

Dr. Allard Duursma

ETH Zurich

RZ G 8.3, Clausiusstrasse 59, 8006 Zurich, Switzerland

aduursma@ethz.ch

www.allardduursma.com

EMPLOYMENT

04/2023 – today

ETH Zurich, Assistant Professor in Conflict Management and International Relations

Leading a team of PhD Students to conduct research on conflict management in communal conflicts, civil wars, and transnational conflicts. Involved in teaching for the Master of Advances Studies (MAS) on Mediation in Peace Processes, the graduate-level course Ending Violence, and the course Human-Centered AI for Social Good.

PhD Supervision as 1st supervisor:

-Janek Bruker (ETH Zurich) The legitimacy of local leaders in local peace processes.

-Valentin Geier (ETH Zurich) The impact of climate and environmental factors on peacebuilding in non-state conflicts.

-Maximilian Stoller (ETH Zurich) Trust building dynamics between military personnel and locals in international peacekeeping missions.

-Johannes Lucht (ETH Zurich) The role of community-embedded armed groups in armed conflicts.

PhD Supervision as 2nd supervisor

Maria Murias Munoz (ETH Zurich) The impact of electoral institutions that emerged in colonial period on post-colonial ethnic power sharing.

Zeya Aung (King's college London) Quality Peace from Peace Agreement? Interpretations from Machine Learning.

06/2018 – 12/2022

ETH Zurich, Center for Security Studies (CSS): Senior Researcher

Independent research on mediation, peacekeeping, and the connections between local, national, and transnational armed conflict. Involved in teaching for the Master of Advances Studies (MAS) on Mediation in Peace Processes, the graduate-level course Ending Violence, and supervision of MA students writing their thesis.

9/2017 – 5/2018

University of Groningen, Department of International Relations and International Organization: Lecturer

Developed and taught the graduate-level course Responses to Civil Wars in which a group of 20 MA students in the Network on Humanitarian Action (NOHA) program enrolled. Supervised four students writing their MA thesis. Developed and taught the undergraduate-level course International Interventions in which a group of 20 BA students enrolled. Supervised these twenty students writing their BA thesis.

06/2017 – 05/2018

London School of Economics (LSE), Department of International Development: Research Fellow

Worked as a research fellow on a DFID-funded project that is concerned with conducting policy-relevant research in contemporary armed conflicts. This project was led by Mary Kaldor and Alex de Waal. My research focused on mapping transnational conflict in Africa.

- 04/2015 – 08/2017** **University of Manchester, the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI): Research Associate**
I worked as a research associate as part of a major Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) funded project entitled Making Peacekeeping Data Work for the International Community. This project, which was led by Roger Mac Ginty, looked at how the UN can better interrogate the data that its peacekeeping missions collect. My research focused, among others, on using the incident data from the UN and African Union mission in Darfur to examine the impact of local mediation efforts.
- 01/2016 – 03/2016** **Oxford University: Supervisor at the Changing Character of War Program (CCW)**
Supervised a British Army Officer on his research leave focusing on peace missions in Africa.
- 01/2014 – 03/2014** **Oxford University: Tutor**
I taught one-to-one tutorials for the undergraduate-level course Terrorism and Social Movements and the undergraduate-level course Theory of International Relations.
- 03/2015 – 05/2015** **Leiden University College (LUC): Lecturer**
Developed and taught the course Peace and Conflict Studies at Leiden University College (LUC).
- 08/2013 – 01/2014** **Leiden University: Lecturer**
Taught the undergraduate-level course Global Challenges: Peace at Leiden University College (LUC). In addition, I was a tutor for the following courses: International Politics I, International Organisations, and International Security. Gave three lectures respectively titled 'Causes of War', 'End of War', and 'Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity, and the Responsibility to Protect.'
- 03/2013 – 12/2014** **Oxford University: Research Assistant**
Assisted Professor Richard Caplan in a research project on how the principal peacebuilding actors within the United Nations system differ in their understandings of the characteristics of and requirements for a consolidated peace. Assisted Professor Monica Duffy Toft in an article on territory and war published in the 40th anniversary special issue of the Journal of Peace Research and on another article on the demise of the Soviet Union. Assisted Professor Ivan Arreguin-Toft in a study on the problem of the commons in relation to counter insurgency.

