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EDUCATION

- Sep 04 / May 08 **London School of Economics and Political Science** – London, UK
PhD in Political Science
Supervisor: Professor John T. Sidel
Thesis: Changing Patterns of Local Elite Competition in Indonesia: Democratization or Oligarchic Restructuring?
- Sep 02 / Sep 03 **London School of Economics and Political Science** – London, UK
Master of Science in Comparative Politics (Thesis Distinction; Coursework Merit)

Coursework on comparative politics, comparative political economy and quantitative/qualitative data analysis
- Apr 98 / July 02 **University of Zurich** – Zurich, Switzerland
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Top 5% of class)

Coursework on comparative politics, public policy, political economy and quantitative/qualitative data analysis

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Jan 08/ April 08 **German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)** – Jakarta, Indonesia
Technical Advisor
 - Advising GTZ on political strategies regarding democratization and decentralization in Indonesia
 - Evaluating reports for GTZ' "Advisory Service Support for Decentralization" and "Good Local Governance" programs
 - Conceptualizing and implementing "Executive Seminars" for top level politicians and bureaucrats on topics such as party financing, transparent and accountable local governance, capacity building for local parliaments
 - Organizing a conference on transparent and coherent systems for "costing services" by Indonesian district governments
- Dec 06/ June 07 **The United Nations Development Program** - Jakarta, Indonesia
Senior Consultant Governance Unit
 - Developing a methodology and establishing indicators to evaluate the consequences of administrative fragmentation in Indonesia regarding rent-seeking and corruption
 - Supervising the implementation of a study on the impact of administrative fragmentation on local governance
 - Supporting the Government of Indonesia in creating a policy framework for the creation of new administrative units that is transparent, accountable and consistent
 - Liaising between the UNDP and Government Departments such as the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Development and Planning Board and the Ministry of Finance

- June 05/ Dec 05 **The World Bank** – Jakarta, Indonesia
Consultant
- Anti-Corruption monitoring and evaluating existing M&E systems in World Bank financed projects in Indonesia
 - Developing questionnaires to assess anti-corruption efforts within the World Bank Office Jakarta
 - Writing a case study, evaluating existing M&E systems in a particular World Bank project, proposing feasible means of improvement for the Task Team Leader and project staff
 - Proposing means of improvement of M&E systems and drawing lessons for the World Bank's central management in thinking about anti-corruption information across projects
 - Giving substantive input for development of the content and facilitation of a workshop at the World Bank Office Jakarta
- May 04 / Sep 04 **Transparency International** – Berlin, Germany
Research Analyst Asia& Pacific Department
- Monitoring issue and country developments on corruption in the Asia& Pacific region
 - Collecting and analyzing data on corruption in the Asia& Pacific region
 - Assisting the regional director in the preparation of grant applications and project proposals for regional projects
 - Preparing briefings and monitoring international press for news and events relating to the region
 - Standing in for program officers during their absence
 - Organizing a workshop on corruption in Central Asia at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)
- Feb 04 / April 04 **Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)/
German Institute for International and Security Affairs** – Berlin, Germany
Security Analyst Asia Research Unit
- Researching information for projects on security politics, international affairs and domestic politics in South Asia
 - Analyzing nuclearization and proliferation in South Asia including writing a report on nuclear strategies in India and Pakistan
 - Contributing to workshops and seminars on international and security affairs in South and Southeast Asia
- Oct 03 / Jan 04
Sep 01 / July 02 **Avenir Suisse: Think Tank for Economic Development** – Zurich, Switzerland
Research Analyst
- Researching material for books, scientific articles and lecture series on the economic development of Switzerland
 - Collecting and analyzing economic data and preparing data tables
 - Organizing events such as congresses, workshops, seminars and meetings
 - Liaising with the Media (press conferences, public relation campaigns)
 - Responding to both public and media inquiries
- Nov 99 / July 01 **DRF Consulting: Executive Search** – Zurich, Switzerland
Analyst Corporate Intelligence
- Analyzing economic information gathered via internet, telephone inquiries, monitoring of print media and public record databases for business due diligence and other investigative projects
 - Writing briefing papers on economic developments for project managers
 - Researching, identifying and interviewing business executives
 - Collecting intelligence on business interests, track records and reputations

