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Trained political scientist with a PhD in international relations from Freie Universität Berlin (2018), currently working as a post-doctoral researcher and lecturer at Potsdam University.

Research situated at the intersection of international relations and comparative politics.

Focuses on the evolving and contested liberal international order, regional and international organizations and their institutional design, and international cooperation of authoritarian regimes.

Works primarily with quantitative methods.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021-today **Post-doctoral Researcher & Lecturer (Akademische Mitarbeiterin)**, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, Chair for International Organizations, Potsdam University
- 70% research / 30% teaching (undergraduate and graduate level)
 - Individual and joint research with Prof. Dr. Thomas Sommerer
 - Publication, acquisition of external funding, external presentation
 - Administrative tasks
 - BA & MA thesis supervision
- 2019-2020 **Post-doctoral Researcher**, Department of Political Science, Maastricht University
- ERC Project: “Who gets to live forever?” Toward an Institutional Theory on the Decline and Death of International Organizations (PI: Hylke Dijkstra)
- 0.7 FTE research/ 0.3 FTE teaching (BA European Studies)
 - Development of dataset on decline & death of IOs and research articles (currently 1 published article and 3 articles under review)
 - Presentation of project deliverables at international conferences
 - Organization of kick-off workshop (20 international participants)
 - Recruitment and mentoring of PhD candidates
 - BA & MA thesis supervision
- 2017-2018 **Fox International Fellow (pre-doctoral researcher)**, Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University
- One-year completion fellowship for write-up phase of dissertation
 - Development of policy brief published by [Scholars Strategy Network](#) (based at Harvard University, directed by Theda Skocpol)
 - Mentor: Alexander Debs
 - Teaching assistant for Frances McCall Rosenbluth

EDUCATION

- 2014-2018 **PhD**, Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies, Freie Universität Berlin
- Thesis: Autocracy from the Outside-In? The Role of Regional Organizations in Boosting Authoritarian Resilience (*summa cum laude*)
- Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Tanja A. Börzel (Freie Universität Berlin), Prof. Sean Yom (Temple University)
 - Coursework (selection):
 - Introduction to Statistics (Mark Kayser, Hertie School of Governance)
 - Generalized Linear Modeling (Federico Vegetti, ECPR Summer School)
 - Analysis of Panel Data (Volker Ludwig, GESIS Spring Seminar Cologne)
 - Advanced Methods with R (Freie Universität Berlin)
 - Process-Tracing (Jeffrey Checkel, Freie Universität Berlin)
 - Literature Seminar International Relations (Markus Jachtenfuchs, Michael Zürn; Hertie School of Governance/Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin)
 - Independent research resulting in 3 published articles and 1 article with current invitation to resubmit
 - Junior Research Fellow, Research College (KFG) “The Transformative Power of Europe”
- 2011-2014 **M.A., Political Science**, Universität Potsdam
- 12/2012-02/2014: Student Assistant, Coordination Office Executive Education, Universität Potsdam
 - 04/2013-06/2013: Research Internship, German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Institute for Middle Eastern Studies (Mentors: André Bank, Thomas Richter)
- 2008-2011 **B.A., Governance and Public Policy**, Universität Passau
- 09/2009 – 12/2010: Visiting Student, Université Laval (Canada)
 - 01/2010-03/2010: Internship, Représentation de l’État de Bavière au Québec (Canada)
 - 04/2011-06/2011: Internship, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Division for European External Relations (Mentor: Lars Brozus)

ARTICLES AND PAPERS

Maria Debre. Clubs of Autocrats: Membership in Regional Organizations and Autocratic Regime Survival, *Review of International Organizations* (Impact Factor 1.763), R&R, manuscript resubmitted in December 2020.

Maria Debre & Hylke Dijkstra. Institutional Design for a Post-Liberal Order: Why some International Organizations Live Longer than Others, *European Journal of International Relations* (online first 2020) (Impact Factor 2.756).

Maria Debre. The “Dark Side” of Regional Integration: How Authoritarian Regimes Exploit Regional Organizations to Boost Resilience, *Democratization* (Impact Factor 1.850), *conditional acceptance* (August 2020).

Maria Debre. Legitimation, Regime Survival, and Shifting Alliances in the Arab League: Explaining Sanction Politics during the Arab Spring, *International Political Science Review* (Impact Factor 1.769), 2020, online first.

Sebastian Knecht & **Maria Debre**. Die „digitale IO“: Chancen und Risiken von Online-Daten für die Forschung zu Internationalen Organisationen. *ZIB Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen*, 25(1) (2018).

Maria Debre & Lee Morgenbesser. Out of the Shadows: Authoritarian Regimes, Flawed Elections and International Legitimation, *Contemporary Politics* (Impact Factor 1.226), 23(3) (2017), 328-247.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Maria Debre. Autocracy from Above: Regional Organizations and Authoritarian Resilience. *Unpublished Book Manuscript*.