EDUCATION

-
- 06/2012 – 07/2016** **University of Oxford, Department of Politics and in International Relations: PhD**
PhD dissertation focused on explaining the role of legitimacy in mediating civil wars in Africa. Passed viva on 14 December 2015, the dissertation was accepted on 12 February 2016, and the degree was issued on 23 July 2016. Awarded the Lord Bryce Prize for the best Dissertation in International

Relations and Comparative Studies in Great Britain by the Political Studies Association (PSA).

- 06/2010 – 06/2012** **Uppsala University: Master of Science Peace and Conflict Studies**
Awarded the Mats Hammarström Prize for the best Master’s thesis and outstanding essay in peace and conflict studies.
- 01/2010 – 06/2011** **University of Groningen: Master of Arts International Relations**
- 08/2009 – 12/2009** **Uppsala University: Erasmus Exchange Semester in Peace and Conflict Studies**
- 06/2006 – 06/2009** **University of Groningen: Bachelor of Arts International Relations**

CONSULTANCY AND POLICY CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2022-ongoing** **UN Operation Crisis Center (UNOCC): Policy Contribution**
I am part of a collaboration between ETH Zurich and the UNOCC aimed at conducting foundational research on forecasting armed violence based on peacekeeping data.
- 2024-2025** **International peace Institute (IPI): Consultant**
Contributed to a report examining how the “primacy of politics” applies to the local level in peacekeeping contexts. Analyzed the role of Civil Affairs components in supporting local political processes and their link to national-level peace efforts. Developed policy recommendations to strengthen local political engagement in mission mandates and strategies.
- 2023** **MINUSCA: Consultant**
Supported a MINUSCA report on local peace agreements in the context of communal conflicts in the Central African Republic. Mapped and analyzed the content, implementation, and durability of local peace agreements supported by the mission. Provided strategic recommendations to enhance the role of UN peacekeepers in facilitating and sustaining local conflict resolution efforts.
- 2020-2022** **UN Civil Affairs at UN HQ: Policy Contribution**
Application of machine learning techniques to filter, structure, and automatically classify daily situation reports from UN Civil Affairs across several UN peacekeeping missions.
- 2018 – 2021** **Smart Peace Project**
The Smart Peace programme looked at ways to improve sustainable peacebuilding in some of the world’s most fragile states. Focusing on Nigeria, Myanmar and the Central African Republic, the programme explored how those involved in conflict resolution can be more strategic in their use of new, adaptive and recognised approaches to ending violence and addressing the underlying causes of conflict. Smart Peace was implemented by a consortium led by Conciliation Resources, in partnership with International Crisis Group, the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, the Asia Foundation, Behavioural Insights, Chatham House, and

the Center for Security Studies at ETH Zurich. I was part of the Central African Republic country team.

- 09/2020** **PAX: Consultant**
Drafted a report that maps different early warning tools used for the protection of civilians in UN peace operations.
- 2018 – 2023** **UN Operation Crisis Center (UNOCC): Policy Contribution**
Pilot study on how UN peacekeeping data can be used to forecast armed violence, focusing on the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- 01/2018 – 04/2018** **European External Action Service (EEAS): Consultant**
Large project on the EU early warning system on civil wars and political instability. As part of this project, I produced a report titled 'The European Union's Conflict Early Warning System', which is based on research visits on early warning to the ministries of foreign affairs in the Netherlands, Germany, the UK, and France, as well numerous interviews in Brussels and a visit to EU Joint Research Centre (JRC) in Ispra. Specific Contract No. 2017/390550. LOT 12: Humanitarian Aid, Crisis Management and Post-Crisis Assistance.
- 07/2016 – 05/2018** **The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS): Consultant**
Worked as country expert for the IISS, focusing on the armed conflicts in Sudan and South Sudan. Regularly conducted conflict analyses for these countries for IISS's Armed Conflict Database (ACD).
- 09/2016 – 12/2016** **Political Instability Task Force (PITF): Consultant**
Worked as a consultant for the Political Instability Task Force (PITF). The PITF is funded by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). The project consisted of producing a case study book on conflict settlements and their aftermath. Contributed case studies on Angola, Sudan, and Sri Lanka.
- 06/2016** **European Peace Institute (EPI): Consultant**
I worked as a consultant to explore the findings of a survey held on social dynamics and radicalisation in Molenbeek in Brussels.
- 07/2016 – 10/2016** **World Peace Foundation (WPF): Consultant**
Worked as a consultant on data collection project that aims to quantify transnational conflict in Africa between 1960 and 2010. Many analyses either focus on civil wars or interstate wars in Africa, yet the distinction between these types of conflicts is blurred by the transnational nature of most armed conflicts in Africa. The dataset I produced revealed this empirical reality of political violence in Africa. Dataset is available here: <https://sites.tufts.edu/wpf/the-transnational-conflict-in-africa-dataset/>.
- 04/2015 – 10/2015** **World Peace Foundation (WPF): Consultant**
Worked as a consultant on a project titled Peace Missions in Africa: An Independent Report on Constraints, Challenges, and Opportunities. This project resulted in an independent report that was presented to the African Union in July 2016. The report is the most comprehensive review

