

PROFILE

Research agenda

Policy focus on (i) international security; (ii) the political economy of the defense sector; and (iii) cybersecurity and global digital governance.

Theoretical contributions to International Relations, European Studies, as well as International Political Economy.

Research designs focus on **qualitative** and **historiographic methods**.

Publications in pertinent journals

Security Studies, Contemporary Security Policy, Journal of Global Security Studies, European Journal of International Security;

International Studies Review, Governance, European Political Science Review, Politische Vierteljahresschrift, Cooperation & Conflict;

Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of Common Market Studies, Regulation & Governance, Journal of European Integration;

Review of International Political Economy, Business & Politics.

Total citations: 1139; h-index: 17; i10-index: 23 (Google Scholar)

Principal investigator (PI) of third-party funding

EU COST Action – ‘Networking European Security ([NetSec](#))’: 600.000,- EUR

Co-PI, working group leader and member of the management committee.

Designated action chair (from 2nd half of 2026 onwards).

Building a network for European security with Hugo Meijer et al. (2025-2029).

Fritz Thyssen Foundation: Research project funding: 320.000,- EUR

‘The Making of National Security’ (with Andreas Kruck, LMU Munich).

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft: 200.000,- EUR (WE 3653/4-1)

Diversity and convergence of defense-industrial policies in Europe and India.

Teaching and mentoring profile

Seven BA and MA seminars per academic year (in English and German):

International Relations; War, change and order; International security; Cybersecurity; Digital politics in multi-level systems; The EU as an actor in world politics; Qualitative case studies in theory and practice (with policy-makers).

Supervision of 110+ BA, 30+ MA theses; six Ph.D. projects (four completed).

Policy advice and public policy involvement

Consulting of ministries in Germany and Switzerland:

e.g. *Future Council of the Federal Chancellor*: Expert input on *Zeitenwende*, civil-military collaboration and innovation in the digital realm (2024).

e.g. Defense-Technological Lab for Germany (jointly with *German Council on Foreign Relations*): Policy input (e.g. on cybersecurity) for German policy-makers in Berlin (2018-2021).

EDUCATION

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| November 2018 | LMU, Munich Habilitation (<i>venia legendi</i>) in Political Science: <i>Varieties of National Security: The Institutional Foundations of Defense Governance.</i> Committee: Berthold Rittberger, Bernhard Zangl, Frank Schimmelfennig. 'Unanimously adopted'. |
| September 2004 – July 2008/2010 | Jacobs University, Bremen Ph.D. in Political Science: <i>Explaining preference formation in the European Security and Defense Policy (ESDP).</i> Committee: Markus Jachtenfuchs, Philipp Genschel, Bernhard Zangl. 'Special distinction'. |
| November 1997 – February 2003 | LMU, Munich Master of Arts in Political Science: <i>Narrating the terrorist attacks of 9/11</i> Minors: Communications and Modern History. Supervisor: Friedrich Kratochwil, James Davis. Final grade: 1.61 |
| 1999 – 2000 | University College Cork (UCC), Rep. of Ireland European Integration Studies. |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| Since April 2012 | LMU, Munich (Senior) lecturer in International Relations and European Studies. (6 months parental leave in 2014). |
| September 2022 – October 2022 | Academy of International Affairs (AIA-NRW), Bonn Fellowship for collaborative work on the governance of artificial intelligence. |
| April 2022 – September 2022 | Leibniz University, Hannover Visiting professor of European and International Politics. |
| September 2019 – August 2020 | European University Institute, Florence Jean-Monnet-Fellow at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies. |
| October 2018 – September 2019 | LMU, Munich Visiting professor of global governance and public policy. |
| October 2008 – March 2012 | Centre of Security Economics and Technology (C SET) of the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland) Post-doctoral research associate and project manager: research, teaching and public sector consulting. (6 months parental leave in 2011). |
| March – June 2008 | Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, Berlin (Internship) Public sector consulting (e.g. Ministry of Economics, Federal Chancellery). |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (7 SEMINARS PER YEAR IN ENGLISH AND GERMAN)

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| Since 2012 | LMU Munich: BA and MA in Political Science <i>Sample:</i> Digital governance in multi-level systems; Cybersecurity; Research design; Global security and technology; Qualitative case studies in theory and practice (with external guest speakers from both the civil and the private sector). |
| Fall 2025 | Fernuniversität Hagen: MA in Political Science Europäische Sicherheit im Zeitalter der Geopolitik (German). |
| Summer 2022 | Leibniz University Hannover: BA and MA in Political Science <i>Sample:</i> The political system of the European Union; The EU's integration of the core state powers of security and defense; New trends in cybersecurity. |
| 2008 – 2012 | University of St. Gallen: MA in International Affairs <i>Sample:</i> International Cooperation: Case Studies in Security, Economics and Technology. |
| 2005 – 2007 | Jacobs University Bremen: BA in Integrated Social Sciences Introduction to European Integration. |

