of Civil War, Peace Research Institute Oslo (2011–2012).

Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer, Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, Yale University (2010–2011).

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University (2009–2010).

Education

2009. PhD in Political Science. ETH Zurich, Switzerland.

2008. MA in Comparative and International Studies, ETH Zurich, Switzerland.

2003. MSc in Computer Science, University of Freiburg, Germany.

Awards

2019. Honorable Mention for the *Mass Mobilization in Autocracies Database*, Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Dataset Award, APSA Comparative Politics Section.

2012. American Political Science Association (APSA). Heinz Eulau Award for the Best Paper in the American Political Science Review 2011 (with Lars-Erik Cederman and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch).

2012. Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Bonn, Germany. Sofja Kovalevskaja Award.

2010. ETH Zurich, Switzerland. ETH Medal for an outstanding dissertation.

2009. Swiss Institute of International Studies (SIAF), Zurich, Switzerland. SIAF Award for the best social science dissertation at ETH Zurich / University of Zurich.

2008. ETH Zurich, Switzerland. Award for Professional Excellence, Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences.

2003. Körber Foundation, Hamburg, Germany. National third prize at the German Students’ Research Competition.

Grants and Scholarships

2012. Swiss National Science Foundation. SNF Professorship (4 years). Declined.

2009. European Commission, 7th Framework Program. Marie Curie Post-doctoral Fellowship (2 years).

2005. ETH Zurich, Switzerland. Research Grant (3 years) for PhD project.

Publications

BOOKS

Weidmann, Nils B. and Espen Geelmuyden Rød. *The Internet and Political Protest in Autocracies*. Oxford University Press. Forthcoming (July 2019).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

