

Current positions

Project Lead, Global Change Data Lab, since 2021

Researcher, Our World in Data, since 2021

Honorary Researcher, Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford, since 2023

Associate, Oxford Martin School, University of Oxford, since 2021

Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science, University of Chicago, 2015 – 2021

Visiting Scholar, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, 2019

Master of Arts in Political Science, University of Chicago, 2015 – 2017

Master of Arts in Political Science and Economics, Heidelberg University, 2011 – 2015

Graduate Exchange Student in Political Science, Cornell University, 2013 – 2014

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics, Heidelberg University, 2008 – 2011

Work for Our World in Data (selection)

[The world has recently become less democratic](#)

[Women have made major advances in politics — but the world is still far from equal 200 years ago, everyone lacked democratic rights. Now, billions of people have them](#)

[Democracy data: how sources differs and when to use which one](#)

[How major sources collect data on conflicts and conflict deaths, and when to use which one](#)

[Democracy](#) (with Lucas Rodés-Guirao, Esteban-Ortiz Ospina, and Max Roser)

[War and Peace](#) (with Lucas Rodés-Guirao, Max Roser, Joe Hasell, and Bobbie Macdonald)

[Human Rights](#) (with Pablo Arriagada and Max Roser)

[Women's Rights](#) (with P. Arriagada, E. Ortiz-Ospina, H. Ritchie, J. Hasell, and M. Roser)

[LGBT+ Rights](#) (with Pablo Arriagada and Max Roser)

[Nuclear Weapons](#) (with Pablo Rosao, Max Roser, and Joe Hasell)

[State Capacity](#) (with Pabloba Arriagada and Max Roser)

Other writing (selection)

[Best practices for government agencies to publish data: lessons from COVID-19](#)

Lancet Public Health 9(6): E407-E410 (with L. Rodés-Guirao, E. Mathieu, et al.)

[Identifying Ideologies: A Global Dataset on Political Leaders, 1945-2020](#)

British Journal of Political Science 53(2): 740-748.

[Coups leaders: a new comprehensive dataset, 1950-2020](#)

European Political Science: Forthcoming (with T. Eschenauer-Engler)

[Government Ideology and Social Policy: Evidence from New Global Data](#) (with T. Rommel)

Social Policy Worldwide.

[Conflict Barometer 2011](#) (edited with J. Deuter, P. Hachemer, N. Hoffman, L. Schelenz, C.

Trinn, and T. Wencker)

Where Ideology Matters: Evidence from a Global Analysis of Market Intervention

Working paper under review.

Presentations (selection)

Power for Democracies, 2024

State Capacity Group, University College London, 2024

Political Regimes and the Economy seminar, Technical University of Munich, 2022

Previous work experience

Teaching instructor, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University, 2023

Teaching instructor, Heidelberg University, 2015 and 2020

Teaching instructor, University of Chicago, 2017 – 2019

Teaching assistant, University of Chicago, 2017 – 2019

Calibrator, Bertelsmann Transformation Index, 2013 – 2015

Research assistant, Heidelberg University, 2010 – 2014

Head researcher, Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research, 2011 – 2012

Researcher, Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research, 2010 – 2012

Research intern, Institute for Applied Economic Research, 2011

Teaching assistant, Heidelberg University, 2010 – 2011

Research intern, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, 2010

Fellowships, grants, and awards (selection)

Graduate affiliate, Center on Democracy, University of Chicago 2018 – 2021

Bradley fellow, Stigler Center for the Study of the Economy and State, 2020

Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies, 2019 – 2020

Grants, Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflict, 2018 – 2020

Field Research Grant, Center for International Social Science Research, 2020

Research Travel Fellow, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago, 2018

Grodzins Prize, 'Our Political World in Data', University of Chicago, 2018

Volunteer work

Mentor for first-year Political Science Ph.D. students, University of Chicago, 2016 – 2019

Hiring search committee member, 2017

Student council member, Heidelberg University, 2008 – 2014

Faculty council member, Heidelberg University, 2010 – 2013

Study commission member, Heidelberg University, 2010 – 2012

Further skills

Languages: German (native speaker), English (C2), Spanish (B2), French (A2)

Software: Stata, R, Microsoft Office