

DR. MICHAEL GIESEN

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CURRICULUM VITAE

CURRENT POSITION

Post-Doctoral Researcher

Since Nov 2022

University of Potsdam, Chair of International Relations (Prof. Dr. Andrea Liese)

Advanced Teaching Obligations: 2 Courses

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Visiting Researcher

Sep - Oct 2025

University of Oslo, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights

Post-Doctoral Researcher

Dec 2020 - Oct 2022

University of Bamberg, Chair of International Relations

PI: Prof. Dr. Thomas Gehring

Project: Collective Agency of Horizontal Regulatory Organizations
in Global Environmental and Financial Market Governance

Visiting Student Researcher

Sep 2019 - Jun 2020

Stanford University

Visiting Doctoral Student

Oct 2017 - Jun 2018

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Visiting M.A. Student

Aug - Dec 2014

University of Oslo

Visiting Research Fellow

Oct - Nov 2012

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science (summa cum laude)

2016 - 2021

Free University Berlin

Dissertation Advisors: Prof. Dr. Thomas Risse, Galia Press-Barnathan, Ph.D.

M.A. International Relations

2013 - 2016

Grade: 1,1 (excellent) Free University Berlin, Humboldt University Berlin,
University of Potsdam

B.A. Political Science

2009 - 2012

Grade: 1,2 (excellent) Chemnitz University of Technology

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Senior Teaching Professional Certificate

2023 - 2024

Potsdam Graduate School

Workshops and Supervised Implementation: 163 working hours, incl. graduate didactic skills, advanced teaching concepts, course planning and implementation, enhanced digital skills

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Awards

Ernst-Reuter Award	2022
Best Dissertation in the Social Sciences, Law, and Economics at Free University Berlin <i>5,000 EUR</i>	
M.A. Distinction (equivalent), Best of Class 2015/16	2016
M.A. International Relations, Free University Berlin, Humboldt University Berlin, University of Potsdam	
Fellowship	2012
Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German National Academic Foundation)	

Scholarships

Visiting Research Fellowship	2019 - 2020
Direct Exchange Programme Free University Berlin, Stanford University <i>42,000 USD</i>	
Mobility Grant	2019
Ernst-Reuter-Association, Free University Berlin <i>1,000 EUR</i>	
Mobility Grant	2017 - 2018
Joint Doctoral Programme 'Human Rights under Pressure', Free University Berlin, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem <i>14,200 EUR</i>	
Ph.D. Scholarship	2016 - 2019
Joint Doctoral Programme 'Human Rights under Pressure', Free University Berlin, Hebrew University of Jerusalem <i>60,000 EUR</i>	
Mobility Grant	2016
Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German National Academic Foundation) <i>1,200 EUR</i>	
E.ON Ruhrgas Mobility Grant	2014
Forskningsrådet (Research Council of Norway), Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft <i>5,500 EUR</i>	
Visiting Research Fellowship	2012
Free State of Saxony, Hebrew University of Jerusalem <i>4,000 EUR</i>	
Study Scholarship	2012 - 2016
Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German National Academic Foundation) <i>12,000 EUR</i>	

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Teaching Experience

University of Potsdam, Political Science Department - Graduate

Seminar, ca. 15-30 students

Human Rights in International Relations (English/German)	2023, 2024/25
International Organisations and Institutions in World Politics (German)	2024, 2025
Violence in International Relations (English/German)	2022/23, 2025/26, 2026 Colloquium/Thesis Seminar) (German)
	2026

University of Potsdam, Political Science Department - Undergraduate Lecture/Tutorial

Weekly Tutorial for ca. 250 students supporting the lecture and administrating the final exam

Introduction to International Politics (German)	2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27
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University of Potsdam, Political Science Department - Undergraduate

Seminar, ca. 20-35 students

International Environmental Politics (German)	2023, 2024, 2026/27
International Human Rights Politics (German)	2025
Empirical Research on International Organizations (German)	2022/23, 2023/24

