

Wolfgang Minatti

Academic Positions

- Since 2024 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Department of Political and Administrative Science, University Potsdam, Germany*
- 2023 - 2024 **Re:Constitution Fellow**, *Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), Berlin, Germany*

Education

- 2019 – 2024 **PhD in Political and Social Sciences**, *European University Institute, Italy*
Thesis: "A Theory of Legitimation in Civil War: The Justification of Power and Governance in the Colombian Conflict"; Defended February 2024
Advisors: Prof. Jeffrey Checkel (EUI) & Prof. Stephanie Hofmann (EUI)
Jury: Prof. Michael Zürn (WZB) & Prof. Kristin M. Bakke (UCL)
- 2019 – 2020 **Master of Research in Political and Social Sciences**, *European University Institute, Italy*
- 2018 – 2019 **Master of Arts in International Relations**, *University Leiden, The Netherlands*
Advisor: Prof. Isabelle Duyvesteyn
- 2015 – 2018 **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science**, *University Innsbruck, Austria*
- 2015 – 2018 **Diploma in Law (Unfinished)**, *University Innsbruck, Austria*

Publications

Peer Reviewed Publications

- 2025 Wolfgang Minatti and Guillaume Gass. "Beyond Vulnerable Populations: Towards Relational Vulnerability in Fieldwork." *Qualitative Research*. Online First
- 2024 Laura Ramírez Rodríguez and Wolfgang Minatti. "On Assistants and Researchers: Power, Positionality and Vulnerability during Fieldwork on the Colombian Conflict." *Qualitative Research*. Online First
- 2024 Wolfgang Minatti. "Legitimate Governance in International Politics: Towards a Relational Theory of Legitimation." *Review of International Studies*. 50 (4): 662-681
- 2024 Selma Kropp and Wolfgang Minatti. "Whither *Willkommenskultur*? National Identity Discourses and the Arrival of Refugees in Germany in 2015/16." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. 50 (20): 5288-5307
- 2023 Wolfgang Minatti. "A Key Success Factor: Elucidating the Meaning of Legitimacy for UN Peacekeepers." *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* 17 (5): 557-576
- 2021 Wolfgang Minatti and Isabelle Duyvesteyn. "Concepts of Legitimacy: Congruence and Divergence in the Afghan Conflict." *Civil Wars* 22 (1): 1-25

Dissertation

- 2024 Wolfgang Minatti. "A Theory of Legitimation in Civil War: The Justification of Power and Governance in the Colombian Conflict." *European University Institute, Department of Social and Political Sciences*. <https://hdl.handle.net/1814/76559>

Working Papers

- RnR Wolfgang Minatti. "Justifying Violence: Comparative Judgements and Rebel Legitimacy in Colombia"
- Wolfgang Minatti. "Rebel Governance as Self-Legitimation: The FARC's Justifications of Governance Provision"
- Wolfgang Minatti & Rebecca Kittel. "The Rhetorics of 'Zeitenwende': Germany and the Legitimation of European Security Governance."
- Wolfgang Minatti & Selma Kropp. "Self-Legitimation as a Bureaucratic Tool: EU Bureaucracy and the Legitimising Function of Children's Rights."

Other Publications

- 2024 Wolfgang Minatti. "What's in a Name? The Meaning of Zeitenwende for German Politics" *re:constitution Working Paper*. 36. https://perspectivia.net/receive/pnet_mods_00006668
- 2024 Wolfgang Minatti. "Frieden von unten: Zivilgesellschaftliche Versöhnung in Kolumbien." *WZB Mitteilungen*. <https://bibliothek.wzb.eu/artikel/2024/f-26278.pdf>
- 2024 Wolfgang Minatti. "Rebel Governance as Self-Legitimation: The Case of the FARC in Colombia." *Civil War Paths Blog*. <https://www.civilwarpaths.org/rebel-governance-as-self-legitimation-the-case-of-the-farc-in-colombia/>
- 2023 Wolfgang Minatti. "Fieldwork and Vulnerability in Political Science" [Video]. *SAGE Research Methods*. <https://methods.sagepub.com/video/fieldwork-and-vulnerability-in-political-science>
- 2022 Wolfgang Minatti and Laura Ramírez Rodríguez. 2022. "Memory of violence and conflict in Cabrera, Colombia." *EUI Ideas*. <https://euiideas.eui.eu/2022/01/20/memory-of-violence-and-conflict-in-cabrera-colombia/>
- 2021 Wolfgang Minatti. 2021. "Legitimate Governance and the Taliban's Takeover." *EUI Ideas*. <https://euiideas.eui.eu/2021/09/13/legitimate-governance-and-the-talibans-takeover/>
- 2020 Wolfgang Minatti. 2020. "The Challenges of the Afghan Peace Talks." *EUI Ideas*. <https://euiideas.eui.eu/2020/09/28/the-challenges-of-the-afghan-peace-talks/>