INVITED TALKS (SAMPLE; >20 IN TOTAL)

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| EU's Global Initiative on the Future of the Internet | 'Variation of De-Risking Strategies in Global Digital Infrastructures' Input to <i>Internet Accountability Forum</i> , Brussels: October 2025. |
| Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS) | 'Two Vectors of Platform Power: Big Tech and the EU's Regulation of the Digital Space' ERC CODE Workshop - The Age of Artificial Intelligence: Innovation, Big Tech and Global Competition, Brussels: June 2025. |
| German CyberCommand | 'Public-private exchanges in cybersecurity' Talk to be given to senior officers of the armed forces, Bonn/Bundeswehr-Kommando CIR: November 2024. |
| EUI Florence | 'The Allure of Digital Authoritarianism' Paper presented to workshop on 'Decrypting Digital Authoritarianism', Robert Schuman Centre, Florence: October 2024. |
| Webinar: Theories of Regulation & Governance | 'The Regulatory Security State in Europe' Webinar Series with Prof. David Levi-Faur, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, (with Andreas Kruck), June 2023. |
| Cyber Innovation Hub | 'The EU and Cybersecurity' , Talk given to the Expert and Policy Workshop 'Cyber (In)Securities: Online Disinformation and Cyber Propaganda and its Impact on International Politics', Berlin: June 2022. |

PUBLIC SECTOR CONSULTING PROJECTS

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| Centre for Security Economics and Technology (C SET), St. Gallen | For the Swiss Ministry of Defense and Ministry of External Relations (sample): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Measuring foreign dependence across policy fields.- Strategic governance of state-owned defense-technological companies.- Formulating a defense procurement strategy. |
| Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, Berlin | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Political campaigns concerning societal integration (Minister of State and Federal Government Commissioner for Migration, Refugees and Integration).- Process optimization in an employment agency (Federal Employment Office). |

ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP

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| European Initiative on Security Studies (EISS) | Secretary-General and member of the board Organization and operational tasks in e.g. fundraising (since 2024). |
| Self-departmental management tasks (sample) | Social Sciences Faculty Council, GSI-Department, LMU Munich Elected member – for instance, 2021-2023, 2012-2014. Member of commissions for exams, new degree programs, etc. |
| Ment15 | Organizer and mentor for female graduates in social sciences of the LMU Both academic and non-academic career support. |
| Executive education | Bavarian state chancellery and chief executives of other ministries; Bavarian EliteAcademy; Akademie für politische Bildung (Tutzing); Scholarship holders of the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation. |
| Teaching@LMU: Multiplier project | " Roundtable for excellent teaching " (with Markus Gloe). Didactic improvement of the department's teaching activities by regular workshops, inviting external experts, etc. |
| Various academic conferences | Organization of sections and panels : e.g. ECPR, ISA, SGIR, SGEU, EISS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Section chair: ECPR General Conference, Glasgow/UK, 2014.- Regular panel chair, co-organizer at ISA Annual Conventions, e.g., 2015, 2023.- Organization and chair of panels at annual conferences of the European Initiative on Security Studies (EISS) (2019, 2021, 2023, 2025). |
| Reviewer for international journals | <i>International Security, Security Studies, Security Dialogue, Contemporary Security Policy, European Journal of International Security, Defence & Peace Economics, Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung;</i> <i>International Affairs, International Studies Quarterly, Review of International Studies, International Studies Review, International Relations, Review of International Political Economy; Journal of International Relations and Development; International Politics; Politique Européenne;</i> <i>Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of European Integration, European Journal of Political Research, Governance, Policy and Society.</i> |
| Reviewer for funding organizations | European Research Council (ERC); Israel Science Foundation (ISF); Schweizer Nationalfonds (SNF); European Science Foundation (ESF). |

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Media appearances

Tagesschau (5 p.m. and 8 p.m.), BR-Rundschau, Politico-Europe, Reuters, M94.5 radio broadcast; LSE Blog; E-IR.info; Verfassungsblog.

