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## SUMMARY

Trained political scientist with a PhD in international relations and 3 years of international research, publication and teaching experience. Interested in the international dimension of authoritarianism, regional & international organizations and their institutional design, and the politics of Muslim societies. Prefers working with quantitative methods and mixed designs. Looking to work within a diverse and supportive political science department and building new research partnerships.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021 - today                    **Lecturer & Post-doctoral Researcher**, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, Chair for International Organizations, Potsdam University
- 2019 - 2020                    **Post-doctoral Researcher**, Department of Political Science, Maastricht University  
ERC Project: “Who gets to live forever?” Toward an Institutional Theory on the Decline and Death of International Organizations
- 2017 - 2018                    **Fox International Fellow (pre-doctoral researcher)**, Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University

## EDUCATION

- 2014 - 2018                    **PhD**, Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies, Free University Berlin  
Thesis: Autocracy from the Outside-In? The Role of Regional Organizations in Boosting Authoritarian Resilience (*summa cum laude*)
- 2011 - 2014                    **M.A.**, Political Science, Universität Potsdam
- 2008 - 2011                    **B.A.**, Governance and Public Policy, Universität Passau

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

**Maria Debre** (2021). Clubs of Autocrats: Regional Organizations and Autocratic Regime Survival, *Review of International Organizations*, online first.

**Maria Debre** & Hylke Dijkstra (2021). COVID-19 and Policy Responses by International Organizations: Crisis of Liberal International Order or Window of Opportunity? *Global Policy*, online first.

**Maria Debre** & Hylke Dijkstra (2021). Institutional Design for a Post-Liberal Order: Why some International Organizations Live Longer than Others, *European Journal of International Relations*, 27(1), 311-339.

**Maria Debre** (2021). The “Dark Side” of Regional Integration: How Authoritarian Regimes Exploit Regional Organizations to Boost Resilience, *Democratization* 28(2), 394-413.

**Maria Debre** (2020). Legitimation, Regime Survival, and Shifting Alliances in the Arab League: Explaining Sanction Politics during the Arab Spring, *International Political Science Review*, online first.

Sebastian Knecht & **Maria Debre** (2018). Die „digitale IO“: Chancen und Risiken von Online-Daten für die Forschung zu Internationalen Organisationen. *ZIB Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen*, 25(1).

**Maria Debre** & Lee Morgenbesser (2017). Out of the Shadows: Authoritarian Regimes, Flawed Elections and International Legitimation, *Contemporary Politics*, 23(3), 328-247.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

**Maria Debre**. Autocrats in Regional International Organizations. *Unpublished Book Manuscript*.

**Maria Debre** & Thomas Sommerer: Autocratization in International Organizations: Driver of institutional change?

**Maria Debre** & Daniëlle Flonk. Authoritarian Regionalism: Interplay between Domestic Politics, Regional Coalitions and International Regimes.

Hylke Dijkstra, **Maria Debre** & Tim Heinkelmann-Wild: Gaps in Global Governance. The Afterlife of International Organizations.

Hylke Dijkstra & **Maria Debre**. Causes of Death of Major International Organizations: When Institutional Stickiness is not enough.

**Maria Debre** & Hylke Dijkstra. Conceptualizing the Decline of International Organizations. Towards a Relational View of Institutional Change.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMENTARY

[Immune to COVID? The Striking Resilience of International Organisations](#), *LSE COVID-19 Blog*, (July 13, 2021) (with Hylke Dijkstra)

[Trump's 'America First' Approach has Targeted International Institutions - But they've proved to be resilient](#). *The Loop*, (November 25, 2020) (with Hylke Dijkstra)

[How Global Efforts to Promote Regional Organizations Can Strengthen Authoritarian Regimes](#). *Scholars Strategy Network*, (June 4, 2018).

[Fatma gegen Goliath. Frauen erlangen das Wahlrecht in Saudi-Arabien](#). *Mediterranes* 1/2016, 40-41.

[Omans ungewisse Zukunft – dem Sultanat droht eine Nachfolgekrise](#). *Alsharq Blog*, (Nov. 11, 2014).

