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EDUCATION

King's College London, United Kingdom

Ph.D. in War Studies, February 2016

Thesis: 'Running up the EU Flag – but who salutes? Understanding the Behaviour of France and the United Kingdom in the Preparation Phase for EU Military Operations in Africa'

Passed viva voce without corrections; examiners: Jolyon Howorth (Harvard), Spyros Economides (LSE)

Visiting scholar positions as PhD researcher:

German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin, Germany, Oct 2011 – Mar 2012

Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations, Brussels, Belgium, Nov – Dec 2010

South African Institute of International Affairs, Johannesburg, South Africa, July – Sept 2010

Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique, Paris, France, May – June 2010

University of Potsdam, Germany

'Magister Artium' (equivalent to combined B.A. and M.A.) in Political Science, Modern History and Public Law, March 2006 (spent 16 months in Lille and Paris during undergraduate studies)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Spain, 2021 – present

Beatriu de Pinós Fellow, principal investigator of a research project on 'Acceptability of EU Crisis Response Initiatives in African Conflicts', starting April 2022

Postdoctoral Researcher & Lecturer, contributing to an EU-funded international project on 'Envisioning a New Governance Structure for a Global Europe' ([ENGAGE](#)); convening courses on theory and qualitative methods in international security; since Feb 2021

King's College London, UK, 2016 – present

Research Associate (June 2019 – Mar 2020, 80% FTE, fixed term) & Visiting Research Fellow (since Mar 2020), Department of War Studies; contributed to an ESRC-funded project on 'Learning and Intelligence Use in European Foreign Policy' ([INTEL](#))

Teaching Fellow in European Foreign Policy, Department of European & International Studies; convened courses on foreign policy and EU politics; Jan 2016 – Aug 2018 (40% FTE, fixed term)

Research Associate, Department of European & International Studies; contributed to an EU-funded international project on '(In)Forming Conflict Prevention, Response and Resolution: The Role of the Media in Violent Conflict' ([INFOCORE](#)); Jan – Dec 2016 (60% FTE, fixed term)

École Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales (ESSCA), Paris & Angers, France

Adjunct Lecturer; convened courses on EU-Africa relations, Jan 2014 – Aug 2015

King's College London, Department of European & International Studies, UK

Teaching Assistant; taught seminars on EU politics, Jan – June 2009

University of Potsdam & Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History, Germany

Research Assistant; research for an [edited volume](#) on 'Two Germanies (1961-1989)', Apr – Sept 2004

PERIODS OF LEAVE / LIMITED RESEARCH ACTIVITY

I was not, or only partially, research active during the following periods:

March – Aug 2020: providing childcare while schools were closed due to COVID-19

Sept 2018 – May 2019: self-employed as a policy consultant (40%) while also providing childcare (60%)

April 2017 – Aug 2018: teaching-only contract (40%) while also providing childcare (60%)

Nov 2016 – March 2017: maternity leave

Sept 2012 – Aug 2013: interruption of PhD studies due to (fully resolved) medical issues

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Michaels, E., 2021, "[How Surprising was ISIS' Rise to Power for the German Intelligence Community? Reconstructing Estimates of Likelihood Prior to the Fall of Mosul](#)"

Intelligence and National Security, online first

Meyer, C., E. Sangar and **E. Michaels**, 2018, "[How Do Non-Governmental Organizations Influence Media Coverage of Conflict? The Case of the Syrian Conflict, 2011-2014](#)", *Media, War & Conflict* 11(1), pp. 149-171, special issue on the role of the media in violent conflict

Meyer, C. and **E. Strickmann**, 2011, "[Solidifying Constructivism: How Material and Ideational Factors Interact in European Defence](#)", *Journal of Common Market Studies* 49(1), pp. 61-81, special issue on the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy

EDITED VOLUMES

Meyer, C., A. Guttman, N. Ikani, **E. Michaels** and M.S. Goodman (eds) (forthcoming 2022) *Estimative Intelligence in European Foreign Policymaking: Learning Lessons from an Era of Surprise*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, series on Intelligence, Surveillance and Secret Warfare

