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## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

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Current Position	Director, Arnold Bergstraesser Institute / Professor, Development Theory and Development Policy at Freiburg University.
Previous Positions	Director, GIGA Institute of African Affairs (since April 2002), Honorary Professor at the Free University Berlin (since December 2013) Senior Researcher, EU Conflict Prevention Network (Berlin, Brussels) 2000-2002 Senior Researcher, Institute of African Affairs (Hamburg) 1994-1999 Research Fellow, University of Hamburg, 1989-1992
Other	Consultant, 1993

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Security, State and Statehood, Peace and War, Power-Sharing, Conflict Prevention, Peace-Building; Democratisation Processes and Elections in West and Central Africa; French Africa Policy.

## EDUCATION

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University of Hamburg

*Habilitation, venia legendi Political Science, 23 June 2011*

Thesis Title: African Security – changing perspectives on a rare good and its providers

University of Hamburg

*PhD, Political Science, 20 January 1993 (Summa Cum Laude)*

Thesis Title: Kamerun in der Ära Biya. Bedingungen, erste Schritte und Blockaden einer demokratischen Transition

University of Mannheim

*MA, Political Science/Contemporary and Medieval History, 25 October 1988*

Thesis Title: Die nachkolonialen Staaten Schwarzafrikas zwischen Legitimität und Repression

## AWARDS

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Lorenz-von-Stein award of the University of Mannheim for the best social science Master thesis 1988

Conover-Porter Award for the best reference work in African Studies by the African Studies Association (for the Africa Yearbook) in 2012

## FIELD WORK IN AFRICA

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Research conducted in Cameroon (1987, 1990, 1991, 1992, 2000), Central African Republic (1993, 2000, 2016), Côte d'Ivoire (1993, 1994, 2002), Burundi (1993), Kenya (2011), Liberia (2005, 2013) and Sierra Leone (2005), expert and observer missions to numerous countries (Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, CAR, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Rwanda, and Togo).

## LANGUAGES

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English: fluent

French: fluent

German: native

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

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Associations	<p>Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, German African Studies Association (VAD) (2000-2016, re-elected seven times)</p> <p>Member of the Board, Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies (AEGIS) (2008-16)</p> <p>Founding member/president of the board CrossArea (October 2017)</p>
Editor	<p>Africa Spectrum, open access journal (ISI/SSCI rated) (with Henning Melber); Hamburg: GIGA (2009-2018)</p> <p>Africa Yearbook. Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara (with Henning Melber, Sebastian Elischer, Jan Abbink), yearly editions since 2004, Leiden: Brill publisher (since 2005)</p>
Activities	<p>President of the Executive Council of the Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA), BMBF funding</p> <p>Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of African Affairs, Critique Internationale, International Area Studies Review.</p> <p>Member of the Centre of Security and Society, Freiburg University.</p> <p>Reviewer for many social science journals, including American Political Science Journal, African Affairs, Journal of Modern African Studies, Democratization</p> <p>Reviewer for research funding agencies: German Research Foundation, German Peace Research Foundation, Fritz-Thyssen-Stiftung, Schweizer Nationalfonds, ANR.</p> <p>Various consultancies for the German Foreign Office, the Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, World Bank, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Goethe Institute, European Union, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, French Defence Ministry and GTZ/GIZ, Bertelsmann Transformations-Index.</p> <p>Frequent resource person and interview partner of national and international media</p> <p>Member of the advisory council on conflict prevention for the Federal German Government (2013-15); member of the advisory council of President Köhler's initiative Partnership with Africa (2005-2008).</p>

### BOOKS (SELECTION)

Crisis Prevention and Conflict Management in Technical Cooperation. An Overview of the National and International Debate (with Claude Ribaux), Wiesbaden 2000

Kamerun in der Ära Biya. Bedingungen, erste Schritte und Blockaden einer demokratischen Transition, Hamburg 1993 (Hamburger Beiträge zur Afrika-Kunde Bd. 42)

