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Professional Appointments

Since 09/2022	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam Universitair Docent/Assistant Professor (UD1), Department of Political Science and Public Administration
10/2021 – 08/2022 07/2016 – 09/2017	Technische Universität München Research Associate, Hochschule für Politik München, Chair of European and Global Governance (return appointment)
10/2018 – 09/2021	Universität Erfurt Visiting Scholar (W3-level), Willy Brandt School of Public Policy
10/2017 – 09/2018	Universität Erfurt Interim Franz Haniel Professor for Public Policy (W3), Willy Brandt School of Public Policy
04/2012 – 06/2016	Technische Universität Dresden Research Associate, Chair of International Politics
01/2012 – 03/2012	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Research Associate, Chair of Comparative Political Science

Education

11/2024	Basiskwalificatie Onderwijs (BKO) Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
10/2020	Habilitation in Political Science (PD Dr. habil.) Technische Universität München, Committee: Stefan Wurster (Chair), Eugénia da Conceição-Heldt, Klaus Brummer, Sebastian Harnisch
11/2012	Ph.D. in Political Science (Dr. phil.) Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Reviewers: Ellen M. Immergut, Christopher Daase
03/2008	M.A. in European Studies (“with distinction”) University of Bath, UK & Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
01/2007 – 04/2007	Visiting Student, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies University of Washington, Seattle, USA
08/2006	B.A. in English Studies & Law (“excellent”) Universität Bayreuth
09/2005 – 12/2005	Visiting Student, Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities Weber State University, Ogden, USA

Publications (* Peer Review)

Google Scholar Profile: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=gR-nC8QAAAAJ>

Monographs

Mello, Patrick A. (2021) *Qualitative Comparative Analysis: An Introduction to Research Design and Application*, Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press.*

- Japanese translation (2023): 質的比較分析 (QCA) リサーチ・デザインと実践 Tokyo: Chikura Publishing, transl. by Nobukazu Azuma and Narimasa Yokoyama.

Mello, Patrick A. (2014) *Democratic Participation in Armed Conflict: Military Involvement in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan (paperback: 2016).*

- Best Dissertation Award 2015, German Political Science Association, Laudation in *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 56: 4 (2015)
- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics* 15: 1, *International Affairs* 90: 6, *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 55: 4, and *Political Studies Review* (April 19, 2016)

Edited Handbook and Edited Special Issues

Mello, Patrick A. and Falk Ostermann, ed. (2023) *The Routledge Handbook of Foreign Policy Analysis Methods*, London: Routledge.*

Mello, Patrick A. and Stephen M. Saideman (2019) *The Politics of Multinational Military Operations*, Special Forum Guest Editors in *Contemporary Security Policy* 40 (1): 30-133.*

Mello, Patrick A. and Dirk Peters (2018) *Parliaments in Security Policy: Involvement, Politicization, and Influence*, Special Issue Guest Editors of the *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 20 (1): 3-190.*

Journal Articles

Mello, Patrick A. (2025) *The Party Politics of National Role Contestation: Germany's 'Traffic Light' Coalition and the Russian War Against Ukraine*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* 38 (6), 790-813.*

Mello, Patrick A. (2024) *Zeitenwende: German Foreign Policy Change in the Wake of Russia's War Against Ukraine*. *Politics and Governance* 12, 1-17.*

Heldt, Eugénia C., Patrick A. Mello, Anna Novoselova, and Omar Ramon Serrano Oswald (2022) *When Do International Organizations Engage in Agency Slack? A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of United Nations Institutions*, *Global Studies Quarterly* 2 (3): 1-15.*

Meissner, Katharina L. and Patrick A. Mello (2022) *The Unintended Consequences of UN Sanctions: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis*, *Contemporary Security Policy* 43 (2): 243-273.*

Heldt, Eugénia C., Patrick A. Mello, Anna Novoselova, and Omar Ramon Serrano Oswald (2022) *Persistence Against the Odds: How Entrepreneurial Agents Helped the UN Joint Inspection Unit to Prevail*, *Global Policy* 13 (2): 235-246.*

Ide, Tobias and Patrick A. Mello (2022) *QCA in International Relations: A Review of Strengths, Pitfalls, and Empirical Applications*, *International Studies Review* 24 (1): 1-20.*

