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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Substantive:** Peace and Conflict Studies, International Political Economy, Governance of Natural Resources, Sustainable Development, Climate Change Adaptation, Social Inequalities
- **Methods:** Applied Statistics, Geospatial Analysis, Mixed-Methods Design, Survey Statistics

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

04/2021 – Interim Full Professor (W3), Chair of International Politics (Prof. Dr. Katharina Holzinger), University of Konstanz

- Teaching in the Political Science and Political Economy bachelor's and master's program
- Supervision of bachelor's and master's theses

08/2020 – 03/2021 Interim Full Professor (W3), Chair of Comparative Politics of Non-democratic States (Prof. Dr. Nils Weidmann), University of Konstanz

- Teaching in the Political Science and Political Economy bachelor's and master's program
- Supervision of bachelor's and master's theses

08/2019–07/2019 Interim Full Professor (W3), Chair of Political Science, University of Mannheim

- Teaching in the Political Science bachelor's program
- Supervision of bachelor's theses

01/2011–07/2019 Senior Research Fellow, Chair of International Politics, University of Konstanz

- Principal investigator and leader of the project “Resource Management, Grievances and Intrastate Conflict”, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)
- Teaching in the Political Science bachelor's and master's program
- Supervision of master's and bachelor's theses

Since 09/2017 **Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences,
University of Lucerne**

- Teaching in the bachelor's and master's programs in the Department of Political and Social Sciences
- Supervision of master's theses

09/2016–12/2016 **Interim Full Professor (W3), Chair of International
Relations, Zeppelin University**

- Teaching in the bachelor's and master's programs in the Department of Political and Social Sciences
- Supervision of Humboldt projects

10/2013–03/2014 **Interim Professor (W2), Chair of Comparative Politics of
Non-Democratic States (Prof. Dr. Nils Weidmann),
University of Konstanz**

- Teaching in the Political Science bachelor's program
- Supervision of master's and bachelor's theses

05/2008–12/2010 **Research Fellow, German Institute of Global and Area
Studies (GIGA)**

- Collaboration on the research project "Resource abundance as risk? On the contextual implications for the correlation between resource wealth and violence in non-OECD countries", funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)
- Collaboration on the research project "Religion and civil war: on the ambivalence of religious factors in sub-Saharan Africa", funded by the German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF)

01/2006–04/2007 **Lecturer, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona**

- Teaching in the Political and Administration Sciences bachelor's Program

05/2003–09/2003 **Research Fellow and Lecturer, Department of Politics and
Public Administration, University of Konstanz**

- Teaching in the Political Science bachelor's Program

VISITING SCHOLAR POSITIONS

04/2006–06/2006 **Visiting Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government,
Harvard University**

PARENTAL LEAVE

10/2015-11/2015 Full time

EDUCATION

09/2003–11/2008 **Ph.D. in Political Science, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University Pompeu Fabra**

- Thesis: “The Legacy of Landlords: Educational Distribution, Political Accountability and Development in a Comparative Perspective” (*with distinction*)
- Thesis supervisors: Prof. Gøsta Esping-Andersen, Prof. Jacint Casajuana Jordana

09/1998–05/2003 **Master of Arts, Political Science and Public Administration, University of Konstanz**

- Thesis: “Income Distribution in Developing Countries: Does Trade Matter?”
- Thesis supervisors: Prof. Thomas Plümper, Prof. Gerald Schneider

THIRD-PARTY FUNDING AND GRANTS

2021 **Committee on Research (University of Konstanz); EUR 5,300**

2015–2018 ***Resource Management, Grievances and Intrastate Conflict, German Research Council (DFG); EUR 178,000***

- Main applicant and head of project (with Gerald Schneider)
- Research question: What is the role of natural resource governance in promoting socio-economic and environmental grievances at the regional level?
- Methods: quantitative, geospatial analyses employing a newly generated GIS dataset on the control rights of oil fields and mines in Africa and Latin America

2018 **Young Scholar Fund (YSF); EUR 8,500**

2015 **Young Scholar Fund (YSF); EUR 8,300**

2011–2014 ***Governing the Resource-Conflict Nexus: Commodity Management and Internal Violence, German Research Council (DFG); EUR 210,000***

- Main applicant and head of project (with Gerald Schneider)
- Research question: To what extent do natural resource ownership structures explain intrastate armed conflict?

