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Research Interests

Conflict Research	intrastate conflicts escalation dynamics and power laws territorial autonomy religion and ethnicity collective emotions internal and transnational diffusion
Political Theory	complexity science and systems theory democracy theory political anthropology
Comparative Politics	electoral autocracies constitutionalism and judicial review

Academic Education

2011-2014	Doctoral Studies in Political Science, Heidelberg University supervised by Prof. Dr. Aurel Croissant and Prof. Dr. Michael Haus
2001-2007	Magister Studies in Political Science, Comparative Religion, Public Law, and English Linguistics, Heidelberg University supervised by Prof. Dr. Aurel Croissant
2003	Magister Studies in Political Science, University of Bologna, Italy
2000-2001	Bachelor Studies in History and Philosophy, Middlesex University, UK

Academic Degrees

2014	Dr. rer. pol., Heidelberg University (1.0, <i>summa cum laude</i>)
2007	Magister Artium (M.A.) in Political Science, Heidelberg University (1.0, first class)

Professional Career

2022-	Principal Investigator (<i>Sparkling Events, Emotional Climates, and Cascades of Cultural Identity Conflicts</i>), Heidelberg University
2021-	Lecturer ("akademischer Mitarbeiter"), Heidelberg University
2019-2021	Associate Lecturer ("akademischer Mitarbeiter"), Heidelberg University
2015-2018	Principal Investigator (<i>Diffusion, Learning, and Cooperation in Managing Transnational Conflict</i>), Heidelberg University
2014-2019	Associate Lecturer ("akademischer Mitarbeiter"), Heidelberg University
2011-2013	Postgraduate Researcher (<i>Causes of the Violent Escalation of Intrastate Conflicts</i>), Heidelberg University
2010	Postgraduate Researcher (<i>Risk and Dialogue in Cultural Conflicts</i>), Heidelberg University
2008-2013	Assistent Lecturer ("akademischer Mitarbeiter"), Heidelberg University
2007-2008	Postgraduate Researcher (<i>Culture and Conflict in Global Perspective</i>), Heidelberg University

Courses Taught

Winter 2025/26	Anthropological Perspectives on Political Organization (MA)
	Research Seminar (x2) (MA)
	Introduction to the Study of Intrastate Conflicts (BA)
	Constitutions and the Constitutional State (BA)
	Introduction to Empirical Research and Political Science (x3) (BA)
	Colloquium (BA and MA)
Summer 2025	Complexity and Crisis (MA)
	Research Seminar (MA)
	The Political System of the United Kingdom (BA)
	Introduction to Comparative Politics (x4) (BA)
	Colloquium (BA and MA)
Winter 2024/25	Rise of the State: The Formation of Political Institutions (MA)
	Research Seminar (x2) (MA)

	Conflict and Autonomy (BA)
	Introduction to Empirical Research and Political Science (BA)
	Colloquium (BA and MA)
Summer 2024	Time and Space in the Analysis of Violent Intrastate Conflicts (MA)
	Research Seminar (MA)
	Collective Emotions in Protest Research (BA)
	Introduction to Comparative Politics (x4) (BA)
	Colloquium (BA and MA)
Winter 2023/24	Constitutional Courts in Comparative Perspective (MA)
	Research Seminar (x2) (MA)
	Introduction to Intrastate Conflict Studies (BA)
	Authoritarian Monarchies in Comparative Perspective (BA)
	Introduction to Empirical Research and Political Science (x3) (BA)
	Colloquium (BA and MA)
Summer 2023	The Political Psychology of Intrastate Conflicts (MA)
	Research Seminar (MA)
	Elections, Electoral Fraud, and Electoral Distortion (BA)
	The Political System of the United Kingdom (BA)
	Introduction to Comparative Politics (x4) (BA)
Winter 2022/23	Conflict Prediction: Potentials and Limitations in the Light of Recent Approaches and Findings (MA)
	Democracy between Constitutionalism, Nationalism, and Populism (MA)
	Research Seminar (x2) (MA)
	Autonomy, Power-Sharing, and the Regulation of Violent Intrastate Conflicts (BA)
	Introduction to Empirical Research and Political Science (x3) (BA)
Summer 2022	Democratic Resilience in Times of Crisis (MA)
	Research Seminar (MA)