- Mello, Patrick A. (2022) [Incentives and Constraints: A Configurational Account of European Involvement in the anti-Daesh Coalition](#), *European Political Science Review* 14 (2): 226-244.*
- Mello, Patrick A. (2022) [German Parliamentary Debates and Decision-Making on Afghanistan](#), *German Journal for Politics, Economics and Culture of the Middle East* 61 (1): 44-49.
- Haesebrouck, Tim and Patrick A. Mello (2020) [Patterns of Political Ideology and Security Policy](#), *Foreign Policy Analysis* 16 (4): 565-586.*
- Mello, Patrick A. (2020) [Paths towards Coalition Defection: Democracies and Withdrawal from the Iraq War](#), *European Journal of International Security* 5 (1): 45-76.*
- Mello, Patrick A. and Stephen M. Saideman (2019) [The Politics of Multinational Military Operations](#), *Contemporary Security Policy* 40 (1): 30-37.*
- Mello, Patrick A. (2019) [National Restrictions in Multinational Military Operations: A Conceptual Framework](#), *Contemporary Security Policy* 40 (1): 38-55.*
- Mello, Patrick A. and Dirk Peters (2018) [Parliaments in Security Policy: Involvement, Politicisation, and Influence](#), *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 20 (1): 3-18.*
- Lagassé, Philippe, and Patrick A. Mello (2018) [The Unintended Consequences of Parliamentary Involvement: Elite Collusion and Afghanistan Deployments in Canada and Germany](#), *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 20 (1): 135-157.*
- Mello, Patrick A. (2018) [Perspektiven der Forschung zur Privatisierung in der Sicherheitspolitik](#), *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung* 7 (1): 195-199.
- Mello, Patrick A. and Dirk Peters (2017) [Parlamente in der Friedens- und Sicherheitspolitik: Parlamentarische Kontrolle von Streitkräfteeinsätzen im Licht der Forschung](#), *Sicherheit und Frieden* 35 (2): 53-59.*
- Mello, Patrick A. (2017) [Curbing the Royal Prerogative to Use Military Force: The British House of Commons and the Conflicts in Syria and Libya](#), *West European Politics* 40 (1): 80-100.*
- Mello, Patrick A. (2012) [Parliamentary Peace or Partisan Politics? Democracies' Participation in the Iraq War](#), *Journal of International Relations and Development* 15 (3): 420-453.*
- Mello, Patrick A. (2010) [In Search of New Wars: The Debate about a Transformation of War](#), *European Journal of International Relations* 16 (2): 297-309.*

Book Chapters

- Mello, Patrick A. (forthcoming) [Germany: The Travails of Realising the *Zeitenwende*](#), in Tim Haesebrouck, Michelle Haas, and Servaas Taghon, ed. *Russia's War on Ukraine: A Zeitenwende for European Defence?* Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 1-16.
- Mello, Patrick A. (2026) [Explaining European Military Engagement in the Fight Against Daesh](#), in Marie Robin, Amelie Theussen, and Kerstin Bree Carlson, ed. *The Changing Fights and Fighters of Contemporary War: From the Margins to the Middle*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 1-19.
- Mello, Patrick A. (2025) [Strategische Zeitenwende? Die Nationale Sicherheitsstrategie als Wendepunkt deutscher Außenpolitik](#), in Holger Janusch and Thomas Dörfler, ed. *Integrierte Sicherheit für Deutschland?* (Zeitschrift für Politik, Sonderband 13), 89-106.