of peace missions in Africa to data, aiming to enable African perspectives and analyses to be represented in international policy-making at the highest level. To this purpose, my contribution to the report is a statistical analysis on mediation efforts in civil wars in Africa. The final report is available here: <https://sites.tufts.edu/wpf/african-politics-african-peace-research/>.

- 06/2011 – 11/2011** **The African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD): Internship**
 Focused on international mediation efforts aimed at resolving the armed conflict in Darfur.
- 03/2011 – 06/2011** **The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI): Internship**
 Focused on mapping illicit trafficking of weapons across the world.
- 01/2009 – 08/2009** **The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS): Internship**
 Focused on mapping different measurements of state power in the field of International Relations.

FIELD EXPERIENCE

08/2014	Egypt
12/2014 – 01/2015	Sudan
02/2015; 01/2016	Ethiopia
12/2016	Tunisia
01/2017	Mali
01/2019; 01/2020; 06/2023	Central African Republic
10/2021	Democratic Republic of Congo
11/2021	Burundi
12/2021	Angola
01/2022; 11/2024	South Sudan
11/2022	Liberia

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journals

1. Crises and Negotiations in Mutual Interventions. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2024) [with Henning Tamm]. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027241309299>.
2. Tracing the Footsteps of Peace: Examining the Locations of UN Peacekeeping Patrols. *International Interactions* 50 (2024), no. 6 [with Luke Abbs]. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1080/03050629.2024.2413566>.
3. Civilian Protection in Theory and Practice. *Civil Wars* 26 (2024), no. 1 [with Walt Kilroy and Sukanya Podder]. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13698249.2024.2332160>.
4. UN Peacekeeping at 75: Achievements, Challenges, and Prospects. *International Peacekeeping* 30 (2023), no. 4 [with Corinne Bara et al.] Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13533312.2023.2263178>.
5. Norm Fixation: The Role of Implementation Practices in the Development of the Protection of Civilians Norm. *Global Governance* 29 (2023), no. 4 [with John Karlsrud]. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1163/19426720-02904008>.