	Time and Space in the Analysis of Violent Intrastate Conflicts (BA)
	Introduction to Comparative Politics (x4) (BA)
Winter 2021/22	Research Seminar (x2) (MA)
	Academic Writing (MA)
	Intrastate Conflicts in Defective Democracies (BA)
	Introduction to Empirical Research and Political Science (x5) (BA)
Summer 2021	Qualitative-Comparative Methods in Political Science (MA)
Winter 2020/21	Collective Emotions in Conflict Research (MA)
Summer 2020	Democracy between Constitutionalism, Nationalism, and Populism: Germany, France, and Great Britain Compared (MA)
	Quantitative Conflict Research: Intrastate Conflicts, Methods, and Findings (MA)
	Self-Determination movements and Mass Protests: Causes, Forms, and Dynamics (BA)
Winter 2019/20	Time and Space in the Comparative Analysis of Intrastate Violent Conflicts (MA)
	Process Tracing in Analysing the Causes of Conflicts (MA)
	Qualitative Comparative Analysis in Regime Research (BA)
Winter 2018/19	Research Seminar on Qualitative Methods (MA)
Summer 2018	Intrastate Conflict and Political Regime in Interregional Perspective (MA)
Winter 2017/18	Time and Space in the Comparative Analysis of Intrastate Violent Conflicts (MA)
Summer 2017	Conflicts and Violence in Comparative Perspective (BA)
Winter 2016/17	Constitution and Constitutionalism (MA)
Summer 2016	Introduction to Comparative Politics (BA)
Winter 2015/16	Introduction to Comparative Politics (BA)
Summer 2015	Resource Conflicts (MA)
Winter 2014/15	Introduction to Comparative Politics (BA)
Winter 2012/13	Introduction to Comparative Politics (BA)

Summer 2012	Intrastate Conflict (BA)
Winter 2011/12	Introduction to Comparative Politics (BA)
Summer 2011	Intrastate Conflict (BA)
Winter 2010/11	Introduction to Comparative Politics (BA)
Summer 2010	Introduction to Comparative Politics (BA)
Winter 2009/10	Introduction to Comparative Politics (BA)
Summer 2009	The Political Economy of Violent Conflicts (BA)
Winter 2008/09	Introduction to Conflict Research (BA)

Research Grants and Scholarships

2022	Research Project (<i>Sparking Events, Emotional Climates, and Cascades of Cultural Identity Conflicts</i>) German Research Foundation (DFG) (€ 309,020)
2020	Support Funding (<i>Sparking Events, Emotional Climates, and Cascades of Cultural Identity Conflicts</i>) Flagship Initiative “Transforming Cultural Heritage”, Heidelberg University (€ 8,190)
2019	Visiting Research Fellow (<i>The Role of Trigger Events in Explaining and Predicting the Escalation and Diffusion of Intrastate Conflicts</i>) Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, USA, and Department of Sociology and Political Science, NTNU Trondheim, Norway (€ 20,000, 6 months)
2018	Workshop Grant (<i>Multi-Method Approaches to Diffusion Processes</i>) Research Council Field of Focus 4: Self-Regulation and Regulation, Heidelberg University (€ 1,000)
2015	Seed Funding (<i>Diffusion, Learning, and Cooperation in Managing Transnational Conflicts</i>) International Diffusion and Cooperation of Authoritarian Regimes (IDCAR), Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation, Leibniz Association (€ 7,000)
2014	PROMOS Mobility Grant German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) (€ 500)
2014	Travel Grant Heidelberg Graduate Academy (€ 1,000)
2013-2014	Fellow Heidelberg Doctoral School on Policy Performance of Autocratic and Democratic Regimes, Landesgraduiertenförderung Baden-Württemberg (36 months, returned after 22 months)

Advanced Training

- 2017 *Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and the Geography of Armed Conflict* | NTNU, Trondheim
- 2014 *Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)* | ECPR Summer School in Methods