Research Experience

- Since 2024 **Visiting Scholar**, *Research Unit Global Governance, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), Germany*
- 2023 – 2024 **Civil War Paths Fellow**, *Centre for the Comparative Study of Civil War, York, UK*
- 2021 – 2024 **Junior Researcher in EUI Research Council Project**, *European University Institute, Italy*
Project: "Institutions at Bay? Regional Integration and Identity". <https://www.eui.eu/research-hub?id=institutions-at-bay-regional-integration-and-identity>

PI: Prof. Jeffrey Checkel

- 2022 – 2023 **Visiting Scholar at the Cluster of Excellence SCRIPTS**, *Freie Universität Berlin*, Germany
- 2021 **Visiting Scholar at the Department of Political Sciences**, *Universidad de los Andes*, Bogota, Colombia
- 2020 **Research Assistant to Jeffrey Checkel**, *European University Institute*, Italy
Project: “Process Tracing and International Political Economy”. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780198793519.013.47>
- 2018 **Internship at the Austrian Economic Chambers**, Cairo, Egypt

Service

- 2023 – 2024 **Guest Editor for Special Issue at Qualitative Research**, “*Beyond ‘Vulnerable Populations’: Vulnerability as a Sensitizing Concept in Field Research*”, Publication: Winter 2024
- 2022 **External Lecturer**, *TU Darmstadt*, Darmstadt, Germany
- 2020 – 2024 **Founder & Co-Host of the Qualitative and Fieldwork Working Group**, *European University Institute*, Italy, www.qualifie.eu

Teaching

- 2024 – 2025 **BA and MA Theses Supervision**, *University Potsdam*, Germany
- 2025 **“Qualitative Methods in Practice.” MA Seminar**, *University Potsdam*, Germany
- 2025 **“Intrastate War and Violent Non-State Actors.” MA Seminar**, *University Potsdam*, Germany
- 2024 – 2025 **“Studying the ‘Global South’: Qualitative Methods, Histories and Critiques.” MA Seminar**, *University Potsdam*, Germany
- 2024 – 2025 **“Introduction to Security Politics.” BA Seminar**, *University Potsdam*, Germany
- 2024 **“Introduction to Security Politics.” BA Seminar**, *University Potsdam*, Germany
80% of surveyed participants were maximally satisfied with the course.
- 2023 **“A Life Cycle of Fieldwork.” PhD Seminar**, *European University Institute*, Italy
Co-taught with Samuel Ritholtz and Ophelia Nicole-Berva; 100% of surveyed participants were maximally satisfied with the course.
- 2022 **“Social Phenomena of Rebel Groups.” MA Seminar**, *TU Darmstadt*, Germany
100% of surveyed participants say the course's teaching and content were better than other courses in their programme.
- 2021 **“Conducting Qualitative Fieldwork: Interviews and Participant Observation.” PhD Seminar**, *European University Institute*, Italy
Co-organised with Caitlin Procter and Mariusz Bogacki; 100% of surveyed participants say the course's teaching and content were better than other courses in their programme.

Conferences & Invited Talks

- 2024 European International Studies Association PEC (Paper); CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference (2 Papers); “Legitimacy in IR” at EUI (Paper)
- 2023 European Initiative for Security Studies (Paper); American Political Science Association (Paper, Discussant)
- 2022 European Consortium for Political Research (Panel, Paper, Chair); American Political Science Association (Panel, Paper, Chair); Research Colloquium at TU Darmstadt (Paper); Research Colloquium at University Leipzig (Paper); International Relations Working Group EUI (Paper)
- 2021 European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions (Paper); CIVICA PhD Panel Series (Paper); EUI Qualitative and Fieldwork Working Group (Paper)
- 2020 International Relations Working Group EUI (Paper)

Awards

- 2024 Austrian Young Talent Award by the *Austrian Political Science Association*

