

# Wolfgang Minatti

## Education

- 2019 – 2024 **PhD in Political and Social Sciences**, *European University Institute*, Italy  
Thesis: “A Theory of Legitimation in Civil War: The Justification of Power and Governance in the Colombian Conflict”; Defended February 2024  
Advisors: Prof. Jeffrey Checkel & Prof. Stephanie Hofmann  
Jury: Prof. Michael Zürn & Prof. Kristin M. Bakke
- 2019 – 2020 **Master of Research in Political and Social Sciences**, *European University Institute*, Italy
- 2018 – 2019 **Master of Arts in International Relations**, *University Leiden*, The Netherlands  
GPA: 8.73 (Dutch Grading System) – Graduated Cum Laude  
Advisor: Prof. Isabelle Duyvesteyn
- 2015 – 2018 **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science**, *University Innsbruck*, Austria
- 2015 – 2018 **Diploma in Law (Unfinished)**, *University Innsbruck*, Austria

## Publications

### Peer Reviewed Publications

- 2024 Wolfgang Minatti. “Legitimate Governance in International Politics: Towards a Relational Theory of Legitimation.” *Review of International Studies*. Online First
- 2024 Selma Kropp and Wolfgang Minatti. “Whither *Willkommenskultur*? National Identity Discourses and the Arrival of Refugees in Germany in 2015/16.” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. Online First
- 2023 Wolfgang Minatti. “A Key Success Factor: Elucidating the Meaning of Legitimacy for UN Peacekeepers.” *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* 17 (5): 557–576
- 2020 Wolfgang Minatti and Isabelle Duyvesteyn. “Concepts of Legitimacy: Congruence and Divergence in the Afghan Conflict.” *Civil Wars* 22 (1): 1–25

### Dissertation

- 2024 Wolfgang Minatti. “A Theory of Legitimation in Civil War: The Justification of Power and Governance in the Colombian Conflict.” *European University Institute, Department of Social and Political Sciences*. <https://hdl.handle.net/1814/76559>

### Working Papers

- Under Review Wolfgang Minatti and Guillaume Gass. “Beyond Vulnerable Populations: Towards Relational Vulnerability in Fieldwork”
- Under Review Laura Ramírez Rodríguez and Wolfgang Minatti. “Of Assistants and Researchers: Vulnerability in Post-Conflict Colombia”
- Wolfgang Minatti. “Rebel Governance as Self-Legitimation: The FARC’s Justifications of Governance Provision”
- Wolfgang Minatti. “Justifying Violence: Comparative Judgements and Rebel Legitimacy in Colombia”

### Other Publications

- 2023 Wolfgang Minatti. “Fieldwork and Vulnerability in Political Science” [Video]. SAGE Research Methods. <https://methods.sagepub.com/video/fieldwork-and-vulnerability-in-political-science>

- 2022 Wolfgang Minatti and Laura Ramírez Rodríguez. 2022. "Memory of violence and conflict in Cabrera, Colombia." EUI Ideas. <https://euiideas.eui.eu/2022/01/20/memory-of-violence-and-conflict-in-cabrera-colombia/>
- 2021 Wolfgang Minatti. 2021. "Legitimate Governance and the Taliban's Takeover." EUI Ideas. <https://euiideas.eui.eu/2021/09/13/legitimate-governance-and-the-talibans-takeover/>
- 2020 Wolfgang Minatti. 2020. "The Challenges of the Afghan Peace Talks." EUI Ideas. <https://euiideas.eui.eu/2020/09/28/the-challenges-of-the-afghan-peace-talks/>

