

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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FIELDS OF INTEREST

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

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 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
2019 of Political Science, University of Zurich.
- 2013 – **Research assistant** in the project “How Metropolitan Governance Affects Citizens’ Political
2017 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– **Student assistant** at the [Chair of Swiss and Comparative Politics](#), and at the [Chair of](#)
2013 [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

- 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

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2021 “Citizens’ Attitudes towards Local Autonomy and Inter-local Cooperation: Evidence from Western Europe”, forthcoming in *Comparative European Politics*, with Daniel Kübler.
- 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

“Trading Wealth for Political Control? The Political Economy of Sovereignty Referendums”
“The Political Consequences of Territorial Reforms: Voting for Right-wing Populist Parties after Municipal Mergers in Switzerland?”
“Getting Rid of Their Ties. The Long-Term Evolution of Elite Networks and Profiles in the Three Largest Swiss Cities, 1890–2020”, with Baptiste Antoniazza and André Mach.
“The Regulatory State and Differentiated Integration”, with Pirmin Bundi.
“A Policy-Centred Approach to Intermunicipal Cooperation”, with Pirmin Bundi.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

2021 SPSA Annual Conference (scheduled).
2020 Workshop on Elites and the Critique of Elites from the 19th to the 21st Centuries, ECPR Virtual General Conference, Sunbelt Annual Conference (panel cancelled due to Covid-19), EPSA Annual Conference 2020 (panel cancelled due to Covid-19), SPSA Annual Conference.
2019 ECPR General Conference, ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, SPSA Annual Conference & 3-Länder Tagung.
2018 DemocracyNet Workshop “Democratic Participation: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives,” ECPR General Conference, EURA Annual Conference, SPSA Annual Conference.
2017 DemocracyNet Workshop “Citizenship and Democracy,” Final Conference of the NCCR Democracy, MPSA Annual Conference, SPSA Annual Conference.
2016 3-Länder Tagung, ECPR General Conference, IPSA World Congress, Swiss Summer School in Democracy Studies, PhD Workshop on Multi-Level Governance, Decentralization and Regionalism.
2015 APSA Annual Meeting.
2014 ECPR General Conference.

AWARDS

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

2020 Research grant by the University of Lausanne for a project on guilds in the city of Zurich (≈ € 3,750).
2019 Travel Grant by the University of Zurich to attend the ECPR Joint Sessions in Mons (≈ € 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 (≈ € 800).
2015 Travel Grant by the University of Zurich to attend the annual conference of the American Political Science Association in San Francisco (≈ € 1,000).

TEACHING

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](#)].
- 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

Review

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

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

Aspiring trainer for the civic education project “[Demokratiebausteine](#)”

SOFTWARE

MS Office, Stata, R, QGIS, \LaTeX , Filemaker, Gephi.

LANGUAGES

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

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