

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2019 – **Senior 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’ Po-
2017 litical 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 International researcher 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**, (Major: Political Science, Minor: History), University of Zurich.
- 2010 **B.A. in Social Sciences**, (Major: Political Science, Minor: History), University of Zurich.

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2021 “Who Supports Metropolitan Integration? Citizens’ Perceptions of City-Regional Governance in Western Europe”, *West European Politics* (online first).
→ 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.

Other Publications

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, in press, with Baptiste Antoniazza and André Mach.

Book Review

2019 “Close to Home: Local Ties and Voting Radical Right in Europe.” *Swiss Political Science Review* 25(2): 195-198.

Datasets

2019 Democratic Governance and Citizenship National Survey [Dataset]. University of Zurich, distributed by FORS, Lausanne, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.23662/FORS-DS-953-2>, with Daniel Kübler, Sandra Lavenex, Michael Buess, Rebecca Welge, Thomas Bernauer, Christian Ewert, Tina Freyburg, Steffen Mohrenberg, and Thomas Winzen.

2019 Democratic Governance and Citizenship Regional Survey [Dataset]. University of Zurich, distributed by FORS, Lausanne, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.23662/FORS-DS-954-1>, Daniel Kübler, Sandra Lavenex, Michael Buess, Rebecca Welge, Thomas Bernauer, Christian Ewert, Tina Freyburg, Steffen Mohrenberg, and Thomas Winzen.

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.

PhD Thesis

2018 “Public Support for Metropolitan Integration. Citizens’ Attitudes in Eight West European Metropolitan Areas.”

→ 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” (Presented at SPSA 2021, EPSA 2021; under review).

“The Political Consequences of Territorial Reforms: Voting for Right-wing Populist Parties after Municipal Mergers in Switzerland?” (Presented at SPSA 2020; submitted).

“Consensus and Disagreement in Local Democracy: Assembly versus Popular Vote Decisions in Swiss Municipalities”, with Alice el-Wakil (Presented at ECPR General Conference 2021; under review).

“A Policy-Centred Approach to Intermunicipal Cooperation”, with Pirmin Bundi (Presented at SPSA 2019, MPSA 2021; r&r).

“Territorial Reforms and Voting Against the Government: Evidence from the Norwegian Local Government Reform”, with Arjan H. Schakel (Presented at MPSA 2021).

“From Local Champions to Global Players: A Long-Term Perspective on Swiss Companies’ Connections Across Territorial Scales”, with André Mach (Presented at SASE 2021, EUSN 2021).

“From Counter-Elite to Hegemon: The Access to Power of Left-Wing Politicians in Three Major Swiss Cities in a Long-Term Perspective”, with Baptiste Antoniazza and André Mach

(Presented at ECPR Joint Sessions 2021).

“The Residential Logic of Swiss Urban Elites (1890-2020): Transformations and Differentiations Between Elite Categories”, with Pierre Benz and Roberto Di Capua (Presented at the Annual Conference of the French Sociological Association 2021).

Media

- 2021 Interview on the success of municipal mergers in popular votes in the “Neue Zürcher Zeitung,” 28.09.2021.
(<https://www.nzz.ch/schweiz/grossfreiburg-es-kommt-bei-fusionen-nur-selten-zu-einsparungen-ld.1647531>)
- 2021 Interview on municipal mergers in the Swiss German public radio show “Einfach Politik,” 18.06.2021.
(<https://www.srf.ch/audio/einfach-politik/gemeindefusionen-effizient-oder-unsinnig?id=12005096>)
- 2021 Interview on intermunicipal cooperation in West-Lausanne in Swiss French public radio show “Matinale,”
(<https://www.rts.ch/play/radio/la-matinale/video/louest-lausannois-adopte-un-plan-directeur-intercommunal-pour-se-developper-comme-une-grande-ville-video?id=12295347>)
- 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.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- 2021 ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, ECPR Virtual General Conference, EPSA Annual Conference, 5th European Conference on Social Networks, MPSA Annual Conference, SASE Annual Conference, 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 (VU Amsterdam), Swiss Summer School in Democracy Studies.
- 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 (CHF 4,000).

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 [Center for European Studies 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

Graduate

2019 “Size and Democracy: Territorial Reforms and Democratic Legitimacy”, MA-Seminar, University of Zurich ([Syllabus](#)).

Undergraduate

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

2014 – “Democratic Governance beyond the Nation State: Institutions, Communication, and Perceptions”, one-year research seminar for advanced Bachelor students, with Rebecca Welge, University of Zurich [[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](#), [Italian Journal of Electoral Studies](#), [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).

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

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

SOFTWARE

Stata, R, QGIS, L^AT_EX, Filemaker, Gephi.

LANGUAGES

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

November 3, 2021