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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

10/2008 -	Full professor, U of Ottawa
7/2006 – 10/2008	Professor of International Relations (Governance and Conflict), Otto-Suhr-Institute, Free University Berlin
9/2005 – 9/2006, 7/2007 – 9/2007	Visiting Research Fellow at Stanford University (Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies FSI)
4/2005 - 7/2005	Professor of International Relations, special focus on “Management of Peace and Conflict”, University of Konstanz
9/2004 – 4/2005	Professeur invité, IEP, Aix-en-Provence
2/03 – 4/2005	Research Chair (C2) of the Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft “Conflict Research and Stability Export”, with special focus on the Balkans, the Caucasus and Central Asia” at the Institute of East European Studies, Free University Berlin
8/1996 –2/2002	Assistant professor at the Otto-Suhr-Institute (International Relations) and the Institute for East European Studies of the Free University Berlin
12/1995 - 3/1996:	Research Associate at the University of Konstanz (International Relations)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research lies at the intersection of International Relations, Comparative Politics and Development. Topics that interest me include: international governance, fragile states, the causes of civil war, conflict and development, quantitative and qualitative approaches to problems of conflict and governance, international and domestic dimensions of democratization, and peace building. I have regional expertise in the Caucasus, Central Asia and Afghanistan

## COURSES

I teach several courses at graduate and undergraduate level related to my research, including courses on governance, conflict and war, democratization, state and peace building, and methods (both quantitative and qualitative).

## EDUCATION

### Free University Berlin:

7/2003 Postdoctoral lecture qualification (Habilitation) and Venia Legendi at the Department of Political and Social Sciences

### University of Bern / Switzerland

12/1995 PhD (Promotion - summa cum laude) at the Faculty of Humanities, Institute for Slavic and Baltic Studies. Awarded with the Faculty Award of the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Bern

1/1995 MA in Slavic and Baltic Studies, Modern History and Russian Studies

### Other Educational Institutions:

8/1994 Academy of Sciences in L'viv

9/1993 - 7/1994 University of Vilnius

4/1992 - 7/1992 University of Chabarovsk

7/1991 University of Vilnius

7/1989 Puschkin Institute, Moscow

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

1/2006 Research Project "Transnational Security Governance" (within the framework of Research Center SFB 700, funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft [DFG]). Amount granted: € 496.844

09/2005 Fedeor-Lynen Grant of the Humboldt-Stiftung for research cooperation with Professors Steve Krasner and Gerhard Casper, Stanford University, on "Statehood without State" Amount granted € 40.844

2003 Grant "Conflict Research and Stability Export", Stifterverband. Amount granted: € 350.000

01/03 – 01/06 "Accounting for State-building, Stability & Violent Conflict: The institutional framework of Caucasian and Central Asian Transitional Societies", financed by the *Volkswagen Foundation*. Amount granted: € 642.000

4/03 - Blankensee-Colloquium "The Future of Intervention", financed by the *Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin*, amount granted: € 36.000

4/01 – 3/03 Team leader for the Team Caucasus for the project "The Economics of Political and Common Violence" of *Yale University* and the *World Bank* (Paul Collier, Nicholas Sambanis). Amount granted: € 30.000

3/99 – 9/99 Research project "Potentials of (Dis)Order. Ethno-political Conflicts in the Caucasus and in Former Yugoslavia", financed by the *Heinrich Boell Foundation* and the *Free University Berlin*, amount granted € 9.000

## POLICY ORIENTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

1/2007- 12/2009	German Ministry of Development and Cooperation	Methods Development for Impact Assessment of Development Aid
4/2007-9/2007	German Ministry of Defence	Impact Assessment of Civil Military Cooperation and Quick Impact Projects in Afghanistan
09/2004 – 11/2004	GTZ (German Society for Technical Cooperation)	Assessment of peace and conflict potentials in Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan
01/2003 – 03/2004	GTZ (German Society for Technical Cooperation)	Strategy paper on tolerance enhancing measures in rural Tajikistan
06/2001 – 12/2001	World Bank	Analysis of violent conflicts in the Caucasus. World Bank research project economics of violence and internal war (Paul Collier, World Bank)
01/2001	World Bank	Training for local specialists involved in the legal drafting process in Orel oblast promoting regional legislation
06/1999	World Bank	Training for local specialists involved in the legal drafting process in Orel oblast promoting regional legislation
11/1999 – 02/2002	EU /TACIS	TACIS Project “Regional Economic Development and Anti-Crisis strategies in the Russian Federation”
10/1997	International Helsinki Federation	Fact Finding Mission to Chechnya
04/2002 – 06/2002	World Vision Germany	Provision of a successful project proposal under the budget line B 7 – 70 (European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights) on minority and youth issues in ethnically mixed regions
10/99 – 12/02	German Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Training, workshops and lectures for civil personnel in International Organizations
04/1999 – 04/2003	George C. Marshall Center, College of International and Security Studies (Garmisch)	Training of high-ranking military and civilian personnel from CIS countries

## LANGUAGES

Fluent:	English, French, Russian, Lithuanian, German (mother tongue).
Working knowledge:	Italian.
Reading:	Polish, Croatian and Ukrainian.

