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Biography

Maximilian Stoller is a research assistant in the department of Military Psychology and Military Pedagogy at the Military Academy (MILAC) at ETH Zurich since November 2023. He is as well a doctoral student at the Conflict Management and International Relations group at ETH Zurich since March 2024. He holds an M.Sc. in Psychology from University of Zurich and has focused in his studies on clinical neuropsychology and psychopathology. Also, he attained a CAS in Decisive Leadership from the University of Lucerne. Previously, he earned a B.Sc. in Psychology with a minor in Environmental Studies from University of Zurich. In his research, he investigates antecedents and processes of trust building dynamics between military personnel and locals in international peacekeeping missions. He is especially interested in states of mind, situational and contextual factors of interactions, trust perception and awareness, tactical behaviour, as well as military culture, doctrine, and training. His further interests include mixed methods designs, micro-level data, and the integration of psychological concepts and approaches in the field of conflict research. Throughout the past years, Maximilian has worked in the applied field of military and clinical psychology in the Swiss Armed Forces, where he enhanced his psychological knowledge as well as his communication and negotiation skills. He has also acquired basic training in the Swiss Armed Forces as a soldier in the infantry reconnaissance troops and gained leadership, command, and management experience in his military service during the last years as an officer in infantry combat support units. Currently, he commands company in an infantry battalion.

Main Areas of Research

Psychological factors in military peacekeeping

States of mind in conflict

Trust building in the field

Operational culture, doctrine, and training

Mixed methods designs and micro-level data

Psychological methods in conflict research