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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<b>Assistant Professor, Harvard University</b> Department of Government	since 2017
	<b>Research Fellow, Princeton University</b> Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance	2016 – 2017
EDUCATION	<b>Yale University</b> , New Haven, CT  Ph.D., Political Science M.A., M.Phil., Political Science Dissertation: <i>Information, Accountability, and Political Elite Behavior</i> Committee: Thad Dunning (chair), Kate Baldwin, Chris Blattman, Ana De La O, Steven Wilkinson	2017
	<b>Columbia University</b> , New York, NY  Master in International Affairs	2008
	<b>Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität</b> , Munich  Vordiplom, Sociology, Political Science, and Economics	2004
PUBLICATIONS	Forthcoming. Platas Izama, Melina and Pia Raffler. “Private vs. Public Information and Voting Behavior. A Field Experiment in Ugandan MP Elections.” <i>Information and Accountability: A New Method for Cumulative Learning</i> . Edited by Thad Dunning et al. (Under contract at <i>Cambridge University Press</i> ).  Forthcoming. Baldwin, Kate and Pia Raffler. “Traditional Leaders, Service Delivery and Electoral Accountability.” <i>Decentralization and Development in Practice: Assessing the Evidence</i> . Edited by Jonathan Rodden and Erik Wibbels (Under contract at <i>Cambridge University Press</i> ).  2013. Jamison, Julian, Dean Karlan and Pia Raffler. “Mixed Method Evaluation of a Passive mHealth Sexual Information Texting Service in Uganda” <i>Information Technology &amp; International Development</i> 9(3).	
WORKING PAPERS	Raffler, Pia. “Does Political Oversight of the Bureaucracy Increase Accountability? Field Experimental Evidence from an Electoral Autocracy”  APSA Best Fieldwork Award, Comparative Democratization Section, 2016 APSA Best Graduate Student Paper in African Affairs, Honorable Mention, 2016  Martin, Lucy and Pia Raffler. “Fault Lines. The Effects of Bureaucratic Power on Electoral Accountability”  Raffler, Pia. “News, Accountability, and Electoral Rules. The Impact of Media Markets on Local Accountability under Majoritarian and PR Rules in Germany”	

	Platas Izama, Melina and Pia Raffler. “Meet the Candidates. The Effect of MP Debates on Voting Behavior in Primary and General Elections”
	Posner, Daniel, Pia Raffler and Doug Parkerson. “Bottom-Up Accountability and Collective Action. Replication and Extension of Björkman and Svensson (2009)”
	Fischer, Greg, Dean Karlan, Margaret McConnell and Pia Raffler. “Short-term Subsidies and Seller Type: A Health Products Experiment in Uganda”, <i>Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Development Economics</i>
WORKS IN PROGRESS	Platas Izama, Melina and Pia Raffler. “Voting With the Polls? A Bandwagon Field Experiment in Uganda”
	Fiala, Nathan, Patrick Premand and Pia Raffler. “Information and Collective Action. A Field Experiment on Audits and Social Accountability in Uganda”
	Karlan, Dean, Margaret McConnell and Pia Raffler. “Community-based Data Collection”
POLICY PAPERS AND REPORTS	2013. Dunning, Thad, Daniel N. Posner and Pia Raffler. “Political Knowledge and Political Participation. Improving USAID Program Design and Evaluation”
	2013. Raffler, Pia. “Randomised Control Trials”. Anti-Corruption Research Network (ACRN)
AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	2016 APSA Best Fieldwork Award, Comparative Democratization Section
	2016 APSA Honorable Mention for Best Graduate Student Paper in African Affairs
	2016 Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance Fellowship, Princeton
	2016 Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Fellowship, Princeton
	2015 Darius Thompson Wadhams Fellowship, Yale University
	2014 Pierre B.A. Keller Fellowship, Yale University
	2012 M. Cox Fellowship, Yale University
	2007 Teaching Fellowship, Economic Analysis, Columbia University
	2005 Scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service
EXTERNAL GRANTS	2016 International Republican Institute/USAID, with Melina Platas Izama (\$20,000)
	2015 Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, with Melina Platas Izama (\$10,000)
	2015 Hewlett Foundation (\$58,000)
	2014 EGAP Metaketa Initiative, with Melina Platas Izama (\$342,000)
	2014 The International Growth Centre (\$105,000)
	2014 Hewlett Foundation (\$323,000)
	2013 Research Grant (\$200,000)
	2012 Research Grant, with Chris Blattman, Dean Karlan and Lucy Martin (\$100,000)
	2010 Research Grant, with Dean Karlan and Margaret McConnell (\$100,000)
	Co-PI (not involved in initial fundraising):
	2013 Department for International Development (DfID), with Doug Parkerson and Daniel Posner (\$1,300,000)
AFFILIATIONS	Member, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)
	Faculty Affiliate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
	Faculty Affiliate, Center for African Studies, Harvard University

