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### Curriculum Vitae

University of Colorado Denver, Department of Political Science  
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#### EDUCATION

Ph.D. (05/2002)	International Studies (Comparative Politics, International Relations) Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver
M.A. (11/1997)	International Studies (Comparative Politics) Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver
B.A. equivalent (1993)	German Literature, Modern History, Political Science Universität Tübingen, Germany
Erasmus Exchange (1992 – 1993)	International Relations, European Integration Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, The Netherlands

#### CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Since 08/2002	Professor for Comparative Politics (tenured since 2009, full since 2018) Department of Political Science, University of Colorado Denver
Since 09/2014	Director, <i>Berlin: Bridging Global Divides</i> (semester-long study abroad program for undergraduate and graduate students) University of Colorado Denver/Ecologic Institute Berlin
Since 06/2010	Senior Associate Ecologic Institute Berlin
02/2011 - 02/2014	Project Coordinator, DFG Research Project “Critical Junctures and the Survival of Dictatorships: Explaining the Stability of Autocratic Regimes”, WZB Social Science Research Center Berlin
01/2008 – 05/2010	Director, BA in International Studies Program College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado Denver
02/1998 - 06/1999	Visiting Lecturer (Civic Education Project) Department for International Law and Relations Tbilisi State University, Georgia

## EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS (more than 5,000 USD)

- 2019 Research Council of Norway, "Criminal justice, wildlife conservation and animal rights in the Anthropocene (CRIMEANTROP)", with Ragnhild Sollund et al., 9.889,000 NOK.
- 2016 Leibniz Foundation, International Diffusion and Cooperation of Authoritarian Regimes (IDCAR), Research project: "Autocratic Regimes as Norm Entrepreneurs," with Betsy Jose, 8,000 Euro.
- 2014 Academic Swiss Caucasus Net/Gebert Rűf Stiftung, Workshop "Exporting Regimes. Interests and Strategies of Powerful States in the Post-Communist Space", Berlin, Hertie School of Governance, 12-14 June 2014, with Julie A. George, 11,000 CHF (Co-Organizer)
- 2012 European Union, Seventh Framework Programme (FP7), "European Union Action to Fight Environmental Crime" (EFFACE), with Ecologic Institute Berlin, 2.3 Million Euro (Scientific Coordinator).
- 2011 Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), "Critical Junctures and the Survival of Dictatorships. Explaining the Stability of Autocratic Regimes," with Wolfgang Merkel (WZB), 654,000 Euro (Project Coordinator).
- 2006 National Science Foundation (NSF), Renewable Energy Promotion in the United States and Germany, with Frank Laird (University of Denver), 89,000 USD (Co-Principal Investigator)

## AWARDS

- 2021 Teaching Excellence Award for Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado at Denver.
- 2007 Research Excellence Award for Tenure-track and Tenured Faculty, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado at Denver.
- 2004 Fellowship for junior scholars to participate in the Caucasus Regional Policy Symposium, funded by International Research & Exchange Board (IREX) and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars' Kennan Institute.
- 1996 Graduate Student Association Council (GSAC), Best Research and Publication, Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver.

## LECTURES AND SEMINARS (on campus and online)

*Undergraduate*

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Introduction to International Political Economy, Comparative Politics: Europe, The Post-Soviet World/The Political Systems of Russia and Its Neighbors, Corruption in the United States and Abroad, Comparative Public Policy/Comparative Governance: Environment and Society, Research Methods, Politics of Climate Change

*Graduate*

Democracy & Democratization, Dictatorships in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Comparative Public Policy/Comparative Governance: Environment and Society, Comparative Politics: European Integration, Advanced International Political Economy: Globalization