## RESEARCH STAYS AND GUEST LECTURES

Stanford University (2005 – 2006, 2007) ; IEP Aix-en-Provence ; Université d'Abomey, Bénin ; NUPI, Oslo; State University Tajikistan; Yale University; Carnegie Centre Moscow; Russian Academy of Science; George W. Marshall Center, Garmisch, Centre for Russian and East European Studies CREES, Birmingham.

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS / MANUSCRIPTS

Governance and Statemaking. (Co-authored with Scott Radnitz and Jonathan Wheatley).

Promoting Democracy. (Joint research project with Stanford's Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law).

Aid, Mind and Hearts. The impact of development aid in conflict zones. (with Jan Böhnke, based on data from a original mass survey among 2000 households in Afghanistan).

The Peacebuilders contract (a game theoretical approach towards statebuilding, with Michael Barnett and Songying Fang).

Is More Better? Evaluating External-Led State Building After 1989. A previous version of this paper was published by Stanford, CDDRL Working Papers, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford Institute on International Studies.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### Books

Zürcher, Christoph 2007. *The Post-Soviet Wars: Rebellion, Ethnic Conflict and Nationhood in the Caucasus*. New York, New York University Press.

Zürcher, Christoph, Jan Koehler (Ed.) 2003, *Potentials of Dis/Order. Explaining Violence in the Caucasus and in the Former Yugoslavia*, Manchester, Manchester UP (New Approaches to Conflict Analysis. Manchester University Press, Manchester and New York.

Zürcher, Christoph 1998, *Lietuviu avangardo pavasaris [The Spring of the Lithuanian Avantgarde]*, Naujosios literatūros studijos, Vilnius (Lietuviu literatūros ir tautosakos institutas).

### Chapters and articles

Radnitz, Scott, Wheatley, Jonathan and Zürcher, Christoph. The Origins of Social Capital: Evidence from a Survey of Post-Soviet Central Asia. *Comparative Political Studies* (forthcoming 2008).

Barnett, Michael, Zürcher, Christoph, The Peace Builders Contract. In: R.Paris and T.Sisk (forthcoming), *Statebuilding after Civil War: The Long Road to Peace*. Routledge.

Zürcher, Christoph. (2007). When Governance meets Troubled States. In: M. Beisheim and G. F. Schuppert (ed.), *Staatszerfall und Governance*. Baden-Baden, Nomos: 11 – 28.

Koehler, Jan and Zürcher, Christoph (2007). Statebuilding, Conflict and Narcotics in Afghanistan: The View from Below. *International Peacekeeping* (14), 1, pp. 62-74.

Zürcher, Christoph, (2005). Gewollte Schwäche. *Internationale Politik*, 60, 13-24.

Zürcher, Christoph, 2005, Georgia's Time of Troubles, 1989 – 1993. In: Coppieters, Bruno, Legvold, Bob (ed.), *Statehood and Security: Georgia after the Rose Revolution*. MIT Press: 83 – 117.

Zürcher, Christoph, Baev, Pavel, Koehler Jan, 2005, Civil Wars in the Caucasus. In: Collier, Paul., Sambanis, Nicholas (Ed.) *Understanding Civil War. Evidence and Analysis (Vol.2: Europa, Central Asia and Other Regions)*. Washington, The World Bank: 259 – 299.

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Zürcher, Christoph, 2004, Einbettung - Entbettung: Empirische institutionenzentrierte Konfliktanalyse. In Eckert, J. (Ed.), *Anthropologie der Konflikte. Georg Elwerts konflikttheoretische These in der Diskussion*. Transcript: 102 – 121.

Zürcher, Christoph, Jan Koehler, (2004). Der Staat und sein Schatten. Zur Institutionalisierung hybrider Staatlichkeit im Süd-Kaukasus. *WeltTrends*, 12(45), 84-96.

Zürcher, Christoph (with Jan Koehler) (2004). 'Conflict and the State of the State in the Caucasus and Central Asia: An Empirical Research Challenge'. *Berliner Osteuropa Info* (21), 57-68.

Zürcher, Christoph, Koehler, Jan. (2003). Introduction: potentials of disorder in the Caucasus and Yugoslavia. In Koehler, J. & Zürcher, C. (Ed.), *Potentials of Disorder* (pp. 1-22). Manchester, New York: Manchester UP.

Zürcher, Christoph, Koehler, Jan (2003). Institutions and the organisation of stability and violence. In Koehler, J. & Zürcher, C. (Ed.), *Potentials of (Dis)Order. Explaining Violence in the Caucasus and in the Balkan* (pp. 219 - 241). Manchester: Manchester University Press.

Zürcher, Christoph, Jan Koehler, 2003, The art of losing the state: from weak empire to weak nation-state around Nagorno-Karabakh. In Koehler, J. & Zürcher, C. (Ed.), *Potentials of (Dis)Order. Explaining Violence in the Caucasus and in the Former Yugoslavia* (pp. 145-174). Manchester: Manchester University Press.