6. Peacekeepers without helmets: How violence shapes local peacebuilding by civilian peacekeepers. *Comparative Political Studies* 57(5) [with Hannah Smidt]. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00104140231178740>.
7. The Impact of Host-State Consent on the Protection of Civilians in UN Peacekeeping. *Civil Wars* 26(1) [with Sara Lindberg Bromley & Aditi Gorur]. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13698249.2023.2196185>.
8. Blurred Lines or Spatial Clustering? Assessing the Association between Peacekeeping Presence and Attacks against Humanitarians in Darfur. *Journal of International Peacekeeping* 25(4), 363-387 [with Larissa Fast and Roisin Read]. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1163/18754112-25040003>.
9. Combat, commitment, and the termination of Africa's mutual interventions. *European Journal of International Relations* 29(1) [with Henning Tamm]. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1177/13540661221112612>.
10. Russia's return to Africa in a historical and global context: Anti-imperialism, patronage, and opportunism. *South African Journal of International Affairs* 29(4) [with Niklas Masuhr]. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10220461.2022.2136236>.
11. Narrowing the Warning-Response Gap: Technology, Coordination, and the Protection of Civilians in UN Peace Operations. In: Making Peace with Un-Certainty: Reflections on the Role of Digital Technology in Peace Processes beyond the Data Hype. *International Studies Perspectives* [with John Karlsrud]. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1093/isp/ekad004>.
12. Peacekeeping, Mediation, and the Conclusion of Local Ceasefires in Non-State Conflicts. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Available at: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00220027221148132>.
13. Why Peace Does Not Trickle Down: State Weakness, a Fragmented Patronage-Based System, and Protracted Local Conflict in the Central African Republic. *African Affairs*. Available at: <https://academic.oup.com/afraf/article-abstract/121/483/251/6574825>.
14. Introducing the African Peace Processes (APP) Dataset: Negotiations and Mediation in Interstate, Intrastate, and Non-State Conflicts in Africa. *Journal of Peace Research* [with Samantha Gamez]. Available at: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00223433221100142>.
15. Glee and Grievance: Emotive Events and Campaign Escalation in Nonviolent Resistance. *Journal of Global Security Studies* [with John Gledhill and Christopher Shay].
16. Non-State Conflicts, Peacekeeping, and the Conclusion of Local Agreements. *Peacebuilding*. Available at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21647259.2022.2032946>.
17. Why Peace Rarely Trickles Down: The Settlement of Mutual Interventions and the Persistence of Civil Wars in Africa. *International Studies Review*. [with Henning Tamm]. Available at: <https://academic.oup.com/isr/article/23/4/2048/6419778>.
18. Mutual Interventions in Africa. *International Studies Quarterly* [with Henning Tamm]. Available at: <https://academic.oup.com/isq/article/65/4/1077/6188495?login=true>.
19. Not All Ceasefires Are Created Equal: The Role of Third Party Manipulation in Sudan's Major Ceasefire Agreements. *International Negotiation*. Available at: https://brill.com/view/journals/iner/26/3/article-p423_5.xml.
20. Fueling Factionalism? The Impact of Peace Processes on Rebel Group Fragmentation in Civil Wars. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2020) [with Feike Fliervoet]. Available at: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0022002720958062>.
21. Pinioning the Peacekeepers: Sovereignty, Host-State Resistance against Peacekeeping Missions, and Violence against Civilians. *International Studies Review* (2020). Available at: <https://academic.oup.com/isr/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/isr/viaa063/5899224?redirectedFrom=fulltext>.
22. African Solutions to African Challenges: The Role of Legitimacy in Mediating Civil Wars in Africa. *International Organization* 74 (2020), no. 2, 295-330. Available at:

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/international-organization/article/african-solutions-to-african-challenges-the-role-of-legitimacy-in-mediating-civil-wars-in-africa/AB4138D8495242B19EAF6297C91C82A9>.

