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ACADEMIC POSITIONS      **Assistant Professor, Harvard University**      since 2017  
Department of Government  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for African Studies  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for European Studies  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for International Development  
Faculty Affiliate, Evidence for Policy Design  
Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science  
Faculty Affiliate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

**Research Fellow, Princeton University**      2016 – 2017  
Center for the Study of Democratic Politics,  
Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance

EDUCATION      **Yale University**, New Haven, CT

Ph.D., Political Science      2017  
M.A., M.Phil., Political Science  
Dissertation: *Information, Accountability, and Political Elite Behavior*  
With distinction, APSA Award for Best Dissertation in Experimental Research  
Committee: Thad Dunning (chair), Kate Baldwin, Chris Blattman, Ana De La O, Steven Wilkinson

**Columbia University**, New York, NY

Master in International Affairs      2008

**Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität**, Munich

Vordiplom, Sociology, Political Science, and Economics      2004

PUBLICATIONS      2022. Raffler, Pia. “Does Political Oversight of the Bureaucracy Increase Accountability? Field Experimental Evidence from an Electoral Autocracy” *American Political Science Review*, 116(4): 1443-1459.

APSA Best Dissertation Award, Experimental Research Section, 2018  
APSA Best Fieldwork Award, Comparative Democratization Section, 2016  
APSA Best Graduate Student Paper in African Affairs, Honorable Mention, 2016

2021. Martin, Lucy and Pia Raffler. “Fault Lines. The Effects of Bureaucratic Power on Electoral Accountability” *American Journal of Political Science*, 65(1): 210-224.

2021. Platas, Melina and Pia Raffler. “Closing the Gap: Information and Mass Support in a Dominant Party Regime” *The Journal of Politics*, 83(4): 1619-1634.

2019. Dunning, Thad et al. “Voter information campaigns and political accountability: Cumulative findings from a pre-registered meta-analysis of coordinated trials.” *Science Advances* 5(7), p.eaaw2612.

	<p>2019. Platas Izama, Melina and Pia Raffler. “Private vs. Public Information and Voting Behavior. A Field Experiment in Ugandan MP Elections.” In: <i>Information, Accountability, and Cumulative Learning: Lessons from Metaketa I</i>. Edited by Thad Dunning et al. <i>Cambridge University Press</i>.</p> <p>APSA Best Book Award, Experimental Research Section, 2020</p> <p>2019. Baldwin, Kate and Pia Raffler. “Traditional Leaders, Service Delivery and Electoral Accountability.” In: <i>Decentralized Governance and Accountability</i>. Edited by Jonathan Rodden and Erik Wibbels <i>Cambridge University Press</i>.</p> <p>2019. Fischer, Greg, Dean Karlan, Margaret McConnell and Pia Raffler. “Short-term Subsidies and Seller Type: A Health Products Experiment in Uganda”, <i>Journal of Development Economics</i>.</p>
UNDER REVIEW	<p>Raffler, Pia, Daniel N. Posner and Doug Parkerson. “The Weakness of Bottom-Up Accountability: Experimental Evidence from the Ugandan Health Sector”</p> <p>APSA Best Paper Award, Experimental Research Section, 2019</p>
WORKING PAPERS	<p>Fujiwara, Thomas, Hanno Hilbig and Pia Raffler. “Gender Discrimination in German Parliamentary Elections”</p> <p>Bowles, Jeremy, John Marshall and Pia Raffler. “Social Media and Political Behavior: Experimental Evidence from an Electoral Autocracy ”</p> <p>Raffler, Pia. “News, Accountability, and Electoral Rules. The Impact of Media Markets on Local Accountability under Majoritarian and PR Rules in Germany”</p>
WORKS IN PROGRESS	<p>Little, Andrew, Melina Platas Izama, and Pia Raffler. “Limits on Learning: Selective Incorporation and Retention of Political Information”</p> <p>Fiala, Nathan and Pia Raffler. “Information and Collective Action. A Field Experiment on Audits and Social Accountability in Uganda”</p> <p>Bowles, Jeremy, Horacio Larreguy, and Pia Raffler. “Does Debate Participation Matter?”</p> <p>Karlan, Dean, Margaret McConnell, Pia Raffler. “Community-based Data Collection”</p>
POLICY PAPERS AND REPORTS	<p>2013. Dunning, Thad, Daniel N. Posner and Pia Raffler. “Political Knowledge and Political Participation. Improving USAID Program Design and Evaluation”</p> <p>2013. Raffler, Pia. “Randomised Control Trials”. Anti-Corruption Research Network</p>
AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	<p>2020 APSA Best Book Award, Experimental Research Section (contributor)</p> <p>2019 APSA Best Paper Award, Experimental Research Section</p> <p>2018 APSA Best Dissertation Award, Experimental Research Section</p> <p>2016 APSA Best Fieldwork Award, Comparative Democratization Section</p> <p>2016 APSA Honorable Mention for Best Graduate Student Paper in African Affairs</p> <p>2016 Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance Fellowship, Princeton</p> <p>2016 Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Fellowship, Princeton</p> <p>2015 Darius Thompson Wadhams Fellowship, Yale University</p> <p>2014 Pierre B.A. Keller Fellowship, Yale University</p> <p>2012 M. Cox Fellowship, Yale University</p> <p>2007 Teaching Fellowship, Economic Analysis, Columbia University</p> <p>2005 Scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service</p>

