

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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FIELDS OF INTEREST

Public Opinion, Governance, Territorial Reforms, Democratic Legitimacy

EDUCATION

- 2018 **Ph.D. (des.) in Political Science** (summa cum laude), University of Zurich.
Dissertation project: *Public Support for Metropolitan Integration. Citizens' Attitudes in Eight West European Metropolitan Areas*. Doctoral Committee: Prof. Dr. Daniel Kübler, Prof. Dr. Marco R. Steenbergen (University of Zurich), Prof. Dr. Anders Lidström (Umeå University).
- 2014 **M.A. in Social Sciences**, University of Zurich.
Major: Political Science, Minor: History. Thesis: *"All About the Money?" Municipal Marriages in the Canton of Fribourg*. Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Daniel Kübler.
- 2010 **B.A. in Social Sciences**, University of Zurich.
Major: Political Science, Minor: History. Thesis: *Welfare Universalism and Social Trust*. Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Silja Häusermann, Prof. Dr. Hanspeter Kriesi.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2019 "Why Voluntary Municipal Merger Projects Fail: Evidence from Popular Votes in Switzerland." *Local Government Studies* (early view).
- 2018 "The Importance of Input and Output Legitimacy in Democratic Governance. Evidence from a Population-based Survey Experiment in Four West European Countries." *European Journal of Political Research* (early view), with Daniel Kübler and Frank Marcinkowski.

2018 “Incented Voluntary Municipal Mergers as a Two-Stage Process: Evidence from the Swiss Canton of Fribourg.” *Urban Affairs Review* 54(2): 267-301.

BOOK REVIEW

2019 “Close to Home: Local Ties and Voting Radical Right in Europe” *Swiss Political Science Review* (early view).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2018 “Why It’s Not Just About the Outcome: Citizens also Care About Democratic Decision-Making” Blog-Post on Democratic Audit UK, with Daniel Kübler and Frank Marcinkowski.

2018 “Was wollen die Bürger*innen von der Demokratie und wann wollen sie es?”. DeFacto-Blog Platform, with Daniel Kübler and Frank Marcinkowski.

2016 “Elite versus Volk?” *Kommunalmagazin* 33(5): 26-28.

2016 “Angst vor Machtverlust verhindert Gemeindefusionen.” DeFacto-Blog Platform.

BOOK PROJECT

“Citizens and the Metropolis. Support for Metropolitan Integration in Western Europe.”

WORKING PAPERS

“Who Supports Metropolitan Reform? Citizens’ Attitudes in Four West European Countries.”

“Populism and the Scales of Statehood in Western Europe”, with Daniel Kübler and Frank Marcinkowski.

“Does the Nature of a Policy Matter? A Policy-Centred Approach to European Integration”, with Pirmin Bundi.

“A Policy-Centred Approach to Intermunicipal Cooperation”, with Pirmin Bundi.

“The Impact of the November 2015 Terrorist Attacks in Paris on Public Opinion: A Natural Experiment”, with Marco R. Steenbergen.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018 – **Post-doctoral researcher** at the **Chair of Democracy and Public Governance**, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich.

- 2013 – **Research assistant** in the project [How Metropolitan Governance Affects Citizens' Political Behavior and Attitudes](#), led by Daniel Kübler, University of Zurich and Frank Marcinkowski, Heinrich-Heine University Düsseldorf, Germany. The project was part of the [Swiss National Centre of Competence in Research on Challenges to Democracy in the 21st Century](#).
- 2017 **Visiting scholar** at the [Department of Political Science](#), University of British Columbia, March-June (received by Richard Johnston).
- 2016 **Visiting scholar** at the [Mannheim Centre for European Social Research \(MZES\)](#), University of Mannheim, September-December (received by Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck and Jan W. van Deth).
- 2013 **Student assistant** at the [Chair of Swiss and Comparative Politics](#), Department of Political Science, University of Zurich.
- 2012 – **Student assistant** at the [Chair of Comparative Politics](#), Department of Political Science, University of Zurich.
- 2012 – **Student assistant** at the [Chair of Medieval History](#), Department of History, University of Zurich.
- 2012 **Student assistant** in the project [The Politicization of Europe](#), led by Hanspeter Kriesi (European University Institute, Florence) and Edgar Grande (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich).

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- 2019 [SPSA Annual Conference 2019 & Dreiländertagung](#), ETH Zurich, February 14-16.
- 2018 [General Conference of the European Consortium of Political Research](#), University of Hamburg, August 22-25.
- 2018 [Annual Conference of the European Urban Research Association](#), University of Tilburg, June 21-23.
- 2018 [Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association](#), University of Geneva, February 5-6.
- 2017 [Final Conference of the NCCR Democracy](#), University of Zurich, June 15-16.
- 2017 [Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association](#), Chicago, April 6-9.
- 2017 [Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association](#), University of St. Gallen, January 11-12.
- 2016 [3-Länder Tagung](#), University of Heidelberg, September 29-October 1.
- 2016 [General Conference of the European Consortium of Political Research](#), Charles University Prague, September 7-10.
- 2016 [IPSA World Congress of Political Science](#), Poznan, July 23-28.
- 2016 [Swiss Summer School in Democracy Studies](#), ETH Zurich, June 20-24.

- 2016 [Workshop on Multi-Level Governance, Decentralization and Regionalism](#), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, June 8-9.
- 2015 [Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association](#), San Francisco, September 3-6.
- 2014 [General Conference of the European Consortium of Political Research](#), University of Glasgow, September 3-6.

AWARDS

- 2018 [Young Scholar Award](#) of the European Urban Research Association (1,000€ travel grant).

TEACHING

- 2015 – “Democratic Governance beyond the Nation State: Institutions, Communication, and Perceptions”, one-year research seminar for advanced Bachelor students, with Rebecca Welge [[Syllabus](#)].
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- 2015

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for the [American Journal of Political Science](#), [Policy & Internet](#), [Political Research Exchange](#), the [Swiss Political Science Review](#) and the [Urban Affairs Review](#).

Active member of the researchers' network and association DemocracyNet (www.democracynet.eu).

Active member of the association Demokrative (promotion of civic education) (www.demokrative.ch).

LANGUAGES

German (Native), English (Fluent), French (Good), Spanish (Intermediate).

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