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

- 2024 *Triggers of Ethnic and Religious Upheavals: Evidence from a New Dataset* | ISA General Conference, International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco
- 2023 *Territorial Self-Governance in Troubled Times: Autonomy in the Face of Cultural Polarization and Subnational Autocratization* | ISA General Conference, International Studies Association (ISA), Montreal
- 2021 *Dead Cows and Rumours: Identifying Sparking Events in Cultural Identity Conflict Cascades* | Workshop on “Conflict Dynamics”, German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies (AFK).
- 2021 *Dead Cows and Rumours: Identifying Sparking Events in Cultural Identity Conflict Cascades* | DVPW Convention 2021, German Political Science Association (DVPW).
- 2018 *International Cooperation in Countering Transnational Conflicts* | IDCAR Workshop on “Multi-Method Approaches to Diffusion Processes”, International Diffusion and Cooperation of Authoritarian Regimes (IDCAR), Heidelberg.
- 2017 *Kulturelle Identitäten in gesellschaftlichen Konflikten* | Forum Wissenschaftsstadt Bonn, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn.
- 2017 *Inter-Regime Cooperation in Transnational Conflicts* | DVPW Section Conference “International Relations”, German Political Science Association (DVPW), Bremen.
- 2017 *Theoretischer Hintergrund zur Friedens- und Konfliktforschung sowie Konfliktlösungsansätzen* | Summer School of the German Armed Forces, Zentrum Informationsarbeit Bundeswehr, Strausberg.
- 2017 *Evaluating Conflict Risk Assessment: Violent Religious Intrastate Conflicts in Asia & Oceania* | DVPW Section Conference “Comparative Politics”, German Political Science Association (DVPW), Tübingen.
- 2017 *International Cooperation in Countering Transnational Conflicts* | IDCAR Workshop on the “International Dimension of Vertical Threats and Regime Security in Authoritarian

- Regimes”, International Diffusion and Cooperation of Authoritarian Regimes (IDCAR), Heidelberg.
- 2016 *Conflict Research: Current Concepts, Methods, Data and Results* | General Staff Course of the Austrian Armed Forces, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management, National Defence Academy, Vienna.
- 2016 *Transnational Learning in Transnational Conflicts* | IDCAR Network Conference, International Diffusion and Cooperation of Authoritarian Regimes (IDCAR), Nuffield College, Oxford.
- 2016 *Transnational Learning in Transnational Conflicts* | ECPR General Conference, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Prague.
- 2016 *Autonomy Arrangements and Conflict (De-)Escalation in Asia and Oceania* | AFK Annual Conference, German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies (AFK), Bonn.
- 2015 *The Power of Law: Power Laws, the Rule of Law and the Prevention of Violent Conflicts* | ENCoRe Meeting, European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRe), Barcelona.
- 2015 *A Matter of Definition: Current Concepts of Conflict and the Heidelberg Approach* | ENCoRe Meeting, European Network of Conflict Research (ENCoRe), Bonn.
- 2015 *Conflict Dynamics* | General Staff Course of the Austrian Armed Forces, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management, National Defence Academy, Vienna.
- 2014 *Autonomy Arrangements and Conflict De-escalation in Asia and Oceania* | MPSA Annual Conference, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago.
- 2012 *A Model of Autonomy Arrangements and Non-State Conflict Actors* | Annual Conference of the Working Team “Democracy Research”, German Political Science Association (DVPW), Heidelberg.
- 2011 *Intrastate Conflicts and Democratic Opposition in China* | Heidelberg Dialogue on International Security, Forum for International Security Heidelberg (FiS).
- 2009 *Democracy and the Management of Cultural Conflicts: Democratic Conflict Management Capabilities in South-East Asia* | Viennese Conference on South-East Asian Studies, Society for South-East Asian Studies (SEAS).
- 2009 *Democracy and the Management of Cultural Conflict* | International Workshop-Conference, German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Heidelberg.
- 2008 *Patterns and Trends in the Development of Political Conflicts* | Workshop on “Future Conflict Scenarios in the Light of Strategic Concepts”, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management of the National, Defence Academy, Vienna.
- 2008 *Conflict Attractors: System-theoretical and Empirical Modelling of the Cultural, Political, and Socioeconomic Factors Structuring the Patterns of Internal Conflicts in Asia and Oceania* | ISA General Conference, International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco.

Publications

Monographs

1. **Trinn, C.** 2015. *Konflikt und Komplexität: Die Intensität innerstaatlicher Gewaltkonflikte in systemtheoretischer Perspektive*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS.
2. Croissant, A., Wagschal, U., Schwank, N., and **Trinn, C.** 2009. *Culture and Conflict in Global Perspective: The Cultural Dimensions of Conflicts from 1945 to 2007*. Gütersloh: Verlag Bertelsmann Stiftung.
3. Croissant, A., Wagschal, U., Schwank, N., and **Trinn, C.** 2009. *Kulturelle Konflikte seit 1945: Die kulturelle Dimension des globalen Konfliktgeschehens*. Baden-Baden: Nomos.
4. Croissant, A., Wagschal, U., Schwank, N., and **Trinn, C.** 2009. *Kultur und Konflikt in globaler Perspektive: Die kulturellen Dimensionen des Konfliktgeschehens 1945-2007*. Gütersloh: Verlag Bertelsmann Stiftung.