Grants

- 2024 Travel Grant by the *Potsdam Graduate School*, 1600€
- 2024 Travel Grant by the *International Studies Association*, 250€
- 2023 Re:Constitution Fellowship by the *Forum Transregionale Studien*, 15.000€
- 2023 International Communication Grant by the *Oesterreichische Forschungsgemeinschaft*, 700€
- 2022 PhD Scholarship at the EUI by the *European University Institute*, 17.800€
- 2022 Travel Grant by the *American Political Science Association*, 500€
- 2022 Travel Grant by the *European Consortium for Political Research*, 750€
- 2021 Early Stage Researcher Competitive Grant by the *European University Institute*, 6.730€
- 2021 Free Project Grant by *CMHF Infinitus*, 1.500€
- 2021 Open Pool Grant for the *Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)*
- 2019 PhD Scholarship at the European University Institute by the *OeAD*, 54.000€

Organised Events

- 10/2023 **“Vulnerability and Fieldwork”** Authors' Workshop for Contributors to Special Issue, *Virtual*
- 10/2023 **“Why Do Fieldwork?”** Qualifie Working Group Seminar with Prof Lauren MacLean (Indiana University), *European University Institute*, <https://www.eui.eu/events?id=563736>
- 05/2023 **“Mind mapping in qualitative data analysis.”** Qualifie Working Group Seminar with Dr Carina Fearnley (UCL), *European University Institute*, <https://www.eui.eu/events?id=559605>
- 12/2022 **“Self-Care and Institutional Pressure during Fieldwork.”** Qualifie Working Group Seminar with Dr Laura Routley (Newcastle University) and Dr Anne-Kathrin Kreft (University of Oslo), *European University Institute*, <https://www.eui.eu/events?id=555541>

- 09/2022 **"Beyond Vulnerable Populations: Fieldwork & Vulnerability in Political Science."** Conference panel, *APSA Annual Meeting 2022*
- 08/2022 **"Vulnerability and Fieldwork in Political Science."** Conference panel, *ECPR General Conference 2022*
- 05/2022 **"Online Fieldwork and Digital Ethnography."** Qualifie Working Group Seminar with Dr Branwen Spector (LSE), *European University Institute*, <https://www.eui.eu/events?id=550003>
- 03/2022 **"Interpretivist Interviewing."** Qualifie Working Group Seminar with Prof Frederic Schaffer (University of Massachusetts Amherst), *European University Institute*, <https://www.eui.eu/events?id=548431>
- 02/2022 **"Methodological Triangulation."** Qualifie Working Group Seminar with Victor de Munck (Vilnius University) and Ines Gil Torras (EUI), *European University Institute*, <https://www.eui.eu/events?id=547389>
- 12/2021 **"Post-Colonialism and its Implications for Practices of Knowledge."** Qualifie Working Group Seminar with Dr Vineet Thakur (Leiden University), *European University Institute*, <https://www.eui.eu/events?id=544804>
- 10/2021 **"Post-positivism, Fieldwork and proving causality."** Qualifie Working Group Seminar with Prof Regina Bateson (University of Ottawa), *European University Institute*, <https://www.eui.eu/events?id=542809>
- 06/2021 **"Physical Safety and Mental Health."** Qualifie Working Group Seminar with Dr Kevin Köhler (Leiden University), *European University Institute*
- 03/2021 **"Mapping and Sampling the Field."** Qualifie Working Group Seminar with Dr Greta Semplici (EUI), *European University Institute*
- 02/2021 **"Decolonising Fieldwork."** Qualifie Working Group Seminar with Dr Mayssoun Sukarieh (King's College London), *European University Institute*
- 10/2020 **"Defence Offsets, and the Coming Redistribution of Arms Production Capabilities."** IR Working Group Seminar with Dr Jonata Anicetti (EUI), *European University Institute*
- 10-12/2018 **"Global Conflict's Movie Nights."** Student-led Film Viewing, *University of Leiden*

Skills & Training

- Office **Word, Excel, Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator, HTML, Wordpress, LaTeX**
- Software **NVivo:** Coding and Qualitative Data Analysis
R: Computational Text Analysis; Basic Quantitative Data Analysis
- Methods **Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR).** 2020, *Syracuse University*, United States
Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT). 2020, *Centre for Safety and Development*, The Netherlands
Research Ethics and Safer Fieldwork Course. 2020, *European University Institute*, Italy
- Teaching **Didactic Training for Higher Education.** 2022, *European University Institute*, Italy

Languages

German Native
English Proficient
Spanish Advanced

References

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