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## Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Alabama, August 2020–present  
Research Fellow, V-Dem Institute, University of Gothenburg, June 2019–present

## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Florida, May 2019  
Exam fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology (high pass)  
M.A. Political Science, University of Florida, May 2015  
M.A. International Affairs, Texas A&M University, May 2011  
B.S. Political Science, Appalachian State University, August 2008

## Academic Publications

Institutionalizing Electoral Uncertainty and Authoritarian Regime Survival (with Michael Bernhard and Staffan I. Lindberg). 2020. *European Journal of Political Research* 59(2), 465–487. DOI: 10.1111/1475-6765.12355

Judicial Independence and Civil Liberties in Transitional Democracies: The Case of Kenya (with Mumo Nzau). 2019. *Human Rights Quarterly* 41(2), 465–496. DOI:10.1353/hrq.2019.0034

Vying for a Man Seat: Gender Quotas and Sustainable Representation in Africa, 2018, *African Studies Review* 60(1), 185–214. DOI:10.1017/asr.2017.136.

When and Where Do Elections Matter? A Global Test of the Democratization by Elections Hypothesis, 1900-2010 (with Valeriya Mechkova, David Altman, Michael Bernhard, and Staffan Lindberg), 2017, *Democratization* 25(3), 422–444. DOI:10.1080/13510347.2017.1369964

Foreign Aid, Democracy, and Gender Quota Laws, 2017, *Democratization* 24(6), 1103–1141. DOI:10.1080/13510347.2016.1278209

## Book Manuscripts

Varieties of Democracy: What do we know about Democratization After 220 Years? (co-editor with Michael Coppedge, Carl Henrik Knutsen, and Staffan I. Lindberg).

Institutional Adaptation and Women’s Political Engagement in Authoritarian Regimes

## Working Papers

Democratic Legacies: Using Democratic Stock to Assess Norms, Growth, and Regime Trajectories (with Matthew C. Wilson, Vanessa A. Boese, and Sandra Grahn), *V-Dem Working Paper*, No. 100.

Deterring Dictatorship: Explaining Democratic Resilience Since 1900 (with Vanessa A. Boese, Sebastian Hellemeier, Seraphine F. Maerz, and Staffan I. Lindberg), *V-Dem Working Paper*, No. 101.

A New Approach to Studying Democratization: Failed versus Successful Episodes (with Staffan I. Lindberg, Patrik Lindenfors, Anna Lührmann, Laura Maxwell, Juraj Medzihorsky, Richard Morgan, and Matthew C. Wilson). *V-Dem Working Paper*, No. 97.

Establishing Pathways to Democracy Using Domination Analysis (with Vanessa Boese, Seraphine F. Maerz, Patrik Lindenfors, and Staffan I. Lindberg), *V-Dem Working Paper*, No. 95.

Democracy and Social Forces (with Michael Bernhard), available at [APSA preprints](#).

## Other Publications

Does the Coronavirus Endanger Democracy in Europe? (with Anna Lührmann, Sandra Grahn, Jean Lachapelle, and Seraphine F. Maerz), *Carnegie Europe*.

Pandemic Backsliding: Does Covid-19 Put Democracy at Risk? (with Anna Lührmann and Seraphine F. Maerz), *V-Dem Institute Policy Brief*, No. 23.

## Datasets, packages, and repositories

Pandemic Backsliding Project (co-PI with Seraphine F. Maerz, Anna Lührmann, Jean Lachapelle), available at: [www.github.com/vdeminstitute/pandem](http://www.github.com/vdeminstitute/pandem)

Episodes of Regime Transformation (ERT) Dataset (with Seraphine F. Maerz, Laura Maxwell, Richard Morgan, Juraj Medzihorsky, Matthew C. Wilson, Vanessa A. Boese, Sebastian Hellemeier, Jean Lechapelle, Patrik Lindenfors, Anna Lührmann, and Staffan I. Lindberg), available at: [www.github.com/vdeminstitute/ERT](http://www.github.com/vdeminstitute/ERT).

The `vdemdata` R package (with Seraphine F. Maerz, Joshua Krusell, Laura Maxwell, Sebastian Hellemeier, and Nina Ilchenko), available at: [www.github.com/vdeminstitute/vdemdata](http://www.github.com/vdeminstitute/vdemdata).

## Teaching Experience

### *University of Alabama*

Authoritarianism (PSC 343), Fall 2020

*University of Gothenburg*

MA Thesis Supervision (20 hours), Martin Lundstedt (with distinction), Spring 2020

*University of Florida*

Women and Politics in Africa (AFS 4330), Guest Lecturer (2 weeks), Spring 2019

Politics of Authoritarianism (CPO 4053), Spring 2017

Junior Fellows Research Program (POS 4911), Fall 2016

## Grants & Accolades

*National*

African Studies Association, Graduate Student Paper Award, 2017

U.S. Department of Education, FLAS Fellow (Kiswahili), 2012/2013, 2013/2014

*University of Florida*

Dissertation Fellowship Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), Sp. 2019

Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School, Sp./Su. 2019 (declined)

Dauer Fellowship, Department of Political Science, 2017

Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Political Science, 2016/2017

Summer Research Award, Department of Political Science, 2016

Dissertation Fellowship Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), Su. 2016

O. Ruth McQuown Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), 2015/2016

*Texas A&M University*

Mosbacher Scholarship, Bush School of Government & Public Service, 2010/2011

Scowcroft Fellowship, Bush School of Government & Public Service, 2009/2010

## Conference Participation

*(P)resenter, (C)hair, (D)iscussant*

Best Practices in Academic Research workshop, Essex, 17-18 October 2019 (P,D)

ECPR Empirical and Theoretical Approaches to Parliaments, Konstanz 26-28 Sep 2019 (P,D)

V-Dem Research Conference, Gothenburg 23-24 May 2019 (P,D,C)

International Studies Association, Toronto 27-30 Mar 2019 (P)

Southern Political Science Association, Austin 17-20 Jan 2019 (P)

American Political Science Association, Boston 30 Aug-02 Sep 2018 (P)

African Studies Association, Atlanta 28 Nov-02 Dec 2018 (P)  
Policy Dialogue Day, Gothenburg 10 May 2017 (P)  
V-Dem Research Conference, Gothenburg 8-9 May 2017 (P)  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago 5-8 Apr 2017 (P,D)  
American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 30 Aug-03 Sep 2017 (P)  
African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. 1-3 Dec 2016 (P)  
American Political Science Association, Philadelphia 1-4 Sep 2016 (P)  
African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego 19-21 Nov 2015 (P)  
American Political Science Association, San Francisco 3-6 Sep 2015 (P)  
African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Indianapolis 20-23 Nov 2014 (P)  
Florida Political Science Association, St. Augustine 08 Mar 2014 (P)  
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans 9-11 Jan 2014 (P)

## Consultancies, Policy Engagement, & International Development

V-Dem Institute, Pandemic Backsliding Risk Index, co-PI with Anna Lührmann, Seraphine F. Maerz, and Jean Lachapelle.  
USAID DRG webinar "Democracy and Covid-19", 10 July 2020.  
Swedish Embassy Rwanda & Sida, Rwanda Data Portrait, Apr-Sep 2019  
U.S. Department of Defense, Assessment of Kenya C-IED Training Program, Jan-Sep 2017  
USAID, Women's Leadership Program, University of Rwanda, June-July 2014  
Princeton University, Corruption and Social Norms (P.I.: Betsy Palluck), Nigeria, July-August 2013  
U.S. Department of State, Enhancing Military Food Security for D.R. Congo, May 2010-Aug 2010; May 2011-June 2012

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