

# Anita R. Gohdes

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**Appointments**

*Hertie School*

- Professor of International and Cyber Security since 2019

*University of Zurich*

- Assistant Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science 2016 - 2019

*Harvard University* 2015 - 2016

- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government
- Fellowship in Empirical Studies of Gender and Political Violence, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs & Women and Public Policy Program

*Human Rights Data Analysis Group* since 2009

- Field Consultant

**Education**

*University of Mannheim, Germany* 2011 - 2015

- Dr. rer. soc. (PhD) Political Science (*summa cum laude*)
- Committee: Sabine C. Carey, Nikolay Marinov, Nils B. Weidmann
  - 2014-2016 Walter Isard Award for Best Dissertation in Peace Science (international)
  - German Dissertation Award 2015 (Deutscher Studienpreis)

*University of Essex, UK* 2008 - 2009

- Master of Science, Human Rights & Research Methods (*with Distinction*)

*University of Konstanz, Germany* 2005 - 2008

- Bachelor of Arts, Political & Administrative Science

## Publications

### Peer-reviewed journal articles

- Barberá, Pablo, **Gohdes, Anita R.**, Evgeniia Iakhnis, and Thomas Zeitzoff. Distract and divert: How world leaders use social media during contentious politics. *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, accepted.
- Henry, Colin, **Gohdes, Anita R.** and Cassy Dorff. Digital Footprints and Data Security Risks for Political Scientists, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, accepted.
- Stoetzer, Lukas F., Munzert, Simon, Lowe, Will, Çalı, Başak, **Gohdes, Anita R.**, Helbling, Marc, Maxwell, Rahsaan, and Richard Traunmüller. Citizen Preferences in a Fundamental Rights Dilemma: Evidence from a Triage Experiment in Five Countries, *Political Science Research Methods*, forthcoming.
- Carey, Sabine & **Anita R. Gohdes**. Understanding Journalist Killings. *Journal of Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1086/715172>. 2021.
- Munzert, Simon, Peter Selb, **Anita R. Gohdes**, Lukas Stoetzer & Will Lowe. Tracking and Promoting Usage of a COVID-19 Contact Tracing App. *Nature Human Behavior*, <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41562-020-01044-x>. 2021.
- **Gohdes, Anita R.**. Repression technology: Internet accessibility and state violence. *American Journal of Political Science*. 64(3): 488-503. 2020.

- Otto, Sabine, Adam Scharpf & **Anita R. Gohdes**. Capturing Group Alignments: Introducing the Government and Armed Actors Relations Dataset (GAARD). *Research and Politics*. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/2053168020971891>. 2020.
- Brigden, Noelle K. & **Anita R. Gohdes**. Transparency Intersections in Studying Violence: The Politics and Ethics of Data Access across Methodological Boundaries. *International Studies Review*. 22(2): 250–267. 2020.
- Gatto, Malu, **Anita R. Gohdes**, Traber, Denise & Mariken van der Velden. Selecting In or Selection Out? Gender gaps and political methodology in Europe. *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 53(1): 122-27. 2020.
- **Gohdes, Anita R.**. Studying the Internet and Violent Conflict. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 35(1), 89-106. 2018.
- Birnir, Jóhanna K. & **Anita R. Gohdes**: Voting in the Shadow of Violence: Electoral Politics and Conflict in Peru. *Journal of Global Security Studies*, 3(2): 181-197. 2018.
- **Gohdes Anita R.** & Sabine C. Carey: Canaries in a coal-mine? What the killings of journalists tell us about future repression. *Journal of Peace Research*: 54 (2):157-174. 2017.
  - Runner-up for the Nils Petter Gleditsch JPR Article of the Year Award, 2017
- **Gohdes, Anita R.**: Bringing perpetrator and victim identities into empirical ethnic conflict research. *Ethnopolitics*: 16(1): 28-33. 2017
  - 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.