- Methods: econometric analyses employing newly generated data on the property rights of hydrocarbon fields worldwide

2003–2007

PhD Grant from the International Graduate School of Catalonia (IGSOC) granted by the Catalan government, EUR 48,000

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Wegenast, Tim, Cécile Richetta, Mario Krauser and Alexander Leibik. 2022. Grabbed Trust? The Impact of Large-Scale Land Acquisitions on Social Trust in sub-Saharan Africa. *World Development* 159: 106038.

Wegenast, Tim, Arpita Khanna and Gerald Schneider. 2020. The Micro-Foundations of the Resource Curse: Mineral Ownership and Local Economic Well-Being in Sub-Saharan Africa. *International Studies Quarterly* 64(3): 530–543.

De Juan, Alexander and Tim Wegenast. 2020. Climate, Food Riots and Adaptation: A Long-Term Historical Analysis of England. *Journal of Peace Research* 57(2): 265–280.

Wegenast, Tim and Jule Beck. 2020. Mining, Rural Livelihoods and Food Security: A Disaggregated Analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa. *World Development* 130: 104921.

Krauser, Mario, Gerald Schneider and Tim Wegenast. 2020. Moving from Norms Rhetorics to Norms Empirics: A Rejoinder to „Local Gender Norms: Persistence or Change? by Clara Neupert-Wentz. *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung* 9: 455–462.

Wegenast, Tim, Georg Strüver, Mario Krauser and Juliane Giesen. 2019. At Africa’s Expense? Disaggregating the Employment Effects of Chinese Mining Operations in Sub-Saharan Africa. *World Development*, 118: 39-51.

Krauser, Mario, Tim Wegenast, Gerald Schneider and Ingeborg Elgersma. 2019. A Gendered Resource Curse? Mineral Ownership, Female Unemployment and Domestic Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung* 8: 213–237.

Strüver, Georg and Tim Wegenast. 2018. The Hard Power of Natural Resources: Oil and the Outbreak of Militarized Interstate Disputes. *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 14(1): 86–106.

Wegenast, Tim and Gerald Schneider. 2017. Ownership Matters: Natural Resources Property Rights and Social Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Political Geography*, 61: 110–122.

Wegenast, Tim. 2016. Oil, Natural Gas, and Intrastate Conflict: Does Ownership Matter? *International Interactions*, 42(1): 31–55.

Wegenast, Tim and Matthias Basedau. 2014. Ethnic Fractionalization, Natural Resources and Armed Conflict. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 31(4): 432–457.

Wegenast, Tim. 2013. Opening Pandora's Box? Inclusive Institutions and the Onset of Internal Conflict in Oil-Rich Countries. *International Political Science Review*, 34(4) 392–410.

Basedau, Matthias, Johannes Vüllers, Georg Strüver and Tim Wegenast. 2011. Do Religious Factors Impact Armed Conflict? Empirical Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa. *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 23(5): 752–779.

Wegenast, Tim. 2010. Uninformed Voters for Sale: Electoral Competition, Information and Interest Groups in the US. *Kyklos*, 63(2): 271–300.

Wegenast, Tim. 2010. Cana, Café, Cacau: Agrarian Structure and Education in Brazil, *Revista de Historia Económica – Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History*, 28(1): 103–137.

Wegenast, Tim. 2009. The Legacy of Landlords: Educational Distribution and Development in a Comparative Perspective, *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft – Comparative Governance and Politics*, 3(1): 81–107.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Basedau, Matthias and Tim Wegenast. 2010. Quando le risorse generano violenza. Lo studio dei contesti per analizzare il nesso risorse-violenza nell' Africa sub-Sahariana, in: Costalli, Stefano/ Moro, Francesco N. (Eds.), *La guerra nello Stato*, Milano: Vita e Pensiero, pp. 75-104.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Wegenast, Tim and Cécile Richetta. 2022. Large-scale agricultural projects are not working for Africa. *African Arguments*, August 30, 2022. <https://africanarguments.org/2022/08/large-scale-agricultural-projects-are-not-working-for-africa/>

Wegenast, Tim. 2020. Received wisdom says the state should stay out of the resource sector. *African Arguments*, September 24, 2020. <https://africanarguments.org/2020/09/received-wisdom-says-the-state-should-stay-out-of-the-resource-industry/>

Leibik, Alexander and Tim Wegenast. 2020. Land Deals and Social Fabrics: The Impact of Large-Scale Land Acquisitions on Social Trust in sub-Saharan Africa. AIDDATA Working Paper No. 102.

Wegenast, Tim and Jule Beck. 2019. Mining, Rural Livelihoods and Food Security: A Disaggregated Analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa. AIDDATA Working Paper No. 80.

