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Florian holds a PhD in War Studies from King's College London. His doctoral thesis focused on media coverage of warnings of intra-state conflict, and was part of Foresight, a European Research Council-funded project examining warning processes. Florian's research has been published in various peer-reviewed journals. Prior to commencing his research, Florian completed an MA in War Studies at King's College London and received his MA in Political Science, History and Public Law from the University of Heidelberg.

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