## SUMMARY OF SERVICES TO THE UNIVERSITY AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY (SINCE 2009)

*Committee Membership*

Hiring Committee (Chair), Comparative Politics, Political Economy of Global South (127 applications)  
Hiring Committee (Chair), Joint-hire of Political Science and History Departments, International Studies (260 applications)  
Hiring Committee (Chair), Political Science Department, American Politics (65 applications)  
Hiring Committee (Member), Political Science Department, Director New Directions Program (7 applications)  
CLAS Council (Member)  
CLAS Post-Tenure Review Committee (Member)  
Academic Standards Committee (Member)  
Core Curriculum Oversight Committee (Member)  
AHEC Advisory Committee

*Peer Reviewer (selection)*

Oxford University Press, Lynne Rienner Publishers, University of Michigan Press  
Democratization, Europe-Asia Studies, Slavic Review, Journal of Contemporary Politics, Energy Policy, Comparative Political Studies, Citizenship Studies, Contemporary Politics, European Policy Analysis, Environmental Policy and Governance.

## DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

Spehn, Thorsten. 2009. Role expectations and state socialization: Germany's rediscovery of the use of force 1990-1995 (University of Denver).

Edward Christian Holland. 2011. Buddhism in post-Soviet Russia: The geographic contexts of 'revival' (University of Colorado Boulder).

Tamara Lynn Hannaway. 2012. The effects of governance corruption on education budgets and income in Central and Eastern Europe (University of Colorado Denver).

Sabina Pavlovska-Hilaiel. 2016. The EU's Impact on Managing Levels of Corruption in the Post-Communist World (University of Denver).

Esther Somfalvy. 2017. Parliamentary Representation in Non-Democracies. How Parliamentarians Matter in Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic (Universität Bremen).

Mariella Falkenhain. 2017. NGOs under authoritarian rule: stabilizers or challengers? (Hertie School of Governance, Berlin).

Claudia Laštro. Ongoing. Understanding Cooptation: The Case of Montenegro (working title). Karl-Franzens-University Graz. Centre for Southeast European Studies.

*Public Lectures (selection)*

American Council on Germany (ACG): Warburg Chapter Denver  
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CODPHE)  
Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES)  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Denver Office  
Haus am Dom, Frankfurt, Bistum Limburg  
South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce  
University of Denver, Korbel School of International Studies  
San Francisco State University

PUBLICATIONS

*Books*

J. Gerschewski und C. H. Stefes (Eds.) 2017. *Crisis in Autocratic Regimes* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers).

Sollund, R., C. H. Stefes und A. R. Germani (Eds.) 2017. *Fighting Environmental Crime in Europe and Beyond. The Role of the EU and Its Member States* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan).

Hager, C. und C. H. Stefes (Eds.) 2016. *Germany's Energy Transition. A Comparative Perspective* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan).

Nodia, G. und C. H. Stefes (Eds.) 2015. *Security, Democracy and Development in the Southern Caucasus and the Black Sea Region* (Frankfurt/M: Peter Lang).

Wooden, A. und C. H. Stefes (Eds.) 2009. *The Politics of Transition in Central Asia and the Caucasus* (New York: Routledge).

Stefes, C. H. 2006. *Understanding Post-Soviet Transitions: Corruption, Collusion, and Clientelism* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan).

Barrios, H. und C. H. Stefes (Eds.) 2006. *Einführung in die Comparative Politics* (Munich: Oldenbourg Verlag, 2006).

*Articles (peer-reviewed)*

Berry, M. and C. H. Stefes. "U.S. State Responses to COVID-19: Policy Vigilance and Partisanship in a Divided Country." Submitted.

C. H. Stefes and Y. J. Paturyan. 2021. "'After the Revolution: State, Civil Society, and Democratization in Armenia and Georgia.'" *Frontiers in Political Science*.