Wegenast, Tim and Gerald Schneider. 2017. Why Multinational Resource Owners Incite Social Dissent. *Political Violence at a Glance*, August 31, 2017. <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2017/08/31/why-multinational-resource-owners-incite-social-dissent/>

Wegenast, Tim, Georg Strüver, Mario Krauser and Juliane Giesen. 2017. On Africa's Back? Disaggregating the Social Impact of Chinese-controlled Mineral Extraction. GIGA Working Paper No. 308

Wegenast, Tim. 2013. The Impact of Fuel Ownership on Intrastate Violence. GIGA Working Paper No. 225.

Strüver, Georg and Tim Wegenast. 2011. Ex oleo bellare? The Impact of Oil on the Outbreak of Militarized Interstate Disputes. GIGA Working Paper No. 162.

Wegenast, Tim. 2010. Inclusive Institutions and the Onset of Internal Conflict in Resource-rich Countries. GIGA Working Paper No. 126.

Basedau, Matthias and Tim Wegenast. 2009. Oil and Diamonds as Causes of Civil War in Sub-Saharan Africa: Under what Conditions? *Colombia Internacional*, 70: 35–59.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Access Denied: Land Alienation and Pastoralists' Conflicts (with Cécile Richetta)

Legal Integration of Traditional Governance, Horizontal Inequalities and Conflict in Africa (with Rusen Yasar and Katharina Holzinger)

Climate Shocks and Food Resilience: Assessing the Effectiveness of Adaptation Strategies for Smallholders in Tanzania (with Marcel Birulés and Roos van der Haer)

Foreign Aid and Deforestation in Sub-Saharan Africa: Comparing the Environmental Impact of Chinese and Western Aid (with Pawel Komendziński)

The Role of Traditional Political Institutions for Climate Change Adaptation and Environmental Conservation (with Cécile Richetta)

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Refereeing: *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Defense and Peace Economics, International Interactions, International Political Science Review, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Political Geography, Political Research Quarterly, Resources Policy, Studies in Comparative International Development, The Extractive Industries and Society, Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung, World Development*

Funding and dissertation evaluator for:

Heidelberger Akademie der Wissenschaften, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)

Transfer:

Media appearances including Deutsche Welle, Deutschlandradio Wissen, Rede Globo, Financial Times Deutschland, Hessischer Rundfunk, Westdeutscher Rundfunk, Quartz Africa

Opinion articles on sustainable development, conflict and political economy issues in various newspapers including La Vanguardia (Spain), O Estado de São Paulo (Brazil), O Globo (Brazil), Huffington Post, Deutsche Welle, Political Violence at a Glance, African Arguments

Supervision: 20 MA theses; 44 BA theses; 1 postdoctoral Herz fellow (Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz)

Memberships: Environmental Peacebuilding Association (Founding Member), European Political Science Association, Swiss Political Science Association

TAUGHT COURSES

UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ

- Summer 2022 *Large-Scale Land Acquisitions, Agricultural Systems and Rural Livelihoods*
MA seminar; evaluation result: 1.29 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Long-Term Determinants of Development*
BA seminar; evaluation result: 1.13 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Resource Governance and Social Conflict*
MA seminar; evaluation result: 1.25 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Research Colloquium*
BA/MA level
- Winter 2021/2022 *Agriculture, Institutions and Development*
BA seminar; evaluation result: 1.2 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Escaping the Natural Resource Curse*
MA & PhD seminar; evaluation result: 1.36 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- International Relations and European Integration*
BA lecture; evaluation result: 2.38 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Research Colloquium*
BA/MA level
- Summer 2021 *The Determinants of Nations' Prosperity and Wellbeing*
MA seminar; evaluation result: 1.2 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Explaining Social Conflict and Peace*
BA seminar; evaluation result: 1.29 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Property Rights and Rural Development*
MA seminar
- Research Colloquium*
BA/MA
- Winter 2020/2021 *The Political Economy of Rural Livelihoods*
MA & PhD seminar; evaluation result: 1.17 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
- Institutional Foundations of the Resource Curse*

