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EDUCATION

- 2006 **European University Institute, Florence**
Ph.D. in Social and Political Sciences
- 2000 **Free University Berlin**
'Diplom' (equivalent to M.A.) in Political Science
- 1999 **Institut d'Etudes Politiques Paris and Free University Berlin**
Joint Graduate Degree in Political Science

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2013-2016 **Institute of Middle East Studies, German Institute for Global and Area Studies**
Research Fellow
- Impact Evaluation "Fonds pour la Consolidation de la Paix", Democratic Republic Congo
 - Research Team Leader "Institutions, Representation, Contestation"
 - Co-Investigator "Local conflict and the local state – public service delivery and political violence"
 - Co-Principal Investigator "Demand for Redistribution in South Africa"
- 2010-2013 **Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town**
Research Fellow
- Inequality and Poverty Fellow
 - Co-Principal Investigator "Barriers to Access to Higher Education in South Africa"
- 2008 **MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University**
Visiting Fellow
- DAAD research grant
 - book project on Islamist opposition in authoritarian regimes
- 2006-2007 **Middle East and Africa Research Unit, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin**
Research Fellow
- applied policy research and policy advise to German parliament
 - Thyssen Foundation Grant for research on Islamist party in Jordan

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- fall 2015 **Department of Political Science, Leuphana University**
Convener and Course Instructor: *Politics of Development* (graduate module)
Workshop on Accountability, Marrakesh & Chefchaouen, Organized by the Boell Foundation, Morocco
Lectures about *Challenges to Accountability* and *International Experiences to Strengthen Accountability* to young civil society activists
- 2009-2010 **Department of Political Studies, University of Cape Town**
Convener and Lecturer: *Introductory Political Economy* (undergraduate)
Lecturer: *Introduction to Politics* (undergraduate)
- 2006-2007 **Otto Suhr-Institute of Political Science, Free University Berlin**
Convener and Course Instructor: *Social Movement Theory* (graduate module)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Referee for APSR, AJPS, Government and Opposition, European Journal of Political Research, International Political Science Review, Mediterranean Politics, Democratization, Middle East Law and Government, British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, Journal of North African Studies, Zeitschrift für vergleichende Politikwissenschaft.

POLICY CONSULTANCY

German Development Bank (KfW), Country Expert Morocco Bertelsmann Transformation Index (since 2007); Boell Foundation Morocco (2014 and 2015); Naumann Foundation Jordan (2007); Centre for Development and Enterprise in South Africa on Inclusive Growth (2012).

RESEARCH FUNDING

2012. Seed Funding from J-PAL Africa and the South African Treasury for pilot of a randomized control trial on the role of information on costs and returns to education in determining access to higher education in South Africa. *Funded:* 125,000 ZAR. (Co-Principal investigator together with Nicola Branson and Miquel Pellicer)
2013. “Demand for redistribution in South Africa” within “Enhancing Knowledge for Renewed Policies against Poverty”, Work Package7, Funded by EU Seventh Framework Programme. *Funded:* 55.000 Euro. (Co-Principal Investigator together with Patrizio Piraino and Miquel Pellicer).
2016. KfW/German ministry of economic co-operation. Evaluation of a 70 million Euros Peace consolidation fund in the Democratic Republic of Congo. *Funded:* 150,000 Euro. (Co-Principal Investigator together with Alexander De Juan and Miquel Pellicer).
2016. “The Demand Side of Clientelism”. German Research Foundation. 370,000 Euro (with Miquel Pellicer).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2010-2013 Fellowship in Inequality and Poverty Dynamics (NRF)
- 2008 Post-Doctoral research grant from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- 2006-2007 Post-Doctoral research grant from the Fritz Thyssen Foundation

2003-2005 PhD research grant from the European University Institute
2003-2005 PhD research grant from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

FIELD RESEARCH

South Africa Focus Groups on demand for redistribution, in different townships in Cape Town (2012). Focus Groups with students on access to tertiary education. Cape Town & Soweto. (2012)

Morocco Research on local elections and local governments (2008 & 2009). Research on general elections. Semi-structured interviews with Islamist party leaders and MPs, and observers (2007). Research on Party of Justice and Development. Semi-structured interviews with PJD leaders, members, MPs, municipal councilors, observations of electoral rallies, survey questionnaire for party congress delegates (2003 & 2004)

Jordan Research on Islamist political party and movement. Semi-structured interviews with Islamist party leaders and MPs and leaders & members of Jordanian Muslim Brotherhood (2007)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Qualitative Research Method Training (May 29-31 2012) with emphasis on focus group discussions JPAL Africa.
Advanced course Randomized Impact Evaluations (July 6-7th 2011) by JPAL Africa.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

English: fluent; French: fluent; Spanish: intermediate; Arabic: basic. German: native speaker.
Stata: intermediate
LaTeX: basic