<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpos.2021.719478/abstract>

- Stefes, C. H. 2021. "Wildlife Protection in Germany: Sound Legislation and Deficient Implementation." *Revista Catalana de Dret Ambiental* 12. <https://revistes.urv.cat/index.php/rcda/article/view/3080>
- Stefes, C. H. 2020. "Opposing Energy Transitions: Modeling the Contested Nature of Energy Transitions in the Electricity Sector." *Review of Policy Research* 37: 292–312.
- Stefes, C. H. and C. Hager. 2020. "Resistance to Energy Transitions." *Review of Policy Research* 37: 286–291.
- Buscaneanu, S. and C. H. Stefes. 2020. "'One Hand Washes the Other'" in EU's Eastern Neighbourhood: What Policy Response?" *Global Policy* 11: 578–587.
- Jose, B. and C. H. Stefes. 2018. "Russian Norm Entrepreneurship in Crimea: Serious Contestation or Cheap Talk?" GIGA Working Paper, No. 311. [https://www.giga-hamburg.de/de/system/files/publications/wp311\\_jose-stefes.pdf](https://www.giga-hamburg.de/de/system/files/publications/wp311_jose-stefes.pdf)
- Stefes, C. H. and P. Theodoratos. 2017. "Researching Environmental Crime in Nondemocratic Regimes." In: *Critical Criminology* 25: 215-230.
- Berry, M., F. Laird, and C. H. Stefes. 2015. "Driving Energy: The Enactment and Ambitiousness of State Renewable Energy Policy." In: *Journal of Public Policy* 35: 297-328
- Stefes, C. H. 2014. "Energiewende: Critical Junctures and Path Dependencies Since 1990." In: F. W. Rüb (ed.) *Rapide Politikwechsel in der Bundesrepublik. Theoretischer Rahmen und empirische Befunde. Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft, Sonderband* 6: 45-68.
- Tanneberg, D., C. H. Stefes und W. Merkel. 2013. "Hard times and regime failure: autocratic responses to economic downturns." *Contemporary Politics* 19 (1): 115–129.
- Gerschewski, J., W. Merkel, A. Schmotz, C. H. Stefes, und D. Tanneberg. 2013: "Warum überleben Diktaturen?" In: *Politische Vierteljahresschrift Sonderheft* 47: 106-131.
- Stefes, C. H. und J. Sehring. 2011. "Wilted roses and tulips. The failure of building democracy in Kyrgyzstan and Georgia." In: *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft, Sonderheft* 1: 221-246.
- Stefes, C. H. 2010. "Autoritäre Parteien und Kooptation im Kaukasus und auf dem Balkan." In: *Berliner Debatte Initial* 21 (3): 100-112.
- Stefes, C. H. 2010. "Climate Change and the European Security Strategy." In: *Democracy and Security in Southeastern Europe* 1 (4/5): 73-77.
- Stefes, C. H. 2010. "Bypassing Germany's Reformstau: The Remarkable Rise of Renewable Energy." In: *German Politics* 19: 148-63.
- Laird, F. N. und C. Stefes. 2010. "The diverging paths of German and United States policies for renewable energy: Sources of difference." In: *Energy Policy* 37: 2619–29.
- Stefes, C. H. 2008. "Governance, the State, and Systemic Corruption: Armenia and Georgia in Comparison." In: *Caucasian Review of International Affairs* 2, no. 2: 1-11.

Shea, J. und C. H. Stefes. "The Integration of the Visegrad Countries into the European Union." In: *Journal of Public and International Affairs* 13 (1998): 182-207.

*Book Chapters and Policy Papers*

Stefes, C. H., M. Falkenhain und J. Paturyan. „Verfassungsgeschichte Armeniens.“ In: A. Benz, S. Bröchler und H.-J. Lauth (Eds.) *Handbuch der Europäischen Verfassungsgeschichte im 20. Jahrhundert, Band 5: seit 1989* (Bonn: Dietz). Forthcoming.

Stefes, C. H. und C. Timm. „Verfassungsgeschichte Georgiens.“ In: A. Benz S. Bröchler und H.-J. Lauth (Eds.) *Handbuch der Europäischen Verfassungsgeschichte im 20. Jahrhundert, Band 5: seit 1989* (Bonn: Dietz). Forthcoming.