- Mello, Patrick A. (2024) [Uncovering Causal Complexity with Qualitative Comparative Analysis](#), in Alissa Ruth, Amber Wutich, and H. Russell Bernard, ed. *The Handbook of Teaching Qualitative and Mixed Research Methods: A Step-by-Step Guide for Instructors*, London: Routledge, 336-339.
- Falk Ostermann and Patrick A. Mello (2023) [Introduction: Methods and Perspectives in Foreign Policy Analysis](#), in Patrick A. Mello and Falk Ostermann, ed. *The Routledge Handbook of Foreign Policy Analysis Methods*, London: Routledge, 3-18.
- Mello, Patrick A. (2023) [Qualitative Comparative Analysis](#), in Patrick A. Mello and Falk Ostermann, ed. *The Routledge Handbook of Foreign Policy Analysis Methods*, London: Routledge, 385-402.
- Mello, Patrick A. (2021) [German Foreign Policy](#), in Jeroen Joly and Tim Haesebrouck, ed. *Foreign Policy Change in European Union Countries Since 1991*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 155-178.
- Mello, Patrick A. (2019) [Von der Bonner zur Berliner Republik: Die "Zivilmacht" Deutschland im Spiegel parlamentarischer Debatten zu Auslandseinsätzen der Bundeswehr, 1990 bis 2018](#), in Klaus Brummer and Friedrich Kießling, ed. *Zivilmacht Bundesrepublik?*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 295-316.*
- Conceição-Heldt, Eugénia d. and Patrick A. Mello (2018) [Two-Level Games in Foreign Policy Analysis](#), in Cameron Thies, ed. *Oxford Encyclopedia of Foreign Policy Analysis*, New York: Oxford University Press, 770-789.*
- Mello, Patrick A. (2018) [Curbing the Royal Prerogative to Use Military Force: The British House of Commons and the Conflicts in Libya and Syria](#), in Tapio Raunio and Wolfgang Wagner, ed. *Challenging Executive Dominance: Legislatures and Foreign Affairs*, London: Routledge, 80-110. [Reprint of the article that appeared in *West European Politics*, 2017].*
- Mello, Patrick A. (2017) [Qualitative Comparative Analysis and the Study of Non-State Actors](#), in Andreas Kruck and Andrea Schneiker, ed. *Researching Non-State Actors in International Security: Theory & Practice*, London: Routledge, 123-142.
- Mello, Patrick A. (2017) [Democratic Peace Theory](#), in Paul I. Joseph, ed. *The Sage Encyclopedia of War: Social Science Perspectives*, Thousand Oaks: Sage, 472-476.
- Mello, Patrick A. (2017) [New and Old Wars](#), in Paul I. Joseph, ed. *The Sage Encyclopedia of War: Social Science Perspectives*, Thousand Oaks: Sage, 1209-1211.
- Mello, Patrick A. (2016) [Asymmetric Warfare](#), in George Ritzer, ed. *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, 2nd ed., Hoboken: Wiley [DOI: 10.1002/9781405165518.wbeos0773].

Book Reviews

[The Quest for Knowledge in International Relations: How Do We Know?](#) by Richard Ned Lebow, *Political Science Quarterly* 138: 4 (2023), 600-601.

[African Interventions: State Militaries, Foreign Powers and Rebel Forces](#) by Emizet F. Kisangani and Jeffrey Pickering, *H-Diplo*, Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum, Roundtable Review (2023), 15-18.

[Entscheidungsträger in der deutschen Außenpolitik](#) by Christian Rabini, Katharina Dimmroth, Klaus Brummer, and Mischa Hansel, *German Politics* 30: 4 (2021), 606-607.

The Oxford Handbook of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations by Joachim A. Koops, Norrie MacQueen, Thierry Tardy, and Paul D. Williams, *Political Studies Review* 15: 1 (2017), 106-107.

All Necessary Measures: The United Nations and Humanitarian Intervention by Carrie Booth Walling, *Perspectives on Politics* 14: 1 (2016), 265-266.

Asymmetrische Kriege. Eine politiktheoretische Untersuchung zur Kriegführung im 21. Jahrhundert by Felix Wassermann, *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 57: 2 (2016), 326-328.

Außenpolitikanalyse by Klaus Brummer and Kai Oppermann, *Zeitschrift für Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik* 8: 4 (2015), 611-613.

Coalitions of Convenience: United States Military Interventions after the Cold War by Sarah E. Kreps, *Berlin Reviews in Social Sciences*, No. 2 (2011), 1-2.

Media and Other Publications

Mello, Patrick A. (2024) [Zeitenwende at Twilight: Will Germany's Shift Last?](#) *Baltic Rim Economies*, December 2024 (Issue 4), Centrum Balticum.

Mello, Patrick A. (2025) [Exploring Causal Complexity with Qualitative Comparative Analysis \(QCA\)](#), *International Studies Association (ISA)*, Virtual Event, September 17, 2025, recording available on ISA's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lIEEm8Far8>.

Mello, Patrick A., Smriti Rai, and Jesus Renzullo (2022) [Security Cooperation in the Global North and the Ukraine War](#), [Interview for The Bulletin Podcast](#), Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, University of Erfurt, April 29.

Mello, Patrick A. (2020) [Paths towards Coalition Defection: Democracies and Withdrawal from the Iraq War](#), *European Journal of International Security Blog*, May 18.

Mello, Patrick A. and Maria Brackin (2018) [Interview for The Bulletin Podcast](#), Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, University of Erfurt, February 6.

Mello, Patrick A. (2016) [Kriegsbeteiligung: Gegen den Willen der Bevölkerung](#), *Katapult: Magazin für Kartografie und Sozialwissenschaft*, July 6.

