

# Anita R. Gohdes

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<b>Employment</b>	<b>Professor of International and Cyber Security</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Hertie School of Governance, Berlin</li></ul> <b>Consultant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Human Rights Data Analysis Group, San Francisco, CA</li></ul>	since 02/2019 since 09/2009
<b>Previous Employment</b>	<b>Assistant Professor of International Relations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ University of Zurich, Department of Political Science</li></ul> <b>Postdoctoral Research Fellow</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government</li><li>▪ Fellowship: 'Empirical Studies of Gender and Political Violence', International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs &amp; Women and Public Policy Program</li></ul>	08/2016- 01/2019 08/2015 - 07/2016
<b>Education</b>	University of Mannheim, Germany Graduate School of Economic & Social Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Dr. rer. soc. (PhD) Political Science (<i>summa cum laude</i>)</li><li>▪ Title: <i>Repression in the Digital Age: Communication Technology and the Politics of State Violence</i></li><li>▪ Examiners: Sabine Carey, Nikolay Marinov, Nils Weidmann</li><li>▪ (date of defense 12/2014, diploma received 03/2015)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 2014-2016 Walter Isard Award for Best Dissertation in Peace Science (international)</li><li>– German Dissertation Award 2015 (Deutscher Studienpreis)</li><li>– Foundation for Communication and Media Studies Dissertation Prize 2016</li></ul></li></ul> University of Essex, UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Master of Science, Human Rights &amp; Research Methods (<i>with Distinction</i>)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Deborah Fitzmaurice Memorial Prize, by the Essex Human Rights Centre</li></ul></li></ul> University of Konstanz, Germany <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Bachelor of Arts, Political &amp; Administrative Science</li></ul>	2011 - 2015 2008 - 2009 2005 - 2008
<b>Publications</b>		
<b>Journal articles</b>	Gohdes, Anita R: Studying the Internet and Violent Conflict, <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i> , 35(1), 89-106. <b>2018</b> .	
	Birnir, Jóhanna K. & Anita R Gohdes: Voting in the Shadow of Violence: Electoral Politics and Conflict in Peru, <i>Journal of Global Security Studies</i> , 3(2): 181-197. <b>2018</b> .	
	Gohdes Anita R & Sabine C Carey: Canaries in a coal-mine? What the killings of journalists tell us about future repression <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> : 54 (2):157-174. <b>2017</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Runner-up for the Nils Petter Gleditsch <i>JPR Article of the Year Award</i>, 2017</li></ul>	
	Gohdes, Anita R: Bringing perpetrator and victim identities into empirical ethnic conflict research, <i>Ethnopolitics</i> : 16(1): 28-33. <b>2017</b> .	

- reprinted in: *Ethnic Politics and Conflict/Violence: State of the Field and New Directions*, Erika Forsberg, Jóhanna K. Birnir and Christian Davenport (eds), Routledge.

Gohdes, Anita R: Pulling the Plug: Network Disruptions and Violence in Civil Conflict, *Journal of Peace Research*: 52(3): 352-367. 2015.

Price, Megan E; Anita R Gohdes & Patrick Ball: Documents of war: Understanding the Syrian conflict, *Significance*: 12(2): 14-19. 2015.

Gohdes, Anita R & Megan E Price: First Things First: Assessing Data Quality before Model Quality, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*: 57(6): 1090-1108. 2013

Landman, Todd; David Kernohan & Anita R Gohdes: Relativizing human rights: A new system for country ranking, *Journal of Human Rights*: 11(4): 460-485. 2012.

#### Book chapters

Manrique-Vallier, Daniel; Megan Price & Anita Gohdes: Multiple recapture techniques for estimating casualties in armed conflict, In Taylor Seybolt, Baruch Fischhoff, and Jay Aronson (eds), *Counting Civilian Casualties: An Introduction to Recording and Estimating Nonmilitary Deaths in Conflict*, pp. 77-93. New York: Oxford University Press. 2013.