2019. Lutscher, Philipp, Nils B. Weidmann, Molly Roberts, Mattijs Jonker, Alistair King and Alberto Dainotti. At Home and Abroad: The Use of Denial-of-Service Attacks during Elections in Non-democratic Regimes. **Journal of Conflict Resolution**, forthcoming.
2019. Hellmeier, Sebastian and Nils B. Weidmann. *Pulling the Strings? The Strategic Use of Pro-Government Mobilization in Authoritarian Regimes*. **Comparative Political Studies**, OnlineFirst.
2019. Cook, Scott and Nils B. Weidmann. *Lost in Aggregation: Improving Event Analysis with Report-level Data*. **American Journal of Political Science** 63(1).
2018. Hellmeier, Sebastian, Nils B. Weidmann and Espen Geelmuyden Rød. *In the Spotlight: Analyzing Sequential Attention Effects in Protest Reporting*. **Political Communication** 35(4).
2018. Nisser, Annerose and Nils B. Weidmann. *Interethnic Divisions in an Online Network*. **European Journal of Communication** 33(5).
2018. Weidmann, Nils B., Sabine Otto and Lukas Kawerau. *The Use of Positive Words in Political Science Language*. **PS: Political Science & Politics** 51(3).
2017. Weidmann, Nils B. and Sebastian Schutte. *Using Night Lights for the Prediction of Local Wealth*. **Journal of Peace Research** 54(2).
2017. Cederman, Lars-Erik and Nils B. Weidmann. *Predicting Armed Conflict: Time to Adjust Our Expectations?* **Science** 355(6324).
2016. Nisser, Annerose and Nils B. Weidmann. *Measuring Ethnic Preferences in Bosnia and Herzegovina with Mobile Advertising*. **PLOS ONE** 11(12).
2016. Weidmann, Nils B. *Replication: Why, Where and How? A Synopsis*. **International Studies Perspectives** 17(4).
2016. Weidmann, Nils B. *Micro-cleavages and Violence in Civil Wars: A Computational Assessment*. **Conflict Management and Peace Science** 33(5).
2016. Weidmann, Nils B., Suso Benitez-Baleato, Philipp Hunziker, Eduard Glatz and Xenofontas Dimitropoulos. *Digital Discrimination: Political Bias in Internet Service Provision across Ethnic Groups*. **Science** 353(6304).
2016. Weidmann, Nils B. *A Closer Look at Reporting Bias in Conflict Event Data*. **American Journal of Political Science** 60(1). Included in the 2017 Virtual Special Issue of the most-cited articles in the AJPS 2015-2016.
2015. Croicu, Mihai and Nils B. Weidmann. *Improving the Selection of News Reports for Event Coding Using Ensemble Classification*. **Research and Politics** 2(4).
2015. Cederman, Lars-Erik, Nils B. Weidmann and Nils-Christian Bormann. *Triangulating Horizontal Inequality: Toward Improved Conflict Analysis*. **Journal of Peace Research** 52(6).
2015. Kuhn, Patrick and Nils B. Weidmann. *Unequal We Fight: Between- and Within-Group Inequality and Ethnic Civil War*. **Political Science Research and Methods** 3(3).
2015. Weidmann, Nils B. *On the Accuracy of Media-based Conflict Event Data*. **Journal of Conflict Resolution** 59(6).
2015. Shapiro, Jacob N. and Nils B. Weidmann. *Is the Phone Mightier than the Sword? Cell Phones and Insurgent Violence in Iraq*. **International Organization** 69(2).
2015. Weidmann, Nils B. *Communication, Technology and Political Conflict: Introduction to the Special Issue*. **Journal of Peace Research** 52(3).
2015. Geelmuyden Rød, Espen and Nils B. Weidmann. *Empowering Activists or Autocrats? The Internet in Authoritarian Regimes*. **Journal of Peace Research** 52(3).
2015. Weidmann, Nils B. *Communication Networks and the Transnational Spread of Ethnic Conflict*. **Journal of Peace Research** 52(3).
2015. Benitez-Baleato, Suso, Nils B. Weidmann, Petros Gigis, Xenofontas Dimitropoulos, Eduard Glatz and Brian Trammell. *Transparent Estimation of Internet Penetration from Network Observations*. Proceedings of the 16th Passive and Active Measurement Conference. **Lecture Notes in Computer Science** 8995, Springer.
2015. Weidmann, Nils B. and Espen Geelmuyden Rød. *Making Uncertainty Explicit: Separating Reports and Events in the Coding of Violence and Contention*. **Journal of Peace Research** 52(1).
2014. Hammond, Jesse and Nils B. Weidmann. *Using Machine-coded Event Data for the Micro-level Study of Political Violence*. **Research and Politics** 1(2).
2013. Weidmann, Nils B. *The Higher the Better? The Limits of Analytical Resolution in Conflict Event Datasets*. **Cooperation and Conflict** 48(4).