Maria Debre & Hylke Dijkstra. Covid-19 policy responses by international organizations: Crisis of liberal international order or window of opportunity. *under review*.

Hylke Dijkstra & **Maria Debre**. Causes of death of major international organizations: When institutional stickiness is not enough, *under review*.

Maria Debre & Hylke Dijkstra. Conceptualizing decline of International Organizations. Towards a relational view of institutional change. *ERC Working Paper*.

Maria Debre & Daniëlle Flonk. Authoritarian Regionalism: Interplay between domestic politics, regional coalitions and international liberal rights regimes. *Working Paper to be presented at the 2021 German Political Science Association (DVPW) Annual Congress*.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Finalist, Deutscher Studienpreis, Körber Foundation (Section Social Sciences) (2019) [*final 9/470*]

Fox Fellowship, Yale University (2017-2018) [*about 22,500 USD*]

ISA Travel Grant, ISA Annual Convention Baltimore (2017) [*240 USD*]

ECPR Travel Grant, ECPR Summer School, Ljubljana (2016) [*250 Euro*]

PhD Fellowship, Research College (KFG) ‘The Transformative Power of Europe’, Freie Universität Berlin (2014-2017) [*about 50,000 EUR*]

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Lecturer, ‘Introduction to Research Design’ (undergraduate), Potsdam University (2021)

Mentor, ‘Introduction to PBL and Higher Education’ (undergraduate mentoring program, 15 students), Maastricht University (2020)

Lecturer, ‘Analyzing Research Design’ (undergraduate), Maastricht University (2020)

Lecturer, ‘International Relations: Contemporary Issues and Actors’ (undergraduate), Maastricht University (2020-2021)

Lecturer, ‘Regional Integration & Multi-Level Governance’ (graduate), United Nations University (UNU-MERIT) Maastricht (2020)

Thesis Supervision, BA (11 students) and MA (3 students) European Studies, Maastricht University (2019-2020)

Teaching Assistant, ‘Sex, Markets, and Power’ (undergraduate), for Professor Frances McCall Rosenbluth, Yale University (2018)

Lecturer, ‘Introduction to Research Design in Political Science’ (graduate), Freie Universität Berlin (2016-2017)

Lecturer, ‘EU Foreign Policy in the Middle East’ (undergraduate), Freie Universität Berlin (2016)

CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

German Political Science Association (DVPW) International Relations Section Conference, Freiburg (2020)

International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conventions (2017-2020) [2020 Convention canceled due to Covid-19]

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops (2016, 2019)

ECPR General Conference (2016, 2019, 2020)

ERC Workshop ‘Decline and Death of International Organizations’, Brussels Campus, Maastricht University (2020)

Debate Café, Studium Generale Maastricht, ‘Can Trade Promote Democracy?’

Political Science Section of the German Association for American Studies Annual Meeting, Heidelberg (2019)

Maastricht-York Workshop, ‘Europe and the future of global rules and multilateralism’, Maastricht University (2019)

5th Joint Nordic Conference on Development Research, Copenhagen Business School (2019)

ISA Venture Research Workshop ‘International Organization Dissolution’, University of Zurich (2019)

Authoritarian Politics and International Relations (APIR) Seminar, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB) (2019)

Author’s Workshop ‘Regional Democracy Protection and Sanctions’, Stockholm University, (2019)

Fox International Fellowship Conference, Yale University (2018)

Authoritarianism in a Global Age Project Meeting, University of Amsterdam (2017)

7th International Joint Ph.D. Workshop of the Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies (BTS) and the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem (2017)

German Political Science Association (DVPW) 3-Länder Tagung, University of Heidelberg (2016)

German Association for the Middle East (DAVO) Annual Congress, University of Bochum (2015)

German Political Science Association (DVPW) Comparative Political Science Section Conference, GIGA Hamburg (2015)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

Workshop Co-Organizer, “Global Order in Crisis?”, Politicologenetmaal, Nijmegen, 2020
[postponed due to Covid-19]

Workshop Co-Organizer, “Decline and Death of International Organizations”, Brussels
2020

Panel Organizer, Chair, Discussant, ISA 2017, 2020; ECPR 2016, 2020; NorDev 2019, IB
Sektionstagung 2020

PROFESSIONAL & DEPARTMENT SERVICES

Reviewer, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *International Political Science Review*

Member, Course Planning Reform Group “Europe and the World”, Maastricht University

Member, PhD Faculty Hiring Committee 2019, Maastricht University

REFERENCES

Prof. Dr. Thomas Sommerer, Potsdam University, Chair for International Organizations

Prof. dr. Hylke Dijkstra, Maastricht University, Principal Investigator ERC Project
(h.dijkstra@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

Prof. Dr. Tanja A. Börzel, Freie Universität Berlin, PhD supervisor (tanja.boerzel@fu-berlin.de)

Prof. Sean Yom, Temple University, PhD supervisor (seanyom@temple.edu)