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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020 – Present Senior Researcher at RWI, Berlin
Research Unit *Climate Change and Development*

2017 – 2019 Research Fellow, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
Research Unit *Institutions and Political Inequality*, and
Research Unit *Migration, Integration, Transnationalization*

2010 – 2017 Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, New York University, New York

AFFILIATIONS

2023 – Present Advisory Committee
National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), Nigeria

2020 – Present Visiting Researcher, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
Research Unit *Institutions and Political Inequality*

2020 – 2023 Impact Evaluation Academic Advisory Board
Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC)
International Organization for Migration (IOM)

2010 – 2022 Research Working Group Member, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Sweden

2019 Visiting Lecturer, Humboldt University of Berlin

2013 – 2014 Visiting Faculty Fellow, Global Research Institute, NYU Berlin

2009 – 2010 Research Fellow, Nuffield College, University of Oxford

EDUCATION

2007 – 2010 Ph.D. in Political Science
Columbia University, New York, USA
With distinction
Supervisors: Prof. Page Fortna, Ph.D., Prof. Macartan Humphreys, Ph.D.
Doctoral thesis: *International Mediation of Military Conflicts: Causes and Consequences*

2004 – 2007 M.Phil. in Political Science, Columbia University, New York, USA
Examination Fields: International Relations, Quantitative Methods

2003 – 2004 M.A. in Political Science, Columbia University, New York, USA

2000 – 2003 A.B. in Government, *summa cum laude*, Senior 48, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE

Interventions in developing countries · Causes and consequences of migration · Economic and security effects of conflict management · Field experiments and methods of causal inference · Survey design and analysis

FIELD EXPERIENCE BY COUNTRY

Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed

Frohnweiler S, Beber B, Ebert C (forthcoming). [Information Frictions, Belief Updating and Internal Migration: Evidence from Ghana and Uganda](#). *Journal of Development Economics*.

Frohnweiler S, Beber B, Ebert C (2023). [Delayed Effects on Migration Intentions in an Information Provision Experiment in Ghana](#). *Revue d'économie du développement* 35(3-4): 37-44.

Aksunger N, Vernet C, Littman R, Voors M, Meriggi N, Abajobir A, Beber B, et al. (2023). [COVID-19 and Mental Health in Eight Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Prospective Cohort Study](#). *PLOS Medicine* 20(4): e1004081.

Beber B (2022). [Peacekeeping and the Geographic Diffusion and Containment of Conflict](#). In: *Handbook on Peacekeeping and International Relations*, ed. Dorussen H, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Beber B, Gilligan M, Guardado J, Karim S (2019). [The Promise and Peril of Peacekeeping Economies](#). *International Studies Quarterly* 63(2): 364-379.

Beber B, Gilligan M, Guardado J, Karim S (2017). [Peacekeeping, International Norms, and Transactional Sex in Monrovia, Liberia](#). *International Organization* 71(1): 1-30.

Beber B, Roessler P, Scacco A (2014). [Intergroup Violence and Political Attitudes: Evidence from a Dividing Sudan](#). *The Journal of Politics* 76(3): 649-665.

Beber B, Blattman C (2013). [The Logic of Child Soldiering and Coercion](#). *International Organization* 67(1): 65-104.

Beber B (2012). [International Mediation, Selection Effects, and the Question of Bias](#). *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 29(4): 397-424.

Beber B, Scacco A (2012). [What the Numbers Say: A Digit-Based Test for Election Fraud](#). *Political Analysis* 20(2): 211-234. Also in *Political Analysis Virtual Issue 4 on Election Fraud and Electoral Integrity*, August 2012.

Other

Lakemann T, Beber B, Lay J (2022). [A Support Program for Small and Medium Enterprises in Côte d'Ivoire: First Lessons Learnt from Program Implementation](#). Background Paper for the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Hamburg: GIGA.

Beber B, Lakemann T, Lay J (2022). [Die SI Jobs: Hohe Ambitionen, gute Ansätze, Umsetzungsschwächen](#). Position Paper for the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Hamburg: GIGA.

Beber B, Frohnweiler S, Lakemann T, Lay J, Priebe J, Schnars R, Tafese T (2021). [Rigoreuse Messung von Wirkungen der Maßnahmen der Sonderinitiative: Wissenschaftliche Begleitung der Sonderinitiative Ausbildung und Beschäftigung \(RéUsSITE\)](#). RWI Projektberichte. Essen: RWI.

Beber B, Dworschak R, Lakemann T, Lay J, Priebe J (2020). [Skills Development and Training Interventions in Africa: Findings, Challenges, and Opportunities: Projektbericht für das Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung](#). RWI Projektberichte. Essen: RWI.

Beber B, Gilligan M, Guardado J, Karim S (2015). [U.N. Peacekeeping and Transactional Sex](#). *Washington Post*, June 16.

Beber B, Scacco A (2009). [The Devil Is in the Digits](#). *Washington Post*, June 20. Reprinted in Bock D, Mariano T (2012), *Stats in Your World*, Pearson.

RECENT WORKING PAPERS IN SERIES

Beber, B, Lakemann, T, Schnars, R, Lay, J (2024). [Employment Effects of Skills Trainings in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Systematic Review of Recent Randomized Controlled Trials](#). Ruhr Economic Papers 1080. Essen: RWI.

Beber, B, Ebert C, Sievert M (2024). [Is Intent to Migrate Irregularly Responsive to Recent German Asylum Policy Adjustments?](#) Ruhr Economic Papers 1071. Essen: RWI.

