

Wolfgang Minatti

Current Position

2024 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Department of Political and Administrative Science, University Potsdam, 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*

GPA: 8.73 (Dutch Grading System) – Graduated Cum Laude

Advisor: Prof. Isabelle Duyvesteyn

2015 – 2018 **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science**, *University Innsbruck, Austria*

Advisor: Prof. Gerhard Mangott

2015 – 2018 **Diploma in Law (Unfinished)**, *University Innsbruck, Austria*

Publications

Peer Reviewed Publications

2024 Wolfgang Minatti. "Legitimate Governance in International Politics: Towards a Relational Theory of Legitimation." *Review of International Studies*. Online First

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*. Online First

2023 Wolfgang Minatti. "A Key Success Factor: Elucidating the Meaning of Legitimacy for UN Peacekeepers." *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* 17 (5): 557–576

2020 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 and Guillaume Gass. "Beyond Vulnerable Populations: Towards Relational Vulnerability in Fieldwork", *Submitted as part of a special issue at Qualitative Research*

RnR Laura Ramírez Rodríguez and Wolfgang Minatti. "Of Assistants and Researchers: Vulnerability in Post-Conflict Colombia", *Submitted as part of a special issue at Qualitative Research*

Wolfgang Minatti. "Justifying Violence: Comparative Judgements and Rebel Legitimacy in Colombia"

Leonie Rupp & Wolfgang Minatti. "As Much as Necessary, as Little as Possible: Germany's Ontological Security and the Herero and Nama Genocide."

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."

Other Publications

- 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://euideas.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://euideas.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://euideas.eui.eu/2020/09/28/the-challenges-of-the-afghan-peace-talks/>

Research Experience

- 2023 – 2024 **Visiting Scholar**, *Research Unit Global Governance, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (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>

Teaching

University Potsdam

- 2024 "Introduction to Security Politics", *University Potsdam*, Germany
BA-Level Seminar.

European University Institute

- 2023 "A Life Cycle of Fieldwork", *European University Institute*, Italy
PhD-Level Seminar; Co-taught with Samuel Ritholtz and Ophelia Nicole-Berva; 100% of surveyed participants were maximally satisfied with the course.
- 2021 "Conducting Qualitative Fieldwork: Interviews and Participant Observation", *European University Institute*, Italy
PhD-Level Seminar; 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.

TU Darmstadt

- 2022 "Social Phenomena of Rebel Groups", *TU Darmstadt*, Germany

MA-Level Seminar; 100% of surveyed participants say the course's teaching and content were better than other courses in their programme.

Service

- 2023 – 2024 **Guest Editor for Special Issue at Qualitative Research**, “*Beyond ‘Vulnerable Populations’: Vulnerability as a Sensitizing Concept in Field Research*”, Publication: 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

Conferences & Invited Talks

- 2024 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)
- 2021 European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions (Paper); CIVICA PhD Panel Series (Paper); EUI Qualitative and Fieldwork Working Group (Paper)

Grants

- 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*, 500€
- 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€

Skills & Training

- 2022 **Pedagogical Training: “Teaching and Learning in Higher Education”**, *European University Institute*, Italy
- 2021 **Coding and Analysing with NVivo**, *European University Institute*, Italy
- 2020 **Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT)**, *Centre for Safety and Development*, The Netherlands
- 2020 **Research Ethics and Safer Fieldwork**, *European University Institute*, Italy
- 2020 **Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)**, *Syracuse University*, United States
- 2019 **Introduction to R**, *European University Institute*, Italy

Languages

- German Native
- English Proficiency
- Spanish Advanced

References

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