BOOKS

Strickmann, E., 2008, [Clausewitz im Zeitalter der neuen Kriege: Der Krieg in Ruanda \(1990-1994\) im Spiegel der „wunderlichen Dreifaltigkeit“](#), series 'Staatlichkeit im Wandel' (ed. by R. Voigt), volume 7, Berlin & Cambridge / Massachusetts: Galda

BOOK CHAPTERS (*peer-reviewed)

* Guttman, A. and **E. Michaels**, "How did Germany and the UK Anticipate ISIS' Rise to Power in Syria and Iraq?" in: *Estimative Intelligence in European Foreign Policymaking: Learning Lessons from an Era of Surprise*, ed. by C. Meyer, A. Guttman, N. Ikani, E. Michaels, and M.S. Goodman (forthcoming 2022), Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press

* N. Ikani, Meyer, C., **E. Michaels** and A. Guttman, "Expectations from Estimative Intelligence and Anticipatory Foreign Policy: A Realistic Appraisal", in: *Estimative Intelligence in European Foreign*

Policymaking: Learning Lessons from an Era of Surprise, ed. by C. Meyer, A. Guttman, N. Ikani, E. Michaels, and M.S. Goodman (forthcoming 2022), Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press

* Guttman, A., N. Ikani, C. Meyer and **E. Michaels**, "Introduction: Challenges for Estimative Intelligence and Anticipatory Foreign Policy", in: *Estimative Intelligence in European Foreign Policymaking: Learning Lessons from an Era of Surprise*, ed. by C. Meyer, A. Guttman, N. Ikani, E. Michaels, and M.S. Goodman (forthcoming 2022), Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press

Major, C. and **E. Strickmann**, 2012, "Les Défis Logistiques des Opérations de l'UE", in: Olivier Kempf (ed.), *La Logistique, une Fonction Opérationnelle Oubliée*, Paris: L'Harmattan, pp. 71-85

Brockmann, K. and **E. Strickmann**, 2012, "EU-NATO Beziehungen: Von der Unverantwortlichkeit interorganisationeller Konkurrenz", in: Kölner Forum für Internationale Beziehungen und Sicherheitspolitik (ed.), *Transatlantische Perspektiven für die Ära Obama: Aufbruch zu neuen Ufern oder „business as usual“?* Kölner Beiträge zur Internationalen Politik, Band 1, Köln: Kölner Wissenschaftsverlag, pp. 75-111

Strickmann, E., 2010, "'Sorting out the Grains and Bridging Divides': Africa's Rise on the Global Scene", in: Franco Algeri and Arnold Kammel (eds.), *Strukturen globaler Akteure: Eine Analyse ausgewählter Staaten, Regionen und der EU*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, pp. 135-155

Strickmann, E., 2009, "Scenarios and Strategic Options for Coping with Climate Change", in: David Bosold and Kathrin Brockmann (eds.), *Anticipating the Future: Scenarios and Strategic Options for a New Global Order*, DGAP Bericht No. 16, Berlin: German Council on Foreign Relations, pp. 51-56

Strickmann, E., 2009, "Clausewitz und die Effektivität militärischer ESVP-Operationen in Afrika", in: Clausewitz-Gesellschaft (ed.): *Jahrbuch 2008*, Band 4, Hamburg: Zentrum Operative Information, pp. 167-182

Hochleitner, E. and **E. Strickmann**, 2008, "The New Security Context of the European Union", in: Erich Hochleitner (ed.), *Globale Akteure: das zukünftige Sicherheitsumfeld der Europäischen Union*, Beiträge zur Sicherheitspolitik, vol. 7, Vienna: Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy, pp. 129-134

Strickmann, E., 2007, "Clausewitz und neue Kriegsformen", in: Lennart Souchon (ed.), *Carl von Clausewitz – Konflikte und Strategien*, Hamburg: Internationales Clausewitz-Zentrum, pp. 14-39

POLICY PUBLICATIONS & COMMENTARIES (*published anonymously)

Michaels, E. and R. Kissack, 2021, "[Evaluating the National Acceptability of EU External Action: Conceptual Framework for the ENGAGE Project](#)", ENGAGE Working Paper No. 2, produced for the European Commission, 22 October, 29 pp.

Meyer, C., **E. Michaels**, A. Guttman and A. Albuлесcu, 2021, "[What Lessons to Learn for Intelligence Production and Use in German Foreign Policy from ISIS' Rise to Power and Russia's Actions in Ukraine in 2013-2014?](#)", The Policy Institute, King's College London, 23 June, 8 pp.