Zürcher, Christoph, Koehler, Jan 2001, 'Institutions & Organizing Violence in Post-Socialist Societies', *Berliner Osteuropa Info*: 17, 48-52.

Zürcher, Christoph 2002, 'Chechnya and Kosovo: Reflections in a distorting mirror', in van Ham, Peter und Medvedev, Sergei (Ed.), *Mapping European Security after Kosovo*, (pp. 179-200). Manchester and New York: Manchester University Press.

Zürcher, Christoph, Klaus Segbers, 2000, 'Russia und der Kosovo-Konflikt', in Reuter, Jens, Clewing, Konrad (Ed.), *Der Kosovo Konflikt. Ursachen, Verlauf, Perspektiven*, München, 381-395.

Zürcher, Christoph 2000, 'In den Kreml via Grozny: Putins Krieg in Tschetschenien', *Berliner Osteuropa-Info*: 14, 38-41.

Zürcher, Christoph 2000, 'Putin, ein Systemfehler', *Berliner Republik*: 2, 33 - 38.

Zürcher, Christoph 1999, 'Multikulturalizm i Etnopoliticheskii Poryadok v Postsovetskoj Rossii. Nekotorye Metodologicheskie Zamechaniya', *POLIS*: 6, 105-118.

### Policy Papers and Reports

Zürcher, Christoph, Koehler Jan, 2007, Civic-Military Cooperation in Afghanistan. An evaluation of the Provincial Development Funds. Report prepared for the Federal Ministry of Defense. Berlin and Bonn.

Zürcher, Christoph, Koehler Jan, Böhnke, Jan, 2007, Assessing the Impact of Development Aid in Conflict Zones. Report for the Federal Ministry for Development and Cooperation, Berlin and Bonn.

Zürcher, Christoph, Koehler Jan, Conflict Processing and the Opium Poppy Economy. (PAL / GTZ; Jalalabad, Berlin, August 2005)

Zürcher, Christoph; 2004, Analysis of Peace and Conflict Potential in Tajikistan. Report for the GTZ. Berlin,

Zürcher, Christoph; Koehler, Jan, 2003. Fostering Tolerance in Rural Areas of Tajikistan. Report for the GTZ. Berlin, Manuscript.

Zürcher, Christoph; Koehler, Jan und Baev, Pavel 2002, *Internal Violence in the Caucasus. Study prepared for The World Bank: Development Economic Research Group DECRG, The Economics of Political and Common Violence*, The Economics of Political and Common Violence (The World Bank).

### TAUGHT COURSES

University of Konstanz

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- Summer Term 2005
- Graduate seminar “Methods of Conflict Research”
  - Graduate seminar “Intervention vs. Self-Healing
  - Undergraduate seminar “Introduction to Conflict Research”

### **Institut d'études politiques, IEP, Université d'Aix-en-Provence**

- Winter Term 04/05                      The Politics of Contemporary Central Asia and Caucasus

### **Free University Berlin**

- Winter Term 07/08
- Graduate seminar “Peace Building”
  - Graduate seminar “Theories of Internal Wars”
- Summer Term 07
- Quantitative Methods in Political Science
  - Graduate seminar “Precarious Statehood”
  - Graduate seminar “Democracy and Democratization”
  - Quantitative Methods in Political Science
- Winter Term 06/07
- Graduate seminar “Precarious Statehood”
  - Graduate seminar “Theories of Internal Wars”
- Summer Term 04
- Graduate seminar “International Interventions”
- Winter Term 03/04
- Graduate seminar “State failure and International Responses”
  - Graduate seminar “Internal and External Security: the Case of Armenia”
- Summer Term 03
- Lecture Series “Exporting stability? Global governance revisited”
  - Graduate seminar: “Theories and practice of negotiations“
  - Graduate seminar “Methods in conflict research“
- Winter Term 02/03
- Undergraduate seminar “Introduction to East European Politics”
- Summer Term 02
- Undergraduate seminar “Introduction to East European Politics”
- Summer Term 01
- Graduate seminar „Problematic Sovereignty“
  - Undergraduate seminar “Introduction to East European Politics”
- Winter Term 00/01
- Undergraduate seminar “Introduction to East European Politics”
- Summer Term 00
- Graduate seminar “Internationalization of Ethnic Conflicts”
  - Undergraduate seminar “Introduction to East European Politics”
- Winter Term 99/00
- Graduate seminar „The Baltic Sea Region“
  - Undergraduate seminar “Introduction to East European Politics”
- Winter Term 98/99
- Graduate seminar “The Caucasus: Boom or Crisis?”
  - Graduate seminar “Sustainable Development”
- Summer Term 98
- Undergraduate seminar “Introduction to East European Politics”
  - Graduate seminar “Transformation, Postmodernism and the East. A workshop“
  - Graduate seminar “Sustainable Development“
- Winter Term 97/98
- Undergraduate seminar “Introduction to East European Politics”
  - Graduate seminar “Transformation in the Baltic States”
- Summer Term 97
- Graduate seminar “Conflicts at the Periphery of the Russian Federation“
  - Undergraduate seminar “Introduction to East European Politics”
- Winter Term 96/97
- Undergraduate seminar “The Baltic States“