Landman, Todd & Anita Gohdes: A matter of convenience: challenges of non-random data in analyzing human rights violations in Peru and Sierra Leone, In Taylor Seybolt, Baruch Fischhoff, and Jay Aronson (eds), *Counting Civilian Casualties: An Introduction to Recording and Estimating Nonmilitary Deaths in Conflict*, pp. 165-182. New York: Oxford University Press. 2013.

#### Technical reports

August 2016 Price, Megan, Anita Gohdes & Patrick Ball: Technical Memo for Amnesty International Report on Deaths in Detention. Commissioned by *Amnesty International*. 2016.

- Covered by the CNN, Deutsche Welle

August 2014: Price, Megan; Anita Gohdes & Patrick Ball: Updated Statistical Analysis of Documentation of Killings in the Syrian Arab Republic, Commissioned by the *Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights*. 2014.

- Covered by the New York Times, The Guardian, BBC, Washington Post, FiveThirtyEight, Vox.com

Gohdes, Anita: Different convenience samples, different stories: The case of Sierra Leone, *The Human Rights Data Analysis Group at Benetech*, Palo Alto. 2010.

#### Further publications

Gohdes, Anita R. 'The Relationship between State and Corporate Censorship', *Comparative Politics Newsletter* 28(2): 31-37. 2018.

Gohdes, Anita R. 'Reflections on digital technologies, repression, and resistance', *State Crime Journal* 7(1). Spring 2018.

Birnir, Jóhanna K. & Anita Gohdes: Understanding Insurgent Violence in the Context of Elections, *Political Violence @ a Glance Blog*, 16 Apr. 2018.

Gohdes, Anita: Understanding Journalist Killings as Acts of Localized Repression, *Mobilizing Ideas Symposium*, 18 Oct 2017.

Anita Gohdes & Sabine Carey: 1300 Tote: Wenn Journalisten getötet werden leidet das ganze Land, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*, 4 Jun 2017

Gohdes, Anita & Sabine C. Carey: We examined more than 1,300 journalist killings between 2002 and 2013. Here's what we learned., *Washington Post - Monkey Cage*, 28 Mar 2017.

Gohdes, Anita: Internet Shutdowns During Political Unrest Are Becoming Normal – And It

Should Worry Us, *Political Violence at a Glance*, 16 Sept 2016.

Gohdes, Anita: From repressing digital content to repressing people, *Internet Policy Review*, 30 July 2016.

Megan Price, Anita Gohdes, Jay D. Aronson, and Christopher McNaboe. Re: Civilian deaths from weapons used in the Syrian conflict. *BMJ: British Medical Journal, Rapid Response*, vol. 351, Sept 2015.

Gohdes, Anita: When Internet access becomes a weapon, *Washington Post - Monkey Cage*, 24 Feb 2015.

Price, Megan & Anita Gohdes: Searching for Trends: Analyzing Patterns in Conflict Violence Data, *Political Violence at a Glance*, 2 Apr 2014.

Gohdes, Anita & Sabine C. Carey: Protest and the Outsourcing of State Repression, *Political Violence at a Glance*, 26 Feb 2014.

Gohdes, Anita: Book Review, *Insincere Commitments: Human Rights Treaties, Abusive States and Citizen Activism*, by Heather Smith-Cannoy (2012), *Journal of Peace Research* 50(2): 259-64. 2013.

Gohdes, Anita: Book Review, *Campaigning for Justice: Human Rights Advocacy in Practice*, by Jo Becker (2013), *Journal of Peace Research* 50(4): 533-39. 2013.

