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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Current Position	Director, ABI (since October 2015), Professor of Political Science at the University of Freiburg
Previous Positions	Director, GIGA Institute of African Affairs (2002-2015), Honorary Professor at the Free University Berlin (2013-2015) Senior Researcher, EU Conflict Prevention Network (Berlin, Brussels) 2000-2002 Senior Researcher, Institute of African Affairs (Hamburg) 1994-1999 Research Fellow, University of Hamburg, 1989-1992
Other	Consultant, 1993

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Security, State and Statehood, Peace and War, Power-Sharing, Conflict Prevention, Peace-Building; Democratisation Processes and Elections in West and Central Africa; French Africa Policy.

EDUCATION

University of Hamburg

Habilitation, venia legendi Political Science, 23 June 2011

Thesis Title: African Security – changing perspectives on a rare good and its providers

University of Hamburg

PhD, Political Science, 20 January 1993 (Summa Cum Laude)

Thesis Title: Kamerun in der Ära Biya. Bedingungen, erste Schritte und Blockaden einer demokratischen Transition

University of Mannheim

MA, Political Science/Contemporary and Medieval History, 25 October 1988

Thesis Title: Die nachkolonialen Staaten Schwarzafrikas zwischen Legitimität und Repression

AWARDS

Lorenz-von-Stein award of the University of Mannheim for the best social science Master thesis 1988

Conover-Porter Award for the best reference work in African Studies by the African Studies Association (for the Africa Yearbook) in 2012

FIELD WORK IN AFRICA

Research conducted in Cameroon (1987, 1990, 1991, 1992, 2000), Central African Republic (1993, 1999), Côte d'Ivoire (1993, 1994, 2002), Burundi (1993), Kenya (2011), Liberia (2005, 2013) and Sierra Leone (2005), expert and observer missions to numerous countries (Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, CAR, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Rwanda, and Togo).

LANGUAGES

English: fluent

French: fluent

German: native

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Associations	Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, German African Studies Association (VAD) (since 2000, re-elected seven times) Member of the Board, Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies (AEGIS) (since 2008, re-elected once) Founding member/board member CrossArea (January 2014)
Editor	Africa Spectrum, open access journal (ISI/SSCI rated) (with Henning Melber); Hamburg: GIGA (since 2009) Africa Yearbook. Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara (with Henning Melber, Klaas van Walraven, Sebastian Elischer, Rolf Hofmeier), yearly editions since 2004, Leiden: Brill publisher (since 2005)
Activities	Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of Critique Internationale (since 2010) Member of the advisory council on conflict prevention for the Federal German Government (2013-2015) Reviewer for many social science journals, including American Political Science Journal, African Affairs, Journal of Modern African Studies, Democratization Various consultancies for the German Foreign Office, the Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Goethe Institute, European Union, World Bank, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, French Defence Ministry and GTZ. Frequent resource person and interview partner of national and international media

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION, out of more than 200 articles and books)

Books / edited volumes (in English)

- Lund, Michael/Andreas Mehler (Principal Contributors): Peace-Building and Conflict Prevention in Developing Countries A Practical Guide, Ebenhausen/Brüssel 1999
- Mehler, Andreas / Claude Ribaux: Crisis Prevention and Conflict Management in Technical Cooperation. An Overview of the National and International Debate, Wiesbaden 2000
- Engel, Ulf / Gero Erdmann / Andreas Mehler (Ed): Tanzania Revisited: Political Stability, Aid Dependency and Development Constraints (Hamburg African Studies; 10), Hamburg 2000