- MA seminar; evaluation result: 1.5 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
Determinants of Domestic Conflict and Cooperation
 BA seminar; evaluation result: 1.67 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
Development and Institutions
 MA seminar; evaluation result: 2.0 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
Research Colloquium
 BA/MA
- Summer 2019 ***Property Rights Regimes and Social Conflict***
 BA seminar
Land Governance and Local Sustainable Development
 BA seminar; evaluation result: 1.43 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
Research Colloquium
 BA/MA
- Winter 2018/2019 ***International Relations and European Integration***
 MA basic seminar
Natural Resource Governance and Sustainable Local Livelihoods
 MA seminar
- Winter 2013/2014 ***Exploring the Causes of Peace and Conflict***
 BA seminar
The Economic History of Development
 BA seminar
Natural Resources and Development
 BA seminar
- Winter 2009/2010 ***The Political Economy of Development: Long-Term Historical Changes***
 BA seminar
- Summer 2009 ***International Political Economy and International Organizations***
 MA basic seminar
- Winter 2008/2009 ***Resource Abundance, Institutions and Development***
 BA seminar
The Political Economy of Underdevelopment
 BA seminar
- Summer 2003 ***Globalization and the Nation State***
 BA seminar
Political and Economic Transition in Latin America
 BA seminar

UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM

- Spring 2020 ***The Political Economy of Development and Institutions***
 BA lecture; evaluation result: 2.0 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)
Governing the Natural Resource Curse
 BA seminar

Research Colloquium

BA level

Autumn 2019

Introduction to Development Studies

BA seminar; evaluation result: 1.8 (1.0 = best grade, 5.0 = worst)

Land Deals, Mining Investments and Local Rural Livelihoods

BA seminar

Academic Research and Writing

BA exercise course

Research Colloquium

BA level

UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND

Autumn 2018

The Political Economy of Development and Aid

BA & MA seminar

Autumn 2017

The Political Economy of Development and Aid

BA & MA seminar

ZEPPELIN UNIVERSITY, FRIEDRICHSHAFEN

Autumn 2016

International Relations

BA seminar

International Political Economy

MA seminar

Political Economy of Development and Administration

BA seminar

UNIVERSITY POMPEU FABRA, BARCELONA

Summer 2007

Introduction to Research Methods

BA seminar

Spanish Politics I

BA seminar

GENERAL SKILLS

Software skills: R, Stata, ArcGIS

Language skills: German (native), Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS (SELECTION)

- 2022: “Climate Shocks and Food Resilience: Assessing the Effectiveness of Adaptation Strategies for Smallholders in sub-Saharan Africa”. Second International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, Geneva, 01-03 February 2022.
- 2020: “Land Deals and Social Fabrics: The Impact of Large-Scale Land Acquisitions on Social Trust in sub-Saharan Africa”. Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association, Lucerne, 03-04 February 2020.
- 2019: “Mining, Rural Livelihoods and Food Security: A Disaggregated Analysis of Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa”. Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association, Zurich, 14-16 February 2019.
- 2018: “The Microfoundations of the Resource Curse: Oil Ownership and Local Economic Well-Being in Sub-Saharan Africa”. 27. Wissenschaftlicher Kongress der Deutschen Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW). Frankfurt, 25-28 September 2018.
- 2018: “Mining, Rural Livelihoods and Food Security: A Disaggregated Analysis of Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa.” Workshop on SDG12 Responsible Consumption and Production”, Newcastle University, London, 28 June 2018.
- 2018: “Climate, Food Riots and Adaptation: A Long-Term Historical Analysis of England”, Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association, Geneva, 05–07 February 2018.
- 2017: “Long-Term Environmental Change and Food Riots: A Disaggregated Historical Analysis of England”. European Historical Economics Society Conference 2017, Tübingen, 1–2 September 2017.
- 2017: “Teaching with Treasures: How Oil and Mining Control Rights affect Human Capital Formation”, 7th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association, Milan, 22–24 June 2017.
- 2016: “Divisive Riches: Resource Ownership and Social Conflict in Sub-Saharan Afrika”, Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association, Basel, 21–22 January 2016.
- 2014: “Natural Resources, Economic Disparities, and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa”, European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Edinburgh, 19–21 June 2014.
- 2013: “The Impact of Fuel Ownership on Intrastate Violence”, European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Barcelona, 20–21 June 2013.
- 2013: “Oil, Property Rights and Armed Conflict”, Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, Zürich, 3–6 April 2013.
- 2011: “Oil, Ethnic Exclusion and Armed Conflict”, IPSA/ECPR Joint Conference. Sao Paulo, 16–19 February 2011.
- 2009: “Babylon on Fire: Ethnic Fractionalization, Natural Resources and Major Civil War”, General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Science, Potsdam, 10–12 September 2009.
- 2008: “Educational distribution within countries: the legacy of landlords”, European Social Science History Conference, Lisbon, 25–27 February 2008.
- 2007: “Educational Attainment in Developing Countries: The Legacy of Landlords”, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 12–15 April 2007.
- 2006: “Agrarian Structure and Educational Inequalities in Brazil”, General Conference of the Latin American Political Science Association, Sao Paulo, 4–6 September 2006.