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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

**University of Rochester**, Rochester, NY  
PhD, Political Science, 2017; MA, Political Science, 2013  
Focus Fields: International Relations, American Politics, Political Methodology  
**Columbia University**, New York, NY  
Master of International Affairs (MIA), International Security Policy, 2007  
BA (*cum laude*), Political Science, 2006

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Hertie School**, Berlin, Germany, 2021-present  
Senior Lecturer in Statistics  
**Technical University of Munich**, Munich, Germany, 2021  
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow & Computational Social Scientist  
**LMU Munich**, Geschwister-Scholl Institute for Political Science, Munich, Germany, 2017-2021  
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

## COLLABORATIONS

**CoronaNet Research Project**, <https://www.coronanet-project.org/>  
Co-Principal Investigator of CoronaNet Research Project, a global effort to code data on government policy responses to Covid-19. Contains over 95,000 entries from 195 countries, coded by over 500 research assistants from across the world.

## PUBLICATIONS

**Thorvaldsdottir, Svanhildur**, Ronny Patz and Klaus H. Goetz. 2021. "Mandate or Donors? Explaining UNHCR's country-level expenditures from 1967-2016" *Political Studies*

Patz, Ronny, **Svanhildur Thorvaldsdottir**, and Klaus H. Goetz. 2021. "Why Do International Bureaucrats Increase Affective Language Use? A Dictionary-Based Analysis of Sentiment in UNRWA Annual Reports." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.

**Thorvaldsdottir, Svanhildur**, Ronny Patz and Steffen Eckhard, editors. "International Bureaucracy and the United Nations System". 2021. Special Edition of *International Review of Administrative Sciences*.

Patz, Ronny and **Svanhildur Thorvaldsdottir**. 2021 "Explaining Sentiment Shifts in UN System Annual Reporting: A Longitudinal Comparison of UNHCR, UNRWA and IOM." *International Review of Administrative Sciences*

**Thorvaldsdottir, Svanhildur** and Ronny Patz. 2021. "Budget Analysis [in International Organization Research]", in Badache, Fanny, Emilie Dairon, Leah R. Kimber, and Lucile Maertens (eds.). Introduction to International Organization Research Methods, Univ of Michigan Press.

Patz, Ronny and **Svanhildur Thorvaldsdottir**. 2020. "Drivers of Expenditure Allocation in IOM: Refugees, Donors, and International Bureaucracy", in Martin Geiger and Antoine Pécoud (Eds), *The International Organization for Migration*, Palgrave.

## UNDER REVIEW

**Thorvaldsdottir, Svanhildur**. "State Influence on UN Multilateral Aid through Bureaucratic Ties". R&R at *International Organization*.

#### WORKING PAPERS

Malik, Rabia and **Svanhildur Thorvaldsdottir**. "Are Goodwill Ambassadors Good for Business? Impact of Celebrities on IO fundraising."

**Thorvaldsdottir, Svanhildur**. "Ideology and Donations to the UN System."

**Thorvaldsdottir, Svanhildur**. "Behave or Else? Aid and Voting on the UN Security Council"

Rothenberg, Lawrence and **Svanhildur Thorvaldsdottir**. "Driving Pollution: Specifying and Estimating the Environmental Kuznets Curve."

#### POLICY RESEARCH

Faisal, Farah and **Svanhildur Thorvaldsdottir**. 2010. "Special Drawing Rights for Climate Change Financing: Examining the Governance Challenge." International Peace Institute.