Policy involvement

- ‘Strategy for International Digital Policy’ by Germany’s federal government. Involvement in several workshops to prepare stakeholder processes (e.g. SWP-Berlin, March 2023).
- Defense-Technological Lab for Germany: Regular background debates on defense and technological policies with decision-makers in Berlin (with *German Council on Foreign Relations*).
- Testimonials given to selected members of the Swiss parliament and senior officials of the federal government, Nationalrat (Swiss parliament), 2009-2011, Bern.

Awards

Conference awards: **Best Paper Award** of DVPW’s IR Section, Convention 2015 in Duisburg/Essen, Germany (with Ursula Jasper, ETH Zurich).

CAREER BREAKS

I took parental leave for a total of 14 months, in 2011 (first child) and 2014 (second child). For the past 15 years, my wife and I have shared childcare responsibilities on equal terms, as both of us work full-time and pursue our careers.

GOOGLE SCHOLAR

<https://scholar.google.de/citations?user=Kb7fdZgAAAAJ&hl=de&oi=ao> (30/01/2026).

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THE 'APPLIED HISTORY' PUBLICATIONS ARE HIGHLIGHTED WITH A *

2 MONOGRAPHS

Weiss, Moritz (2011): *Transaction Costs and Security Institutions: Unravelling the ESDP*, (Houndmills/Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan).

Weiss, Moritz (2004): *Der 11. September 2001: Interpretationen und Konsequenzen eines Terroranschlags*, (Marburg: Tectum-Verlag).

1 SPECIAL ISSUE

Kruck, Andreas / Weiss, Moritz (2023): *The Regulatory Security State in Europe*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, 30(7): 1205-1471, doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2023.2172061.

ARTICLES (29 WITH ANONYMOUS PEER-REVIEW)

Hofmann, Stephanie et al. (2025): 'The Forum: Introducing Organizational (Dis)Entanglements: How Scholarship on Regime Complexity and Power Dynamics Helps Make Sense of International Order-Making', *International Studies Review*, doi.org/10.1093/isr/viaf002.

Daßler, Benjamin / Weiss, Moritz (2025): 'Beyond the European Army Illusion: A Prudent Strategy for the Real European Zeitenwende', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, doi.org/10.1111/jcms.70029.

Weiss, Moritz / Krieger, Nicolas (2025): 'The political economy of cybersecurity: Governments, firms and opportunity structures for business power', *Contemporary Security Policy*, 46(3): 403-428, doi.org/10.1080/13523260.2025.2474867.

Nominated for CSP's Bernard Brodie Prize in 2026

Kausche, Katharina / Weiss, Moritz (2025): 'Platform Power and Regulatory Capture in Digital Governance', *Business & Politics*, 27(2): 284-308, doi:10.1017/bap.2024.33.

- Bandemer, Sandra / Daßler, Benjamin / Rittberger, Berthold / **Weiss, Moritz** / Will, Kathrin (2025): 'The Politics of De-Risking: How the EU Confronts Vulnerabilities in Critical Digital Infrastructures', *Journal of European Public Policy*, doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2025.2545305.
- Daßler, Benjamin / Bandemer, Sandra / Rittberger, Berthold / **Weiss, Moritz** (2024): 'Navigating Regime Complexes in Turbulent Times -The EU's Interaction with Other IOs in Crises', *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*, doi.org/10.1007/s11615-024-00572-9.
- Kruck, Andreas / **Weiss, Moritz** (2024): 'Disentangling *Leviathan* on its home turf: Authority foundations, policy instruments and the making of security', *Regulation & Governance*, 19(1): 146-160, <https://doi.org/10.1111/rego.12594>.
- Kruck, Andreas / **Weiss, Moritz** (2023): 'The regulatory security state in Europe', *Journal of European Public Policy*, 30(7): 1205-1229, doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2023.2172061.
- Weiss, Moritz** / Biermann, Felix (2023): 'Cyberspace and the protection of critical national infrastructure', *Journal of Economic Policy Reform*, 26(3): 250-267, doi.org/10.1080/17487870.2021.1905530.
- ***Weiss, Moritz** / Biermann, Felix (2022): 'Networked politics and the supply of European defence integration', *Journal of European Public Policy*, 29(6): 910-931, doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2021.1916057.
- Weiss, Moritz** (2022): 'The rise of cybersecurity warriors?', *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, 33(1-2): 272-293, doi.org/10.1080/09592318.2021.1976574.
- ***Weiss, Moritz** (2021): 'Varieties of Privatization: Informal Networks, Trust and State Control of the Commanding Heights', *Review of International Political Economy*, 28(3): 662-689, doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2020.1726791.
- Biermann, Felix / **Weiss, Moritz** (2021): 'Power without a cause? Germany's conflict avoidance and the integration of European defence procurement', *Journal of European Integration*, 43(2): 225-240, doi.org/10.1080/07036337.2021.1877691.
- Weiss, Moritz** / Heinkelmann-Wild, Tim (2020): 'Disarmed principals? Institutional Resilience and the Non-Enforcement of Delegation', *European Political Science Review*, 12(4): 409-425, doi.org/10.1017/S1755773920000181.
- Weiss, Moritz** / Jankauskas, Vytautas (2019): 'Securing Cyberspace: How States Design Governance Arrangements', *Governance*, 32(2): 259-275, doi.org/10.1111/gove.12368.
- Weiss, Moritz** (2019): 'From Wealth to Power? The Failure of Layered Reforms in India's Defense Sector', *Journal of Global Security Studies*, 4(4): 560-578, doi.org/10.1093/jogss/ogz036.
- Biermann, Felix / Guérin, Nina / Jagdhuber, Stefan / Rittberger, Berthold / **Weiss, Moritz** (2019): 'Political (Non-)Reform in the Euro Crisis and the Refugee Crisis: A Liberal Intergovernmentalist Explanation', *Journal of European Public Policy*, 26(2): 246-266, doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2017.1408670.

