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Academic Appointments

since 2022 **Tecnológico de Monterrey**
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science & International Relations

2020 - 2022 **Stanford University**
Postdoctoral Fellow, Democracy & Polarization Lab

Research Visits

2025 - 2026 **University of Zurich**
Visiting Researcher, Department of Political Science

2020 **University of Uppsala**
Visiting Doctoral Student, Department of Government

2019 - 2020 **University of Pennsylvania**
Visiting Doctoral Student, Department of Political Science

Education

London School of Economics (LSE)

2020 Ph.D., Political Science
Dissertation: Essays on Democratisation and Incumbency Effects

Supervisor: Torun Dewan; Advisors: Stephane Wolton, Joachim Wehner
Examiners: Noam Yuchtman (LSE), Toke Aidt (Cambridge)

2016 MRes, Political Science

2015 MSc, Political Science & Political Economy (PSPE)

Research

Publications

2026 Selina Hofstetter, Anna Wilke, and Tinghua Yu. "Triggering Without Deceiving – An Attempt at Designing a Non-Deceptive Male Identity Threat Treatment", *Forthcoming in Survey Research Methods*

Under Review

2026 Anna M. Wilke, Selina Hofstetter, Uchechi S. Anaduaka, and Tinghua Yu. "Empowerment and Restraint – Evidence from Teenage Girls' Clubs in Kenya", *Revise & Resubmit at American Political Science Review*

2026 Selina Hofstetter and Greg Chih-Hsin Sheen. "Partisan Incumbency Disadvantage – An Empirical Strategy to Exclude an Alternative Explanation"

Working Papers

2026 Uchechi S. Anaduaka, Selina Hofstetter, Cristina Mac Gregor Vanegas, and Anna M. Wilke. "From Assertiveness to Political Ambition: Evidence from a Teenage Girl Empowerment Program in Nigeria"

2026 Selina Hofstetter. "Does Enfranchisement Equal Empowerment? - Evidence from Women's Suffrage in Late 20th Century Switzerland"

2026 Selina Hofstetter. "Deliberation with New Voters: When Women's Suffrage Decreases Government Expenditure"

2026 Giorgia Ferrari, Selina Hofstetter, Anna M. Wilke, Uchechi S. Anaduaka, and Tinghua Yu. "Entertain, Educate, Destigmatize: Experimental Evidence from a Multi-Component HIV Intervention for Adolescent Girls in Kenya"

2026 Karen Nershi and Selina Hofstetter. "Ranked Choice Voting and Candidate Electability in California's Local Elections"

2026 Selina Hofstetter. "What Drives Support for Enfranchisement? – The Case of Swiss Female Suffrage"

Grants

2026	Evaluation of SKY in Côte d'Ivoire, a multi-media programme focused on teenage girls in Africa, implemented by Good Business Ltd (a grantee of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) (Co-PI)	$270,000
2023	Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy Grant, Washington University, St. Louis (Co-PI)	$9,672
2022	Evaluation of SKY in Kenya & Nigeria, a multi-media programme focused on teenage girls in Africa, implemented by Good Business Ltd (a grantee of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) (Co-PI)	$475,000
2022	ANR-DFG Grant (DeNazDB) "Who Became a Nazi? A Structured Database of the Denazification Questionnaires from French and American Occupation Zones in Germany, 1945–1949" (Co-PI)	€321,640
2021	Economic History Association, Arthur H. Cole Grant	$4,680
2021	Stanford Europe Center Grant 2021	$2,000

2020 Institute for Advanced Studies Toulouse (IAST) Multidisciplinary Prize $14,818
Project: "Who Became a Nazi? A Structured Database of the Denazification Questionnaires from the U.S. Occupation Zone in Germany, 1945–1949" (Co-PI)

2019 STICERD PhD Student Grant, LSE Economics Department $5,666

Awards

2019 Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Fellowship

2019 The Baroness Birk Award for PhD Student in Political Science 2018/19, Department of Government, LSE £1,000

Invited Presentations

2026 International Relations and Data Science Group Seminar, ETH Zurich; Political Science Departmental Research Seminar, University College London

