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EDUCATION

- 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; Middle Eastern Studies**
Specialization: Political Economy
University of Texas at Austin, Texas, USA
- 08/2013–01/2014 **B.A. Study Abroad**
University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel
- 08/2006–05/2010 **High School**
Allen High School, Texas, USA

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 07/2022–Present **Latin America Regional Coordinator for the Bertelsmann Transformation Index**
Bertelsmann Stiftung, Guetersloh, Germany
- 10/2022–03/2023 **Teaching B.A. Seminar Winter Semester 2022/23**
Seminar title: “Democracy in Latin America: Advances and Setbacks”
- 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
Projects: "Costs and Benefits of Overlapping Regional Organizations in Venezuela's Crisis," Prof. Dr. Detlef Nolte; "Clientelism and Social Policy Design in New Democracies," Dr. Saskia P. Ruth-Lovell

PUBLICATIONS

Croissant, Aurel, David Kuehn, Ariam Macias-Weller, and David Pion-Berlin. "Militarisation of COVID-19 Responses and Autocratisation: A Comparative Study of Eight Countries in Asia-Pacific and Latin America." GIGA Working Papers. Hamburg: German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), June 2023.

Croissant, Aurel, and Ariam Macias Herrera. 2022. "Ungesunde Zivil-Militärische Beziehungen? Militär Und Pandemiebekämpfung in Lateinamerika." In *Staat, Rechtsstaat Und Demokratie: Konzeptionelle Und Aktuelle Diskussionen in Der Vergleichenden Politikwissenschaft*. Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft. Wiesbaden: Springer VS, Springer Fachmedien Wiesbaden.

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.

CONFERENCE and WORKSHOP PAPERS

Presented: Croissant, Aurel, David Kuehn, Ariam Macias Herrera, and David Pion-Berlin. "Militarization of COVID-19 Responses and Autocratization: A Comparative Study of Eight Countries in Latin America and Asia-Pacific." Paper presented at Red CIPRI 2022 VII Congress, Online, 27 October 2022.

Macias Herrera, Ariam and Ana Solíz de Stange, "Populism and the Military: A Comparative Study of the Military in Left-wing and Right-wing Populist Governments." Paper presented at 79th 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.

TRAININGS

- 12./13.09. & Fit for Teaching -Introduction to Teaching & Learning at University Level 1+2
04./05.10.2022 heiSKILLS: Teaching & Learning Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany

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

2022	heiDOCS Mobility Grant for 79 th 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

08/2022-07/2023	Representative of Graduate Students at the Institute of Political Science, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany
06/2022-07/2023	Head of the Library Commission at the Institute of Political Science, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany

MEMBERSHIPS

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

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