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**Research focus**

My field of expertise is resource conflicts and resource governance in the global South, especially in areas marked by armed conflict in Africa and Asia. My research focuses on the relationship between access to resources, justice and security provision, public authority, identity, land rights, and climate change. My research vision is to develop this nexus into a solid research field within political ecology. My work is strongly interdisciplinary, and I am interested in and draw on a wide range of theoretical perspectives.

**Employment**

Associate Professor  
Department of Social Sciences and Business  
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Roskilde University  
Roskilde, Denmark  
2024 Associate Professor, University of Copenhagen  
2019-2024 Assistant Professor, University of Copenhagen  
2018-2024 Postdoc, Ghent University  
2016-2019 Postdoc, University of Copenhagen  
2013-2016 Researcher, Ghent University  
2014-2016 Researcher, Danish Institute for International Studies  
2012-2013 Part-time Lecturer, Roskilde University  
2008-2009 Research Assistant, Danish Institute for International Studies  
2005 Intern, Centre d'étude et de formation sur la gestion et la prévention des conflits,  
2001 Regional coordinator, Gjakova Program, BSF, Kosovo  
2000 Team leader, Voter verification process, Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Kosovo

**Positions of trust**

2023-now Member of Insecure Livelihoods Series editorial committee. Ghent University.  
2022-now Member of Advisory board on 'The Unruly Project', University of Genève.  
2022-now Member of Advisory board on 'AFRISURGE: Transformative heritage. Politics, peacebuilding and digital restitution of cultural heritage in contemporary Northeast DR Congo'. Ghent University and the Royal Museum for Africa.  
2019-2020 Member of the Political Ecology Network (POLLEN) secretariat 2019-2021

**Grants**

2024-2029 Work package leader: 'Urban Frontiers. From Illegal Land Occupation to Legalized Property'. Funded by the European Research Council: DKK 18.7m. DKK  
2023-2028 Principal Investigator: 'Vulnerability and Climate Change Adaptation in Conflict-Affected Regions (VUCCA)' funded by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Grant 23-09-KU. DKK 10m.  
2022-2023 Co-Investigator: 'The politics of hidden urbanisation in the D.R. Congo' funded by the Research Foundation – Flanders. Grant: G0B7821N.  
2021-2025 Co-Investigator: 'Centre for Public Authority and International Development (CPAID)' funded by The Economic and Social Research Council - UK Research and Innovation. Grant: ES/P008038/1. £4.35m.  
2021-2022 Investigator: 'ProPaix' funded by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).  
2020-2025 Co-investigator: 'Peacebuilding, Public Authority, and Forests in Myanmar' funded by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Grant: 19-09-KU. DKK 12m.  
2017-2021 Co-investigator: 'Conflict Research Programme' funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. £6.68m.  
2016-2022 Co-investigator: 'Rule and Rupture' Funded by the European Research Council. Grant: (Ares (2015) 2785650-ERC-2014-AdG-662770-Local State) DKK 22m.

2013-2017 Co-investigator: 'Justice and Security Research Programme (JSRP)' funded by the UK Department for International Development.

2005 Student: 'Youth, Soldierism and Identity in South Kivu', funded by the Nordic Africa Institute. Grant Travel Scholarship. DKK 22.000.

## Teaching and supervision

Selected courses:

2021-2023 Teacher on MSc-level course 'Applied Research Methods'

2021-2024 Teacher on MSc-level course 'Critical Development Studies'

2020 Teacher on MSc-level course 'Political Ecology'

2019- 2020 Course responsible for MSc-level course 'The Politics of Protest in the Global South'

2016-2023 Teacher on MSc-level course 'Global Politics'

2016-2019 Teacher on MSc-level course 'Topics in Development Studies'

I have supervised and co-supervised more than 30 MSc and BSc students and 4 PhD students

## International relations

I have a large and growing global research network, which I have developed through many years of research collaboration, participation, in conferences and associations, supervision, and teaching. I have co-authored papers with people from more than 10 different countries and institutions.

## Invited talks

21 April 2023 Towards a sociology of armed conflict, Bath University.

4 March 2021 Identity Politics and the Political Marketplace

## Societal impact

I participate in the public debate internationally and in Denmark about conflicts in central Africa. I have published several articles in major international magazines and news outlets, including The Conversation and Foreign Affairs. I have given talks at Danish High Schools about armed conflicts in Africa. I have often been interviewed by news outlets (radio, TV, newspapers). I provide advice to governments and NGOs, and I have written numerous policy briefs, research reports and blogs. I have given high-level briefings to the UN Mission in Congo on armed groups and conflict dynamics in eastern DRC. I have organized and participated in several public seminars. I have contributed with cultural and political analyses to policy briefs intended for humanitarians responding to the 2018 Ebola outbreak in eastern DRC.