Mello, Patrick A. (2011) [Essay Contribution to "Boot Camp: Ten Years of Qualitative and Multi-Method Research"](#), edited by Colin Elman, *Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research* 9 (2): 13-14.

Research Grants and Applications

2025 Research Project "[Political Contestation of Arms Transfers, POLCOAT](#)"

- NWO SSH Open Competition M 2024
- Principal Investigator, Budget: € 400.000
- Total score 3,69 (ranked 30th place, top 15 proceeded), *not selected*

2023 – 2027 Starter Grant Project "[Navigating the Storm: European Political Contestation in Geopolitical Transformation](#)"

- Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW)
- Co-Investigator, PI: Chendi Wang, Budget € 300.000

- 2017 – 2022 Research Project “[International Bureaucracies as ‘Runaway Agents’? How Organizational Structure Affects Agency Slack](#)”
- German Research Foundation (DFG)
 - Co-Investigator, PI: Eugénia da Conceição-Heldt
 - DFG Grant No. 370183851, Budget: € 488.878
- 2016 International Workshop Grant “[Parliaments and Security Policy: Control, Legitimacy, and Effectiveness](#)”
- German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF)
 - Co-PI (with Dirk Peters), Peace Research Institute Frankfurt
 - DSF Grant No. TG 05/16 – IWT 05/07-2016, Budget: € 10.740

PhD Supervision

- Ongoing Richard Sonneveld, [Party-Political Contestation of Foreign Policy in the Netherlands](#), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, *Co-Supervisor*
- Ongoing Wim Piot, [Price Evolution in the Residential Real Estate Market: Causes, Effects and the Future](#), University of Antwerp, Antwerp Management School, *Co-Supervisor*
- 2025 Tatiana Fernández-Maya, [Towards Satisfactory Artistic Moral Reparations: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Colombian Cases](#), University of New South Wales, Sydney, *Co-Supervisor*
- 2024 Pamela Marie Waaler, [In Pursuit of Optimal Intervention Pathways for Callous Unemotional Traits: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis](#), University of Oslo, *External Reviewer Midway Evaluation*
- 2021 Biejan Poor Toulabi, [The Myth of the Poor Man’s Atomic Bomb and the Politics of Proliferation](#), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, *External Committee Member*
- 2020 Steve Wakhu, [Counter-Terrorism in Sub-Saharan Africa: Conditions for Human Rights](#), Universität Erfurt, *Committee Member*
- 2018 Priscilla Álamos-Concha, [Large-scale Contentious Politics in Authoritarian Regimes](#), Université Catholique de Louvain, *External Committee Member*
- 2016 Tim Haesebrouck, [EU Member States Participation in Military Operations](#), Universiteit Gent, Vakgroep Politieke Wetenschappen, *External Committee Member*

Service to the Profession

- 2025 – 2026 Chair of the Committee on Dissertation Completion Fellowships, International Studies Association, upon invitation by ISA President Siba N’Zatioula Grovogui
- 2024 – 2026 Member of the Committee on Dissertation Completion Fellowships, International Studies Association, upon invitation by ISA President Marijke Breuning
- Since 2024 Editorial Board, *International Studies Quarterly*, Oxford University Press
- 2022 – 2027 Elected Member of the Ethics Committee, German Political Science Association
- Since 2021 Founding Member, Methods Excellence Network (MethodsNET)
<http://www.methodsnet.org/>
- Since 2018 Editorial Board Member, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, Oxford University Press

Since 2018	Editorial Board Member, <i>Contemporary Security Policy</i> , Taylor & Francis
2017 – 2023	Co-Speaker, Foreign and Security Policy Group, German Political Science Association
2017 – 2018	Executive Committee Member, Foreign Policy Analysis Section, International Studies Association
Since 2016	Advisory Board Member for COMPASSS, Scientific Network “Comparative Methods for Systematic Cross-Case Analysis”, http://www.compasss.org/

Advisory and Consultancy Roles

Since 2025	Methodological Consultant (Guidance on QCA), University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine, 4-year research project on mechanical ventilation management funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), total budget USD 2,816,250.
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Awards

2022	Journal article “ Unintended Consequences of UN Sanctions ” (Meissner & Mello 2022) shortlisted for Bernard Brodie Prize by <i>Contemporary Security Policy</i>
2021	Teaching Excellence Award, University of Erfurt; Faculty of Law, Social Sciences, and Economics
2018	Teaching Excellence Award, University of Erfurt; Faculty of Law, Social Sciences, and Economics
2015	Best Dissertation Award, German Political Science Association, for <i>Democratic Participation in Armed Conflict</i> (€ 1.000) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Laudation: <i>Politische Vierteljahresschrift</i> 56: 4 (2015)
2006 – 2007	Best Overall Academic Performance, University of Bath, MA Program “Euromasters”
2005	Honor Award, Weber State University, Ogden, USA