Frohnweiler S, Beber B, Ebert C (2023). [Delayed Effects on Migration Intentions in an Information Provision Experiment in Ghana](#). Ruhr Economic Papers 1050. Essen: RWI.

Frohnweiler S, Beber B, Ebert C (2022). [Information Frictions, Belief Updating and Internal Migration: Evidence from Ghana and Uganda](#). IZA Discussion Paper No. 15826. Bonn: IZA – Institute of Labor Economics.

Beber B, Scacco A (2022). [The Myth of the Misinformed Migrant? Survey Insights from Nigeria's Irregular Migration Epicenter](#). Ruhr Economic Papers 957. Essen: RWI.

Beber B (2021). [Do Peacekeepers Contain Conflict? Insights from Spatially Disaggregated Data](#). Ruhr Economic Papers 931. Essen: RWI.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2023 – 2024	U.S. State Department, Program to End Modern Slavery (PEMS), support for Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) project proposal “Promoting Evidence-Based Anti-Trafficking in Nigeria,” US\$435,000 for research activities (academic co-PI)
2023 – 2025	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), extension of support for “Research on the Effects of the Special Initiative on Training and Job Creation,” 199,000 Euro (RWI lead)
2023 – 2025	Leibniz Collaborative Excellence, support for “The Senegal Migration Panel: Understanding Mobility in a Climate-Stressed Population,” 1,000,000 Euro (joint author and co-lead)
2022 – 2023	IPA Human Trafficking Research Initiative, with funding from U.S. Department of State, support for “Irregular Migration, Trafficking, and Misinformation in Nigeria,” US\$139,000 (co-PI)
2019 – 2022	IPA Peace & Recovery Program, with funding from UK AID (DFID), support for “Irregular Migration and Misinformation in Nigeria,” US\$395,000 (co-PI)
2019	WZB Funding Competition, support for “Irregular Migration and Misinformation in Nigeria,” 80,000 EUR (co-PI)
2016 – 2017	Folke Bernadotte Academy, support for “The Local Effects of UN Peacekeeping Deployments,” 85,000 SEK (lead PI)
2013	Robert O. Keohane Award for the best research article published in <i>International Organization</i> by an untenured scholar (with Blattman)
2011 – 2012	Folke Bernadotte Academy, support for “The Impact of Conflict and UN Intervention on Women’s Livelihoods: Micro-level Evidence from Liberia,” 372,000 SEK (co-PI)
2011	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), support for “Sudan in Transition: A Panel Survey on Individual Experiences of Partition,” US\$32,000 (co-PI)

2010 Walter Isard Award of the Peace Science Society for the best dissertation in peace science completed in the previous two years

TEACHING

2022 Hertie School of Governance, Berlin
Conflict, Peacekeeping, and Development (syllabus development)

2019 Humboldt University of Berlin
Advanced Topics in Applied Quantitative Methods

2010 – 2017 New York University
Graduate: International Intervention in Conflicts (2010, 2013 – 2015), Quantitative Political Analysis I (2011 – 2012, 2014 – 2016)
Undergraduate: International Politics (2011 – 2012), International Relations Senior Honors Seminar (2012, 2016), International Relations Seminar on War and International Intervention (2013, 2015, 2017)

RECENT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND INVITED TALKS

2024 USAID & EGAP Migration Research Discussion; USAID Impact Evaluation Working Group; CSAE Conference, Oxford; RWI-Passau Friendship Workshop; German Development Economics Conference, Hannover; Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society

2023 GIZ Ghana, Accra; University of Ghana Business School, Accra; Interagency Group on Trafficking in Persons (U.S. Dept. of State/USAID/U.S. Dept. of Labor); Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Berlin; German Development Economics Conference, Dresden; Friends of OECD; EPSA Annual Conference, Glasgow; IPI & MIT Research on West African Migration, WZB Berlin; VfS Annual Conference, Regensburg; MIASA Policy Conference, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana, Accra

2022 IOM GMDAC Workshop on Irregular Migration Decisions; Conference on the Political Economy of Migration Regimes, Free University Berlin; IDEAL-M Conference, Cologne; EPSA Annual Conference, Prague (Track Chair for International Relations/Conflict); IMISCOE Annual Conference, Oslo; Meetings on the Political Economy of Development (MoPED), WZB Berlin; EGAP Seminar Series on Displacement, Migration, and Integration; Impact Evaluation Research Methods Workshop, IPA and Lagos Business School

2021 IPI Brown Bag Seminar, WZB Berlin; GIZ Training on Rigorous Impact Evaluations; Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and DLR-PT; RP3 Brown Bag Seminar, GIGA

2020 Research Colloquium, Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen

2019 Research Workshop on the Future of Peacekeeping Data, FBA & UNIGE, Genoa; Current Issues in Asylum and Migration, Research Workshop, University of Bamberg; Political Science Seminar Series, NYU-Abu Dhabi; Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE), Berlin

2018 Development Economics Network (DENeB) Seminar Series, Berlin; International Research and Policy Workshop on Post-Conflict Processes, GDI, Bonn; New Qualitative and Quantitative Data in Peace and Conflict Research, AFK Methods Working Group, Hamburg; EPSA Annual Conference, Vienna; Jan Tinbergen Peace Science Conference, Verona; Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm; Symposium on the Micro-Dynamics of Armed Conflicts, IBEI; ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco; Workshop on Migrant Integration in Africa, Europe, and Beyond, WZB Berlin (co-organizer)

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

German	Native language
English	Near-native fluency