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Aug 09-present **Northern Illinois University – DeKalb, USA**
Assistant Professor in Political Science (On leave until May 2010)
- Teaching undergraduate and graduate courses on Southeast Asian Politics
 - Organizing speaker series on politics in Southeast Asia
- Aug 08/ May 10 **Columbia University – New York, USA**
Postdoctoral Fellow in Modern Southeast Asian Studies
- Teaching post-graduate courses on Southeast Asian Politics: “Democracy and Authoritarianism in Southeast Asia”; “The State and Illegality in Southeast Asia”
 - Editing a monograph on local elite competition in post-New Order Indonesia
- April 08/ July 08 **Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies – Leiden, The Netherlands**
Visiting Research Fellow
- Conducting research on new forms of clientelism in Indonesian politics
 - Writing a journal article on sub-national authoritarianism in Southeast Asia
 - Contributing to a conference on democratic transition in Indonesia
- Oct 07 / March 08 **Assistance to Alfred C. Stepan Columbia University – New York, USA**
- Conducting research on state-religion relations in Indonesia for an upcoming book on secularism
 - Organizing and translating interviews with state ministers, party cadre, religious leaders in Aceh, South Sulawesi and Jakarta
 - Supporting Prof Stepan during his lectures and public speeches in Jakarta
- June 05 / June 07 **Field Research for Doctoral Thesis – South Sulawesi Province, Indonesia**
- Conducting in-depth interviews with politicians, religious leaders, civil society representatives and academics at the national, province and district level
 - Researching newspaper and government archives
- Sep 00 / Jan 01 **Political Science Institute University of Zurich – Zurich, Switzerland**
Assistant to the professor for a course on theories of comparative politics
- Extensive internet and library research for lectures
 - Grading of student essays
- Sep 99 / Nov 99 **Sociology Department University of Zurich – Zurich, Switzerland**
Research Assistant
- Surveying over 3000 newspaper articles for a benchmarking project on the coverage of national elections in the Swiss media

SKILLS

Languages

German: fluent

English: fluent

Bahasa Indonesia: fluent

Spanish: good

French: good

Dutch: basic

IT

Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Access, SPSS and File Finder

Special Education Programs

Jan 05 / July 05	Quantitative Analysis II: Multiple Linear Regression, Log-Linear Modelling, Logistic Regression (LSE Methodology Institute)
Oct 02 / Dec 02	Quantitative Analysis I: Description and Inference (LSE Methodology Institute)
Oct 02 / Dec 02	Qualitative Social Research: Interview and Text (LSE Methodology Institute)
Jan 00 / July 00	Designing opinion polls (University of Zurich)
Jan 99 / Dec 01	Quantitative Methods II: Data Interpretation (University of Zurich)
Jan 99 / Dec 01	Quantitative Methods I: Data Recording (University of Zurich)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Buehler, Michael. 2008. Shari'a By-Laws in Indonesian Districts: An Indication for Changing Patterns of Power Accumulation and Political Corruption. *Southeast Asia Research*, Vol. 16, No. 2, 165-195.
- Buehler, Michael and Paige Johnson Tan. 2007. Party-Candidate Relationships in Indonesian Local Politics: A Case Study of the 2005 Regional Elections in Gowa, South Sulawesi Province. *Indonesia*, Vol. 84, October 2007, 41-69.
- Buehler, Michael. 2007. Local Elite Reconfiguration in Post-New Order Indonesia: An Analysis of the 2005 Elections of District Government Heads. *Review for Indonesian and Malaysian Affairs*, Vol. 41, No.1, 119-147.
- Buehler, Michael. 2002. Evaluation des New Public Management in der Stadt Winterthur. *Studien zur Politikwissenschaft*, No. 318, 25-56.