Publications in peer-reviewed journals

1. Schulte, F., and **Trinn, C.** 2025: The Magnitude of Triggering Events and the Nonlinear Dynamics of Ethnic and Religious Upheavals, in: *Conflict Resolution Quarterly* 43: 41–59 (doi.org/10.1002/crq.21478).
2. Schulte, F., and **Trinn, C.** 2024: Collective Emotions, Triggering Events, and Self-Organization: The Forest-Fire Model of Cultural Identity Conflict Escalation, in: *Aggression and Violent Behavior* 78 (doi.org/10.1016/j.avb.2024.101954).
3. Lott, L., Croissant, A., and **Trinn, C.** 2023: The Ambivalent Effect of Autocratization on Domestic Terrorism, in: *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* (doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2023.2270479).
4. **Trinn, C.**, and Naumann, L. 2023. Guns and Lightning: Power Law Distributions in Intrastate Conflict Intensity Dynamics. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 40(4): 373–397 (doi.org/10.1177/07388942221092126).
5. Schulte, F., and **Trinn, C.** 2022. Self-Rule and Intrastate Conflict Risk in Divided Societies: A Configurational Analysis of Consociational Institutions. *Swiss Political Science Review* 28: 3: 413–432 (doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12514).
6. **Trinn, C.**, and Schulte, F. 2022. Untangling Territorial Self-Governance: New Typology and Data. *Regional & Federal Studies* 32(1):1–25 (doi.org/10.1080/13597566.2020.1795837).
7. **Trinn, C.**, and Wencker, T. 2021. Integrating the Quantitative Research on the Onset and Incidence of Violent Intrastate Conflicts. *International Studies Review* 23: 115–139 (doi.org/10.1093/isr/viaa023).
8. **Trinn, C.** 2018. Criticality, Entropy and Conflict. *Systems Research and Behavioral Science* 35(6): 746–758 (doi.org/10.1002/sres.2516).

9. **Trinn, C.**, and Wencker, T. 2018. Introducing the Heidelberg Approach to Conflict Research. *European Political Science* 17(1): 111–121 (doi.org/10.1057/s41304-016-0093-4).
10. Schwank, N., **Trinn, C.**, and Wencker T. 2013. Der Heidelberger Ansatz der Konfliktatenerfassung. *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung* 2(1): 2–63 (doi.org/10.5771/2192-1741-2013-1-32).
11. Wagschal, U., Croissant, A., Metz, T., **Trinn, C.**, and Schwank, N. 2010. Kulturkonflikte in inner- und zwischenstaatlicher Perspektive. *Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen* 17(1): 5–37.

Published datasets and edited periodicals

1. **Trinn, C.**, and Heidelberg Institute of International Conflict Research (HIIK) 2016. *Disaggregated Conflict Dataset (DISCON) 1.0* (doi.org/10.11588/data/10070).
2. Deuter, J., Hachemer, P., Herre, B., Hoffmann, N., Schelenz, L., **Trinn, C.**, and Wencker, T. 2011. *Conflict Barometer 2011*, Heidelberg (ISSN 1616-931X).

