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## Curriculum Vitae Prof. Dr. Lars-Erik Cederman



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**Name:** Lars-Erik Cederman

**Born:** 27 May 1963

### **Research priorities: armed conflict, civil war, ethnic inequality, nationalism, state formation**

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### **Academic and professional career**

- since 2003 Professor of International Conflict Research, ETH Zürich, Switzerland
- 2001 - 2003 Frederick S. Danziger Associate Professor of Government, Harvard University, USA
- 1997 - 2001 Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of California at Los Angeles, USA
- 1995 - 1997 University Lecturer, Somerville College, Oxford University, UK
- 1994 - 1995 Lecturer, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland
- 1994 Ph.D, Political Sciences, University of Michigan, USA

### **Functions in scientific societies and committees**

- since 2019 Chair, Scientific Advisory Board, Cluster of Excellence "The Politics of Inequality: Perceptions, Participation and Policies", University of Konstanz, Germany
- since 2018 Deputy chair, GESS Department, ETH Zürich, Switzerland
- 2012 - 2013 Director, Center for Comparative and International Studies
- since 2014 Global Fellow, Peace Research Institute, Oslo, Norway

### **Project coordination, membership in collaborative projects**

since 2018	Advanced Grant “Nationalist State Transformation and Conflict”, European Research Council (ERC)
2015 - 2018	“Causes and Consequences of Irredentism”, Swiss National Science Foundation for the Promotion of Scientific Research (SNF)
2015 - 2016	“Civilian Victimization and Conflict Escalation”, Swiss Network for International Studies
2014 - 2016	“Revisiting the Resource Curse based on Geocoded Events Data”, Swiss National Science Foundation for the Promotion of Scientific Research (SNF)
2013 - 2016	“Ethnic Power Relations and Conflict in fragile States”, Swiss National Science Foundation for the Promotion of Scientific Research (SNF)
2012 - 2016	Chair, “European Network of Conflict Research”, COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology), EU Research Framework Programme Horizon 2020
2012 - 2015	“Ethnic Inclusion and Power Sharing Institutions”, Swiss National Science Foundation for the Promotion of Scientific Research (SNF)
2010 - 2012	“Refugee Flows and Transnational Ethnic Linkages”, Swiss Network for International Studies
2009 - 2013	“Institutional Strategies for Post-Conflict Democratization”, NCCR Democracy, Swiss National Science Foundation for the Promotion of Scientific Research (SNF)
2007 - 2009	ECRP Project “Disaggregating Civil Wars”, European Science Foundation
2006 - 2009	“Democratizing Divided Societies in Bad Neighborhoods”, NCCR Democracy, National Science Foundation for the Promotion of Scientific Research (SNF)

### **Honours and awarded memberships**

since 2019	Member of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
2018	Marcel Benoist Science Prize, Switzerland
2015	David Singer Data Innovation Award, American Political Science Association
since 2014	Global Fellow, Peace Research Institute Oslo, Norwegian
2014	NEPS Medal, Network of European Peace Scientists
2013	APSA Conflict Processes Best Book Award, American Political Science Association
2011	The Heinz Eulau Award, American Political Science Association
2001	The Heinz Eulau Award, American Political Science Association

2000 - 2001	Visiting Scholar, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University, Massachusetts, USA
2000	The Furniss Award for Emergent Actors in World Politics, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, USA
1999 - 2000	Jean Monnet Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, Italia
1995	Ann Arbor. Horace H. Rackham Distinguished Dissertation Award, The University of Michigan, USA
1992 - 1994	Fellowship in Peace and Security in a Changing World, Social Science Research Council/MacArthur Foundation
1991 - 1992	Thord-Gray Memorial Fellowship, The American-Scandinavian Foundation
1990 - 1991	Graduate Fellowship for studies at the University of Michigan, Rotary Foundation
1988 - 1989	Fellowship for studies at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Swiss Confederation
1986 - 1987	Undergraduate fellowship for studies at University of Massachusetts, Fulbright Commission
1986 - 1987	Scholarship, Marcus Wallenberg's Foundation for International Industrial Enterprise (again 1988 - 1989, 1991 - 1992)

## Research priorities

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His research group focuses on the link between inequality and political violence. Cederman assumes that ethnic inequality and ethnonationalist mobilization may trigger civil wars. Over the years, his research team has collected and analyzed data on ethnic groups and their participation in conflict processes. This research resulted in the database "Ethnic Power Relations (EPR) Dataset Family".

In his ERC Advanced Grant Project, Cederman is developing a new theory of nationalist state transformation. He is testing this theory using historical maps and archival data selected through machine learning. He thus examines how states are formed, how nationalism changes external borders and internal structures, and how these processes interact with wars. The objective is to determine the impact of reform proposals, such as territorial division, on risk minimization of emerging conflicts.