Stefes, C. H. 2019. „Historical Institutionalism and Societal Transformation.“ In: W. Merkel, R. Kollmorgen und H.-J. Wagener (Eds.) *The Handbook of Political, Social, and Economic Transformation* (New York: Oxford University Press).

Stefes, C. H. 2019. Status quo und Weiterentwicklung des Umwelt-strafrechts und anderer Sanktionen: Instrumente zur Verbesserung der Befolgung von Umweltrecht. Umweltforschungsplan des Bundesministeriums für Umwelt, Naturschutz, Bau und Reaktorsicherheit. Forschungskennzahl 3717 17 104 0, 1, 147.

Stefes, C. H. and P. Theodoratos. 2017. „Armenia: A Case Study on Mining.“ In: R. Sollund, C. H. Stefes, and A. R. Germani (Eds.) *Fighting Environmental Crime in Europe and Beyond. The Role of the EU and Its Member States* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan).

Stefes, C. H. and A. Germani. 2017. „Environmental Crime in Europe and Beyond: Concluding Thoughts.“ In: R. Sollund, C. H. Stefes, and A. R. Germani (Eds.) *Fighting Environmental Crime in Europe and Beyond. The Role of the EU and Its Member States* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan).

Y. J. Paturyan und C. H. Stefes. 2016. „Doing business in Armenia. The art of manoeuvring a system of corruption.“ In: J. Leitner und H. Meissner (Eds.) *State Capture, Political Risks and International Business Cases from Black Sea Region countries* (New York: Routledge): 43-56.

Stefes, C. H. 2016. „Critical Junctures in the German Energy Transition.“ In: C. Hager and C. H. Stefes (Eds.) *Germany's Energy Transition. A Comparative Perspective* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan): 63-90.

Stefes, C. H. 2016. "Conclusion: Lessons from the German *Energiewende*." In: C. Hager and C. H. Stefes (Eds.) *Germany's Energy Transition. A Comparative Perspective* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan): 185-194.

Kraemer, R. A. and C. H. Stefes. 2016. "The Changing Energy Landscape in the Atlantic Space." In: J. Bacaria and L. Tarragona (Eds.): *Atlantic Future. Shaping a New Hemisphere for the 21st century: Africa, Europe and the Americas* (Barcelona: CIDOB): 87-102.

Gerstetter, C., C. H. Stefes und A. Farmer. 2016. *Environmental Crime and the EU*. EFFACE Synthesis Report (Berlin: Ecologic Institute).

Faure, M. et al. 2016. *Conclusions and Recommendations*. EFFACE Scientific Paper (Berlin: Ecologic Institute).