### Research in Progress

- Book manuscript: Repression in the digital age: Cyber controls and state violence in the 21st century. under review at *Oxford University Press*
- Prioritization preferences for COVID-19 vaccination are consistent across five countries (w/ Simon Munzert; Sebastian Ramirez-Ruiz; Başak Çalı; Lukas F. Stoetzer; and William Lowe). Under review.
- Civilian Behavior on Social Media During Civil War. (w/ Zachary C. Steinert-Threlkeld).
- Repertoires of online and offline protest and repression. (w/ Katerina Tertytchnaya).
- The Politics of Cyber Diplomacy (w/ Nadiya Kostyuk)
- Experimental evidence on the impact of citizen filmed police violence (w/ Katrin Paula and Christian Glaessel)

### Peer-reviewed book chapters

- Price, Megan E and Anita R. Gohdes: The Promises and Pitfalls of Data Analysis for Accountability and Justice, In Radwan Ziadeh (ed): *Accountability and Transitional Justice in Syria*. Lexington Books. 2020.
- 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. and Zachary C. Steinert Threlkeld, Changing Sources: Social Media Activity During Civil War, *POMEPS Studies* 43: Digital Activism and Authoritarian Adaptation in the Middle East. 2021.
- 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.
- Gohdes, Anita: From repressing digital content to repressing people, *Internet Policy Review*, 30 July 2016.
- Price, Megan Anita Gohdes, Jay D. Aronson, & Christopher McNaboe. Re: Civilian deaths from weapons used in the Syrian conflict. *BMJ: British Medical Journal*, Rapid Response, vol. 351, Sept 2015.
- Gohdes, Anita: Book Review, *Insincere Commitments: Human Rights Treaties, Abusive States and Citizen Activism*, by Heather Smith-Cannoy, *Journal of Peace Research* 50(2): 259-64. 2013.
- Gohdes, Anita: Book Review, *Campaigning for Justice: Human Rights Advocacy in Practice*, by Jo Becker, *Journal of Peace Research* 50(4): 533-39. 2013.

## Outreach publications

- Gohdes, Anita R., Sophie Dyer and Likhita Banerji: In dozens of countries, governments rely on Internet shutdowns to hide repression, *Washington Post - Monkey Cage*, 4 Dec 2020.
- Web of Impunity - The killings Iran's internet shutdown hid: <https://iran-shutdown.amnesty.org/>. Joint research published with *Amnesty International* and *Internet Outage Detection and Analysis (IODA)*. 2020.
- Birnir, Jóhanna K. & Anita Gohdes: Understanding Insurgent Violence in the Context of Elections, *Political Violence at a Glance*, 16 Apr. 2018.
- Gohdes, Anita & 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: 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.

## 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

- Dagstuhl Seminar 'Challenges and Opportunities of Democracy in the Digital Society' (w/ Steffen Staab, Abraham Bernstein, Beth Noveck) 2022
- Digital Democracy Lab, Swiss National Science Foundation (CHF 236,355) (Co-PI. PI: Fabrizio Gilardi) 2018–2020
- Yearly grants for Summer School for Women in Political Methodology Graduate Research Council, University of Zurich (CHF 20,000 per year), (w/ Malu Gatto, Denise Traber, Theresa Gessler) 2017-2020
- 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

## Invited Talks

### scheduled

University of Hamburg, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB), Leiden University, SICSS-Edinburgh

#### 2022

Duke University, University of Colorado Boulder, Georgia Tech, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB)

#### 2021 (virtual)

Oxford University: Department of Politics and International Relation, Georgetown University: Digital Politics and Security Series, European Cybersecurity Speaker Series, NYU Abu Dhabi: Political Science Seminar Series, Hamilton College: Levitt Public Affairs Center Speaker Series, University of Basel: Kolloquium Digitalisierung und Demokratie, University College Dublin: Connected\_Politics Lab, Bilkent University: International Relations Seminar Series, Hebrew University of Jerusalem: Political Economy Speaker Series

#### 2020 (virtual)

PRIO/MIPS: Keynote: Social Media in Armed Conflict Conference, University of Birmingham: School of Government, University of Bern: Colloquium on digitalization, development & political communication, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis: Keynote

#### 2019

University College London: Department of Political Science, University of Zurich: Digital Democracy Lectures, TU Munich: School of Governance, University of Oxford: T. E. Lawrence Seminar on Conflict and Violence, GIGA Hamburg, Federal Armed Forces of Germany: ZInfoABw, WZB: Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences, University of Bamberg, International Studies Association's 2019 Sapphire Series Roundtable

#### 2018

University St Gallen, University of Gothenburg: V-Dem Institute, London School of Economics, University of Essex

#### 2017

ETH Zurich: Institute of Science, Technology and Policy, University of Southern California: Networked Democracy Lab, Webster University, Vienna: International Relations Department, Universität Duisburg-Essen: Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Uppsala University: Department of Peace and Conflict Research