Book Chapters/ Work on Edited Volumes

- Buehler, Michael. 2009. The Rising Importance of Personal Networks in Indonesian Local Politics: An Analysis of the District Government Head Elections in South Sulawesi in 2005, In: Erb, Maribeth (Ed.) *Deepening Democracy in Indonesia*. Singapore: ISEAS.
- Buehler, Michael. 2002. Weniger Mitsprache bei Bildung und Forschung, In: Wagschal Uwe, Daniele Ganser und Hans Rentsch. *Der Alleingang*. Zurich: Orell Fussli.

Conference Papers/ Presentations (Selection)

- Buehler, Michael. 2009. *The Ties that bind: Comparing the Fabric of Islamist party mobilization in Malaysia and Indonesia*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), "Islam and Political Mobilization in Southeast Asia", Toronto, CAN, Sept 3-6.
- Buehler, Michael. 2009. *Radical Islam in a Democratic Political System: An Analysis of the KPPSI movement in Eastern Indonesia*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), "Religion and Democracy in Comparative Perspective", Toronto, CAN, Sept 3-6.
- Buehler, Michael. 2009. *Contextualizing Political Islam in Malaysia and Indonesia: A Comparison of PAS in Kelantan State and KPPSI in South Sulawesi Province*. Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Conference, "Islam and Political Mobilization in Muslim Southeast Asia", Chicago, USA, March 25-29.
- Buehler, Michael. 2008. *The Weakness of Local Strongmen in Post-New Order Indonesian Politics?: An Analysis of District Government Head Elections since 2005*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), "Subnational Authoritarianism in Comparative Perspective", Boston, USA, August 28-31.
- Buehler, Michael. 2008. *Democratization and Islamization: Indonesia's Non-Fundamentalist Sources of Shari'a Law*. Presentation given at the Centre for Democracy, Toleration and Religion (CDTR) at Columbia University, New York City, USA, April 7.
- Buehler, Michael. 2008. *Shari'a Politics in South Sulawesi in 1950 and 2007 Compared: Signs for a Democratization of Local Elites?* Paper presented at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Conference "The Politics of Syariah in Muslim Southeast Asia", Atlanta, USA, April 3-6.
- Buehler, Michael. 2007. *Machine Politics in Indonesian District Elections: The Role of Shari'a By-Laws*. Presentation given at the Asia Research Institute (ARI), The National University of Singapore, Singapore, October 9.

Buehler, Michael. 2007. *Shari'a Laws and Indonesian District Elections: Changing Patterns of Political Corruption*. Paper presented at the EuroSEAS Conference "The State and Illegality in Indonesia", Naples, Italy, September 12-15.

Buehler, Michael. 2006. *Local Elite Reconfiguration in Post-New Order Indonesia: An Analysis of the 2005 Elections of District Government Heads in South Sulawesi Province.* Paper presented at Local District Elections, Indonesia 2005: A Multi-Disciplinary Analysis of the Process of Democratization and Localization in an Era of Globalization, The National University of Singapore, Singapore, May 17-18.

Newspaper and Magazine Articles

Buehler, Michael. 2009. Suicide and Progress in Modern Nusantara: The Absence of Political Murders in Indonesian Elections. *Inside Indonesia*, Vol. 96, July-Sept 09.

Buehler, Michael. 2009. No positive News: People living with HIV in Indonesia face corruption and incompetence in the health system. *Inside Indonesia*, Vol. 94, Oct-Dec 08.

Buehler, Michael. 2007. Rise of the Clans: Direct Elections in South Sulawesi show that a new breed of political godfathers is coming to power in Indonesia's regions. *Inside Indonesia*, Vol. 90, Nov-Dec 07.

Commissioned Analysis (Selection)

Buehler, Michael. 2009. *The New Regional Tax Law: An end to predatory taxation?* Jakarta: Van Zorge Report, Vol. XI, No. 8.