Michaels, E., 2019, "Repubblica Centrafricana: Pace, Ottavo Tentativo", in Nigrizia magazine, May edition

*Oxford Analytica, 2019, "Central African Republic Peace Deal Faces Risks", 14 May

*International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2019, "Cameroon: Anglophone Secessionists", Quarterly Analysis for the Armed Conflict Database, April

*Oxford Analytica, 2019, "Foreign Scrutiny Will Grow of Cameroon's Biya", 21 March

*Oxford Analytica, 2019, "Central African Republic Peace Deal Needs Executing", 8 February

Michaels, E., 2019, "[Tensions Running High in Gabon](#)", Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations, 21 January

Meyer, C. and **E. Michaels**, 2016, "[Utilising Open Sources for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution: Potential, Limitation and Recommendations](#)", European Policy Brief, produced for the European Commission, 12 December, 15 pp.

*International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2015, "[EU's Naval Mission in Mediterranean Sets Precedents](#)", *Strategic Comments* 21(6), 29 October

*International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2014, "[The EU's Central African Republic Mission](#)", *Strategic Comments* 20(3), 30 April

Major, C. and **E. Strickmann**, 2011, "[You Can't Always Get What You Want – Logistical Challenges in EU Military Operations](#)", SWP Working Paper

Strickmann, E., 2009, "[EU and NATO Efforts to Counter Piracy off Somalia – a Drop in the Ocean?](#)", International Security Information Service Europe, *European Security Review*

Strickmann, E., 2008, "[EU-Krisenmanagement in Zentralafrika: Grenzen und Perspektiven](#)", in: AIES Newsletter 2/2008

Strickmann, E., 2008, "[Der NATO-Gipfel von Bukarest: Aufwind für die EU-NATO-Beziehungen?](#)", AIES Fokus

Strickmann, E., 2008, "[ESVP-Mission im Tschad und der Zentralafrikanischen Republik](#)", AIES Aktuell

Strickmann, E., 2007, "[Neue Partnerschaft EU-Afrika](#)", in: AIES Newsletter 4/2007

Strickmann, E., 2007, "[Der Darfur-Konflikt](#)", in: AIES Newsletter 2/2007

DATASETS & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Michaels, E. and B. Karimi, 2021, [Overview of Expert Claims and EU Policy Responses to ISIS' Rise to Power in Iraq and Syria](#), King's College London, INTEL Research Project, dataset, 131 pp.

Michaels, E., 2021, [Germany's Anticipation of and Response to ISIS' Rise to Power: Overview of Open-source Expert Claims and Policy Responses](#), King's College London, INTEL Research Project, dataset, 89 pp.

Strickmann, E., 2014, "[Review of National Security Cultures: Patterns of Global Governance](#), edited by Emil J. Kirchner and J. Sterling", *Journal of Common Market Studies* 52(2), p. 442

Contribution to: Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations, 2011, "[EU-China: Building upon a Dialogue among Strategic Partners](#)", conference report, edited by Thomas Renard, 70 pp.

Strickmann, E., 2009, "[Review of Krieg ohne Raum: Asymmetrische Konflikte in einer entgrenzten Welt](#), by Rüdiger Voigt", *Zeitschrift für Politik* 56(4), pp. 497-500

Contribution to: The International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2008, *European Military Capabilities: Building Armed Forces for Modern Operations*, IISS Strategic Dossier, edited by Bastian Giegerich and Alexander Nicoll, 172 pp.

Strickmann, E., 2008, "Conference Report: The Lisbon Treaty and ESDP", in: Sven Biscop and Franco Algeri (eds.), [The Lisbon Treaty and ESDP: Transformation and Integration](#), Egmont Paper No. 24, Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations, Brussels: Academia Press, pp. 43-53

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

“When Subjective Factors Mattered in European Union Security Cooperation: Revisiting Jacques Chirac’s Role in the Run-up to Operation Artemis”

Status: draft completed, revising for submission

“Rethinking Realist Constructivism for the Study of Foreign Policy”

Status: submitting in Nov. 2011 (proposal accepted as part of a Special Issue, scheduled for 2022)