**Thorvaldsdottir, Svanhildur** and Pim Valdre (rapporteurs). 2009. "Negotiating Climate Change: From Bali to Copenhagen." International Peace Institute.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

##### HERTIE SCHOOL

Statistics I: Statistics, Inference, and Regression (MA)

Statistics II: Causal Inference (MA)

##### LMU MUNICH

The United Nations System: Politics and Process (BA)

Quantitative Approaches to International Politics (MA)

Researching IOs: An Introduction to Datasets and Quantitative Research in IR (BA)

Research Design in International Relations (BA)

Theories of Bureaucratic Politics: An International Perspective (MA)

##### UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

###### *Instructor:*

United States in the Middle East (BA)

Introduction to International Relations (BA)

###### *Teaching Assistant:*

International Organization (BA)

Environmental Politics (BA)

Scope of Political Science (PhD)

Introduction to American Politics (BA)

Introduction to Political Philosophy (BA)

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS

LMU Mentoring Program Research Grant, 2018, 2019

Skalny Center Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2017-2018

PumpPrimer II Grant for *In the Field* website project (with Gretchen Helmke, Yeonkyung Jeong, and Rabia Malik), University of Rochester, 2016-2017

Leifur Eiriksson Foundation Fellowship, 2015-2016

Dept. of Political Science Prize for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student, UofR, 2012-2013

Program in Empirical Policy Research (PEPR) Grant, Wallis Institute of Political Economy, University of Rochester, 2013

URDPS Second-Year Paper Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2012

Charles E. Lanni Summer Research Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2011-2012

University Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2010-2015

<b>CONFERENCE ACTIVITY</b>	<p>APSA Annual Conference: 2014–2019          EPSA Annual Conference: 2015, 2019          PEIO Annual Conference: 2016, 2019          ECPR General Conference: 2018, 2019, 2020          DVPW General Congress: 2018          SPSA Annual Conference: 2013</p> <p>SERVICE:          Section Organizer: ECPR (8 panels), 2019          Panel Organizer: ECPR 2019, 2020; APSA 2015, 2016, 2018          Panel Chair: ECPR 2019, 2020; APSA 2017          Panel Discussant: ECPR 2018, 2019; APSA 2017          Award Committee: APSA 2020 (Best Article, International Collaboration Section)</p>
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICE</b>	<p>REFEREE:  <i>American Political Science Review</i>, <i>International Studies Quarterly</i>, <i>Review of International Organization</i>, <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i>, <i>International Review of Administrative Sciences</i></p> <p>DEPARTMENT SERVICE:          Technical University of Munich:              MA Admissions Interview Committee, 2021</p> <p>LMU Munich              Moderator, “Diplomacy in High-Risk Regions,” with Athar Sultan-Khan, Special Advisor to the High Commissioner for Refugees, convened by Academic Association for Security Studies (BSH) of Munich, 2019</p> <p>University of Rochester:              Founder and Coordinator, Women in Political Science Working Group, 2012-2017              Coordinator, Watson Center Seminar Series on International Politics, Fall 2013              Coordinator, American Politics Working Group, Spring 2013</p> <p>OTHER SERVICE:          Hackathon Mentor, Paris Peace Forum, 2018          WXXI Connections: Radio discussion on impact of Trump administration on the UN, 2020</p>
<b>OTHER POSITIONS</b>	<p><b>International Peace Institute</b>, New York          Senior Policy Analyst, 2007-2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Researcher on flagship <i>Coping with Crisis</i> project on United Nations policy development on, and responses to, current and emerging transnational threats and challenges.</li> <li>• Spearheaded IPI’s early work on the security implications of climate change. Collaborated with diplomats and senior UN staffers to develop research agenda and promote its activities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Embassy of Iceland to the United States</b>, Washington, D.C.          Ambassador’s Assistant, 1999-2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinated intra-embassy communication, managed ambassador’s external appearances, and liaised with US government on coordination of high-level visits.</li> <li>• Supported Icelandic citizens and U.S. government officials on consular issues.</li> </ul>
<b>TECHNICAL SKILLS</b>	<p>Advanced R (including RMarkdown, tidyverse, ggplot2, rvest), Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics, basic SQL, basic Python, Microsoft Office</p>
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	<p>English (fluent), Icelandic (native), German (high intermediate), Danish (intermediate), French (elementary), Arabic (elementary)</p>