Weiss, Moritz (2019): *State vs. Market in India: How (not) to integrate foreign contractors in the domestic defense-industrial sector*, ***Comparative Strategy***, 37(4): 286-298, doi.org/10.1080/01495933.2018.1497323.

Rüchardt, Felix / **Weiss, Moritz** (2018): 'Der Staat als *Broker*? Rüstungsdiplomatie als die vernachlässigte Seite von Waffenexporten', ***Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung***, 7(2): 210-245, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/48518878>.

Weiss, Moritz** (2018): 'How to become a first mover? Mechanisms of military innovation and the development of drones', ***European Journal of International Security, 3(2): 187-210, doi.org/10.1017/eis.2017.15.

Weiss, Moritz / Blauburger, Michael (2016): 'Judicialized Law-Making and Opportunistic Enforcement: Explaining the EU's Challenge of National Defence Offsets', ***Journal of Common Market Studies***, 54(2): 444-462, doi.org/10.1111/jcms.12290.

Kriegmair, Lisa / **Weiss, Moritz** (2015): 'Vom Sanktionsparadox zur Sanktionsfalle: Die Europäische Union und Simbabwe', ***Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen***, 22(2): 71-99, <https://www.nomos-elibrary.de/de/10.5771/0946-7165-2015-2-68/vom-sanktionsparadox-zur-sanktionsfalle-jahrgang-22-2015-heft-2?page=1>.

*DeVore, Marc / **Weiss, Moritz** (2014): 'Who's in the cockpit? The political economy of collaborative aircraft decisions', ***Review of International Political Economy***, 21(2): 497-533, doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2013.787947.

Blauburger, Michael / **Weiss, Moritz** (2013): "'If you can't beat me, join me!'" How the Commission pushed and pulled Member states into legislating defence procurement', ***Journal of European Public Policy***, 20(8): 1120-1138, doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2013.781783.

Weiss, Moritz (2012): 'Transaction Costs and the Establishment of the European Security and Defense Policy', ***Security Studies***, 21(4): 654-682, doi.org/10.1080/09636412.2012.734233.

Weiss, Moritz (2011): 'Contextualizing European Security: Iraq and Beyond', ***International Studies Review***, 13(3): 482-87, doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-2486.2011.01051.x.

Weiss, Moritz (2009): 'Power and Signals: Explaining the German Approach to European Security', ***Journal of International Relations and Development***, 12(3): 317-348, doi.org/10.1057/jird.2009.15.

Weiss, Moritz / Dalferth, Simon (2009): 'Security Re-Divided: The Distinctiveness of Policy-Making in ESDP and JHA', ***Cooperation and Conflict***, 44(3): 268-287, doi.org/10.1177/0010836709106216.

Weiss, Moritz (2008): 'The Political Economy of Conflicts: An Opportunity for European Security?', ***Journal of Contemporary European Research***, 4(1): 1-17, doi.org/10.30950/jcer.v4i1.65.