- Nodia, G. und C. H. Stefes. 2015. "Introduction." In: G. Nodia and C. H. Stefes (Eds.) *Security, Democracy and Development in the Southern Caucasus and the Black Sea Region* (Frankfurt/M: Peter Lang): 9-25.
- Stefes, C. H. und G. Nodia. 2015. "Concluding Thoughts." In: G. Nodia and C. H. Stefes (Eds.) *Security, Democracy and Development in the Southern Caucasus and the Black Sea Region* (Frankfurt/M: Peter Lang): 367-374.
- Stefes, C. H. 2015. *Perspectives from Germany*. Atlantic Future. Atlantic Perspectives: Interview Report 08 (Barcelona: CIDOB).
- Tedsen, E., C. H. Stefes, L. Smith und K. Weingartner. 2015. *Patterns of Production and Consumption in the Atlantic Space and Future Environment and Resource Scenarios*. Atlantic Future. Scientific Paper 36 (Barcelona: CIDOB).
- Stefes, C. H. and K. Weingartner. 2015. Environmental Crime in Armenia: The Case of Mining. EFFACE Scientific Paper (Berlin: Ecologic Institute).
- Stefes, C. H. A. Reid, L. Smith, and E. Tedsen. 2014. Climate change impacts in the Atlantic Basin and coordinated adaptation responses. Atlantic Future Scientific Paper 16 (Barcelona: CIDOB).
- Stefes, C. H. 2015. „Historischer Institutionalismus und Gesellschaftstransformation.“ In: W. Merkel, R. Kollmorgen, and H.-J. Wagener (Eds.) *Handbuch Transformationsforschung* (Wiesbaden: Springer): 125-138.
- Stefes, C. H., A. Schmotz und W. Merkel. 2011. „Diktatorendämmerung. Nordafrika und Nahost: Schwache Regime und starke Oppositionsbewegungen.“ In: *WZB Mitteilungen* 133 (September): 25-28.
- Stefes, C. H. 2011. „Regimebeständigkeit und ‘Revolution’: Armenien und Georgien im Vergleich.“ In: H. Albrecht, R. Frankenberger, and S. Rech (Eds.) *Autoritäre Regime. Herrschaftsmechanismen, Legitimationsstrategien, Persistenz und Wandel*, (Schwalbach: Wochenschau Verlag): 97-113.
- Stefes, C. H. und Julie A. George. 2010. „The Battles after the Battle: International Law and the Russian-Georgian War.“ In: C. P.M. Waters und J. Green (Eds.) *Conflict in the Caucasus: Implications for International Legal Order* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan): 153-176.
- Sehring, J. and C. H. Stefes. 2010. „Die Stabilität von kompetitiv-autoritären Regimen: Armenien, Georgien, Kasachstan und Kirgistan im Vergleich.“ In: H. Albrecht and R. Frankenberger (Eds.) *Autoritarismus Reloaded. Neuere Ansätze und Erkenntnisse der Autokratieforschung* (Baden-Baden: Nomos): 275-294.
- Stefes, C. H. and A. E. Wooden. 2009. „Tempting two fates. The theoretical foundations for understanding Central Eurasian transitions.“ In: A. E. Wooden and C. H. Stefes (Eds.) *The Politics of Transition in Central Asia and the Caucasus. Enduring legacies and emerging challenges* (New York: Routledge): 3-29.
- A. E. Wooden and C. H. Stefes. 2009. „Multivaried and interacting paths of change in Central Eurasia.“ In: A. E. Wooden and C. H. Stefes (Eds.) *The Politics of Transition in Central Asia and the Caucasus. Enduring legacies and emerging challenges* (New York: Routledge): 249-63.

George, J. A. and C. H. Stefes. 2008. „Saakashvili and the Future of Georgia’s Democracy after the War.” In: *Current History* (October): 344-47.

Stefes, C. H. 2007. „Measuring, Conceptualizing, and Fighting Systemic Corruption: Evidence from Post-Soviet Countries.” In: *Perspectives on Global Issues* 2 (1): 1-16.

Stefes, C. H. 2006. „Die Entwicklung der Vergleichenden Politikwissenschaft in den USA seit 1945.” In: H. Barrios and C. H. Stefes (Eds.) *Einführung in die Comparative Politics* (München: Oldenbourg Verlag): 1-15.

Stefes, C. H. 2006. „Der Staat in der Vergleichenden Politikwissenschaft.” In: H. Barrios and C. H. Stefes (Eds.) *Einführung in die Comparative Politics* (München: Oldenbourg Verlag): 169-81.

Stefes, C. H. 2005. „Clash of Institutions: Clientelism and Corruption vs. Rule of Law.” In: C. P. M. Waters (Eds.) *The State of Law in the South Caucasus* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan): 3-20.

Sisk, T. and C. H. Stefes. 2005. „Power Sharing as an Interim Step in Peace Building: Lessons from South Africa for Other Divided Societies.” In: D. Rothchild und P. G. Roeder (Eds.) *Sustainable Peace. Power and Democracy after Civil Wars* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press): 293-317.

#### *Book Reviews*

Stefes, C. H. 2020. Webs of corruption. Trafficking and terrorism in Central Asia. By Mariya Y. Omelicheva and Lawrence P. Markowitz. New York: Columbia University Press, 2019, *Democratization*, 27, 8.

