

# Curriculum Vitae

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## FIELDS OF INTEREST

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Local and Urban Politics, Multi-Level Governance, Territorial Reforms, Public Opinion

## EDUCATION

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- 2018 **Ph.D. in Political Science** (summa cum laude), University of Zurich.  
2014 **M.A. in Social Sciences**, University of Zurich.  
2010 **B.A. in Social Sciences**, University of Zurich.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2019 “Why Voluntary Municipal Merger Projects Fail: Evidence from Popular Votes in Switzerland.” *Local Government Studies* 45(5): 654-675.  
2019 “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* 58(2): 488-523, 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* 25(2): 195-198.

## EVALUATION

- 2019 “Massnahmen zur Erhaltung und Förderung der rätoromanischen und der italienischen Sprache und Kultur im Kanton Graubünden. Evaluationsbericht im Auftrag des BAK” *Studienberichte des Zentrums für Demokratie Aarau* 16, with Corsin Bisaz, Emilienne Kobelt, Caroline Rausch, Daniel Kübler, and Andreas Glaser.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 “Problemdruck oder politischer Einfluss? – Gemeindefusionen in Volksabstimmungen” DeFacto-Blog Platform.
- 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.”

→ Price for the best dissertation defended in the academic year 2018/2019 at the Department of Political Science of the University of Zurich

## WORKING PAPERS

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

→ Winner of the [Young Scholar Award 2018](#) of the European Urban Research Association

“The Political Consequences of Territorial Reforms: Voting for Right-wing Populist Parties after Municipal Mergers in Switzerland?”

“The Local State Between Autonomy and Cooperation: A Citizens’ View”, with Daniel Kübler.

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

“The Regulatory State and Differentiated Integration”, with Pirmin Bundi.

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

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2019 – **Post-doctoral researcher** in the Sinergia project “[Local Power Structures and Transnational Connections](#)”, Institute of Political Studies, University of Lausanne.
- 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

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- 2019 [ECPR General Conference](#), University of Wrocław, September 4-7.
- 2019 [ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops](#), Catholic University Louvain, Mons, April 8-12.
- 2019 [SPSA Annual Conference 2019 & Dreiländertagung](#), ETH Zurich, February 14-16.
- 2018 [DemocracyNet Workshop “Democratic Participation: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives”](#), University of Zurich, September 13-14.
- 2018 [ECPR General Conference](#), 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 [DemocracyNet Workshop “Citizenship and Democracy”](#), University of Zurich, Septem-

ber 11-12.

- 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 [ECPR General Conference](#), Charles University Prague, September 7-10.
- 2016 [IPSA World Congress of Political Science](#), Poznan, July 23-28.
- 2016 [PhD 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 [ECPR General Conference](#), University of Glasgow, September 3-6.

## AWARDS

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- 2019 Best Dissertation Award by the Department of Political Science, University of Zurich (500 CHF).
- 2018 *Young Scholar Award* of the European Urban Research Association (1,000€ travel grant).

## TEACHING

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- 2019 “Size and Democracy: Territorial Reforms and Democratic Legitimacy”, MA-Seminar [[Syllabus](#)].
- 2015 – “Democratic Governance beyond the Nation State: Institutions, Communication, and Perceptions”, one-year research seminar for advanced Bachelor students, with Rebecca Welge [[Syllabus](#)].
- 2014 – “Democratic Governance beyond the Nation State: Institutions, Communication, and Perceptions”, one-year research seminar for advanced Bachelor students, with Rebecca Welge [[Syllabus](#)].

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Reviewer for the [American Journal of Political Science](#), the [British Journal of Political Science](#), the [International Political Science Review](#), [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](http://www.democracynet.eu)).

Active member of the association Demokrative (promotion of civic education) ([www.demokrative.ch](http://www.demokrative.ch)).

## SOFTWARE

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MS Office, Stata, R, QGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Filemaker.

## LANGUAGES

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

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