2013. Weidmann, Nils B. and Christoph Zuercher. *How Wartime Violence Affects Social Cohesion: The Spatial-temporal Gravity Model*. **Civil Wars** 15(1).
2013. Weidmann, Nils B. and Idean Salehyan. *Violence and Ethnic Segregation: A Computational Model Applied to Baghdad*. **International Studies Quarterly** 57(1).
2013. Weidmann, Nils B. and Michael Callen. *Violence and Election Fraud: Evidence from Afghanistan*. **British Journal of Political Science** 43(1).
2012. Gleditsch, Kristian Skrede and Nils B. Weidmann. *Richardson in the Information Age: GIS and Spatial Data in International Studies*. **Annual Review of Political Science** 15(1). Updated and translated version published in the *Handbuch Methoden der Politikwissenschaft*, 2018.
2011. Weidmann, Nils B. *Violence “from above” or “from below”? The Role of Ethnicity in Bosnia’s Civil War*. **Journal of Politics** 73(4).
2011. Wucherpfennig, Julian, Nils B. Weidmann, Luc Girardin, Lars-Erik Cederman and Andreas Wimmer. *Politically Relevant Ethnic Groups across Space and Time: Introducing the GeoEPR Dataset*. **Conflict Management and Peace Science** 28(5).
2011. Cederman, Lars-Erik, Nils B. Weidmann and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch. *Horizontal Inequalities and Ethno-nationalist Civil War: A Global Comparison*. **American Political Science Review** 105(3).
2011. Johnson, Dominic D.P., Nils B. Weidmann and Lars-Erik Cederman. *Fortune Favours the Bold: An Agent-Based Model Reveals Adaptive Advantages of Overconfidence in War*. **PLoS ONE** 6(6).
2011. Schutte, Sebastian and Nils B. Weidmann. *Diffusion Patterns of Violence in Civil Wars*. **Political Geography** 30(3).
2010. Cunningham, Kathleen and Nils B. Weidmann. *Shared Space: Ethnic Groups, State Accommodation and Localized Conflict*. **International Studies Quarterly** 54(4).
2010. Weidmann, Nils B. and Michael D. Ward. *Predicting Conflict in Space and Time*. **Journal of Conflict Resolution** 55(6).
2010. Weidmann, Nils B., Jan Ketil Rød, and Lars-Erik Cederman. *Representing Ethnic Groups in Space: A New Dataset*. **Journal of Peace Research** 47(4).
2010. Weidmann, Nils B. and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch. *Mapping and Measuring Country Shapes: The cshapes Package*. **The R Journal** 2(1).
2010. Weidmann, Nils B. and Monica Duffy Toft. *Promises and Pitfalls in the Spatial Prediction of Ethnic Violence: A Comment*. **Conflict Management and Peace Science** 27(2).
2010. Weidmann, Nils B., Doreen Kuse and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch. *The Geography of the International System: The CShapes Dataset*. **International Interactions** 36(1).
2009. Weidmann, Nils B. *Geography as Motivation and Opportunity: Group Concentration and Ethnic Conflict*. **Journal of Conflict Resolution** 53(4).
2009. Weidmann, Nils B. *Kausalprozesse auf mehreren Ebenen: Ein Plädoyer für vertikale Integration in der Bürgerkriegsforschung [Causal Processes at Multiple Levels: A Plea for Vertical Integration in Civil War Research]*. **Politische Vierteljahresschrift** 43.
2009. Weidmann, Nils B., and Doreen Kuse. *WarViews: Visualizing and Animating Geographic Data on Civil War*. **International Studies Perspectives** 10(1).
2008. Weidmann, Nils B., and Lars-Erik Cederman. *GeoContest: Modeling Strategic Competition in Geopolitical Systems*. **Social Science Computer Review** 26(4).

BOOK CHAPTERS

2018. Weidmann, Nils B. and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch. *Geodaten und deren Analyse in der Politikwissenschaft*. In *Handbuch Methoden der Politikwissenschaft*, ed. C. Wagemann, M. Siewert und A. Goerres. Springer. Updated and translated version of Gleditsch, Kristian Skrede and Nils B. Weidmann. *Richardson in the Information Age: GIS and Spatial Data in International Studies*. Annual Review of Political Science, 2012.
2014. Weidmann, Nils B. *Gewalt und Krieg*. *Handbuch Modellbildung und Simulation in den Sozialwissenschaften*, ed. Norman Braun and Nicole Saam.
2014. Weidmann, Nils B. *Micro-level Studies of Civil War*. *Routledge Handbook of Civil Wars*, ed. Edward Newman and Karl DeRouen.
2013. Nome, Martin and Nils B. Weidmann. *Diffusion Mechanisms of Armed Civil Conflict: The Case of Social Identities*. In *Transnational Dynamics of Civil War*, ed. Jeffrey Checkel. Cambridge University Press.

Professional Activities

PEER REVIEWING

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, European Research Council, International Interactions, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Politische Vierteljahresschrift, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, World Development.

EDITORIAL WORK

Associate Editor, *Journal of Peace Research* (2015–)

Guest Editor, Special Issue on *Communication, Technology, and Political Conflict* of the *Journal of Peace Research* (May 2015)

Associate Editor, *Research and Politics* (2013–)

Editorial board member, *Political Science Research and Methods* (2018–)

Editorial committee member, *Journal of Peace Research* (2012–2015)

Editorial board member, *Political Geography* (2014–2017)

Editorial board member, *International Interactions* (2014–2018)