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### **EDUCATION**

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- 07/2020–Present     **Ph.D. Political Science**  
Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany  
Dissertation: “Playing with Fire: The Political Re-emergence of the Military and Democratic Backsliding in Latin America”
- 10/2016–08/2019     **M.A. Political Science**  
Specialization: Comparative Politics/Minor: History  
Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany  
M.A. Thesis: “From Weak Democracy to Autocracy: Analyzing Democratic Backsliding in Nicaragua since 2006”
- 04/2016     **Intensive French Course Level A2.2**  
Sprach- und Kulturbörse at the Technical University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany
- 10/2015–02/2016     **German Language Preparatory Course for University Admission (DSH)**  
Goethe University Frankfurt, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
- 09/2014–05/2015     **German Courses Levels A1.1–B1.2**  
Volkshochschule, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
- 08/2010–08/2014     **B.A. International Relations and Global Studies, and Middle Eastern Studies**  
Specialization: Political Economy  
University of Texas at Austin, Texas, USA  
B.A. Thesis: “Systematic Marginalization in the Negev/Al Naqab”
- 08/2013–01/2014     **B.A. Study Abroad Semester**  
University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel
- 08/2006–05/2010     **High School**  
Allen High School, Texas, USA

### **ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 07/2022–Present     **Latin America Regional Coordinator for the Bertelsmann Transformation Index**  
Bertelsmann Stiftung, Guetersloh, Germany
- 03/2021–Present     **Research Fellow**  
Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany

Project: “(Un-)healthy Civil-Military Relations? Militarization of State Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Latin America and Asia-Pacific” (funded by the VolkswagenStiftung)

- 01–05/2021      **Scientific Assistant for the Bertelsmann Transformation Index 2022 ‘Political Participation’ Cluster**  
Bertelsmann Stiftung, Guetersloh, Germany
- 01/2019–05/2019      **Scientific Assistant for the Bertelsmann Transformation Index 2020 ‘Political Participation’ Cluster**  
Bertelsmann Stiftung, Guetersloh, Germany
- 02/2018–04/2019      **Student Research Assistant**  
German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg, Germany  
Project: "Security Sector Reform and the Stability of Post-War Peace," Prof. Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach
- 10–12/2017      **Research Intern**  
GIGA Institute of Latin American Studies, Hamburg, Germany  
Project: "Costs and Benefits of Overlapping Regional Organizations in Venezuela's Crisis," Prof. Dr. Detlef Nolte  
Project: "Clientelism and Social Policy Design in New Democracies," Dr. Saskia P. Ruth-Lovell

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

Croissant, Aurel and Ariam Macias Herrera. "Ungesunde zivil-militrische Beziehungen? Militar und Pandemiekmpfung in Lateinamerika." In *Staat, Rechtsstaat und Demokratie*, edited by Muno, Wolfgang, Christoph Wagner, Christoph Mohamad-Klitzbach, and Thomas Kestler. Wiesbaden: Springer, Forthcoming.

Macias Herrera, Ariam and Aurel Croissant. "Mapping Military Roles in COVID-19 Responses in Latin America – Contours, Causes and Consequences." HCIAS Working Paper, No. 2, Special Series 1: Covid-19 Pandemic in Ibero-America, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany, February 2022.

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## **CONFERENCE and WORKSHOP PAPERS**

Macias Herrera, Ariam and Ana Solız de Stange, “Populism and the Military: A Comparative Study of the Military in Left-wing and Right-wing Populist Governments.” Paper presented at 79<sup>th</sup> Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL, 9 April 2022.

Croissant, Aurel and Ariam Macias Herrera, “Security Sectors and Government Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Latin America.” Paper presented at HCIAS Workshop: The COVID-19 Pandemic in Ibero-America – Challenges and Perspectives for Societies and Research, Heidelberg, Germany, 8 October 2020

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## **TRAININGS**

- 13-16/12/2021      Introduction to Python  
Graduate Academy of Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany

29-30/11/2021 Introduction to Statistics  
Graduate Academy of Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany

18-21/10/2021 Introduction to R for Statistical Data Analysis  
Graduate Academy of Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany

05-09/07/2021 Case Study Research Methods  
Oslo Summer School in Social Sciences 2021

19-20/05/2021 Designing Project Applications  
Graduate Academy of Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany

18/03/2021 Research Data Management  
Graduate Academy of Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany

### **GRANTS**

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2022 heiDOCS Mobility Grant for 79<sup>th</sup> Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL, EUR 1500,00.

2021 heiDOCS Mobility Grant for “Case Study Research Methods” course at Oslo University Summer School in Social Sciences 2021, EUR 400,00.

### **ACADEMIC SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES**

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06/2022-Present Head of the Library Commission at the Institute of Political Science, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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Heidelberg Graduate School for the Humanities and Social Sciences  
Latin American Studies Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
ECPR Standing Group on Latin American Politics

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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English (Native)	German (Fluent)	French (Beginner)
Spanish (Native)		

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