

# Julian Michel

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## General Information

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## Academic Employment

07/25 – Assistant Professor, Department of Government and International Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University

2024 – 2025 Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Economy, LMU Munich

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## Education

2017 – 2024 Ph.D., Political Science, UCLA  
Specializations: Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methods

2015 – 2017 M.A., Political Science & Economics, Heidelberg University

2014 – 2015 Visiting Graduate Student, Yale, Ph.D.-level coursework

2011 – 2014 B.A., Political Science, Heidelberg University

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## Publications

1. *How Authoritarian Regimes Decide Who Emigrates: Evidence from East Germany* (Michel, Miller, and Peters 2023). *International Organization*, 77(3), 527-563 ([link](#)).
  - Winner of *APSA Michael Wallerstein Best Article Award*

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## Research Projects

1. *The Subnational Roots of Democratic Stability*
  - Dissertation ([link](#)); Job Market Paper; book project.
  - Winner of *APSA William Anderson Dissertation Award*
  - Winner of *APSA George C. Edwards III Dissertation Award*
  - Winner of *APSA Deil S. Wright Best Paper Award*
  - Winner of *MPSA Kellogg/Notre Dame Best Paper Award*
2. *Participation, Legitimacy and Fiscal Capacity in Weak States* (with K. Grieco, W. Prichard, N. Meriggi, and A. B. Kamara).
  - Oxford CSAE/ LoGRI Working Paper ([link](#), [PAP](#))
  - Covered by: [VoxDev](#)

3. *When Voice Gets the Opportunity to Exit: Evidence from Hong Kong* (with Maggie Peters). Working paper (available upon request).
4. *Restraining the Huddled Masses: Emigration and Authoritarian Control* (with M. Peters and M. Miller; book project; co-author on select chapters).
5. *Does Taxation Cause Demands for Accountability Under Democracy?* (with Wilson Prichard, Niccoló Meriggi, and Kevin Grieco). Data collected.
6. *Signaling Weberianness: Procedural Fairness and Tax Compliance in Sierra Leone* (with W. Prichard, N. Meriggi, A. B. Kamara, and K. Grieco). Data collected ([PAP](#)).
7. *Do Populist Appeals Affect Candidate Choice? Evidence from Bolivia.*
8. *Introducing the Subnational Elections Database.*
9. *The Subnational Roots of Legislative Party Switching?*

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## **Policy Papers**

1. *ICTD Policy Brief 19: Simplifying Property Tax Administration in Africa* ([link](#)) (with K. Grieco and others, November 2019).

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## **Datasets**

1. *Subnational Elections Database* ([link](#))
  - Share of highest subnational offices obtained by party in 84 of 106 democracies (1990-2021; extension to 1945-90 completed soon)
  - For Latin America: Candidates, results & subn. electoral system design for highest subn. executive races in 371 states and 18 countries (1990-2021)

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## **Awards & Grants**

07/25	William Anderson Award for Best Dissertation in Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations, APSA
07/25	George C. Edwards III Dissertation Award for Best Dissertation in Presidency Research, APSA
12/24	Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics, MPSA
06/24	Michael Wallerstein Award for Best Article in Political Economy, APSA

06/24	Deil S. Wright Award for Best Paper in Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations, APSA
09/23	UCLA Collegium of University Teaching Fellowship (only 17 Ph.D. students selected university-wide)
06/22	IGCC Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)
06/22	Travel grants: EUI Conference, Politics of Europe (\$1,200), APSA 2022 (\$150), Democracy & Autocracy section (\$250)
06/20	UCLA Burkle Center for IR Grant for a Project on Protest and Emigration in Hong Kong (with M. Peters) (\$7,500)
11/19	ICTD Grant for a Project on State Capacity in Freetown, Sierra Leone (with W. Prichard, N. Meriggi, and K. Grieco) (£200,000)
06/19 – 11/22	Political Psychology Fellowships, UCLA (\$5,690 in total)
04/19 & 04/20	GSRM Awards, UCLA (\$12,000 in total)
03/19	IGC Grant for Project on State Capacity in Freetown, Sierra Leone (with K. Grieco and D. Holliday) (£20,000)
09/18 & 09/19 & 09/20	Ernst A. Marum Fellowships, Center for European and Russian Studies, UCLA (\$39,000 in total)
09/17	Graduate Dean Scholar Fellowship, UCLA (\$14,500)
08/14 – 04/15	Fellowship for studying at Yale, German Ministry of Education & Heidelberg University
08/14	Heidelberg Alumni Prize for best B.A. in Pol. Science in 2014
09/11 – 07/17	Full fellowship by the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation

### **Conference Presentations & Invited Talks**

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APSA	2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 (chair & discussant), 2025 (chair)
Other Presentations	2025: U. of Salzburg, Vanderbilt University 2024: University of Notre Dame, MPSA, SHU, U. of Zurich 2023: MPSA, UCLA, Columbia University, UC Riverside 2022: EUI, University of Bern

## **Teaching Experience**

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10/24 – 03/25 & 08/22 – 09/22	Instructor of Record, "Democratic Backsliding" ( <a href="#">Syllabus</a> ) (8.73/9; N=17)
10/24 – 03/25	Instructor of Record, "Political Representation in Germany" ( <a href="#">Syllabus</a> ) (7.62/9; N=8)
09/22 – 06/24	Instructor of Record, "Teaching Political Science" ( <a href="#">Syllabus</a> ) (Ph.D.-level; 8.75/9; Median: 9/9; N=29)
01/24 – 03/24	Instructor of Record, "Protest and Democracy" ( <a href="#">Syllabus</a> ) (8/9; Median: 8/9; N=4)
06/23 – 09/23 & 08/22 – 09/22	Instructor of Record, "Pol. Econ. of Development" ( <a href="#">Syllabus</a> ) (8.48/9; Median: 9/9; N=33)
08/22 – 09/22	Instructor of Record, "Democratic Erosion" ( <a href="#">Syllabus</a> ) (9/9; Median: 9/9; N=9)
04/22 – 06/22	TA, "Pol. Institutions and Econ. Development", Prof. Cruz (8.8/9; Median: 9/9; N=20)
10/21 – 12/21 & 10/20 – 12/20	TA, "The Political Economy of Climate Change", Prof. Ross (8.54/9; Median: 9/9; N=39)
04/21 – 06/21 & 04/20 – 06/20	TA, "Political Economy of Development", Prof. Michael Ross (8.72/9; Median: 9/9; N=53)
01/21 – 03/21	TA, "World Politics", Prof. Eric Min (8.58/9; Median: 9/9; N=36)
04/19 – 06/19	TA, "Globalization, Governance & Conflict", Prof. M. Peters (7.5/9; Median: 8/9; N=52)
01/20 – 03/20 & 01/19 – 03/19	TA, "Roots of Democracy", Prof. Daniel Treisman (8.5/9; Median: 9/9; N=74)
10/18 – 12/18	TA, "Politics of Migration", Prof. Maggie Peters (7.64/9; Median: 8/9; N=51)
04/16 – 02/17 & 10/13 – 07/14	TA, "Introduction to Comparative Politics", Prof. A. Croissant (8.3/9; Median: 9/9; N=96)
04/13 – 07/14	TA, "Introduction to Political Theory", Prof. Michael Haus (8.45/9; Median: 9/9; N=73)

## **Service to the Profession**

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Reviewer American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, International Interactions, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Political Science Quarterly, Political Studies

## **Departmental Service**

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09/19 – 06/24 Mentor for First-Year Ph.D. Students, UCLA  
09/19 – 06/20 Organizer, Comparative Politics Working Group (COMPASS)  
09/18 – 06/19 Organizer, "Pieces of the Craft" Workshop Series, UCLA

## **Skills**

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Languages German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), French (basic)  
Software R, Stata, NVivo, MAXQDA, ODK

## **References**

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