University of Bamberg, Political Science Department - Undergraduate

Seminar, ca. 15 students

NGOs, International Organizations, and Human Rights (German)	2021/22
Empirical Research on International Organizations and Human Rights (German)	2021

Free University Berlin, Law Faculty - Graduate

Human Rights Research in Political Science (English, One Class)	April 2018
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Chemnitz University of Technology, Political Science Department - Undergraduate, TA

Introduction to International Relations II (German)	2011, 2012
Introduction to International Relations I (German)	2010

Academic Supervision

University of Potsdam, Political Science Department

Undergraduate: 30	2023-2026
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Graduate: 30	2023-2026
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Conferences

ISA Annual Conference 2026, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019

ECPR General Conference 2026, 2022, 2020, 2017

EISA PAC 2023

ISA Northeast Annual Conference 2021, 2020

German Political Science Association (DVPW) IR Section Conference 2026, 2020, 2017

DVPW Congress 2024, 2021, 2018

Triannual Conference German, Swiss, and Austrian Political Science Association 2019, 2016

DVPW IR Junior Researcher Conference, Tutzingen 2018

13th International Graduate Conference in Political Science 2017

Rountables

2024 ‘Defining Tomorrow’s Research Agenda: IOs and Post-2022 Dynamics’ (University of Gießen)

2023 ‘Violence Against Women in Europe’ (Center for European and Transnational Studies, Virginia Tech)

Workshop Presentations (Selection)

2026 Research Colloquium International Relations and Organizations (University of Potsdam); ISA Research Workshop, Annual Convention (Columbus, Ohio), Authors Workshop ‘Pattern of International Norm Dynamics: Contestation, Diffusion and Change ’ (Free University Berlin)

2025 Research Colloquium International Relations and Organizations (University of Potsdam), Department Seminar Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (University of Oslo)

2024 Workshop ‘Defining Tomorrow’s Research Agenda: IOs and Post-2022 Dynamics’ (University of Gießen), Research Colloquium International Relations and Organizations (University of Potsdam)

2023 Research Colloquium International Relations and Organizations (University of Potsdam)

2022 Workshop International Comparative Sociology (Stanford University), Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGSS) Colloquium, Workshop on International Organizations beyond IOs (University Salzburg), Collective Agency of International Institutions (University Bamberg)

2021 Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGSS) Colloquium, Workshop International Comparative Sociology (Stanford University), DVPW AK Normen ‘After Diffusion: Neue Perspektiven auf Dynamiken der Normumsetzung’

2020 Networks and Organizations Workshop (Stanford University), SCANCOR Seminar (Stanford University), Workshop International Comparative Sociology (Stanford University)

2019 Closing Workshop Joint Doctoral Programme ‘Human Rights under Pressure’ (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

2018 Workshop ‘Researching International Organisations Empirically’ (University of Gießen), Ak-SiB (DVPW) Workshop ‘Soziologie in den Internationalen Beziehungen — Emergente Perspektiven’, 16th SCANCPh.D.Ph.D. Workshop on Institutional Analysis (Copenhagen Business School, CBS), Summer School International Research Training Group ‘Human Rights under Pressure’ (Free University Berlin)

2017 Summer School International Research Training Group ‘Human Rights under Pressure’ (Free University Berlin), Ak-SiB (DVPW) Workshop ‘Micro-moves in InternationalInstitutions’ (University of Potsdam)

Professional Services

Reviewer

Review of International Organizations (RIO), International Studies Review (ISR), International Political Science Review (IPSR), zib Journal of International Relations, Politics & Gender, Journal of Legislative Studies

Member

Governing Council Master International Relations, Free University Berlin,

Humboldt University Berlin, University of Potsdam

since 2024

Academic Council of University Library, University of Bamberg

2021 - 2023

Speaker

Post-Doc Fellows, Bamberg Graduate School of Social Science (BAGSS)

2021 - 2022

OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Internship Mar - Jun 2016

UNU-CRIS – United Nations University - Institute on Comparative Regional
Integration Studies, Bruges

Student Research Assistant 2014 - 2016

Kolleg-Forschergruppe (KFG) 'The Transformative Power of Europe',
Free University Berlin

Student Research Assistant 2010 - 2012

Chemnitz University of Technology, Chair of International Politics

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)

Dissertation

Giesen, Michael (2021): The Two Faces of International Organizations: Exploring Consequences and Sources of Diversification in World Politics, Dissertation, Free University Berlin, Berlin.

