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Academic Appointments

School of Global Policy and Strategy, UC San Diego <i>Postdoctoral Fellowship in Technology and International Security</i>	2024 - Present Washington, DC
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Education

University of Washington <i>Ph.D., Political Science</i>	2018 - 2024 Seattle, USA
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- Dissertation: *The Political Economy of American Clean Energy Innovation*. [\[Link\]](#)
- Committee: Victor Menaldo (Chair), Aseem Prakash, Caitlin Ainsley, Jake Grumbach

King's College London <i>M.A., International Political Economy</i>	2015 - 2016 London, UK
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University of Mannheim <i>B.A., with Honors, Political Science and Economics</i>	2011 - 2015 Mannheim, Germany
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Research Interest

Substantive: Climate Politics, American Politics, Political Economy, Industrial Policy

Methodological: Quantitative Social Science, Network Analysis, Text-as-data

Book

- Menaldo, V., and **Wittstock, N.** *U.S. Innovation Inequality and Trumpism: The Political Economy of Technology Deserts in a Knowledge Economy* (forthcoming at Cambridge University Press). [\[Link\]](#)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

3. Menaldo, V., and **Wittstock, N.** "Does Technology Transfer From the US to China Harm American Firms, Workers, and Consumers? A Historical and Analytic Investigation." *Economic and Political Studies* 9:4 (2021): 417-446. [\[Link\]](#)
2. Magistro, B., and **Wittstock, N.** "Changing Preferences versus Issue Salience: The Political Success of Anti-immigration Parties in Italy." *South European Society and Politics* 26 (2021): 383-411. [\[Link\]](#)
1. Magistro, B., Owen, L., and **Wittstock, N.** "Populist support, institutional trust, and gender: the impact of foreign-imposed austerity during the European Debt Crisis." *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* Vol. 2: No. 3 (2021): 329-346. [\[Link\]](#)

Manuscripts under Review

- **Wittstock, N.** "The Governmental Origins of American Clean Energy Innovation." [\[Link\]](#)
- Wack, M., and **Wittstock, N.** "To the Loser goes the Spoils? Elections in non-Democratic Regimes." [\[Link\]](#)
- **Wittstock, N.** "The Politics of US Clean Energy Hubs - Evidence From Campaign Donations." [\[Link\]](#)

Book Project

- *Clean Energy – Made in America? The Institutional Origins of American Innovation Performance* .

Working Papers

- Frost, D., Ko, I., **Wittstock, N.** "Rural Opposition to Clean Energy Policy: Evidence from Nevada's Ballot Initiatives." (In Preparation for Submission).
- Wack, M., **Wittstock, N.** "Drowning Democracy: Examining the Influence of Domestic Propaganda in the Digital Age." (In Preparation for Submission).
- **Wittstock, N.** "Green Industrial Policy Feedback. How Renewable Energy Influences Congress." (Data Analysis in Progress.)
- Leung, B., **Wittstock, N.** "Labor, Business, and the Declining US Consensus on Neoliberal Trade Policy." (Data Analysis in progress).
- Voss, F., **Wittstock, N.** "From Night-watchman to the Entrepreneurial State? Changing Discourse on Innovation Policy: Cases of the German Bundestag and U.S. Congress." (Data Analysis in Progress).
- Wack, M., **Wittstock, N.** "Digital Dictators: 21st Century State Capacity and State-Society Relations in Illiberal Regimes." (Data collection in progress).

Selected Awards & Honors

Graduate Fellow

University of Washington, Center for Environmental Politics

2020 – 2024

Peter May Graduate Research Grant

University of Washington

2023

Paper Award for Students and Early-Career Professionals

Pacific Chapter of American Association for Public Opinion Research

2022

Richard B. Wesley Fellow

University of Washington, Political Economy Forum

2020 – 2021

Ione E. Curtis Research Grant

University of Washington

2020

CEI Fellow and DIRECT Trainee

University of Washington, Clean Energy Institute

2020 – 2021

Philo S. Bennet Prize for Best Graduate Paper in Democratic Politics

University of Washington

2020

Conference Papers

- Menaldo, V., and **Wittstock, N.** "Of TikTok and Tariffs: a historical and analytical perspective on Technology Transfer to China." American Political Science Association. July 2020.
- Wack, M, and **Wittstock, N.** "To the Loser goes the Spoils? Elections in non-Democratic Regimes." Midwest Political Science Association. April 2022.

Book Reviews

3. **Wittstock, N.** *The Atlantic Realists. Empire and International Political Thought Between Germany and the United States.* Mathew Specter (Stanford University Press, 2022). German Politics and Society. Forthcoming.
2. **Wittstock, N.** *The Politics of Personal Information: Surveillance, Privacy, and Power in West Germany.* Larry Frohman (New York: Berghahn Books, 2020). German Politics and Society. April 2023. [[Link](#)]
1. **Wittstock, N.** *Imbalance: Germany's Political Economy after the Social Democratic Century.* Tobias Schulze-Cleven and Sidney A. Rothstein, eds. (Abingdon: Routledge, 2021.) German Politics and Society. February 2022. [[Link](#)]

Public Scholarship

3. **Wittstock, N.**, and Menaldo, V. *Innovation Inequality and the 2024 Election: A Deep-Rooted Divide*. Seattle Times. August 2024. [[Link](#)]
2. Leung, B., and **Wittstock, N.** *The Economic, Political, and Cultural Follies of Kicking Foreign Students Out*. UW Political Economy Forum. June 2020. [[Link](#)]
1. Dolsak, N., Prakash, A., and **Wittstock, N.** *Climate Change Helped Global Cooperation. Will Coronavirus Undermine It?* Forbes. April 2020. [[Link](#)]

Teaching and Mentoring

Lecturer (Undergraduate) Summer 2023/2024
University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science Seattle, USA

- Introduction to Political Economy (Summer 2023/2024)

Teaching Assistance (Undergraduate) Sep 2018 – Present
University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science Seattle, USA

- Data, Technology, and Development in Africa (S 2024)
- Data Science and Statistics for Social Science (W 2024)
- Intro to Research and Data in Political Science (W 2023)
- Intro to Political Economy (F 2019, W 2020/21, F 2022)
- Political Economy of Crime and Corruption (S 2018/19, S 2020, S 2022, S 2023)
- US Foreign Policy (W 2018, Su 2019, Su 2020)
- Finding Truth in an Age of Misinformation, Cynicism, and Polarization (F 2021, F 2023)
- Introduction to Labor Studies (S 2021)

Professional Experience

Data digitization Mar 2023 – Aug 2023
University of Washington, Dept. of Political Science Seattle, USA

- coordinated 5 undergraduate Research Assistants' work on data collection project

Political Economy Forum 2020 - Present
University of Washington Seattle, USA

- Spearheaded the creation of a website, blog, and podcast together with Professors James Long, Victor Menaldo, and Rachel Heath.
- Programmed and maintained the website, invited and interviewed guests on various topics related to Political Economy.

Associate Consultant 2016 - 2018
FreshMinds London, UK

- Executed primary research for business consulting projects spanning diverse areas.
- Collected and presented data on price developments in different markets across Germany and the UK.

Professional Service

Reviewer: *International Studies Review*, *MIT Press*

Member: *APSA*, *MPSA*, *WPSA*

Specialized Skills

Software: R, Gephi, Python, STATA, Qualtrics, L^AT_EX

Languages: German (Native), French (Conversational)