Stefes, C. H. 2019. Constraining Elites in Russia and Indonesia: Political Participation and Regime Survival. By Danielle N. Lussier. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016. *Slavic Review* 78, 3.

Stefes, C. H. 2017. Limits of a Post-Soviet State. How Informality Replaces, Renegotiates, and Reshapes Governance in Contemporary Ukraine, by Abel Polese. *Slavic Review* 76, 3.

Stefes, C. H. 2009. Russia’s Battle with Crime, Corruption, and Terrorism, by Robert W. Ortung und Anthony Latta. *Slavic Review* 68: 1011-13.

Stefes, C. H. 2008. Historical Dictionary of Georgia, by Alexander Mikaberidze. *Nationalities Papers* 36: 357-59.

Stefes, C. H. 2008. ‘Enough!’ The Rose Revolution in the Republic of Georgia 2003, by Zurab Karumidze, Z. and James V. Wertsch (Eds.). *Totalitarismus und Demokratie* 1: 132-35.

#### *Editorials and Radio Appearances*

Taub, A. “How ‘Islands of Honesty’ Can Crush a System of Corruption.” *New York Times* (09. Dezember 2016).

Stefes, C.H. „Die Zeit spielt für Assad.” *Süddeutsche Zeitung* (30. September 2013, Nr. 226).

Stefes, C.H. Interview on *Deutschlandradio* „Warum Diktaturen überleben.” (Kulturfragen, 29. September 2013).



- Stefes, C.H. Interview on *DRadio Wissen* „Legitimierungsstrategien.“ (27. September 2013).
- Stefes, C.H. „Welche Diktaturen überleben – und welche nicht?“ *Stern* (12. September 2013).
- Stefes, C.H. Interview on *Deutsche Welle* „Was hält eine Diktatur am Leben?“ (02. September 2013).
- Stefes, C. H. “Green Energy Investments Pay Off in the Long Run.” In: *U.S. News & World Report* (online) Debate Club (January 18, 2012).
- Stefes, C. H. “Renewable Energy: What Germany Can Teach the U.S.” In: *New York Times* (online): Room for Debate (22. September 2011).
- Stefes, C. H. Interview in *Caucasian Review for International Affairs* 3 (4) about political developments in the South Caucasus (2009)
- Stefes, C. H. Interview on *KGNU*, Boulder about the development of renewable energy in Germany and Europe (*Hemispheres*, March 25, 2007).
- Stefes, C. H. “Facing Russia’s Threat.” In: *Rocky Mountain News* (18 August 2008).
- Stefes, C. H. Interview on *Chicago Public Radio* about political developments in Georgia (*Worldview*, August 9, 2006).
- Stefes, C. H. “U.S. Shows True Colors with Uzbekistan Response.” In: *Denver Post* (29 May 2005).
- Stefes, C. H. “A Little Modesty Might Serve U.S. Well.” In: *Rocky Mountain News* (15 April 2005).

#### CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2017. Resisting Energy Transitions: A Roadmap. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
2017. Gaining International Legitimacy through the Contestation and Shaping of International Norms, with Betsy Jose. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
2017. Roundtable: In the Authoritarian Field: Reflections on Ethics, Risk and Method, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
2017. Contesting and Shaping International Norms: The Neglected Side of Autocracy Promotion. Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft, Sektionstagung Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft. Tübingen, Deutschland.
2016. Opposition to Sustainable Energy Transitions: An Analytical Framework, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Prag, Tschechien.
2016. War and Peace in Ukraine. A Study in Unconventional Entrepreneurship, with Betsy Jose, International Studies Association (ISA) 57th Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.
2015. Researching Environmental Crime in Autocratic Regimes: The Case of Armenia, Workshop at the University of Oslo, Department of Criminology and Sociology of Law, Oslo, Norway.