#### – 2016

Harvard Kennedy School: Women and Public Policy Program Seminar, Yale University: International Relations Workshop, Harvard Kennedy School: Belfer Center International Security Program, University of Amsterdam, Penn State University: New Faces in Political Methodology, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), Peace Research Institute Oslo: Centre for the Study of Civil War

## Selected Conference Participation

- American Political Science Association (APSA) 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021
- European Political Science Association (EPSA) 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019
- Peace Science Society (international) 2016, 2017

## Service

### Editorial Work

- Associate Editor: *Journal of Peace Research* since 2020
- Editorial Boards:
  - *Journal of Politics* since 2021
  - *Global Studies Quarterly* since 2020
  - *Conflict Management and Peace Science* since 2019
  - *Journal of Peace Research* 2017 -2020

### Advisory Work

- Advisory board, *Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP)* since 2017
- Expert Working Group, *OHCHR* SDG indicator on conflict-related deaths (16.1.2) since 2017
- Scientific Advisory board, *PreView - Conflict Prediction Project* since 2017  
German Federal Foreign Office
- Advisory board, *CorrelAid - Datenanalyse für den guten Zweck.* 2015 - 2017

### Committee Work

- Council - European Political Science Association since 2021
- Publications Committee - International Studies Association 2021-2024
- Dissertation Prize Selection Committee 2020-2022  
German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies
- Best Visualization Award Committee - *Journal of Peace Research* since 2019
- Diversity Committee - European Political Science Association since 2018
- Best Paper Award Committee - APSA ITP Section 2019
- Palmer Prize Committee - *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 2019
- Speaker, Arbeitskreis Menschenrechte, DVPW 2019 -2021
- Working Group Co-Chair: International Relations, SPSA 2018-2019
- Section Program Co-Chair: Ethnicity, Nationalism, & Migration Studies (ENMISA), International Studies Association 2017-2018

### Panel & Workshop organization

- AFK Workshop on Empirical Methods in Conflict Research 2020
- Pre-Workshop Organisation, Peace Science Society Conference: War and the Internet (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

## Reviewer

**Journals:** *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, Science, Comparative Political Studies, International Studies Quarterly, International Security, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Communication, International Interactions, New Media and Society, Political Communication, International Journal of Press/Politics, Foreign Policy Analysis, World Development, European Union Politics, Politics & Gender, Swiss Political Science Review, State Crime, Global Studies Quarterly, Government and Opposition, Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung, International Political Science Review*

**Publishers:** *Oxford University Press*

**Grants:** *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Deutsche Stiftung Friedensforschung, Israel Science Foundation, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation*

## Teaching

### Hertie School

- Conflict & Violence (Core Module, Lecture & Seminars) (MA) Spring 2022
- International Security (Core Module, Lecture & Seminars) (MA) Spring 2020, 2021
- States and the Control of Cyberspace (MA) Fall 2019, 2020, 2021
- Contentious politics in a digital world (MA) Fall 2019, 2020, 2021
- Master Thesis Colloquium (MA) Fall/Spring 2019, 2020, 2021
- Communication technology and contentious politics:  
Human rights, protest, and conflict in a digital world (MA) Spring 2019

### Summer School for Women in Political Methodology

- Co-founder since 2017
- Teaching module: Programming Functions in R

### University of Zurich

- Kernkompetenz Internationale Beziehungen (Intro to IR Lecture) (BA) Fall 2018
- 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

## PhD Committees

- Supervision: Allison Koh (Hertie)
- Committee: Sara Daub (Hertie), Jeff Deutch (HU Berlin), Lukas Kawerau (Konstanz)
- External PhD Examiner: Haakon Gjerløw (Oslo), Jonas Vestby (Oslo)

## Previous Positions

- University of Mannheim, Pre/Postdoctoral Researcher 2012 - 2015
- Peace Research Institute Oslo, Norway, Visiting Researcher 2012
- World Bank, Consultant 2011
- Humboldt University Berlin, Doctoral Researcher 2010 - 2011
- University of Konstanz, Managing Editor, *European Union Politics* 2007 - 2008

## Affiliations

International Studies Association, American Political Science Association, European Political Science Association German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies, Peace Science Society, Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft

## Languages

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

## Software

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