

# Curriculum Vitae

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## FIELDS OF INTEREST

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Urban Elites, Territorial Reforms, Local and Urban Politics, Local Democracy, Multilevel Governance

## 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

- 2021 “Getting Rid of Their Ties. The Long-Term Evolution of Elite Networks and Profiles in the Three Largest Swiss Cities, 1890–2020”, *Archiv für Sozialgeschichte* 61, conditionally accepted, with Baptiste Antoniazza and André Mach.
- 2021 “Who Supports Metropolitan Integration? Citizens’ Perceptions of City-Regional Governance in Western Europe”, accepted for publication in *West European Politics*.
- Winner of the [Young Scholar Award 2018](#) of the European Urban Research Association.
- 2021 “Citizens’ Attitudes towards Local Autonomy and Inter-local Cooperation: Evidence from Western Europe.” *Comparative European Politics* 19(2): 188-207, 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, University of Zurich.

## Working Papers

“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?”

“Territorial Reforms and Voting Against the Government: Evidence from the Norwegian Local Government Reform”, with Arjan H. Schakel.

“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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- 2021 ECPR Virtual General Conference (scheduled), EPSA Annual Conference (scheduled), MPSA Annual Conference, SASE Annual Conference (scheduled), SPSA Annual Conference.
- 2020 EPSA Annual Conference (panel cancelled due to Covid-19), ECPR Virtual General Conference, SPSA Annual Conference, Sunbelt Annual Conference (panel cancelled due to Covid-19), Workshop on Elites and the Critique of Elites from the 19th to the 21st Centuries,.
- 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, PhD Workshop on Multi-Level Governance, Decentralization and Regionalism, Swiss Summer School in Democracy Studies.
- 2015 APSA Annual Meeting.
- 2014 ECPR General Conference.

## 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](#)].

### 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](#), [Parliamentary Affairs](#), [Policy & Internet](#), [Political Behavior](#), [Political Research Exchange](#), [Political Studies](#), [Swiss Political Science Review](#) and [Urban Affairs Review](#).

### Knowledge Transfer

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

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

Active member of the researchers’ network and association DemocracyNet ([www.democracynet.eu](http://www.democracynet.eu)).

## 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 (Basic).