2015. Keynote: Russia's Intervention in Ukraine. A Case Study in Norm Entrepreneurship?, 4th Academic Swiss Caucasus Net Annual Conference, Tbilisi, Georgia.
2015. Keynote: Energiewende(n): Brüche und Pfadabhängigkeiten seit 1990", Workshop "Energiewende(n) - Politik unter Druck der Bürger, Akademie für Politische Bildung, Tutzing, Germany.
2014. Russia as a Norm Entrepreneur, with Betsy Jose. IDCAR Research Network Workshop, German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Hamburg, Germany.
2014. Putting the Brakes on the German *Energiewende*, Midwest Political Science Association 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
2013. Putting the Brakes on the *Energiewende*: Actors and Strategies in Opposition to Renewable Energy in Germany and the United States", mit Frank N. Laird, German Studies Association 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Denver, CO.
2012. Shaping Perceptions: The Dynamic Interaction between Mass Protest and Elite Divisions, mit Sophie Grünwald, 25<sup>th</sup> Scientific Congress of the German Association for Political Science (DVPW), Tübingen, Germany.
2012. With or Without You - Opposition Leadership and Mass Contestation in Georgia 2003 and Egypt 2011, mit Sophie Grünwald, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
2012. Keynote Speech: Critical Junctures, Institution Building, and Regime Survival in Armenia and Georgia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Academic Swiss Caucasus Net Annual Conference, Eriwan, Armenien.
2010. Creating Path Dependency: The Divergence of German and U.S. Renewable Energy Policy, American Political Science Annual Meeting, Washington, D. C.
2010. The Role of Ecology in Security Politics, NATO in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities", The Atlantic Council of Croatia u. a., Šipar, Kroatien.
2009. Rapid Policy Change in a Semi-Sovereign State: German Renewable Energy Policy-Making as a Deviant Case, German Studies Association's 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Arlington, VA.
2009. Stability and instability of competitive authoritarian regimes: Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan in comparison, European Consortium for Political Research 5<sup>th</sup> General Conference, Potsdam.
2009. Die Stabilität von kompetitiv-autoritären Regimes - Armenien, Georgien, Kasachstan and Kirgisien im Vergleich, Autoritarismus Reloaded. Autorenworkshop, Bad Urach.
2009. The Battles after the Battle - International Law and the Russian-Georgian War, University of Reading's School of Law Conference, Conflict in the Caucasus: Implications for International Legal Order, Reading, UK.
2009. Policies of Renewable Energy Development: The U.S. and Germany in Comparison, The Southwestern Political Science Association's Annual Convention 2009, Denver, CO.

2009. Path Dependencies and the Development of Renewable Energy Sources in the United States and Germany, International Studies Association's Annual Convention, New York, NY.

2006. Systemic Corruption and State Failure: Evidence from the South Caucasus", The Idea of Failed State: Interdisciplinary Theories and Application, Westfield State College, Westfield, MA.

2006. Grabbing Hands and Captured States: Systemic Corruption in Armenia and Georgia, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

2005. Understanding Systemic Corruption: Some Methodological Questions, Central Eurasian Studies Society's Annual Conference. Boston University, Boston, MA.

2004. The Legacies of Transition: Georgia's State Collapse and Democracy, Central Eurasian Studies Society's Annual Conference. Indiana University, Bloomington, ID.

2004. Systemic Corruption as an Intervening Variable in Post-Soviet Political and Economic Transitions: Armenia and Georgia in Comparison, Caucasus Regional Policy Symposium, International Research & Exchange Board (IREX) and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars' Kennan Institute. Shepherdstown, WV.

2004. Systemic Corruption as an Intervening Variable in Post-Communist Transitions, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Portland, OR.

2003. New Faces in Post-Soviet Politics – Does It Really Matter?" Central Eurasian Studies Society's Annual Conference. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

1999. The Impact of Institutionalized Corruption on Democratization in the Caucasus", Konferenz des Arbeitskreises Systemwechsel, Deutsche Vereinigung der Politikwissenschaft. Berlin, Germany.

1996. European Integration and Its Impact on Workers' Rights and Transnational Union Cooperation, Internal Dynamics and External Relations Conference, School for Public and International Affairs, Columbia University. New York, NY.