

# Curriculum Vitae

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## FIELDS OF INTEREST

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

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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- 2019 – **Post-doctoral researcher and project coordinator** in the 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](#).
- 2012–2013 **Student assistant** at the [Chair of Swiss and Comparative Politics](#), and at the [Chair of Comparative Politics](#), Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, at the [Chair of Medieval History](#), Department of History, University of Zurich, and in the project [The Politicization of Europe](#), led by Hanspeter Kriesi (European University Institute, Florence) and Edgar Grande (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich).

## EDUCATION

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- 2018 **Ph.D. in Political Science** (summa cum laude), University of Zurich.
- 2017 Visiting International Research Student at the [Department of Political Science](#), University of British Columbia, March-June (received by Richard Johnston).
- 2016 Visiting student at the [Mannheim Centre for European Social Research \(MZES\)](#), University of Mannheim, September-December (received by Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck and Jan W. van Deth).
- 2014 **M.A. in Social Sciences**, University of Zurich.
- 2010 **B.A. in Social Sciences**, University of Zurich.

## RESEARCH

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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.

### Public Policy Evaluation

- 2019 [“Massnahmen zur Erhaltung und Förderung der rätoromanischen und der italienischen Sprache und Kultur im Kanton Graubünden. Evaluationsbericht im Auftrag des BAK”](#) [Measures to Preserve and Promote the Romansh and Italian Language and Culture in the Canton of Grisons] *Studienberichte des Zentrums für Demokratie Aarau* 16, with Corsin Bisaz, Emilienne Kobelt, Caroline Rausch, Daniel Kübler, and Andreas Glaser.

### Transfer 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?”](#)

[“Citizens’ Attitudes towards Local Autonomy and Local Cooperation: Evidence from Western Europe”](#), 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.

## CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

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- 2020 [Workshop on Elites and the Critique of Elites from the 19th to the 21st Centuries](#), Berlin, October 29-30.
- 2020 [ECPR General Conference 2020](#), Innsbruck, August 24-28.
- 2020 [Sunbelt Annual Conference 2020](#), Paris, June 2-7 (panel cancelled due to Covid-19).
- 2020 [EPSA Annual Conference 2020](#), Prague, June 18-20 (panel cancelled due to Covid-19).
- 2020 [SPSA Annual Conference 2020](#), University of Lucerne, February 3-4.
- 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 [SPSA Annual Conference](#), University of Geneva, February 5-6.
- 2017 [DemocracyNet Workshop “Citizenship and Democracy,”](#) University of Zurich, September 11-12.
- 2017 [Final Conference of the NCCR Democracy](#), University of Zurich, June 15-16.
- 2017 [MPSA Annual Conference](#), Chicago, April 6-9.
- 2017 [SPSA Annual Conference](#), 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](#), Poznan, July 23-28.
- 2016 [Swiss Summer School in Democracy Studies](#), ETH Zurich, June 20-24.
- 2016 [PhD Workshop on Multi-Level Governance, Decentralization and Regionalism](#), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, June 8-9.
- 2015 [APSA Annual Meeting](#), 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 (CHF 500).
- 2018 [Young Scholar Award](#) of the European Urban Research Association (€ 1,000 travel grant).

## GRANTS

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- 2020

- Research grant by the University of Lausanne for a project on guilds in the city of Zurich ( $\approx$  € 3,750).
- 2019 Travel Grant by the University of Zurich to attend the ECPR Joint Sessions in Mons ( $\approx$  € 500).
- 2016 Travel Grant by the Chair in Multilevel Governance (VU Amsterdam) and the EU Center for Excellence at UNC Chapel Hill to attend a PhD workshop on multilevel governance in Amsterdam ( $\approx$  € 800).
- 2015 Travel Grant by the University of Zurich to attend the annual conference of the American Political Science Association in San Francisco ( $\approx$  € 1,000).

## TEACHING

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### Graduate

- 2019 “Size and Democracy: Territorial Reforms and Democratic Legitimacy”, MA-Seminar [Syllabus].

### Undergraduate

- 2015 – “Democratic Governance beyond the Nation State: Institutions, Communication, and Perceptions”, one-year research seminar for advanced Bachelor students, with Rebecca Welge [Syllabus].
- 2016 – “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].

### Knowledge Transfer

- 2014 “Cooperation and Conflict. Environmental Protection and Sustainability in a Global World” one-week intensive course for Swiss Youth in Science, with Christian Ewert) [Project Description].

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Review

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

### Knowledge Transfer

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)).

Aspiring trainer for the civic education project “Demokratiebausteine”

## SOFTWARE

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

## LANGUAGES

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