23. Making Disorder More Manageable: The Short-Term Effectiveness of Local Mediation in Darfur. *Journal of Peace Research* (2020). Available at: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0022343319898241>.
24. Pursuing justice, obstructing peace: the impact of ICC arrest warrants on resolving civil wars. *Journal Conflict, Security & Development* 20 (2020), no. 3. Available at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/14678802.2020.1741934>.
25. Re-describing Transnational Conflict in Africa. *Journal of Modern African Studies* 75 (2019), no. 3 [with Noel Twagiramungu, Mulugeta Gebrehiwot, and Alex de Waal].
26. Voted Out: Regime Type, Elections, and Contributions to UN Peacekeeping Operations. *European Journal of International Relations* (2019) [with John Gledhill]. Available at: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1354066119830773>.
27. Obstruction and Intimidation of Peacekeepers: How Armed Actors Undermine Civilian Protection Efforts. *Journal of Peace Research* 56, no. 2(2019): 234–248. Available at: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0022343318800522>.
28. He Who Pays the Piper, Calls the Tune? Non-African Involvement in Sudan’s African-Led Mediation Processes. *Journal of Eastern African Studies*. Available at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/17531055.2019.1599246>.
29. The ICC Indictment against al-Bashir and its repercussions for peacekeeping and humanitarian operations in Darfur. *Third World Quarterly* [with Tanja Müller]. Available at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/01436597.2019.1579640?af=R>.
30. Predictive Peacekeeping: Strengthening Predictive Analysis in UN Peace Operations. *Stability: International Journal of Security and Development* [Co-authored with John Karlsrud]. Available at: <https://www.stabilityjournal.org/articles/10.5334/sta.663/>.
31. Introducing an Agenda-based Measurement of Mediation Success: The Divergent Effects of the Manipulation Strategy in African Civil Wars. *International Negotiation* [with Isak Svensson]. Available at: <https://brill.com/abstract/journals/iner/24/2/iner.24.issue-2.xml>.
32. Mediating Territorial Solutions to Civil Wars in Africa: Explaining the Role of Third Party Interests and Major Power Leverage. *African Studies Review*. Available at: <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/african-studies-review/article/mediating-solutions-to-territorial-civil-wars-in-africa-norms-interests-and-major-power-leverage/3015708167B3943216D3C30961F3EB13>.
33. Information Processing Challenges in Peacekeeping Operations: A Case Study on Peacekeeping Information Collection Efforts in Mali. *International Peacekeeping* 25, no. 3 (2018). Available at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13533312.2018.1446757>.
34. Hurdles to Peace: A level of Analysis Approach to Resolving Sudan’s Civil Wars. *Third World Quarterly* (2018), vol. 39, no. 3 [with Johan Brosché]. Available at: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/01436597.2017.1333417>.
35. Counting Deaths While Keeping Peace: An Assessment of the JMAC’s Field Information and Analysis capacity in Darfur. *International Peacekeeping* (2017), vol. 24, no. 5. Available at: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13533312.2017.1383567>.
36. Modelling violence as disease? Exploring the possibilities of epidemiological analysis for peacekeeping data in Darfur. *International peacekeeping* (2017), vol. 24, no.5 [with Roisin Read]. Available at: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13533312.2017.1383563>.
37. Partnering to Make Peace: The Effectiveness of Joint African and non-African Mediation Efforts. *International Peacekeeping*, vol. 24, no. 4. Available at: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13533312.2017.1345312>.

38. When to Get Out of the Trench: Using Smart Pressure to Resolve Civil Wars. *Civil Wars* (2017), vol. 17, no. 1, pp. 43-61. Available at: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13698249.2017.1342440>.
39. 'A current Literature Review of International Mediation.' *International Journal of Conflict Management* (2014) vol. 25, no. 1, pp. 81-98. Available at: <http://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/abs/10.1108/IJCMA-02-2012-0020>.
40. Mediation with muscles or minds?' Lessons from a conflict sensitive mediation style in Darfur. *Conflict Trends* (2011) no. 4, pp. 11-19. Available at: <http://www.accord.org.za/publication/conflict-trends-2011-4/>.

Book chapters

41. The perils of deadline diplomacy for ceasefires. In G. Clayton, S. J. A. Mason, V. Sticher, & A. Wenger (Eds.), *Ceasefires: Stopping the violence and negotiating peace* (pp. 163–187). Georgetown University Press, 2025 [with Laurie Nathan].
42. International Mediation in the Wake of a Failed Peace Agreement. *Mediation in the Arab World*, 2023. Isak Svensson and Ibrahim Fraihat (eds.).
43. When to Get Out of the Trench? Using Smart Pressure to Resolve Civil Wars." In *Revisiting the "Ripeness" Debate*, 2022, edited by Tetsuro Iji and Siniša Vuković. London: Routledge.
44. Technologies of Peace. In: *The Oxford Handbook of Peacebuilding, Statebuilding, and Peace Formation*. Oliver Richmond and Gëzim Visoka (eds.), Oxford: Oxford University Press [with John Karlsrud].
45. Third Party Legitimacy and International Mediation: Peacemaking through Pan-Africanism in Sudan. In: *Local Legitimacy and International Peace Intervention*. Oliver Richmond and Roger Mac Ginty (eds.), 2020, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, pp. 199-214.
46. The Disconnect between Globalization and Security: States, Power and Ideas. In: *The Oxford Handbook of Globalization*, 2018, Oxford: Oxford University Press [with Monica Toft].