## Awards

- 2014-2016 Walter Isard Award for Best Dissertation in Peace Science, Peace Science Society (international) 2016
- Foundation for Communication and Media Studies Dissertation Prize, Universität Mannheim 2016
- Dina Zinnes Award 2015 (SSIP Section) of the International Studies Association 2016
- Deutscher Studienpreis 2015 (1. Place, German Dissertation Prize), Körber Stiftung 2015
- Deborah Fitzmaurice Prize, Essex Human Rights Centre for the best MA student 2009

## Grants & Scholarships

- Digital Democracy Lab, Swiss National Science Foundation (CHF 236,355) (Co-PI. PI: Fabrizio Gilardi) 2018–2020
- Two grants for Summer School for Women in Political Methodology Graduate Research Council, University of Zurich (CHF 20,000), (w/ Malu Gatto, Denise Traber, Mariken van der Velden) 2017/2018
- Travel Grant to attend the Visions in Methodology Conference (€1200) 2014
- ISA Travel Grant awarded for the Annual Convention in Toronto (\$350) 2014
- E.ON Ruhrgas Scholarship, Norwegian Research Council (€6000) 10-12/2012
- Full scholarship, CDSS Mannheim (declined) (€9600) 2012 - 2013
- ECPR Winter School Travel and Accommodation Grant (€250) 2012
- Doctoral scholarship, German Research Foundation (DFG) (€16800 ) 2010 - 2011
- Postgraduate scholarship for the UK, *Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes* (€14560) 2008 - 2009
- Scholarship, *Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes* 2008 - 2009
- Short-term grant, *German Academic Exchange Service* (DAAD) (€1920) 2007

<b>Advisory/Editorial Boards</b>	Advisory board, <i>Uppsala Conflict Data Program</i> (UCDP)	since 11/2017
	Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Peace Research</i>	since 07/2017
	Expert Working Group, <i>OHCHR</i> SDG indicator on conflict-related deaths (16.1.2)	since 09/2017
	Scientific Advisory board, <i>PreView - Conflict Prediction Project</i> German Federal Foreign Office	since 07/2017
	Advisory board, <i>CorrelAid - Datenanalyse für den guten Zweck.</i>	since 11/2015

## Talks & Conferences

### Invited Talks

▪ University St Gallen, School of Economics and Political Science	10/2018
▪ University of Gothenburg, V-Dem Institute	09/2018
▪ London School of Economics, Conflict Research Group	03/2018
▪ University of Essex, Department of Government	03/2018
▪ ETH Zurich, Institute of Science, Technology and Policy	11/2017
▪ University of Southern California, Networked Democracy Lab	11/2017
▪ Webster University, Vienna, International Relations Department	10/2017
▪ Universität Duisburg-Essen, Institut für Politikwissenschaft,	06/2017
▪ Uppsala University, Department of Peace and Conflict Research	03/2017
▪ Harvard Kennedy School, Women and Public Policy Program Seminar	02/2016
▪ Yale University, International Relations Workshop	01/2016
▪ Harvard Kennedy School, Belfer Center International Security Seminar	01/2016
▪ UK Home Office/British Academy/Gallup International/Walk Free, London	05/2014
▪ German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), Berlin	01/2011, 08/2013
▪ Peace Research Institute Oslo, Centre for the Study of Civil War	03/2012, 12/2012

### Public-audience Talks

▪ Körber Forum/DLF, 'Cyberkrieg: Das Internet im Kriegsarsenal moderner Diktatoren'	10/2016
▪ University of Amsterdam, 'Digital Dictatorship or Freedom Technology?'	09/2016
▪ Friedensakademie Rheinland-Pfalz: 'Repression 2.0: Das Internet im Arsenal moderner Diktatoren'	07/2015
▪ re:publica 2015, Berlin: 'Pics or it didn't happen: How does the Internet change what we know about violence in conflict?'	05/2015
▪ re:publica 2015, Berlin: Roundtable: 'Cybersecurity'	05/2015
▪ 31st Chaos Communication Congress, Hamburg: 'Information Control & Strategic Violence'	12/2014

### Conferences

▪ American Political Science Association (APSA)	2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
▪ European Political Science Association (EPSA)	2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
▪ IPSA International Conference: 'Political Science in the Digital Age'	2017
▪ International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention	2014, 2015, 2016
▪ Peace Science Society (international)	2016, 2017
▪ Peace Science Society – ISA joint conference	2013
▪ European Peace Science Conference (Jan Tinbergen)	2012