## Research outputs

**Historien viser, at Vesten kan hjælpe med at stoppe ny storkrig i Afrika**

Hoffmann, K., 13 Feb 2025, Frederiksberg : Globalnyt.

**Lektor: M23's oprør i DR Congo rejser spørgsmål om den danske regerings linje i Afrika**

Hoffmann, K., 3 Feb 2025, In: Altinget | Udvikling.

**Dangerous environments: Environmental peacebuilding's technomoral imaginary and its power-knowledge effects**

Verweijen, J. & Hoffmann, K., 12 Sept 2024, In: Ecology and Society. 29, 3, 12 p., 23.

**Waiting for Dignity: Legitimacy and Authority in Afghanistan.** By Florian Weigand. New York: Columbia University Press, 2022. 384p. \$140.00 cloth, \$30.00 paper. By Florian Weigand. New York: Columbia University Press, 2022. 384p. 30.00 paper.

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**Roadblocks at the Rhythm of the Country: A Political Sociology of Roadblocks in DR Congo**

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Muzalia, G., Mukungilwa, B., Bisimiwa, S., Hoffmann, K., Nalunva, A., Batumike, E., Mapatano, J., Dunia, O., Cirhuza, E. & Muderhwa, V., Nov 2022, Ghent, Belgium: Governance in conflict Network.

What M23's on-and-off insurgency tells us about DRC's precarious search for peace  
Hoffmann, K. & Vogel, C., 22 May 2022, Melbourne : The Conversation.

The Past in the Present: Ethnicity, Conflict and Politics in Eastern Congo  
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Le passé dans le présent: Ethnicité, conflits et politique dans l'est de la RDC  
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Ethnogovernmentality: The making of ethnic territories and subjects in Eastern DR Congo  
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The making of ethnic territories: Governmentality and counter-conducts  
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How DRC's colonial legacy forged a nexus between ethnicity, territory and conflict  
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**Land Formalization by Local NGOs in Eastern Congo: Institutional Pluralism, Depoliticization, and Competition**  
Akilimali, J. B., Hoffmann, K. & Ansoms, A., 2021, New York: Social Science Research Council .

**Projets de sécurisation foncière formalisée à l'épreuve d'un déficit d'appropriation au Sud Kivu (RD Congo)**  
Baraka Akilimali, J., Hoffmann, K. & Ansoms, A., 2021, Congo: Congo Research Briefs, 13 p.

Courses au pouvoir: the struggle over customary capital in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo  
Hoffmann, K., Vlassenroot, K. & Mudinga, E., 2 Jan 2020, In: Journal of Eastern African Studies. 14, 1, p. 125-144 20 p.

Violent conflict and ethnicity in the Congo: beyond materialism, primordialism and symbolism  
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**Competing networks and political order in the Democratic Republic of Congo: A literature review on the logics of public authority and international intervention**  
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Hoffmann, K., Vlassenroot, K. & Marchais, G., 8 Nov 2016, In: *Development and Change*. 47, 6, p. 1434-1456 23 p.

**Contestation de l'autorité: Rébellion armée et fragmentation militaire en territoires de Walikale et de Kalehe au Nord et au Sud-Kivu**

Vlassenroot, K., Mudinga, E. M. & Hoffmann, K., 2016, London and Nairobi.

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Vlassenroot, K., Mudinga, E. & Hoffmann, K., 2016, Nairobi: Rift Valley Institute. 57 p.

**Multi-layered security governance as a Quick Fix? The challenges of donor-supported, bottom-up security provision in Ituri (DR Congo)**

Hoffmann, K., Vlassenroot, K. & Büscher, K., 2016, København: Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), 22 p.

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**Myths set in motion: The moral economy of mai mai governance**

Hoffmann, K., 1 Jan 2015, *Rebel Governance in Civil War*. Arjona, A., Kasfir, N. & Mampilly, Z. (eds.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, p. 158-179 22 p.

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**Caught between Apprehension and Comprehension: Dilemmas of Immersion in a Conflict Setting**

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**Ethnogovernmentality: the making of ethnic territories and subjects in Eastern Congo**

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**Civil-Military Relations in Iraq 2003-7: The Danish Experience**

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**Governing the 'Maquis': A case study of General Padiri's Maï-Maï movement**

Hoffmann, K., 2006, 6 ed., Ghent: Conflict Research Group, Ghent University, 14 p.

**The Passion for Race: The Eternal, This Country, My Origin: Governing Security and Development in the 'Maquis', A case study of General Padiri's Maï-Maï group**

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**Jeux de vérités: Identité sociale, race, ethnie et pouvoir sur la vie et la mort au Rwanda**

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