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EDUCATION

University of Geneva Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science Dissertation: <i>“The Political Economy of National Development Finance Institutions”</i> Advisor: <i>Simone Dietrich</i>	Switzerland 2022 –
Princeton University Visiting Student Research Collaborator, Department of Politics Host: <i>Layna Mosley</i>	USA 2025 – 2026
Sciences Po Paris M.A. in Political Science	France 2020 – 2022

AFFILIATIONS

Princeton Sovereign Finance Lab , Graduate Affiliate	Since 2024
Geneva Africa Lab , Member	Since 2023

PUBLICATIONS

2. Bau, Nicolas, Simone Dietrich, Katharina Fleiner, and Alice Iannantuoni. 2025. Examining New Donors in the OECD’s Development Assistance Committee. *Journal of International Development*.
1. Bau, Nicolas. 2025. Compte-rendu de “Chiapello, E., et al. (2023). Financializations of Development. Global Games and Local Experiments. Routledge”. *Gouvernement et action publique*.

WORKING PAPERS

5. The Institutional Politics of Development Finance: ODA’s Role in Shaping Subnational DFI Investments. With Simone Dietrich, Jing Qian, and Duy Trinh.
Revise and resubmit at the *Review of International Organizations*.
4. What Geopolitical Returns Does Official Development Assistance Bring?. With Simone Dietrich.
Kiel Working Paper (2025). *Global Nation Briefing* (2026).
Covered in *Der Spiegel*.
3. Populism and IO Bureaucratic Power: Donor Resistance to International Monitoring in Development Cooperation. With Simone Dietrich, Katharina Fleiner, and Alice Iannantuoni.
Revise and resubmit at *International Studies Quarterly*.
2. Financing the Global Gateway: How a Reconfigured EU Development Architecture Elevated National Development Finance Institutions. With Simone Dietrich.
Under review.
1. Measuring Debt Transparency in Developing Countries: An IRT Approach. With Zoe Ge, Layna Mosley, and B. Peter Rosendorff.
PSFL Policy Brief 25-3 (2025).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

5. When Do National Development Finance Institutions Mobilize Private Capital?: Evidence from Infrastructure Projects. With Simone Dietrich, Jihye Park, and Jing Qian.
4. Resource Diversification and Inter-Organizational Cooperation.
3. Lobbying for Development: How Firms Shape Investment Decisions within the U.S. Development Finance Corporation. With Simone Dietrich and Jihye Park.
2. Small Donors and the World Bank's IFC. With Tetsekela Anyiam-Osigwe.
1. Sustainability Risk Mitigation in International Development Finance.

POLICY WRITINGS

3. Ngom, Fatoumata, Nicolas Bau, and Valérie Gaveau. 2025. Assessing the additionality of Development Finance Institutions: frameworks, challenges, guidance. OECD DAC Working Party on Development Finance Statistics.
2. Delalande, Guillaume, Nicolas Bau, and Valérie Gaveau. 2024. Stocktake and Revised Methodology on the Peer Reviews on Development Finance Statistics. OECD DAC Working Party on Development Finance Statistics.
1. Hos, Tomáš, Nicolas Bau, and Valérie Gaveau. 2024. Report on the ODA-Eligibility of Private Sector Instruments Extended in Developing Countries. OECD Development Assistance Committee.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

International Political Economy Society (IPES)	2025
International Studies Association (ISA)	2026
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2026
The Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO)	2025, 2026
The Princeton Politics of Sovereign Finance Conference	2025 ¹
Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW-ASSP)	2026

WORKSHOPS AND EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

2026

- Aix-Marseille University (scheduled)
- University of Hong Kong: Workshop on Infrastructures in International Relations (scheduled)

2025

- University of Pittsburgh: Reimagining Development Assistance Workshop
- University of Milan-Bicocca: The Political Economy of Aid and International Organizations Workshop
- University of Pittsburgh: The Future of Development Assistance Workshop (invited, declined)
- New York University: The Political Economy of Sovereign Debt Workshop¹
- Kiel Institute: Workshop on Mutual Interests in ODA with Gates Foundation and GlobalNation
- University of Göttingen: The Geocoded Official Development Assistance Dataset (GODAD) Workshop

¹Co-author attended.