## Service

### Service in professional organizations

- Member, Diversity Committee, European Political Science Association since 2018
- Speaker, Arbeitskreis 'Menschenrechte', DVPW since 2019
- Working Group Co-Chair: 'International Relations', Swiss Political Science Association since 2018
- Section Program Co-Chair: 'Ethnicity, Nationalism, & Migration Studies' (ENMISA), International Studies Association 2017-2018

### Panel & workshop organization

- Pre-Workshop Organisation, Peace Science Society Conference 2017 'War and the Internet: new research on cyber and communications technology' (w. Nadiya Kostyuk) 2017
- Panel Organisation: '(Mis)informed Citizens in Autocracies', 113th APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco. (w/ Nils Weidmann) 2017
- Panel Organisation: 'Contentious politics and the Internet', 112th APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia. (w/ Molly Roberts) 2016
- Panel Organisation: 'Strategic state repression between conflict and political order', 111th APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco. 2015

## Reviews

**Journals:** My Publons Profile can be found [here](#).

*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, International Organization, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Conflict Resolution, British Journal of Political Science, World Politics, Comparative Political Studies, International Studies Quarterly, International Security, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Interactions, New Media and Society, Foreign Policy Analysis, World Development, European Union Politics, Politics & Gender, Swiss Political Science Review, State Crime, Government and Opposition, Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung*

**Publishers:** Oxford University Press, **Grants:** Deutsche Stiftung Friedensforschung

## Teaching

### Zurich Summer School

- Organisation of the 'Zurich Summer School for Women in Political Methodology' 2017, 2018 (w/ Malu Gatto, Denise Traber and Mariken van der Velden)
- Teaching module: Programming Functions in R

### University of Zurich

- Kernkompetenz Internationale Beziehungen (Intro to IR) (BA) Fall 2019
- Capstone Course: Analyzing Human Rights Violations in Kenya (MA) Fall 2017/Spring 2018
- Communication Technology, Protest, and Conflict (MA) Spring 2017
- Bachelorarbeit, Internationale Beziehungen: Politische Gewalt (BA) Spring 2017
- Spezialisierung, Internationale Beziehungen: Politische Gewalt (BA) Fall 2016

### University of Mannheim

- Thesis Colloquium (BA) Spring 2014
- The Politics of Human Rights (BA Proseminar, BA Hauptseminar) Fall 2012, 2013
- STATA Helpdesk for BA dissertations (BA) Spring 2013
- Data Analysis Tutorial (BA) Spring 2013
- Human Rights Methods (BA) Spring 2012

**University of Essex***Human Rights Methods Summer School*

- Module on 'Counting civilian casualties' 2016, 2017

*Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*

- TA, Introduction to Quantitative Methods (Sona Golder) 2012
- TA, Mixed Methods Research (Jason Seawright) 2011

**University of Konstanz**

- TA, International Politics (Gerald Schneider) Fall 2007

**Affiliations**

International Studies Association, American Political Science Association, European Political Science Association European Network of Conflict Researchers, Swiss Political Science Association, Peace Science Society

**Previous Positions**

- University of Mannheim
  - Postdoctoral Researcher 08/2014 - 08/2015
  - Doctoral Researcher and Lecturer 2012 - 2014
- Peace Research Institute Oslo, Norway
  - Visiting Researcher, Centre for the Study of Civil War 9/2012 - 12/2012
  - Member, CSCW Human Rights, Governance and Conflict Working Group 2011-2012
- World Bank
  - Consultant, Fragile & Conflict-Affected Countries Group 09/2011 - 10/2011
- Humboldt University Berlin
  - Doctoral Researcher, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences 2010 - 2011
- University of Konstanz
  - Managing Editor, European Union Politics Journal 2007 - 2008

**Languages**

German (native), English (native), French (advanced)

**Software**

R, Python, STATA, Quantum GIS, SQL, Netlogo, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, bash, GNU make, html/css.