Buehler, Michael. 2009. *Indonesia's multi-faceted response to AIDS: Administrative red tape, Inertia of Political Leaders, Discrimination of Patients, Subversion of Donor Money.* Jakarta: Van Zorge Report, Vol. XI, No. 7.

Buehler, Michael. 2009. *Yudhoyono's Reform Initiatives 2004-2009: Policy Crafting as Political Symbolism.* Jakarta: Van Zorge Report, Vol. XI, No. 6.

Buehler, Michael. 2009. *New Investigations show Corruption Eradication Commission can still bite.* Jakarta: Van Zorge Report, Vol. XI, No. 5.

Buehler, Michael. 2009. *New Public Services Law a Step Towards Reform.* Jakarta: Van Zorge Report, Vol. XI, No. 5.

Buehler, Michael. 2009. *Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative a potential boon to anti-corruption drive.* Jakarta: Van Zorge Report, Vol. XI, No. 3.

Buehler, Michael. 2009. *Divestment rules impede mining activity.* Oxford: Oxford Analytica.

Buehler, Michael. 2009. *Predatory tax practices are entrenched.* Oxford: Oxford Analytica.

Buehler, Michael. 2008. *East Java ruling expresses poll violence.* Oxford: Oxford Analytica.

Buehler, Michael. 2008. *Party manoeuvres obstruct election law.* Oxford: Oxford Analytica.

Buehler, Michael. 2008. *Decentralization Yields few Business Gains: The Quality of Business Regulations at the Local Level.* Oxford: Oxford Analytica.

Buehler, Michael. 2008. *Banking Reform Aids Conservative Islam: The Growth of Islamic Banking in Indonesia.* Oxford: Oxford Analytica.

Buehler, Michael. 2008. *Law on Regency Polls has wider Implications: Revised Legislation Allowing Independent Candidates to contest Regional Elections.* Oxford: Oxford Analytica.

Buehler, Michael. 2005. Decentralization, The Transport Sector, and Corruption Monitoring: The First Eastern Indonesia Transport Project', In: Tan Paige. 2005. *Information, Incentives and Integrity: Overcoming Obstacles to Effective Anti-Corruption Monitoring in World Bank Financed Projects in Indonesia.* Jakarta: The World Bank.

Buehler, Michael. 2004. Nuklearstrategische Konzeptionen indischer und pakistanischer Think Tanks, *Diskussionspapier SWP.* Berlin: Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik.

Book Reviews

Heinrich Boell Foundation. 2005. Towards Good Society: Civil Society Actors, The State, and the Business Class in Southeast Asia: Facilitators of or Impediments to a Strong, Democratic, and Fair Society?, *Asien*, 2007, No. 106, 128-129.

Jones, W. Krepon M. and Z. Haider. 2004. Escalation Control and the Nuclear Option in South Asia.
Asian Studies Review, 2005, Vol. 29, No. 3, 434-435.

SCHOLARSHIPS/ AWARDS

Feb 09	Weatherhead East Asian Institute Grant for a Seminar Series on "Islam in Southeast Asia" to be held in in 2009/2010
Mar 08	The London School of Economics Postgraduate Travel Fund
Feb 08	Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Travel Grant
Aug 07	The London School of Economics Government Department Conference Fund
Aug 07	The London School of Economics Postgraduate Travel Fund
Aug 05	The London School of Economics Government Research Studentship (2005-2008)
Sep 04	Alfred and Bertha Zangger-Weber Research Grant (2004-2007)
Sep 04	August Weidmann Research Grant (2004-2008)
Aug 04	Dr. Robert and Lina Thyll-Dürr Research Grant (2004-2007)
Aug 04	Sir Karl Popper Foundation Research Grant (2004-2007)
Aug 04	Dr Max Husmann Research Grant (2004)
Aug 02	Dr Max Husmann Scholarship (2002-2003)
Jan 02	The London School of Economics Graduate Merit Award (2002-2003)

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