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)

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Handle with Care! A Qualitative Comparison of the Fragile States Index's Bottom Three Countries: Central African Republic, Somalia and South Sudan (with Tim Glawion and Lotje de Vries), in: *Development and Change* (online first), 2018  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dech.12417>

Spatiality, Power and Peace in Africa: Revisiting Territorial Power-Sharing (with Franzisca Zanker and Claudia Simons), in: *African Affairs*, 114 (2015) 454, 72-91

Why Federalism Did Not Lead to Secession in Cameroon, in: *Ethnopolitics*, 13 (2014) 1, 48-66

Consociationalism for Weaklings, Autocracy for Muscle Men? Determinants of Constitutional Reform in Divided Societies, in: *Civil Wars*, Special Issue 1, 15 (2013), 21-4

Power-sharing in Africa's war zones: how important is the local level? (with Claudia Simons, Franzisca Zanker and Denis Tull) in: *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 51 (2013) 4, 681-706

From "Protecting civilians" to "for the sake of democracy" (and back again). Justifying intervention in Côte d'Ivoire, in: *African Security*, 3-4 (2012), 199-216

Rebels and Parties: The Impact of Armed Insurgency on Representation in the Central African Republic, in: *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 49 (2011) 1, 114-139

Why Security Forces Do Not Deliver Security: Evidence from Liberia and the Central African Republic, in: *Armed Forces and Society*, 1 (2012) 38, 46-69

Peace and Power sharing in Africa: A not so Obvious Relationship, in: *African Affairs*, 108 (2009) 432, 453-473

Caught between International, State and Non-state Actors: Public Perceptions of Security in Post-conflict Urban Liberia, in: *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*, 3 (2007) 2, 84-89 (with Matthias Basedau und Judy Smith-Höhn);

The hidden costs of power-sharing: Reproducing insurgent violence in Africa, in: *African Affairs*; 104 (2005) 416, 375-398 (with Denis Tull).

### GUEST EDITOR OF PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

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Institutions for Sustainable Peace? Determinants and Effects of Institutional Choices in Divided Societies = *Civil Wars*, 15 (2013) SI 1 (with Sabine Kurtenbach)

Power-sharing in Africa = *Africa Spectrum*, 44 (2009) 3

## THIRD-PARTY FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

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The Political Economy of Power-Sharing, DFG (2016-2019)(ME 1701/7-1)  
(with Martin Ottmann)

Alternatives to the production of state security in areas of extremely limited statehood (Central African Republic and South Sudan), project C10 within the DFG Collaborative Research Centre 700 (Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood)(2014-1017)

The local arena of power-sharing. Patterns of Adaptation of Continued Disorder. (in the framework of the DFG Priority Programme 1448 "Adaptation and Creativity in Africa"), DFG (2010-2016) (ME 1701/4-1 and 4-2 - with Denis Tull and 4-3)

Institutions for Sustainable Peace. Leibniz-Gemeinschaft/SAW-Verfahren (2012-2016) (with Matthias Basedau and Sabine Kurtenbach)

'Power-sharing' in postconflict situations: On the institutional prerequisites for lasting peace, DFG (2012-2015) (ME 1701/6-1, 6-2)

Consequences of the structural militarisation of the Eritrean society after the war with Ethiopia, Fritz Thyssen Foundation (2008-2010)

Precarious statehood in Kenya, ZEIT Foundation (2007-2009)

Parties and party systems in francophone Africa, DFG (2006-2008) (ME 1701/2-1, 2-2)

Legitimate Oligopolies of Violence in post-conflict societies (Liberia and Sierra Leone), German Foundation of Peace Research, DSF (2005-2007)

Structural Stability and Global Social Inclusion, German Ministry of Cooperation (2006-2007)

Decentralisation and Poverty Reduction in Uganda, Fritz Thyssen Foundation (2004-2006)

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