## Research Experience

- 2023 – 2024 **Visiting Scholar at the Research Unit Global Governance**, *Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB)*, Germany
- 2023 – 2024 **Civil War Paths Fellow**, *Centre for the Comparative Study of Civil War*, York, UK
- 2021 – 2024 **Junior Researcher in EUI Research Council Project**, *European University Institute*, Italy  
Project: "Institutions at Bay? Regional Integration and Identity". <https://www.eui.eu/research-hub?id=institutions-at-bay-regional-integration-and-identity>  
PI: Prof. Jeffrey Checkel
- 2022 – 2023 **Visiting Scholar at the Cluster of Excellence SCRIPTS**, *Freie Universität Berlin*, Germany
- 2021 **Visiting Scholar at the Department of Political Sciences**, *Universidad de los Andes*, Bogota, Colombia
- 2020 **Research Assistant to Jeffrey Checkel**, *European University Institute*, Italy  
Project: "Process Tracing and International Political Economy". <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780198793519.013.47>

## Teaching

### European University Institute

- 2023 **Organiser and Instructor: "A Life Cycle of Fieldwork"**, *European University Institute*, Italy  
Co-Taught and Developed a PhD-Level Seminar with Samuel Ritholtz and Ophelia Nicole-Berva; 100% of surveyed participants were maximally satisfied with the course.
- 2021 **Organiser and Instructor: "Conducting Qualitative Fieldwork: Interviews and Participant Observation"**, *European University Institute*, Italy  
Co-Organised and Developed a PhD-Level Seminar with Caitlin Procter and Mariusz Bogacki; 100% of surveyed participants say the course's teaching and content were better than other courses in their programme.

### TU Darmstadt

- 2022 **Organiser and Instructor: "Social Phenomena of Rebel Groups"**, *TU Darmstadt*, Germany  
Taught and Developed an MA-Level Seminar; 100% of surveyed participants say the course's teaching and content were better than other courses in their programme.

## Service

- 2023 – 2024 **Guest Editor for Special Issue at Qualitative Research**, "*Beyond 'Vulnerable Populations': Vulnerability as a Sensitizing Concept in Field Research*", Publication: 2024
- 2022 **External Lecturer**, *TU Darmstadt*, Darmstadt, Germany
- 2020 – 2024 **Founder & Co-Host of the Qualitative and Fieldwork Working Group**, *European University Institute*, Italy, [www.qualifie.eu](http://www.qualifie.eu)

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## Conferences & Invited Talks

- 2023 European Initiative for Security Studies (Paper); American Political Science Association (Paper, Discussant)
- 2022 European Consortium for Political Research (Panel, Paper, Chair); American Political Science Association (Panel, Paper, Chair); Research Colloquium at TU Darmstadt (Paper); Research Colloquium at University Leipzig (Paper)
- 2021 European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions (Paper); CIVICA PhD Panel Series (Paper); EUI Qualitative and Fieldwork Working Group (Paper)

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## Grants

- 2023 Re:Constitution Fellowship by the *Forum Transregionale Studien*, 15.000€
- 2023 International Communication Grant by the *Oesterreichische Forschungsgemeinschaft*, 700€
- 2022 PhD Scholarship at the EUI by the *European University Institute*, 17.800€
- 2022 Travel Grant by the *American Political Science Association*, 500€
- 2022 Travel Grant by the *European Consortium for Political Research*, 500€
- 2021 Early Stage Researcher Competitive Grant by the *European University Institute*, 6.730€
- 2021 Free Project Grant by *CMHF Infinitus*, 1.500€
- 2021 Open Pool Grant for the *Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)*
- 2019 PhD Scholarship at the European University Institute by the *OeAD*, 54.000€

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## Skills & Training

- 2022 **Pedagogical Training: “Teaching and Learning in Higher Education”**, *European University Institute*, Italy
- 2021 **Coding and Analysing with NVivo**, *European University Institute*, Italy
- 2020 **Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT)**, *Centre for Safety and Development*, The Netherlands
- 2020 **Research Ethics and Safer Fieldwork**, *European University Institute*, Italy
- 2020 **Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)**, *Syracuse University*, United States
- 2019 **Introduction to R**, *European University Institute*, Italy

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## Languages

- German Native
- English Proficiency
- Spanish Advanced

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## References

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