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

**PhD Fellowship**, Research College (KFG) 'The Transformative Power of Europe', Freie Universität Berlin (2014-2017) [50,000 EUR]

**Fox Fellowship**, Yale University (2017-2018) [22,500 USD]

**Deutscher Studienpreis**, Körber Foundation, Finalist (Section Social Sciences) (2019) [final 9/470 applications]

## PROFESSIONAL DIDACTIC TRAINING

2021 - 2022	<b>Senior Teaching Program</b> , Potsdam University (12 months) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• University Didactic Training (6 workshops)</li><li>• Independent Teaching</li><li>• Mentoring by Experienced University Lecturers</li><li>• Peer Mentoring and Exchange</li></ul>
2019	<b>Introduction to Problem-based Learning</b> , Maastricht University (2-day workshop)
2015	<b>University Teaching and Learning</b> , Free University Berlin (3-day workshop)

## TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

2021 - today

**Potsdam University**

- Sanctions in International Politics (graduate seminar)
- Global Public Policy (graduate seminar)
- Global Governance in Crisis (graduate seminar)
- International Organizations and Democratization (undergraduate seminar)
- Comparative Regionalism (undergraduate seminar)
- Introduction to Research Design (undergraduate seminar)
- BA (3) & MA (4) Thesis Supervision (Field: Regional & International Organizations, Democratization, Global South)

2019 - 2020

**Maastricht University**

- International Relations: Contemporary Issues and Actors (undergraduate seminar)
- Analyzing Research Design (undergraduate seminar)
- Regional Integration & Multi-Level Governance' (graduate workshop), United Nations University (UNU-MERIT)
- Introduction to Quantitative Methods (undergraduate seminar)
- Introduction to PBL and Higher Education (undergraduate mentoring program, 15 students)
- BA (11) & MA (3) Thesis Supervision (Field: Regional & International Organizations, Middle East, Democratization)

2018

**Yale University**

- Sex, Markets, and Power (undergraduate lecture), Teaching Assistant for Professor Frances McCall Rosenbluth

2016 - 2017

**Free University Berlin**

- Introduction to Research Design in Political Science' (graduate seminar & colloquium)
- EU Foreign Policy in the Middle East' (undergraduate seminar)

## CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting**, virtual (2021)
- Author's Workshop** 'Regional Democracy Protection and Sanctions', Stockholm University (2019)
- Authoritarianism in a Global Age Project Meeting**, University of Amsterdam (2017)
- Authoritarian Politics and International Relations (APIR) Seminar**, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB) (2019)
- Debate Café**, Studium Generale, 'Can Trade Promote Democracy?', Maastricht University (2020)
- ECPR General Conference** (2016, 2019, 2020)
- ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops** (2016, 2019, 2021)
- ECR Workshop** 'The Contestation of Liberal Democracy', Scripts Cluster & Instituto de Ciencia Política Chile, virtual (2021)
- ERC Workshop** 'Decline and Death of International Organizations', Brussels Campus, Maastricht University (2020)
- Fox International Fellowship Conference**, Yale University (2018)
- German Association for American Studies Political Science Section Annual Meeting**, Heidelberg (2019)
- German Association for the Middle East (DAVO) Annual Congress**, University of Bochum (2015)
- German Political Science Association (DVPW) Comparative Political Science Section Conference**, GIGA Hamburg (2015)
- German Political Science Association (DVPW) International Relations Section Conference**, University of Freiburg (2020)
- German Political Science Association (DVPW) 3-Länder Tagung**, University of Heidelberg (2016)
- German Political Science Association (DVPW) 28<sup>th</sup> Congress**, virtual (2021)
- International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conventions** (2017-2021) [2020 Convention canceled due to Covid-19]
- International Studies Association (ISA) Venture Research Workshop** 'International Organization Dissolution', University of Zurich (2019)
- Maastricht-York Workshop**, 'Europe and the future of global rules and multilateralism', Maastricht University (2019)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Nordic Conference on Development Research**, Copenhagen Business School (2019)
- 7<sup>th</sup> International Joint Ph.D. Workshop** of the Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies (BTS) and the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem (2017)

## PROFESSIONAL & DEPARTMENT SERVICES

**Reviewer**, *European Journal of International Relations*, *The Review of International Organizations*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *International Political Science Review*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Problems of Post-Communism*

**Representative**, PhD Faculty Hiring Committee 2019, Maastricht University; Steering Committee Master of International Relations (MAIB), Potsdam University; Hiring Committee W3 professorship Open Government, Potsdam University

**Member**, American Political Science Association; International Studies Association; Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaften

**Workshop (Co-)Organizer**, “Global Order in Crisis?”, Politicologenetmaal, Nijmegen, 2020 [ *canceled due to Covid-19*]; “Decline and Death of International Organizations”, Brussels 2020

**Panel Organizer, Chair, Discussant**, ISA 2017, 2020, 2021; ECPR 2016, 2020; NorDev 2019, IB Sektionstagung 2020