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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: PhD Researcher, Research Assistant

NATIONALITY: German

LANGUAGES: German, English, French (basic)

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: Resource Governance, Water-Energy-Food Nexus, Institutionalism, Infrastructure Development

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: Cambodia, Central Africa

OVERVIEW

Julian holds a M.Sc. in Agricultural Sciences in the Tropics and Subtropics from the University of Hohenheim, with a focus on rural development policies and institutions, and natural resource use. Using the Sustainable Livelihoods Framework, his thesis research was on land conflicts and forced displacement in the context of infrastructure development in Cambodia. In 2018 he attended a DAAD funded excursion 'Land Use Systems of Peru- Sustainability and Socio-Economic Dynamics under Global Change' in Peru. His current PhD research, titled *Shaping Relationships with Nature: Local Resource Nexuses in the Context of Development Corridors in Virunga National Park*, focuses on the impact of infrastructure development on the use and interactions of natural resources in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. For his research, he combines three main concepts. These are critical institutionalist theories on natural resource governance, concepts on infrastructure and the WEF nexus.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2020 ongoing **PhD** *Shaping Relationships with Nature: Local Resource Nexuses in the Context of Development Corridors in Virunga National Park*
Institute of Development Studies, UK

2015 **M.Sc. in Agricultural Sciences in the Tropics and Subtropics**
University of Hohenheim, Germany

2011 **B.Sc. in Agricultural Sciences**
University of Hohenheim, Germany

AFFILIATIONS

Member of Volt Europe

Member of the Water-Energy-Food Nexus in Africa Initiative (<https://wefnexus.org/>)

Member of Arbeitsgemeinschaft Tropische und Subtropische Agrarforschung e.V (ATSAF, Council for Tropical and Subtropical Agricultural Research)

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

- 2022 (Jan- ongoing)** **Research Assistant, Institute of Development Studies, UK**
The effects of COVID-19 policy and programming responses on child labour in agri-food systems:
A global review
- 2021 (March- Sept)** **Research Assistant, Institute of Development Studies, UK**
The Taxation and Management of Fisheries for Domestic Revenue Mobilisation in Low Income
Countries
- 2021 (March-April)** **Research Assistant, Institute of Development Studies, UK**
Assessment of Keeping Food Markets Working: Building Resilience of Nutritious Food SMEs in
the Food System during Covid-19
- 2020 – 2021** **Research Assistant, De Montfort University, UK**
Research Project: International Law and Indigenous Communities: Traditional Knowledge,
Technology and Food Security
- 2017** **Scientific Assistant, University of Hohenheim, Germany**
Analysis of soil samples from a legume inter-cropping experiment in Kenya