ARTICLES

(10 WITHOUT ANONYMOUS PEER-REVIEW)

- Stürzer, Isabella / **Weiss, Moritz** (2025): 'Private warriors for the digital age? The demand and supply of cybersecurity firms', in: Eugenio Cusumano, Christopher Kinsey, and Robert Parr (Hrsg.): ***The Past and Future of Private Force: Mercenaries and Security Contractors in the 21st Century***, Abingdon: Routledge.
- Weiss, Moritz** (2020): 'Who should be in charge of cyberspace? The European Union, member states and the constitution of structural power', ***EUI RSCAS Working Paper***, 2020/22, <http://hdl.handle.net/1814/66809>.
- Weiss, Moritz** / Biermann, Felix (2018): 'Defence Industrial Cooperation', in: Hugo Meijer/Marco Wyss (Hrsg.): ***The Handbook of European Defence Policies and Armed Forces***, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 693-709.
- Rittberger, Berthold / **Weiss, Moritz** (2017): 'Europaforschung in den Internationalen Beziehungen', in: Carlo Masala/Frank Sauer (eds.): ***Handbuch Internationale Beziehungen***, SpringerVS, pp. 493-522. (revised contribution with Lara Waas in 2024)
- Jasper, Ursula / **Weiss, Moritz** (2016): 'Konventionelle Bedrohungen, technologische Diffusion und die Entwicklung von militärischen Drohnen', in: Gabriele Abels (ed.): ***Vorsicht Sicherheit! Legitimationsprobleme der Ordnung von Freiheit***, Kongressband der DVPW, ***Best paper wward of the IB-Sektion***, Baden-Baden: Nomos, pp. 219-238.
- Blauberger, Michael / **Weiss, Moritz** (2016): 'Die Europäisierung von staatlichen Kernkompetenzen: Nationale Rüstungsbeschaffung unter dem Einfluss europäischer Rechtsprechung', in: Britta Rehder/Ingrid Schneider (eds.): ***Zur Rolle der Gerichte bei der Policy-Entwicklung im europäischen Mehrebenensystem***, Baden-Baden: Nomos, pp. 291-314.
- Weiss, Moritz** (2014): 'Integrating the Acquisition of Leviathan's Swords? The emerging regulation of defence procurement within the EU', in: Markus Jachtenfuchs/Philipp Genschel (eds.): ***Beyond the Regulatory Polity? The European Integration of Core State Powers***, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 27-45.
- Holzhauser, Olaf / Staack, Michael / **Weiss, Moritz** (2008): 'Die strategische Partnerschaft zwischen EU und NATO', in: Franco Algeri/Sibylle Lang/Michael Staack (eds.): ***Militärische Aspekte der Europäischen Sicherheits- und Verteidigungspolitik im Lichte der deutschen EU-Ratspräsidentschaft***, Bremen: Edition Temmen, pp. 76-86.
- Maurer, Thorsten / Vogelgesang, Jens / Weiss, Hans-Jürgen / **Weiss, Moritz** (2007): 'Aktive Vermittler oder passive Berichterstatter? Über die Rolle deutscher Medien während des Kosovo-, Afghanistan- und Irakkrieges', in: Barbara Pfetsch/Silke Adam (eds.): ***Massenmedien als Akteure im politischen Prozess: Konzepte und Analysen***, Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, pp. 144-167.
- Weiss, Moritz** (2005): 'Preference Formation in the Absence of Structural Mechanisms: The Case of European Security Policy', in: ***CFSP-Forum***, 3(4): 5-8.

ARTICLES (UNDER REVIEW OR UNDER PREPARATION)

Weiss, Moritz / Daßler, Benjamin / Bandemer, Sandra / Rittberger, Berthold / Will, Kathrin (2025): 'Goeconomic Swing States and the Politics of Global Information Networks', revise and resubmit by **Globalizations**.

Daßler, Benjamin / Weiss, Moritz (2025): 'A multi-level polity in the new geopolitical era: The European Union and indirect power projection', (under review), **Global Studies Quarterly**.

Daßler, Benjamin / Weiss, Moritz (2025): 'The Allure of Digital Authoritarianism and its Diffusion to Geopolitical Swing States', Paper presented to EUI Conference, Part of *edited volume* (by Patryk Pawlak and Stephanie Hofmann).

Daßler, Benjamin / Weiss, Moritz (2025): 'Two Vectors of Platform Power: Big Tech and the EU's Regulation of the Digital Space', Contribution to potential special section of **International Affairs: The Geopolitics of Artificial Intelligence: Multilayered Weaponization and the Reshaping of Global Interdependence** (ed. by Antonio Calcara and Jonata Anicetti).

Weiss, Moritz /Sus, Monika (*contract under negotiation; after series editors have approached me*): **Protecting a multi-level polity? Security and defence policies in the European Union**, an advanced textbook for graduate students (which is meant to become the successor book in the EU Series of the seminal one of Jolyon Howorth), <https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/series/the-european-union-series/>