“Understanding Change and Continuity in International Relations Through Realist Constructivism”

Status: first draft completed

“Evaluating the National Acceptability of EU Military Operations: Challenges and Prospects for Member States” (with R. Kissack)

Status: in preparation

FUNDING & AWARDS

Generalitat de Catalunya, Agency for the Management of University and Research Grants (AGUAR), Beatriu de Pinós Research Fellowship, 2022-2024

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), travel grant for participation in the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, 2012

King’s College London, School of Social Science and Public Policy / Centre for Doctoral Studies / Department of War Studies, various small grants for fieldwork and participation in conferences, 2009-2011

South African Institute of International Affairs, grant for visiting fellowship, 2010

King’s College London, Centre for Doctoral Studies, doctoral scholarship, 2009-2012

Clausewitz Gesellschaft, award for young researchers, financial support for the publication of a monograph, 2008

French Government / Office Franco-Allemand pour la Jeunesse, fellowship programme ‘Travailler chez le partenaire’ in Paris, 2002

Université Franco-Allemande, undergraduate scholarship for studies at the Institut d’Études Politiques in Lille, 2002

POLICY-FOCUSED EXPERIENCE

Foreign policy and conflict analyst (freelance), Oxfordshire, UK; provided commissioned research on conflicts in Central Africa and responses for Oxford Analytica and The International Institute for Strategic Studies (Conflict Researcher Cameroon, Armed Conflict Database), Sept 2018 – May 2019

Researcher, Institute for European Politics, Berlin, Germany; contributed to a project on EU-UN-AU cooperation in conflict management in Africa (funded by Volkswagen Stiftung); Sept 2010 – Jun 2012

Consulting Research Analyst, The International Institute for Strategic Studies, London, UK; involved in projects: 'European Military Capabilities'; 'Europe's Evolving Security: Drivers, Trends, Scenarios' ([FORESEC](#)); 'NATO-Russia Relations after the Conflict in Georgia', Sept-Dec 2008 + May-Aug 2007

Research Fellow, Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy, Vienna, Austria; responsible for research on EU-Africa relations; co-operated with Austrian Ministry of Defence (provided regular reports on Chad and Sudan, contributed to a strategy paper on Africa), Sept 2007 – Aug 2008

Research Assistant, German Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin, Germany; research on regional security architecture in the Middle East and Africa; May 2006 – Apr 2007

Project Manager & Membership Coordinator, Women in International Security, Berlin, Germany; organised workshops & conferences; contact person for 300 members, Jan 2006 – Apr 2007

Research Assistant, Ministry of Defence, Research Institute for Military History, Potsdam, Germany; answered international research enquiries on German military history, Oct 2004 – Feb 2005

Trainee & Project Manager, Bureau International de Liaison et de Documentation, Paris, France; young professional programme 'Travailler chez le partenaire'; helped organise German-French civil society projects, Jan – Dec 2002

TEACHING

SUPERVISION AND MENTORING:

Supervising 4 MA dissertations in International Security & International Relations, personal tutor of 5 students, supervising 3 research assistants, ongoing mentoring of former students, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, 2021-2022

Supervised 18 MA and 7 BA dissertations in European Politics, European Studies & International Political Economy, personal tutor of 32 students (mentoring of 5 former students ongoing), King's College London, 2016-2018

Supervised 3 research assistants and 3 graduate teaching assistants, King's College London, 2016-2017

COURSES:

Theories of International Security, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (Erasmus Mundus Joint Master with Glasgow, Tartu, Leuphana, Radboud, and Université Libre de Bruxelles), MA core course, co-convenor, 2021-2022

Research Seminar in International Security (Qualitative Research Methods), Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, MA core course, convenor, 2020-2021, 2021-2022

German Foreign Policy, King's College London, BA elective, convenor, 2017-18

The Integration of the European Union, King's College London, BA core course, convenor, 2017-18

Foreign Policies of the EU, King's College London, MA elective, convenor, 2015-2016

Foreign Policy Analysis, King's College London, BA elective, contributor, 2015-2016

Contemporary EU-Africa Relations, École Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales (ESSCA), Paris & Angers campus, BA elective, convenor, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

The Integration of the European Union, King's College London, BA core course, teaching assistant, 2008-2009

GUEST TEACHING:

