

# Curriculum Vitae

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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- 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 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 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

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### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2022 “[Participatory Processes and their Outcomes: Comparing Assembly and Popular Vote Decisions](#)”, *European Political Science Review* (online first), with Alice el-Wakil.
- 2022 “[A Policy-Centred Approach to Inter-Municipal Cooperation](#)”, *Public Management Review* (online first), with Pirmin Bundi.
- 2022 “[Who Supports Metropolitan Integration? Citizens’ Perceptions of City-Regional Governance in Western Europe](#)”, *West European Politics* 45(5): 1081-1106.  
→ 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: 161-180, 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>, with 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

- “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; under review at *Global Networks*).
- “The Urban Left in Power: Comparing ‘Municipal Socialists’ to the ‘New Urban Left’ ”, with Baptiste Antoniazza and André Mach (Presented at ECPR Joint Sessions 2021; under review at the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*).
- “The Political Economy of Sovereignty Referendums” (Presented at SPSA 2021, EPSA 2021).
- “The Political Consequences of Territorial Reforms: Voting for Right-wing Populist Parties after Municipal Mergers in Switzerland?” (Presented at SPSA 2020).
- “Territorial Reforms and Voting Against the Government: Evidence from the Norwegian Local Government Reform”, with Arjan H. Schakel (Presented at MPSA 2021).

“The Rise of the Left in Swiss Cities, 1980-2020”, with Sean Mueller (Presented at SPSA 2022).

“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 and at SPSA 2022).

#### Media

- 2022 “ ‘Tausche Wohlstand für politischen Einfluss’. Die Abwägungen der Stimmbevölkerung bei Gemeindefusionen” DeFacto-Blog Platform.
- 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

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- 2022 APSA Annual Meeting (scheduled), ECPR General Conference (scheduled), SPSA Annual Conference.
- 2021 ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, ECPR Virtual General Conference, EPSA Annual Conference, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> 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

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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 (CHF 4,000).  
 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 [Center for European Studies 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

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##### 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](#)).  
 2016 – “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.

#### 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](#), [Italian Journal of Electoral Studies](#), [Journal of European Integration](#), [Parliamentary Affairs](#), [Policy & Internet](#), [Political Behavior](#), [Political Research Exchange](#), [Political Science Research and Methods](#), [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)).

Trainer for the civic education project “[Demokratiebausteine](#)” (Democracy Building Blocks).

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

## SOFTWARE

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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).