Policy reports and op-eds

47. The Primacy of Politics at the Local Level in UN Peace Operations. *International Peace Institute*, February 2025 [with Jenna Russo]. Available at: https://www.ipinst.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2502_Primacy-of-Politicsweb.pdf.
48. Friedensförderung: Vertrauen durch offene Verwundbarkeit. *Schweizer Soldat* (5 September 2024) [with Maximilian Stoller Stoller]. Available at: <https://www.schweizer-soldat.ch/2024/09/friedensförderung-vertrauen-durch-offene-verwundbarkeit.html>.
49. What is peace mediation? Conceptual challenges across research and practice. Joint brief series: Improving Mediation Effectiveness. Stockholm: **Folke Bernadotte Academy & ACCORD**, 2023 [with Govinda Clayton and Simon Mason]. Available at: https://css.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/special-interest/gess/cis/center-for-securities-studies/pdfs/Clayton_et_al.what_is_peace_mediation.2023.pdf.
50. Putting on a Show Can Be Revolutionary—Here's *Political Violence at a Glance* (6 October 2022) [with John Gledhill and Christopher Shay]. Available at: <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2022/10/06/putting-on-a-show-can-be-revolutionary-heres-why/>.
51. In Conflict-ridden CAR, Act Locally for Smart Peace. *Chatham House* (28 September 2022) [with Richard Moncrieff, Lisa Heinzl, and Nyeko Caesar Poblicks]. Available at: <https://www.chathamhouse.org/publications/the-world-today/2021-06/conflict-ridden-car-act-locally-smart-peace>.
52. Why Russia's Growing Influence in Africa *Political Violence at a Glance* (14 July 2022) [with Julia Friedrich and Niklas Masuhr]. Available at: <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2022/07/14/russias-growing-influence-in-africa/>.

53. African and Western diplomats want the fighting to stop in Ethiopia. Less pressure might help. **Washington Post Monkey Cage** (7 December 2021). Available at: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/12/07/african-western-diplomats-want-fighting-stop-ethiopia-less-pressure-might-help/>.
54. Mapping Data-driven Tools and Systems for Early Warning, Situational Awareness, and Early Action. **PAX** (forthcoming).
55. Better Than You Think: UN Involvement in Local Peace Processes. **Global Public Policy Institute (GPPI)** Peace Lab (2 September 2020). Available at: <https://peacelab.blog/2020/09/better-than-you-think-un-involvement-in-local-peace-processes>.
56. Predict and Prevent: Overcoming Early Warning Implementation Challenges in UN Peace Operations. **Berliner Zentrum für Internationale Friedenseinsätze (ZIF)** (22 September 2020) [with John Karlsrud]. Available at: <https://tech-blog.zif-berlin.org/sites/zif-tech-blog.org/files/inline-files/TECHPOPS-Duursma%20Karlsrud-200923.pdf>.
57. The Big Lesson of Peacekeeping in Sudan: Beware of Host-Country Obstruction. **Political Violence at a Glance** (3 September 2020). Available at: <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2020/09/03/the-big-lesson-of-peacekeeping-in-sudan-beware-host-country-obstruction/>.
58. The (un)surprising effectiveness of African mediation efforts. **African Arguments** (2 July 2020). Available at: <https://africanarguments.org/2020/07/02/the-unsurprising-effectiveness-of-african-mediation-efforts/>.
59. African Mediators Outperform Their Non-African Counterparts—Here’s Why. **Political Violence at a Glance** (30 April 2020). Available at: <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2020/04/30/why-african-mediators-outperform-their-foreign-counterparts/>.
60. Everyday Peacekeeping in the Central African Republic. **Political Violence at a Glance** (13 April 2020). Available at: <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2020/04/13/everyday-peacekeeping-in-the-central-african-republic/>.
61. Africa only fights internal wars. Right? Wrong. **African Arguments** (15 October 2019). [with Noel Twagiramungu, Mulugeta Gebrehiwot, and Alex de Waal]. Available at: <https://africanarguments.org/2019/10/15/africa-only-fights-internal-wars-right-wrong/>.
62. Local Peace Processes and the Protection of Civilians. Global Observatory, **International Peace Institute (IPI)** (27 September 2019). Available at: <https://theglobalobservatory.org/2019/09/local-peace-processes-and-protection-of-civilians/>.
63. Transnational Conflict in Africa: A New Field of Study and a Shift in Policy Priorities. Available at: <https://worldpeacefoundation.org/blog/transnational-conflict-in-africa-a-new-field-of-study-and-a-shift-in-policy-priorities/>.
64. Introducing the Transnational Conflict in Africa Dataset. **World Peace Foundation** Occasional Paper No. 20 (August 2019) [Co-authored with Noel Twagiramungu, Mulugeta Gebrehiwot, and Alex de Waal]. Available at: <https://sites.tufts.edu/wpf/files/2019/04/Introducing-transnational-Conflict-in-Africa-dataset.pdf>.
65. The Use of Smart Pressure to Resolve Civil Wars. **CSS Policy Perspective** (7 January 2019). Available at: <http://www.css.ethz.ch/en/center/CSS-news/2019/01/the-use-of-smart-pressure-to-resolve-civil-wars.html>.
66. Here’s what can undermine peacekeeping missions. **Washington Post Monkey Cage** (18 December 2018). Available at: https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/12/18/heres-what-can-undermine-peacekeeping-missions/?utm_term=.148129104328.

