

# Wolfgang Minatti

PhD Researcher

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## Education

- Since 2019 **PhD in Political and Social Sciences**, *European University Institute*, Florence, Italy  
Thesis: "A Theory of Legitimation in Civil War: The Justification of Power and Governance in the Colombian Conflict"  
Advisors: Prof. Jeffrey Checkel & Prof. Stephanie Hofmann
- 2019 – 2020 **Master of Research in Political and Social Sciences**, *European University Institute*, Florence, Italy
- 2018 – 2019 **Master of Arts in International Relations**, *University Leiden*, 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*, Innsbruck, Austria  
GPA: 1.37 (Austrian Grading System)  
Advisor: Prof. Gerhard Mangott
- 2015 – 2018 **Diploma in Law (Unfinished)**, *University Innsbruck*, Innsbruck, Austria

## Publications

### Peer Reviewed Publications

- Forthcoming Wolfgang Minatti. "Legitimate Governance in International Politics: Towards a Relational Theory of Legitimation". *Review of International Studies*
- 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

### Working Papers

- Wolfgang Minatti and Guillaume Gass. "Beyond Vulnerable Populations: Towards Relational Vulnerability in Fieldwork"
- 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://euideas.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://euideas.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://euideas.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)*, Berlin, 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*, Florence, 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*, Berlin, Germany
- 2021 **Visiting Scholar at the Department of Political Sciences**, *Universidad de los Andes*, Bogota, Colombia
- 2020 **Research Assistant to Prof. Jeffrey Checkel**, *European University Institute*, Florence, 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*, Florence, 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*, Florence, 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*, 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

- Since 2023 **Guest Editor for Special Issue at Qualitative Research**, “*Beyond ‘Vulnerable Populations’: Vulnerability as a Sensitizing Concept in Field Research*”, Publication: Summer 2024
- 2022 **External Lecturer**, *TU Darmstadt*, Darmstadt, Germany
- Since 2020 **Founder & Co-Host of the Qualitative and Fieldwork Working Group**, *European University Institute*, Florence, Italy, <https://www.eui.eu/research-hub?id=qualitative-and-fieldwork-working-group>

## Policy Work

- 2018 **Internship at the Austrian Economic Chambers**, Cairo, Egypt
- 2017 – 2018 **Member of the Academic Forum for Foreign Policy**, Innsbruck, Austria

## 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)

## Grants

- 2023 Re:Constitution Fellowship by the *Forum Transregionale Studien*
- 2023 International Communication Grant by the *Österreichische Forschungsgemeinschaft*
- 2021 Early Stage Researcher (ESR) Competitive Grant by the *European University Institute*
- 2021 Free Project Grant by *CMHF Infinitus*
- 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*

## Skills & Training

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

## Languages

- German Native
- English Proficiency
- Spanish Advanced

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## References

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