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## Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Alabama, August 2020–present  
Research Associate, 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

Pandemic Backsliding: Violations of Democratic Standards During Covid-19 (with Jean Lachapelle, Seraphine F. Maerz, and Anna Lührmann). 2021. *Social Science and Medicine* 285, 1-10. DOI: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.114244

The Institutional Order of Liberalization (with Vanessa A. Boese, Seraphine F. Maerz, Patrik Lindfors, and Staffan I. Lindberg). 2021. *British Journal of Political Science. First View*. DOI: 10.1017/S000712342100020X

How Democracies Prevail: Democratic Resilience as a Two-stage Process (with Vanessa A. Boese, Sebastian Hellemeier, Seraphine F. Maerz, and Staffan I. Lindberg). 2021. *Democratization* 28(5), 885-907. DOI: 10.1080/13510347.2021.1891413

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

Why Democracies Develop and Decline (co-editor with Michael Coppedge, Carl Henrik Knutsen, and Staffan I. Lindberg). 2022. Cambridge University Press.

Institutional Adaptation and Women's Political Engagement in Authoritarian Regimes.

## Book Chapters

Democracy and Social Forces (with Michael Bernhard) in *Why Democracies Develop and Decline*, Cambridge University Press. Available at [APSA preprints](#).

Introduction (with Michael Coppedge, Carl Henrik Knutsen, and Staffan I. Lindberg) in *Why Democracies Develop and Decline*. 2022. Cambridge University Press.

Conclusion (with Michael Coppedge, Carl Henrik Knutsen, and Staffan I. Lindberg) in *Why Democracies Develop and Decline*. 2022. Cambridge University Press.

## Selected Working Papers

\* *Under review*, \*\* *Revise and resubmit*, \*\*\* *Conditional acceptance*

Successful and Failed Episodes of Democratization: Conceptualization, Identification, and Description (with Matthew C. Wilson, Richard Morgan, Juraj Medzihorsky, Laura Maxwell, Seraphine F. Maerz, Anna Lührmann, Patrik Lindenfors, Vanessa A. Boese, and Staffan I. Lindberg). 2020. *V-Dem Working Paper*, No.97.\*\*

A Framework for Understanding Regime Transformation: Introducing the ERT Dataset (with Seraphine F. Maerz, Matthew C. Wilson, Sebastian Hellmeier, and Staffan I. Lindberg). *V-Dem Working Paper*, No.113.\*\*

Democratic Legacies: Using Democratic Stock to Assess Norms, Growth, and Regime Trajectories (with Matthew C. Wilson, Vanessa A. Boese, and Sandra Grahn), 2020. *V-Dem Working Paper*, No.100.

Tribeless and Democratic Youth? Political Attitudes of Kenyan Students toward Ethnicity and Democracy (with Narelle Gilchrist and Sebastian Elischer).\*\*

Institutions of Electoral Integrity and Clientelism: The Role of Electoral Management Bodies (with Martin Lundstedt), 2020. *V-Dem Working Paper*, No.108.

## Other Publications

Pandemic Backsliding: A Year of Violations and Advances in Response to Covid-19 (with Palina Kolvani, Martin Lundstedt, and Jean Lachapelle), *V-Dem Institute Policy Brief*, No.32.

Pandemic Backsliding: Democracy Nine Months into the Covid-19 Pandemic (with Palina Kolvani, Shreeya Pillai, Sandra Grahn, Stefanie Kaiser, Jean Lachapelle, and Anna Lührmann), *V-Dem Institute Policy Brief*, No.26.

Pandemic Backsliding: Democracy and Disinformation Seven Months into the Covid-19 Pandemic (with Palina Kolvani, Martin Lundstedt, Seraphine F. Maerz, Anna Lührmann, Jean Lachapelle, and Sandra Grahn), *V-Dem Institute Policy Brief*, No.25.

An Update on Pandemic Backsliding: Democracy Four Months After the Beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic (with Sandra Grahn, Jean Lachapelle, Anna Lührmann, and Seraphine F. Maerz), *V-Dem Institute Policy Brief*, No.24.

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 Lechappelle, 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*

The Politics of Foreign Aid (PSC 663), Fall 2021

Democratization (PSC 330), Fall 2021

Authoritarianism (PSC 632), Spring 2021

African Politics (PSC 336), Spring 2021

Directed Readings in African Politics (PSC 598), Spring 2021

Authoritarianism (PSC 343), Fall 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

## Supervision

MA Thesis Chair, Alexander Lindenfelser, University of Alabama, 2020-2021

MA Thesis Chair, Martin Lundstedt (with distinction), University of Gothenburg, Spring 2020

## Grants & Accolades

### Selected Grants & Accolades

#### *National / International*

APSA Women and Politics Section, Small Grant, 2021

African Studies Conference Group (APCG) Lynne Rienner Best Dissertation Award, 2020.

APSA, Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs Research Grant, 2020  
 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

## Conferences and Workshops

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

American Political Science Association, Seattle (virtual), 29 Sep-01 October 2021 (P)  
 APSA Women Mentoring Workshop (virtual), 28-29 June 2021 (P)  
 American Political Science Association, San Francisco (virtual), 30 Sep-03 October 2020 (P)  
 African Research Development Group (virtual), 01 Sep 2020 (D)  
 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)  
 African Studies Association, Atlanta 28 Nov-02 Dec 2018 (P)  
 American Political Science Association, Boston 30 Aug-02 Sep 2018 (P)  
 African Women in Politics Workshop, Berkeley, 04-05 Sep 2017 (P)  
 American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 30 Aug-03 Sep 2017 (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)  
 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

Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pandemic Backsliding Risk Project, co-PI with Anna Lührmann, Seraphine F. Maerz, and Jean Lachapelle, 01 June–31 Dec 2020.

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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