2024

Technical University of Munich: European Union's Global Gateway Workshop II
Princeton University: European Union's Global Gateway Workshop I

TEACHING

Instructor-of-record

Political Economy of Foreign Aid (UG, average evaluation: 3.8/4) *Fall 2022, 2023; Spring 2025*
International Development Organizations (UG, not assessed) *Spring 2023, 2024*
Bachelor Thesis Seminar (UG, average evaluation: 4/4) *AY 2022, 2023*

Guest lectures at graduate level

Sciences Po's School of Public Affairs, invited by Prof. Matthias Thiemann *Fall 2024*
EHESS Paris, invited by Prof. Liora Israël *Spring 2020*

SUPERVISION

Supervision of 26 BA theses in International Relations *2022-24*
Proposed for peer-reviewed publication: Florian Guery (2024)
Recipient of the Prize for Best Undergraduate Thesis in Political Science: Vera Rüegg (2024), Mariana Hervigo (nominee, 2023)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Department

Co-organizer, Master-Class on Process-Tracing Within Multi-Methods Design, Geneva *2024*
Member, Search Committee for a Lecturer in International Relations, University of Geneva *2023*
Member, Gender Equality Commission of the Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva *2023-24*
Co-Convenor, Graduate and Post-Doctoral Research Seminar in Politics, University of Geneva *2022-25*

Mentoring

Mentor, Graduate Applications International Network (GAIN) *2025-26*

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Doctoral Mobility Scholarship, Swiss National Science Foundation (CHF 19,480) *2025*
Faculty of Social Sciences Grant, University of Geneva (CHF 2,550) *2025*
Research Grant, Ernst and Lucie Schmidheiny Foundation (CHF 6,500) *2024*
Dissertation Grant, Swiss National Science Foundation *2024*
Department Travel Grants, University of Geneva (CHF 2,000) *2024, 2025*
Travel Grants, Geneva Global Studies Institute (CHF 2,000) *2022, 2023, 2024*
Travel Grant, MethodsNET (EUR 1,600) *2023*
Full Scholarship, Sciences Po *2020-22*

SKILLS

Programming: R, Microsoft Office, L^AT_EX, CapitalIQ, Orbis, Refinitiv.

Languages: French (native), English (advanced), Spanish (intermediate).

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, United Kingdom <i>Mathematics for Social Sciences; Advanced Methods for Time Series and Panel Data</i>	2025
MethodsNET, Warsaw, Poland <i>Workshop on Generalized Linear Models</i>	2023
University of Geneva, Relevant coursework in Quantitative Methods <i>Applied Methods for Social Sciences; Longitudinal Analysis; Advanced Quantitative Methods; Causal Inference</i>	2022-2023

OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kiel Institute for the World Economy International Development Research Center <i>Consultant on a Gates Foundation-funded project on Mutual Interests in ODA</i>	Berlin, Germany Apr – Jul 2025
OECD Development Co-operation Directorate, Financing for Sustainable Development Division <i>Consultant</i> <i>PhD Trainee</i>	Paris, France Nov 2024 – Mar 2025 Apr – Oct 2024
Sciences Po Center for European Studies and Comparative Politics <i>Full time research assistant for Prof. Philippe Bezès</i>	Paris, France Jul – Aug 2021
Ecole normale supérieure – PSL Maurice Halbwachs Center <i>Full time research assistant for Prof. Liora Israël</i>	Paris, France Jan – Mar 2020
French National Assembly Commission for Sustainable Development and Territorial Planning <i>Summer Parliamentary Intern</i>	Paris, France Jun – Jul 2018