- Basedau, Matthias / Andreas Mehler (Ed): *Resource Politics in Africa* (Hamburg African Studies; 14), Hamburg: IAK
- Mehler, Andreas / Melber, Henning / van Walraven, Klaas (Ed): *Africa Yearbook 2004. Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara*, Leiden: Brill 2005
- Mehler, Andreas / Melber, Henning / van Walraven, Klaas (Ed): *Africa Yearbook 2. Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara 2005*, Leiden: Brill 2006
- Matthias Basedau / Gero Erdmann / Andreas Mehler (Eds): *Votes, Money and Violence. Parties and Elections in Africa south of the Sahara*, Uppsala: NAI 2007
- Mehler, Andreas / Melber, Henning / van Walraven, Klaas (Eds): *Africa Yearbook 3. Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara 2006*, Leiden: Brill 2007
- Mehler, Andreas / Melber, Henning / van Walraven, Klaas (Eds): *Africa Yearbook 4, Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2007*, Leiden: Brill 2008
- Mehler, Andreas / Melber, Henning / van Walraven, Klaas (Eds): *Africa Yearbook 5, Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2008*, Leiden: Brill 2009
- Mehler, Andreas / Melber, Henning / van Walraven, Klaas (Eds): *Africa Yearbook 6, Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2009*, Leiden: Brill 2010
- Mehler, Andreas / Melber, Henning / van Walraven, Klaas (Eds): *Africa Yearbook 7, Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2010*, Leiden: Brill 2011
- Mehler, Andreas / Melber, Henning / van Walraven, Klaas (Eds): *Africa Yearbook 8, Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2011*, Leiden: Brill 2012
- Mehler, Andreas / Melber, Henning / van Walraven, Klaas (Eds): *Africa Yearbook 9, Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2012*, Leiden: Brill 2013
- Mehler, Andreas / Melber, Henning / van Walraven, Klaas (Eds): *Africa Yearbook 10, Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2013*, Leiden: Brill 2014
- Elischer, Sebastian / Hofmeier, Rolf / Mehler, Andreas / Melber, Henning (Eds): *Africa Yearbook 11 Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara in 2014*, Leiden: Brill 2015

Refereed Journal Articles

- (with Franzisca Zanker/Claudia Simons): *Power, Peace, and Space in Africa. Revisiting Territorial Power Sharing*, in: *African Affairs*, 114 (2015) 454, 72–91
- Why Federalism Did Not Lead to Secession in Cameroon*, in: *Ethnopolitics*, 13 (2014) 1, 48-66
- Consociationalism for Weaklings, Autocracy for Muscle Men? Determinants of Constitutional Reform in Divided Societies*, in: *Civil Wars, Special Issue 1*, 15 (2013), 21-4
- (with Simons, Claudia / Zanker, Franziska/ Tull, Denis): *Power-sharing in Africa's war zones: how important is the local level?*, in: *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 51 (2013) 4, 681-706
- From "Protecting civilians" to "for the sake of democracy" (and back again). Justifying intervention in Côte d'Ivoire*, in: *African Security*, 3-4 (2012), 199-216
- Rebels and Parties: The Impact of Armed Insurgency on Representation in the Central African Republic*, in: *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 49 (2011) 1, 114-139
- Why Security Forces Do Not Deliver Security: Evidence from Liberia and the Central African Republic*, in: *Armed Forces and Society*, 1 (2012) 38, 46-69
- Peace and Power sharing in Africa: a not so obvious relationship*, in: *African Affairs*, 108 (2009) 432, 453-473
- Political Discourse in Football Coverage – The Cases of Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana*, in: *Soccer and Society*, 9 (2008) 1, 96-110;

- Caught between International, State and Non-state Actors: Public Perceptions of Security in Post-conflict Urban Liberia, in: *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*, 3 (2007) 2, 84-89 (with Matthias Basedau und Judy Smith-Höhn);
- The hidden costs of power-sharing: Reproducing insurgent violence in Africa, in: *African Affairs*; 104 (2005) 416, 375-398 (with Denis Tull).

