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EDUCATION

- 07/2020–Present **Ph.D. Political Science**
Heidelberg University/Heidelberg, Germany
Dissertation: “Playing with Fire: The Political Re-emergence if 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**
University of Texas at Austin/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/Allen, Texas, USA

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 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 Ven-
ezuela's Crisis", Prof. Dr. Detlef Nolte
Project: "Clientelism and Social Policy Design in New Democracies",
Dr. Saskia P. Ruth-Lovell

PARTICIPATION in CONFERENCES

- 8/10/2020 **The COVID-19 Pandemic in Ibero-America – Challenges and Perspectives
for Societies and Research**
Heidelberg Center for Ibero-American Studies (HCIAS)/Heidelberg, Germany

TRAININGS and WORKSHOPS

- 18/03/2021 **Research Data Management**
Graduate Academy of Heidelberg University/Heidelberg, Germany
- 27-28/01/2021 **How to Convincingly Present–Online and Offline**
Graduate Academy of Heidelberg University/Heidelberg, Germany
- 22–26/05/2017 **Workshop: International Post-Conflict Management on the Balkans**
ISPE College/ Pristina, Kosovo
- 23–24/03/2012 **Global Professional Training**
Austin, Texas, USA

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 11/2020–Present **Heidelberg Graduate School for the Humanities and Social Sciences**
- 06/2020–Present **ECPR Standing Group on Latin American Politics**

LANGUAGE SKILLS

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| English (Native) | German (Proficient) | Portuguese (Beginner) |
| Spanish (Native) | | French (Beginner) |

PUBLICATIONS

Macias Herrera, Ariam and Aurel Croissant. Forthcoming. "Military Roles in COVID-19 Responses in Latin America – Contours, Causes and Consequences." Working Paper, Heidelberg Center for Ibero-American Studies.

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