67. Predictive peacekeeping: opportunities and challenges. *NUPI Policy Brief* (29 September 2018). Available at: <https://www.nupi.no/en/Publications/CRISIn-Pub/Predictive-peacekeeping-opportunities-and-challenges>.
68. Big Brain, but Little Hands? The Information Collection and Analysis Capacity of UN Peacekeeping Missions. *School of Arts, Languages and Cultures (SALC) journal at the University of Manchester* (6 March 2018). Available at: https://issuu.com/martinharriscentre/docs/salc_artsresearch_issue_10_i.
69. African Solutions to African Challenges: A Statistical Overview of International Mediation in Civil Wars in Africa. *World Peace Foundation Research Briefing*. Available at: <http://fletcher.tufts.edu/~media/Fletcher/Microsites/World%20Peace%20Foundation/African%20Peace%20Missions/Research/4%20African%20Solutions%20Mediation%20Dursma.pdf>.
70. Workshop on Ethnicity and Conflict: Summary Report. Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University. *UCDP Paper* No. 8 [with Erika Forsberg and Laura Grant]. Available at: http://www.pcr.uu.se/digitalAssets/143/143946_paper8-1-.pdf.

Book Reviews

71. Mediation and Governance in Fragile Contexts: Small Steps to Peace. Simon Mason. Reviewed for *ACCORD*. Available at: <https://www.accord.org.za/conflict-trends/mediation-and-governance-in-fragile-contexts-small-steps-to-peace/>
72. The Real Politics of the Horn of Africa: Money, War and the Business of Power. Alex de Waal. Cambridge: Polity Press. *Journal of Peace Research*. Available at: <https://www.prio.org/JPR/BookNotes/?x=109/>
73. International Mediation Bias and Peacemaking: Taking Sides in Civil Wars. Isak Svensson. *St Antony's International Review* 11(2016), no. 2. Available at: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/e26229143>
74. Walk with Us and Listen: Political Reconciliation in Africa. C. Villa-Vicencio. *The African Journal on Conflict Resolution* (2011) vol. 11, no. 3. Available at: <http://www.accord.org.za/ajcr-issues/walk-with-us-and-listen-political-reconciliation-in-africa/>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorship

01/2020 – today	Editor-in-Chief International Peacekeeping
01/2022 – today	Member of the Conflict Research Society (CRS) annual book award committee

Journal Reviews

American Journal of Political Science	2023
Civil Wars	2018; 2020
Conflict Management and Peace Science	2019; 2024
Conflict Resolution Quarterly	2024
Conflict, Security & Development	2024
European Journal of International Relations	2024
International Journal of Conflict Management	2016; 2023
International Organization	2020, 2023
International Peacekeeping	2018; 2019
International Studies Quarterly	2019; 2020; 2023; 2024; 2025
Journal of Conflict Resolution	2020, 2021, 2022, 2023; 2024
Journal of contemporary African security	2020, 2022, 2023