Journal articles and invited chapters

1. Maerz, S.F., Schulte, F. and **Trinn, C.** 2024: Autocratization and Political Conflict. *In*: Croissant, A., and Tomini, L. (eds.): *The Routledge Handbook of Autocratization*. London, New York: Routledge.
2. Schulte, F., and **Trinn, C.** 2021. Why we should stop cherry-picking in the analysis of consociational institutions. *50 Shades of Federalism* (<http://50shadesoffederalism.com/theory/why-we-should-stop-cherry-picking-in-the-analysis-of-consociational-institutions/>)
3. **Trinn, C.** 2020. Sri Lanka: The Dark Side of Social Cohesion in Divided Societies. *In*: Croissant, A., and Walkenhorst, P. (eds.): *Social Cohesion in Asia: Historical Origins, Contemporary Shapes and Future Dynamics*. London, New York: Routledge.
4. Stüber, V., **Trinn, C.**, and Wencker T. 2017. The Heidelberg Approach: Strengths and Challenges. *In*: Heidelberg Institute of International Conflict Research (HIIK) (ed.): *Conflict Barometer 2017*. Heidelberg (ISSN 1616-931X, 2018: 38-41): 38–40.
5. **Trinn, C.** 2016. Review of “Designing Peace: Cyprus and Institutional Innovations in Divided Societies”, by Neophytos Loizides, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016”. *Democratization* 24(7): 1361–1363.
6. Wencker, T., **Trinn, C.**, and Croissant, A. 2015. Data Bases and Statistical Systems: Security and Conflict. *In*: Wright, J.D. (ed.): *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences* 5: 836–843.
7. Wencker, T., **Trinn, C.**, Cujai, S., Lagodny, J., and Pongratz, N. 2014. Reise ins Ungewisse: Migration als Problem transnationaler Sicherheit; Ein Bericht über den Heidelberger Dialog zur internationalen Sicherheit 2013. *Zeitschrift für Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik* 7(1): 83–88.

8. **Trinn, C.** 2013. Der Sieger und der Sonnengott: Der Tamilen-Singhalesen-Konflikt in Sri Lanka und die Religion. In: Brenner, V. and Kursawe, J. (eds.): *Konfliktfaktor Religion? Die Rolle von Religion in den Konflikten Südasien*. Baden-Baden: Nomos: 153–181.
9. **Trinn, C., and Croissant, A.** 2013. Democratic and Semi-democratic Conflict Management in Southeast Asia. In: Schwarzmantel, J. and Kraetzschmar, H. (eds.): *Democracy and Violence: Global Debates and Local Challenges*. Abingdon (Oxon), New York (NY): Routledge: 185–214.
10. Schwank, N., **Trinn, C., and Wencker, T.** 2012. Méthodologie de la recherche sur les conflits à Heidelberg. *Diplomatie: Les Grands Dossiers* 7.
11. **Trinn, C.** 2011. Democratic Conflict Management Capabilities in Southeast Asia. In: Croissant, A. and Bünte, M. (eds.): *The Crisis of Democratic Governance in Southeast Asia*. London: Palgrave Macmillan: 209–229.
12. Gerber, K., Müller, D., Schleich, C., **Trinn, C., and Wencker, T.** 2010. Goodbye Afghanistan? *WeltTrends: Zeitschrift für internationale Politik* 75: 118–119.
13. Sadaune, P., and **Trinn, C.** 2010. Mediative versus bewaffnete Konfliktinterventionen: Die Friedensmissionen IPKF und SLMM in Sri Lanka. In: Buciak, S. and Dehn, R. v. (eds.): *Indien und Pakistan: Atomkräfte im Spannungsfeld regionaler und globaler Veränderungen*. Berlin: Köster: 345–373.
14. Schwank, N., and **Trinn, C.** 2010. Muster und Entwicklungstrends politischer Konflikte im Spiegel des Conflict Information System (CONIS) Heidelberg. In: Feichtinger, W. and Dengg, A. (eds.): *Kein Feind in Sicht: Konfliktbilder und Bedrohungen der Zukunft*. Wien: Böhlau: 65–87.
15. Croissant, A., and **Trinn, C.** 2009. Culture, Identity and Conflict in Asia and Southeast Asia. *Asien* 110: 13–32.
16. Sadaune, P., and **Trinn, C.** 2008. Asymmetrien in Sri Lanka: Die strukturelle Ratio politischer Konflikte. In: Buciak, S. (ed.): *Asymmetrische Konflikte im Spiegel der Zeit*. Berlin: Köster: 490–511.
17. Fernández, Y., and **Trinn, C.** 2006. La Corée du Nord, un acteur rationnel? *Diplomatie* 22.
18. **Trinn, C.** 2002-2010. Conflict reports. In: Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (ed.): *Conflict Barometer* (total of 26 reports).

Interviews

1. **Trinn, C., and Harnisch, S.** 2022. Political science as a study programme. *Welt* (July 13) (newspaper interview)
2. **Trinn, C., and Wencker, T.** 2014. Conflict causation and resolution. *Münchner Merkur* (October 18/19) (newspaper interview)
3. **Trinn, C.** 2012. Global panorama of political conflicts in 2011. *ARD Tagesschau* (February 23) (TV interview).