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EDUCATION

Columbia University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York, NY
Ph.D. in Sociology, Expected May 2023
M.Phil. in Sociology, May 2020
M.A. in Sociology, May 2019

Georgetown University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Washington, DC
M.A. in Conflict Resolution, May 2014
Certificate in Arab Studies, May 2014

Maastricht University, University College Maastricht, Maastricht, Netherlands
B.A. summa cum laude in Liberal Arts and Sciences, June 2011

University of California at Berkeley, College of Letters and Science, Berkeley, CA
Study Abroad in Peace and Conflict Studies, Spring 2010

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Sociology; Historical Sociology; Electoral Sociology and the Far Right; Civic Engagement and Democracy; Multimethod Research

PUBLICATIONS

Academic

Dembinski, M. & **Schott, B.** (2014). Regional security arrangements as a filter for norm diffusion: the African Union, the European Union and the responsibility to protect, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, DOI: 10.1080/09557571.2013.868406

Dembinski, M. & **Schott, B.** (2013). Converging around global norms? Protection of civilians in African Union and European Union peacekeeping in Africa, *African Security*, pp. 276-296, <https://doi.org/10.1080/19392206.2013.854085>

Dembinski, M., Krempel, J. & **Schott, B.** (2012). Towards effective security governance in Africa – African and European actors in peacekeeping and peace-building: Partners or competitors? *PRIF Report* No. 115. Peace Research Institute Frankfurt. <https://www.ssoar.info/ssoar/handle/document/32584>

Schott, B. (2013). An analysis of the arguments for the 2010 salary increase for Indian Members of Parliament. In: Marble Research Papers, Maastricht University, Edition 2013 Volume V: *Lifting the Fog – Exercises in Analytical Discourse Analysis*, pp. 23-44, <https://doi.org/10.26481/marble.2013.v5.170>

Schott, B. (2011). “City on the Hill” or “Crusader Nation”: The influence of religion on American foreign policy through the period of ‘born-again’ presidency, *The Maastricht Journal of Liberal Arts*, Vol. 3, pp. 3-15, <https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/sites/default/files/mjla-2011-2012.pdf>

Other

Jespersen, A., Larizza, M. & **Schott, B.** (2019). Fostering Impactful Citizen Engagement, *Governance Note*, No 17, June 2019, Washington, DC: World Bank Group, <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/236981560928845329/pdf/Fostering-Impactful-Citizen-Engagement.pdf>

Beyerle, S., Bulman, D., Larizza, M. & **Schott, B.** (2017). Citizens as Drivers of Change: How citizens practice human rights to engage with the state and promote transparency and accountability, *Working Paper*, Washington, DC: World Bank Group, <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/27653>

Schott, B. (2016). Money alone is not the answer – More sensible support for the democratic transition in Tunisia is possible, *Internationale Politik*, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik, Special Edition Mercator Kolleg

Schott, B. (2015). After the Revolution: Why we need a better understanding of the role civil resistance movements play in political transitions, *The Governance Post*, November 2015

Schott, B. (2014). Moderation in the Context of Revolution? Thoughts on the Moderation Theory in Light of Post-Revolutionary Egypt. In: Ethics Fellows for the Future 2014 Essay Collection, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, pp. 38-41

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2020	Department Research Grant , Columbia University, Department of Sociology (\$750)
2019	Tilly Award in Sociology in recognition of outstanding teaching and service, Columbia University, Department of Sociology (\$1000)
2018	Small Research Grant , Columbia University, Department of Sociology (\$500)
2018	Spivack Travel Grant , Columbia University, Department of Sociology (\$250)
2018	Institute on Qualitative and Multimethod Research , Syracuse University
2017-2022	Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellowship , Columbia University
2017	President’s Award for Excellence , The World Bank (for work on behalf of LGBT+ employees)
2014-2015	Mercator Fellowship on International Affairs , Mercator Foundation and German National Academic Foundation, Project Title: Supporting Democratic Change in a Region in Transition – Citizen Engagement and Civil Society in Development Interventions in North Africa

- 2013-2014 **Ethics Fellow for the Future**, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, Theme: Democracy and its Challengers
- 2012-2014 **ERP Fellowship**, German National Academic Foundation and German Ministry of Economy (\$91,400)
- 2009-2012 **Full Academic Scholarship**, Ev. Studienwerk Villigst
- 2010-2011 & 2008-2009 **Top 3% Award**, Maastricht University (reimbursement of tuition for top GPA)

PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 "Forced Migration as a Driver of Spatial Heterogeneity in the Intergenerational Persistence of Far-Right Support: Evidence from Germany." Conference on Right-Wing Studies, UC Berkeley Center for Right-Wing Studies, August
- 2020 "Spatial Heterogeneity in the Intergenerational Persistence of Political Behavior: The Case of Far-Right Support in Germany." Accepted for the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August *canceled due to COVID-19
- 2020 "Electoral Support for the Far Right in Germany: Spatio-Temporal Patterns from Weimar to Today" Accepted for the International Conference of Europeanists, Reykjavik, June *canceled due to COVID-19
- 2020 "Spatial Heterogeneity in the Intergenerational Persistence of Far-Right Support in Germany: Migration and Displacement as Drivers of Change?" Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Workshop, Columbia University, New York City, May
- 2019 "Support for the Far Right: Why Local History Matters for Understanding a Global Phenomenon." Presented at the ISERP Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Seminar, Columbia University, New York City, December
- 2019 "Electoral Support for the Far Right in Germany: Spatio-Temporal Patterns from Weimar to Today." Presented at the Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, New York City, May
- 2018 "The Rise of the Far Right in Germany: Is Conservative Christian Thought a Piece of the Puzzle?" Presented at Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, February
- 2017 "Citizens as Drivers of Change: Practicing Human Rights to Engage with the State and Promote Transparency and Accountability." Presented with research team at World Bank Global Partnership for Social Accountability Forum 2017, Washington DC, October

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Columbia University, New York City, NY
 Research Assistant, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Supporting the research of Professor Debbie Becher for the book project “A Fractured Nation”

Columbia University, New York City, NY

Research Assistant, Summer 2019

Data gathering and coding (using GIS) for project on regional histories and the European Social Survey under the leadership of Professor Andreas Wimmer

Phineo, Berlin, Germany

Contractor, Winter 2018/2019

Synthesized empirical literature on effect of civic engagement on social cohesion, wrote report, and presented recommendations for donors funding civil society organizations and initiatives

Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), Berlin, Germany

Visiting Researcher, July – Aug. 2018

Affiliated with research unit Institutions and Political Inequality (Director: Professor Macartan Humphreys)

The World Bank, Washington, DC

Consultant / Operations Analyst, 2015 – 2017

Co-authored research report on citizen participation and human rights; co-authored note on fostering citizen participation in World Bank operations; co-authored case study on citizen service centers in Kenya and note on design and implementation of citizen service centers; authored/co-authored six case notes on citizen engagement in projects in MENA; performed monitoring and data analysis on citizen engagement in MENA region

Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (German Institute for International and Security Affairs),

Brussels, Belgium

Visiting Fellow, Oct. – Dec. 2014

Conducted research on the European Neighborhood Policy reform and EU democracy support in the MENA region through interviews with decision-makers in Brussels; participated in German Marshall Fund Mediterranean Strategy Group

Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany

Research Assistant / Intern, Jan. – July 2012

Co-authored report with research fellows on peacebuilding by UN, AU and EU; co-authored article with senior research fellow on regional security cultures and R2P; gathered, coded and catalogued data on decision-making modes in 120 IGOs; translated data from Spanish and French into English

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020 Fall	MA Thesis Seminar , Columbia University, with Professor Denise Milstein
2020 Spring	Social Theory , Columbia University, with Professor Debbie Becher; no evaluations due to COVID-19
2019 Spring	Social Theory , Columbia University, with Professor Debbie Becher; student evaluation mean: 4.2/5 and median: 4.5/5
2018 Fall	The Social World , Columbia University, with Professor Teresa Sharpe, taught own section (30 students); student evaluation mean: 4.2/5 and median: 5/5

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Oxfam, Tunis, Tunisia

Program and Advocacy Assistant, Feb. – May 2015

Mapped youth programs, analyzing needs and best practices; conducted outreach among civil society for advocacy on enabling environment

IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board), Monrovia, Liberia & Washington, DC

Intern, June – Dec. 2013

Co-facilitated three weeklong trainings on gender mainstreaming and conflict analysis in Liberia; designed, piloted and facilitated one-day training on basics of conflict resolution with Liberian women grassroots activists; developed 20-page training manual for 4-day training on conflict resolution skills for community peacebuilding and reconciliation with Liberian civil society groups

Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Abuja, Nigeria

Intern, Oct. – Dec. 2011

Wrote and edited internal and external publications (English and French); wrote conference report about three-day international conference on democratizing security sector reform

LANGUAGES

- German (native)
- English (full professional proficiency)
- French (professional proficiency)
- Spanish (intermediate proficiency)
- Finnish, Dutch, Modern Standard Arabic (basic proficiency)

ACADEMIC SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

2020-	Member, Council for European Studies
2019-	Ad Hoc Reviewer, <i>Social Problems</i>
2018-2019	Graduate Student Coordinator for the Networks & Time Workshop, Columbia University
2018 & 2019	Discussant, Association for the Study of Nationalities World Conventions
2018	Graduate Student Representative, Department of Sociology, Columbia University
2018-	Member, American Sociological Association
2017-	Member, Social Science History Association