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa; General Staff College of the German Armed Forces, Hamburg, Germany; Széchenyi István University, Győr, Hungary; Karl Arnold Stiftung, Cologne, Germany

TEACHING INTERESTS:

International relations theory, international security, European security, Foreign Policy Analysis, EU foreign policy, Europe-Africa relations, qualitative research methods

RECENT CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

'Evaluating the National Acceptability of EU External Action', together with Robert Kissack, Annual Conference of the University Association of Contemporary European Studies, online, September 2021

'Subjective factors and European Security Cooperation: Revisiting Jacques Chirac's Role in the Run-up to Operation Artemis', workshop by the European International Studies Association on Thinking Outside the Box about the Inside of the (Black) Box: Second Image Reconsidered, online, July 2021

'Towards a Realist-Constructivist Theory of Foreign Policy Change?' Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries (Politicologenetmaal), Realism and International Relations in Times of Change, online, June 2021

'How did the German Intelligence Community Anticipate ISIS' Rise to Power and Which Lessons Can Be Learned?', workshop with German government officials, online, April 2021

'How Surprising was ISIS' Rise to Power for the German Intelligence Community? Reconstructing Estimates of Likelihood Prior to the Fall of Mosul', Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, online, April 2021

'Towards a Realist-Constructivist Theory of Foreign Policy?' Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, online, April 2021

'Challenges of Acceptability of EU External Action in Member States', kick-off workshop for the ENGAGE project, online, February 2021

'How Did German Intelligence Analysts and External Experts Anticipate ISIS' Rise to Power in Syria and Iraq?', INTEL practitioner workshop on Learning and Intelligence Use in European Foreign Policy, Department of War Studies, King's College London, online, November 2020

'Evaluating the EU's Anticipation of and Response to the Rise of ISIS in Iraq and Syria'; INTEL practitioner workshop on Learning from Surprise in EU Foreign Policy, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels, November 2019

'Learning from Surprise and Crisis: How Strategic has Germany been in its Response to the Rise of ISIS?', INTEL practitioner workshop on Learning and Intelligence Use in European Foreign Policy, Department of War Studies, King's College London, October 2019

'Exploring the Value of Realist Constructivism for a Better Understanding of Foreign Policy', Annual Conference of the British International Studies Association, Bath, June 2018

'The Use of Open Sources for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution', together with Christoph Meyer, INFOCORE Stakeholders Workshop, Brussels Press Club, November 2016

'NGOs as Providers of Open-Source Intelligence: To what Extent do NGOs Shape Media Discourses of Conflict and Foreign Policy Responses?', workshop by the International Centre for Security Analysis, London & Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Vienna, May 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS & TECHNIQUES

Theory and practice in European foreign and security policy; realist constructivism; interplay between estimative intelligence and response to foreign policy crises; political leadership

Confident user of MAXQDA (used for mixed-method content analysis and coding of different data sets) & ProfilerPlus (used for automated textual analysis and coding for reconstruction of political leadership profiles); substantial experience with open-source investigation, different techniques of process-tracing, narrative analysis, experience conducting research interviews with political leaders, government officials, intelligence analysts, NGO staff, foreign correspondents, think tank analysts

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

'It is far too early to celebrate peace in the Central African Republic', Mail & Guardian, 7 February 2019

'International competition in Mali'; Voice of Russia, radio interview, 22 February 2013

'Bundestag billigt Atalanta-Ausweitung', Deutsche Welle, 11 May 2012

'Germany to vote on new anti-piracy mission in Somalia', Deutsche Welle, 10 May 2012

'The International Criminal Court indictment of Omar Al Bashir and the Darfur crisis: views from Europe', Sudan TV, 18 July 2008

LANGUAGES

German: native speaker

English: full professional fluency

French: full professional fluency

Spanish: intermediate

Some passive knowledge of Arabic (intensive beginner's course, Ruhr University Bochum, July-Aug 2006 + self-study) and Latin (reading)

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Part of the King's College London team providing expertise to the European Parliament's LOT 4 on Security and Defence, Sept 2019 – Aug 2024

Study Abroad Tutor (2017-2018) and Assistant International Lead (2016-2017), European & International Studies department, King's College London

Member of the Editorial Board, Clausewitz Network for Strategic Studies, Hamburg (2012-2014)