Refereed Book Chapters and Non-Refereed Journal Articles (in English), selection

- Cameroun and the politics of patronage, in: David Birmingham/Phyllis M. Martin (Eds.): *History of Central Africa. The contemporary years since 1960*, London/New York 1998, 43-65
- Decentralization, Division of Power and Crisis Prevention: A Theoretical Exploration with Reference to Africa, in: Tobias Debiel/Axel Klein (Eds.): *Fragile Peace. State Failure, Violence and Development in Crisis Regions*, London etc. 2002, 72-85
- Oligopolies of violence in Africa south of the Sahara, in: *Nord-Süd aktuell* 18 (2004) 3, 539-548
- The shaky foundations, adverse circumstances and limited achievements of democratic transition in the Central African Republic, in Leo Villalón/Peter VonDoepp: *The Fate of Africa's Democratic Experiment Elites and Institution* Bloomington: Indiana University Press 2005, 126-152
- Political Parties and Violence in Africa. Systematic Reflections against Empirical Background, in: Matthias Basedau / Gero Erdmann / Andreas Mehler (eds): *Votes, Money and Violence. Parties and Elections in Africa south of the Sahara*, Uppsala: NAI 2007
- Security Actors in Liberia and Sierra Leone Roles Interactions and Perceptions, in: Tobias Debiel / Daniel Lambach (Eds.): *Actors of Violence and Alternative Forms of Governance (INEF Report 89/2007)*, 49-65 (with Judy Smith-Höhn)
- France in Search of a New Africa Policy, in: *Internationale Politik*, Global Edition, 1/2008, 28-38.
- Positive, ambiguous or negative? Peacekeeping in the local security fabric, in: *Critical Currents* 5/2008 (The United Nations, Security and Peacekeeping in Africa. Lessons and Prospects, Uppsala: Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, 41-65
- Hybrid Regimes and Oligopolies of Violence in Africa: Expectations on Security Provisions „From Below“, in: Martina Fischer/Beatrix Schmelzle: *Building Peace in the Absence of States: Challenging the Discourse on State Failure (Berghof Handbook Dialogue Series 8)*, Berlin: Berghof Research Center for Constructive Conflict Management 2009, 57-66. http://www.berghof-handbook.net/uploads/download/dialogue8_failingstates_complete.pdf?LANG=e&id=269
- Pathways to Elite Insecurity, in: *Fieldsights - Hot Spots (Central African Republic)*, Cultural Anthropology Online, June 11, 2014, <http://culanth.org/fieldsights/549-pathways-to-elite-insecurity>

THIRD-PARTY FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Alternatives to the production of state security in areas of extremely limited statehood (Central African Republic and South Sudan), project C10 within the DFG Collaborative Research Centre 700 (Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood)(2014-1017)
- The local arena of power-sharing. Patterns of Adaptation of Continued Disorder. (in the framework of the DFG Priority Programme 1448 "Adaptation and Creativity in Africa"), DFG (2010-2016) (ME 1701/4-1 and 4-2)(with Denis Tull)
- Institutions for Sustainable Peace. Leibniz-Gemeinschaft/SAW-Verfahren (2012-2016) (with Matthias Basedau and Sabine Kurtenbach)
- 'Power-sharing' in postconflict situations: On the institutional prerequisites for lasting peace, DFG (2012-2015) (ME 1701/6-1, 6-2)
- Consequences of the structural militarisation of the Eritrean society after the war with Ethiopia, Fritz Thyssen Foundation (2008-2010)
- Precarious statehood in Kenya, ZEIT Foundation (2007-2009)
- Parties and party systems in francophone Africa, DFG (2006-2008) (ME 1701/2-1, 2-2)
- Legitimate Oligopolies of Violence in post-conflict societies (Liberia and Sierra Leone), German Foundation of Peace Research, DSF (2005-2007)
- Structural Stability and Global Social Inclusion, German Ministry of Cooperation (2006-2007)
- Decentralisation and Poverty Reduction in Uganda, Fritz Thyssen Foundation (2004-2006)
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