Research Associate, Center on the Politics of Development, UC Berkeley  
Research Network Member, Innovations for Poverty Action

TEACHING

Instructor, Politics and Economics, Graduate Course, Harvard University, Fall 2018  
(with Torben Iversen)

Instructor, Politics of Development in Africa, Undergraduate Course, Harvard University, Fall 2017 & 2018

Instructor, Political Economy Research Workshop, Graduate, Harvard University, Fall 2017 (with Robert Bates and Torben Iversen)

Teaching Fellow, African Politics, Undergraduate Course, Yale University, Fall 2014

Teaching Fellow, Fundamentals of Modeling II (Game Theory), Graduate Course, Yale University, Spring 2013

Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Statistics, Graduate Course, Yale University, Fall 2012

Teaching Fellow, Advanced Economic Analysis (Macro), Graduate Course, Columbia University, Spring 2007

Teaching Assistant, Demographics & Social Structure, Undergraduate Course, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, 2005

Workshop Instructor, LaTeX, Yale Statistics Lab, Spring 2013

Workshop Instructor, Executive Education, JPAL/IPA, Kampala, 2012

Workshop Instructor, Survey Design, Yale Statistics Lab, Fall 2012

FIELD RESEARCH

Uganda (45 months total), 2007, 2008-2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

SKILLS

Software: Stata, ArcGIS, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

Languages: English (fluent), German (native), French (intermediate), Spanish (basic), Luganda (basic)

WORK EXPERIENCE

**NORC at the University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

*Author, Decentralization Review for USAID DRG-LER* 2016

**Social Impact**, Washington, DC

*Consultant, Evidence Review on Political Participation for USAID* 2012

**Innovations for Poverty Action**, Kampala, Uganda

*Country Director* 2009–2010

*Project Coordinator* 2008–2009

**UNDP Regional Center Asia-Pacific**, Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Other Work Experience:**

Consultant, Statistics Lab, Yale University	2012
Research Assistant, Prof. Chris Blattman	2007
Research Assistant, Prof. Ulrich Beck, University of Munich	2004–2005
Consultant, KfW (German Development Bank)	2003–2004

INVITED PRESENTATIONS	2018	Political Economy Workshop <i>Emory University</i>
	2018	Bureaucratic Politics Workshop <i>Ohio State University</i>
	2018	State Capacity Conference <i>Harvard University</i>
	2017	Comparative Politics Seminar, <i>Boston University</i>
	2017	Comparative Politics Speaker Series, <i>Harvard University</i>
	2017	American Politics Speaker Series (CSDP), <i>Princeton University</i>
	2017	Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance Seminar, <i>Princeton University</i>
	2016	Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS), <i>NYU</i>
	2016	Comparative Politics Seminar, <i>Yale University</i>
	2016	Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference, <i>Harvard University</i>
	2016	National WGAPE Meeting, <i>World Bank &amp; George Washington University</i>
	2016	Center on the Politics of Development Workshop, <i>UC Berkeley</i>
	2016	Georg W. Leitner Seminar on Political Economy, <i>Yale University</i>
	2015	Center on the Politics of Development Workshop, <i>UC Berkeley</i>
	2015	CAPERS Conference, <i>Columbia University</i>
	2015	Comparative Politics Workshop, <i>Yale University</i>
2014	Research & Innovation in Governance Conference, <i>Yale University, Nairobi</i>	
2013	CAPERS Conference, <i>Columbia University</i>	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	2018	European Political Science Association, Vienna
	2016	American Political Science Association, San Francisco
	2016	African Studies Association, Washington D.C.
	2016	American Political Science Association, Philadelphia
	2016	Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
	2015	American Political Science Association, San Francisco
	2015	European Political Science Association, Vienna
	2015	African Studies Association, San Diego
	2014	American Political Science Association, Washington D.C.
2013	Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE     **Reviewer:** American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, International Studies Quarterly, IPA Research Review Committee, World Development

**Award Committees:** APSA Best Paper Award in Political Economy, APSA Public Service Award in Experimental Studies