2025 Department of International Economics, Government and Business Seminar, Copenhagen Business School (CBS)

2024 Empirical Study of Gender Research Network Conference (EGEN), NYU; World Bank (AGILE) Workshop on Life Skills Programs for Girls organized by JPAL, Abuja, Nigeria; School of Government & Public Transformation (EGPT) Seminar, Tec de Monterrey

2023 Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science, NYU; EGEN Conference, Cornell University; EGPT Seminar, Tec de Monterrey

2022 Political Economy Workshop, ITAM; Women in Public Participation (REPS) Workshop, Oslo New University College

2021 Comparative Politics Seminar, Stanford University; Gender Tea Seminar, Stanford University; Democracy & Polarization Lab (DPL) Seminar, Stanford University; APSA Political Economy Group Pre-Conference for Graduate Students

2020 La Strada Seminar, Bocconi University; Gender & Politics Workshop, Uppsala University; Food for Thought, Bocconi University; Women in Political Methodology Conference, University of Zurich; Latin American Political Methodology Conference (virtual)

2019 Comparative Politics Seminar, University of Pennsylvania; Political Economy Seminar, Universidad del Rosario; Philadelphia Europeanists Workshop, University of Pennsylvania; LSE-NYU Conference, NYU

2018-20 Political Science & Political Economy (PSPE) Seminar, LSE

2017 Women in Society from a Historical Perspective, Glasgow University

Conference Presentations

APSA, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
MPSA, 2021, 2022
EPSA, 2018, 2019, 2023, 2024, 2025

Teaching

Tecnológico de Monterrey

Public Choice & Comparative Political Institutions (undergraduate), Fall 2022, 2023, 2024; Winter 2025

Microeconomic Incentives & Macroeconomic Outcomes (undergraduate), Spring 2023; Fall 2024

Technological Change & Social Development (undergraduate), Spring 2023, 2024

Semana Tec: Diveristy in a Globalized World (undergraduate), Fall 2022, 2024; Spring 2024
Semana Tec: Global Power and Economy (undergraduate), Spring 2023

Stanford University

Gender & US Politics (undergraduate), Fall 2021

London School of Economics

Teaching Assistant, Political Science & Public Policy (graduate), Profs. Alexandra Cirone and Livia Schubiger, Winter 2020
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Data Science & Machine Learning (undergraduate & graduate), Profs. Kenneth Benoit, Slava Jankin, Jack Blumenau, and Gokhan Ciflikli, Summer 2019

Teaching Assistant, Public Policy in Practice Workshop (graduate), Profs. Alexandra Cirone and Dominik Hangartner, Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant, The Political Economy of Public Policy (undergraduate), Profs. Torun Dewan and Valentino Larcinese, Summer 2018

Teaching Assistant, Public Choice & Politics (undergraduate), Profs. Valentino Larcinese and David Soskice, Fall 2017 & Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant, Applied Regression Analysis (graduate), Profs. Daniele Fanelli and Indraneel Sircar, Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant, Public Choice & Politics (undergraduate), Profs. Torun Dewan and Rafael Hortala-Vallve, Fall 2016 & Spring 2017

Professional Activities

Reviewer

American Political Science Review, Democratization, Political Analysis, Socio-Economic Review

Conference Discussant

EPSA 2017, APSA 2019, MPSA 2022, EGEN 2024, CBS Digital HPE Conference 2025

Seminar Coordination

Department Seminar (CPRI), Tec de Monterrey, Fall 2023 - Fall 2024

DPL Work-in-Progress Seminar, Stanford University, Fall 2020 - Spring 2021

Very Applied Methods (VAM) Graduate Seminar, LSE, Fall 2017 - Spring 2019

University Service

Data Scientist, Interdepartmental Research Project "Measuring Human Flourishing in Latin America", Tec de Monterrey, Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

Skills

Languages	Swiss-German/German (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)
Computing	R (advanced), Stata, Python, ArcGIS, Excel VBA (basic)
Field Work	Kenya, Nigeria (interviews) Switzerland, US (archives)

References

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