Peer Reviewd Articles

Giesen, Michael, Gehring, Thomas, Linder, Simon, Rixen, Thomas (2026). Specialized Committees of International Organizations an Important Source of Organizational Autonomy. *Regulation & Governance*, Vol. 20 No. 3, 1055-1069, DOI: [10.1111/rego.70022](https://doi.org/10.1111/rego.70022).

Giesen, Michael (2023): Framing Gender-based Violence in Multi-level Contexts: A Networked Approach to Studying Post Adoption of the Istanbul Convention, *European Journal of Politics and Gender*, Vol. 6 No. 1, 76-91, DOI: [10.1332/251510821X16693059192022](https://doi.org/10.1332/251510821X16693059192022).

Giesen, Michael, Malang, Thomas (2022): Legislative Communities. Conceptualizing and Mapping International Parliamentary Relations, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, Vol. 25 No. 2, 523-555, DOI: [10.1057/s41268-021-00251-x](https://doi.org/10.1057/s41268-021-00251-x).

Contributions

Giesen, Michael (forthcoming): Istanbul Convention, *The SAGE International Encyclopedia of Politics and Gender*.

Non-Peer Reviewd Articles

Giesen, Michael (2024): Ein Rahmen für das Welt-Puzzle? (Book Review), *Vereinte Nationen*, 1/2014.

Working Papers

Giesen, Michael (2017): Regional Parliamentary Institutions: Diffusion of a Global Parliamentary Organizational Design?, KFG Working Paper Series, No. 80, August 2017, Kolleg-Forschergruppe (KFG) "The Transformative Power of Europe", Free University Berlin, Berlin.

Work in Progress

Gehring, Thomas / Giesen, Michael: International Treaty Management Organizations – neither FIGO nor IIGO. [R & R at EJIR, conceptual and mixed-methods analysis of diverse IO types]

Giesen, Michael: Diversifying International Organizations: Structure and Discourses. [Book Manuscript].

Giesen, Michael: Locating IIGOs around FIGOs? A Network Analysis of Coordination Across Global IOs.[Network analysis of IO membership interactions]

Giesen, Michael: The Rising Diversity within International Governmental Organizations. [Statistical analysis of internal change within IOs]

Gehring, Thomas / Giesen, Michael / Rixen, Thomas / Linder, Simon: Collective Agency and the Expansion of Horizontal International Organizations. [Mixed-method analysis of expertise expansion]

Research Interests

- International Organizations and Institutions
- Human Rights, Women’s Rights, Environmental Politics
- International Relations and Organization Theory
- International Parliamentary Institutions

Primary Research Methods

- Quantitative Data Analysis and Datasets
- Qualitative Text Analysis, Discourse and Frame Analysis
- Network Analysis

Teaching Experiences

Graduate	IR Theory, International Organizations (Conceptual and Empirical), Human Rights, Environmental Politics, Peace & Conflict
Undergraduate	IR Theory, International Organizations (Conceptual and Empirical), Human Rights, Environmental Politics, Peace & Conflict
Tutorial (Lecture)	Introduction to International Relations
Supervision	20 Graduate Students, 23 Undergraduate Students

Technical Skills

Data Software	STATA (advanced), R (good), MAXQDA (good), Gephi (good)
Literature Management	Citavi (excellent), Zotero(excellent)
Text Management	LaTeX (advanced), Obsidian/Markdown (basic)

Languages

German (native), English (fluent), Dutch, Norwegian (basic passive), French (basic)

–References and supporting documents upon request–