GRANTS

2021 Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Governance Initiative, with Jeremy Bowles and John Marshall (\$35,000)

2019 Dean’s Competitive Fund for Promising Research, Harvard (\$49,000)

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)

2013 Department for International Development (DfID), with Doug Parkerson and Daniel Posner (\$1,300,000)

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Member, Standing Committee on Higher Degrees in Political Economy and Government

Member, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)

Research Associate, Center on the Politics of Development, UC Berkeley

PI Advisor and Research Network Member, Innovations for Poverty Action

Invited Researcher, J-PAL Governance Initiative

TEACHING

Comparative Politics Research Workshop, Graduate, Harvard University, 2021/22, 2022/23 (with Melani Cammett/Torben Iversen)

Governance in Developing Countries, Graduate Course, Harvard University, Spring 2019

Politics and Economics, Graduate Course, Harvard University, Fall 2018, Spring 2023 (with Torben Iversen)

Politics of Development in Africa, Undergraduate Course, Harvard University, Fall 2017 & 2018, Spring 2020 & 2021

Political Economy Research Workshop, Graduate, Harvard University, 2017/18 (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 (47 months total), 2007, 2008-2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

SKILLS

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

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

OTHER WORK	Country Director, Innovations for Poverty Action, Uganda	2009-2010
EXPERIENCE	Project Coordinator, Innovations for Poverty Action, Uganda	2008-2009
	Research Assistant, Prof. Chris Blattman	2007
	Consultant, UNDP Regional Center Asia-Pacific, Sri Lanka	2006
	Research Assistant, Prof. Ulrich Beck, University of Munich	2004–2005

INVITED	2023	Northwestern-U Chicago Development and Political Economy Conference
PRESENTATIONS	2023	UW Madison, Methods/Political Economy Seminar
	2022	Washington Political Economy Conference (PECO)
	2022	Political Science Seminar, <i>Duke University</i>
	2022	Political Economy Seminar, <i>UC Berkeley</i>
	2021	Batten School, <i>University of Virginia</i>
	2020	Political Economy Seminar, <i>Nuffield College, Oxford University</i>
	2019	Political Economy Seminar, <i>Columbia University</i>
	2019	Comparative Politics Seminar, <i>Stanford University</i>
	2019	Seminar, <i>University of California, San Diego</i>
	2019	Political Economy Seminar, <i>London School of Economics</i>
	2019	DeNEB Seminar, <i>Berlin Social Science Center</i>
	2018	Political Economy Seminar, <i>Kellogg School, Northwestern University</i>
	2018	Political Economy Seminar, <i>Harris School, University of Chicago</i>
	2018	American Politics Conference, <i>MIT</i>
	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>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<p><b>Reviewer:</b> American Economic Journal, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Economic Journal, International Studies Quarterly, IPA Research Review Committee, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Politics, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Review of Economic Studies, World Development, World Politics</p> <p><b>Editorial Board:</b> British Journal of Political Science <b>Award Committees:</b> APSA Best Experimental Paper Award, APSA Best Paper Award in Political Economy, APSA Public Service Award in Experimental Studies</p> <p><b>Co-convener:</b> North East Workshop on Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS), Boston Working Group on African Political Economy (B-WGAPE)</p> <p><b>Officer:</b> Experimental Research Section, APSA 2020-2023</p> <p><b>Program co-chair:</b> Political Economy Division, APSA 2020</p>
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