Journal of Peace Research	2019; 2020, 2021, 2022
International Interactions	2022; 2023
Journal of Politics	2020; 2023
African Affairs	2022; 2024
Peace and Conflict Studies	2019
Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy	2024
St Antony's International Review (STAIR)	2017

Book reviews

Routledge	2019, 2022
Oxford University Press	2020; 2023

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2023	Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Starting Grant. Around EUR 1.8 million of funding for hiring PhD students, collecting data, conducting fieldwork, and other spending on a project that looks at the impact of peacekeeping on the resolution of non-state conflicts.
2023	Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) research grant to support data collection on local ceasefires.
2022	Best Security Article Award at the International Studies Association (ISA) Conference.
2019	Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) research grant to support data collection on local peacemaking efforts.
2017	British Academy (BA) Small Research Grant for research on resistance against peacekeepers.
2016	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Impact Acceleration Grant on information analysis methods to guide the leadership of peacekeeping missions.
2016	The Lord Bryce Prize for the best Dissertation in International Relations and Comparative Studies in Great Britain awarded by the Political Studies Association (PSA).
2015	Writing-up Studentship, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford.
2014	Cyril Foster Bequest Travel Grant. The grant is for expenses related to field work aimed at promoting "international peace and the prevention of future wars."
2014	Student Travel and Research Grant, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford.

- 2015 Runner-up in the Cedric Smith Prize for the best piece of peace and conflict research by a UK based student.
- 2013 Stuart A. Bremer travel award for best PhD student paper at the annual European Peace Science Conference.
- 2012 Mats Hammarström Prize for outstanding essay in peace and conflict studies.

INVITED TALKS

- 21/11/2024 Presentation on how the “primacy of politics” applies to the local level in peacekeeping contexts at the UNMISS Civil Affairs Workshop in Juba, South Sudan.
- 28/10/2024 Presentation on the role of legitimacy in mediation processes in civil wars at the TE Lawrence Lecture Series at All Souls College, Oxford University, hosted by Stathis Kalyvas.
- 11/11/2020 Analyzing the Impact of Peacekeeping Support to Local Conflict Management: A Quantitative Approach. A UN Brownbag seminar on local mediation efforts organized by the Policy, Evaluation and Training Division (DPET).
- 26/03/2019 Presentation on evaluating local peacemaking efforts at the annual retreat of the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD).
- 06/12/2018 Seminar talk on local mediation efforts at the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA).
- 14/11/2018 Keynote presentation at the PAX workshop ‘Applying Data for Peacekeeping: Challenges and Opportunities.’ A summary is available at: <https://protectionofcivilians.org/poc-event-2018/>.
- 9/11/2018 Presentation at the ‘Protection Civilians in Conflict’ Workshop organized by Dublin City University (DCU) and King’s College London in Dublin.
- 16/10/2018 Presentation on mediation in civil wars in Africa at the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) – African Union (AU) Research-Policy Dialogue in Addis Ababa.
- 09/05/2018 Presentation on early warning at the Chief Joint Mission Analysis Center (JMAC) workshop at the UN Headquarters in New York.
- 23/03/2017 US-UK Dialogue Initiative on Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) organized by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office: ‘Scoping the African Continent.’
- 09/05/2015 OxPeace’s annual Day-Conference 2015 themed at ‘Peace and the UN at 70.’ I gave a talk on how the UN is more effective when it cooperates with regional actors to resolve civil wars in Africa. A recording of this talk is

available at: <https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/oxpeace-2015-partnering-make-peace-effectiveness-un-african-joint-mediation-efforts-civil>.

17/10/2014

Workshop on “Researching Sudan’s Peace Processes: Introduction to the Sudan Peace Archive” at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. I gave a talk on Sudan’s various peace processes relate to other peace processes in Africa. A summary of the workshop is available at: <http://fletcher.tufts.edu/~media/Fletcher/Microsites/World%20Peace%20Foundation/Researching%20Sudans%20Peace%20Processes.pdf>.

SKILLS

Software

Stata, R, and Q-GIS

Language skills

Dutch (native), English (C2), German (Reading C1, Speaking B1), French (B1), Arabic (A1)