University Service

Since 03/2025	Organizer, B&P Defence Research Group
Since 09/2024	Coordinator/Co-Director LLM Law and Politics of International Security , with Lianne Boer/Wouter Werner (Law Faculty)
Since 09/2024	Member of the Taskforce Programme Committees, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Since 09/2023	Chair of the Programme Committee for the Bachelor Political Science
2023 – 2024	Development New Methods Course “ Qualitative Research and Methods in Political Science ”, Bachelor of Political Science
Since 03/2023	Member of the Programme Committee for the Bachelor Political Science
2022 – 2024	Co-Organizer B&P Young Scholars Research Seminar, with Philip Lutz, Kayla Schwoerer, and John Hogan

Peer Review

See verified *Web of Science* record: <https://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/record/786682>.

Regular reviewer for political science and international relations journals, including *American Political Science Review*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, and *International Studies Quarterly*, as well as methodological journals such as *Sociological Methods & Research*, *Quality & Quantity*, and *Field Methods*.

Reviewer of book manuscripts for *Cambridge University Press* and *Oxford University Press*, among others.

Invited Talks (since 2022)

- 2025 “Set-Theoretic Analysis: Applications for Teaching in Organizational and Media Studies”, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland, December 9
- 2025 “Exploring Causal Complexity with Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)” Virtual Event, International Studies Association, September 17
- 2025 “*Zeitenwende*: Assessing Germany’s Foreign and Security Policy Transformation”, NATO Pre-Summit Panel: Türkiye and NATO in the Face of Transforming Security and Information-Based Challenges, Amsterdam, June 23
- 2025 “Qualitative Comparative Analysis,” Universiteit Utrecht, Utrecht University School of Governance, March 26
- 2022 “QCA in International Security: Research Design and Application”, United States Military Academy, West Point, Department of Social Sciences, April 13 (*online*)

Teaching (since 2022)

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam Courses

- 2025 – 2026 “Qualitative Research and Methods in Political Science,” Bachelor Political Science, Coordinator & Teacher (with Phoebe Hargrave, Thomas Janssen, Geert Luteijn, and Wais Sediq)
- 2024 – 2026 “Theories and Approaches to War and Collective Security,” Master Law and Politics of International Security (LPIS), Teacher (with Wouter Werner)
- 2025 – 2026 “Applying Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Political Science,” Master Political Science, Coordinator & Teacher (with Roni Küppers, Chendi Wang, and Oscar Widerberg)
- 2024 – 2025 “Qualitative Research and Methods in Political Science,” Bachelor Political Science, Coordinator & Teacher (with Phoebe Hargrave, Maria Kourpa, Geert Luteijn, and Wais Sediq)
- 2023 – 2026 “Qualitative Comparative Analysis,” Master Political Science, Module Design & Teacher
- 2023 – 2024 “Selected Issues: International Security,” Master LPIS and “International Security Studies,” Master Political Science (Joint Course), Teacher (with Wolfgang Wagner and John Hogan)

- 2023 – 2024 “[International Security](#),” Bachelor Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE), Coordinator & Teacher (with Marije Luitjens and Sarah Poss)
- 2022 – 2023 “[International Security](#),” Bachelor Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE), Coordinator & Teacher (with Maria-Alexandra Martin)
- 2022 – 2023 “[Workshop in International Relations, Security and Global Order](#),” Master Political Science, Course Design, Coordinator & Teacher (with Imogen T. Liu)
- 2022 – 2023 “[Selected Issues: Global Political Economy and Geopolitics](#),” Master Political Science, Teacher (with Bastiaan van Apeldoorn)

International Methods Courses

- 2022 – 2026 “[Exploring Causal Complexity with Qualitative Comparative Analysis \(QCA\)](#),” Summer School in Social Sciences Methods, Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, Switzerland (weeklong training for PhD students, taught since 2016)
- 2022 – 2026 Workshops on “[Qualitative Comparative Analysis](#)” at Universität Heidelberg (online), Pädagogische Hochschule Bern (online), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Universität Saarbrücken, University of Oslo, Universität Freiburg
- 2025 “[Introduction to R](#),” Friedrich-Alexander-Universität, Erlangen (online)

Languages

German (native), English (C2), Dutch (B1), Spanish (B1), French (B1).