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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2019– **Senior researcher and project coordinator** in the SNSF Sinergia project “Local Power Structures and Transnational Connections. New Perspectives on Elites in Switzerland, 1890-2020,” Institute of Political Studies, University of Lausanne.
- 2022 **Guest researcher** at the [Department of Social Sciences and Business](#), Roskilde University, September-December (received by Anton G. Larsen).
- 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.” The project was part of the [Swiss National Centre of Competence in Research on “Challenges to Democracy in the 21st Century.”](#)
- 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).
- 2012– **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.”

EDUCATION

- 2018 **Ph.D. in Political Science** (summa cum laude), University of Zurich. Supervisor: Daniel Kübler, Jury: Daniel Kübler, Marco R. Steenbergen, Anders Lidström.
- 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.
- Methods training
- 2020 “Introduction to Applied Social Network Analysis,” with Silvia Fierasču, ECPR Winter School, University of Bamberg, one-week course.
- 2015 “Correspondence Analysis,” with Philippe Blanchard, ECPR Summer School, University of Ljubljana, one-week course.
- 2015 “Geographic Information Systems for the Social Sciences,” with Francisco Freitas, ECPR Summer School, University of Ljubljana, one-week course.
- 2015 “Multilevel Analysis,” with Marco R. Steenbergen, University of Zurich, two-day course.
- Didactics training
- 2015 “Consulting Students Constructively,” with Benno Volk and Anja Pawelleck, University of Zurich, one-day workshop.
- 2015 “Début – Starting to Teach,” with Eline Feldbrugge, University of Zurich, one-day workshop.

- 2014 “Activating Students – Interaction in Large Classes,” with Anja Pawelleck, University of Zurich, two-day workshop.
- Summer schools
- 2016 Summer school on [Local Democracy, Decentralization and Multi-Level Governance](#), University of Rennes, July 4-6.
- 2016 Swiss summer school in Democracy Studies on “[Representation and Governance](#),” ETH Zurich, June 20-24.

 RESEARCH

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- 2022 “[A Policy-Centred Approach to Inter-Municipal Cooperation](#),” *Public Management Review* (online first), with Pirmin Bundi.
- 2022 “[Participatory Processes and their Outcomes: Comparing Assembly and Popular Vote Decisions](#),” *European Political Science Review* 14(3): 441–458, with Alice el-Wakil.
- 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.

Editor-reviewed journal article

- 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.

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.

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.

PhD thesis

2018 *Public Support for Metropolitan Integration. Citizens' Attitudes in Eight West European Metropolitan Areas.* University of Zurich, Faculty of Arts.

→ Price for the best dissertation defended in the academic year 2018/2019 at the Department of Political Science, University of Zurich.

Articles under review

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

“The Urban Left in Power: Comparing ‘Municipal Socialists’ to the ‘New Urban Left’ ” (presented at ECPR Joint Sessions 2021; revise & resubmit), with Baptiste Antoniazza and André Mach.

“The Political Economy of Territorial Consolidation Referendums” (presented at SPSA 2021, EPSA 2021; revise & resubmit).

“The Residential Logics of Swiss Urban Elites. Continuity and Change across Elite Categories (1890-2000)” (presented at the Annual Conference of the French Sociological Association 2021 and at SPSA 2022; under review), with Pierre Benz, Roberto Di Capua and André Mach.

“Populism and the Scales of Statehood. Localism and Populist Attitudes in Western Europe.” (presented at ECPR 2022), with Daniel Kübler and Frank Marcinkowski.

Working papers

“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” (presented at MPSA 2021), with Arjan H. Schakel.

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

“The Effects of Territorial Reforms on Political Disaffection” (presented at ECPR 2022 and APSA 2022), with Sven Hegewald.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

2022 Annual Meeting of the Danish Political Science Association (scheduled), APSA Annual Meeting (scheduled), ECPR General Conference, SPSA Annual Conference.

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 Century.

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).

2015 [APSA Annual Meeting](#).

2014 [ECPR General Conference](#).

CONSULTING, EVALUATION & EXPERTISE

2022 **Expert talk** on intermunicipal cooperation and urban governance for the management seminar of the finance department of the city of Zurich, 5 September.

2022 **Expert talk** and advice on metropolitan governance as part of the development of the new vision of the Metropolitankonferenz Zürich, 6 May.

2019 **Scientific advisor and consultant** for the government and parliament of the canton of Grisons for the strategic planning of the 2021-2024 legislature, with Daniel Kübler and Flavia Caroni.

2018–2019 **Senior researcher** in an evaluation project on Romansh and Italian language promotion in the canton of Grisons for the Swiss Federal Office of Culture, with Corsin Bisaz, Emilienne Kobelt, Caroline Rausch, Daniel Kübler, and Andreas Glaser.

AWARDS & GRANTS

2022 [SNSF Ambizione research grant](#) for a project on the causes and consequences of municipal mergers in Switzerland (CHF 583,525).

2020 [Research grant by the University of Lausanne](#) for a project on guilds in the city of Zurich (CHF 4,000).

2019 Best dissertation award by the Department of Political Science, University of Zurich (CHF 500).

2019 Shortlisted for the [Rudolf Wildenmann Price](#), which is awarded for the best paper presented at the [ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops](#).

2019 [Travel grant by the University of Zurich](#) to attend the ECPR Joint Sessions in Mons (CHF 557).

2018 [Young scholar award](#) of the European Urban Research Association (€ 1,000 travel grant).

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 (CHF 1,154).

TEACHING

University of Zurich, seminars, lead instructor

2019 “Size and Democracy: Territorial Reforms and Democratic Legitimacy,” M.A. seminar, spring. ([Syllabus](#)).

2014–2016 “Democratic Governance beyond the Nation State: Institutions, Communication, and Perceptions,” one-year B.A. research seminar for advanced Bachelor students, co-taught twice with Rebecca Welge ([Syllabus](#)).

University of Zurich, supervision

2019 M.A. thesis supervision (1), with Daniel Kübler.

2016 B.A. thesis supervision (4), with Rebecca Welge.

2015 M.A. thesis supervision (1), with Daniel Kübler.

2015 B.A. thesis supervision (11), with Rebecca Welge.

University of Zurich, Swiss Youth in Science

- 2014 “Cooperation and Conflict. Environmental Protection and Sustainability in a Global World,” one-week intensive course for Swiss Youth in Science, co-taught with Christian Ewert.
- University of Zurich, teaching assistant
- 2012–2013 “Advanced Course in Comparative Politics,” one-year B.A. lecture, taught by Dominic Höglinger.
- 2012/2013 “Basics for History Students,” B.A. seminar, spring, taught by Julia Heinemann.
- 2012 “City-States in Italy and the Old Swiss Confederacy,” B.A. and M.A. seminar, spring, taught by Simon Teuscher.
- 2012 “Introduction to Comparative Politics,” B.A. lecture, spring, taught by Dominic Höglinger.

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](#), [Journal of European Integration](#), [Parliamentary Affairs](#), [Policy & Internet](#), [Political Behavior](#), [Political Research Exchange](#), [Political Science Research and Methods](#), [Political Studies](#), [Public Opinion Quarterly](#), [Swiss Political Science Review](#) and [Urban Affairs Review](#).
 Web of Science Publons profile: L-8991-2019.

Memberships

Member of the [COST Action on Intergovernmental Coordination from Local to European Governance \(IGCOORD\)](#), of [DemocracyNet](#), the [Swiss Political Science Association](#), and of the [ECPR](#) standing groups on [Local Government and Politics](#), [Federalism and Regionalism](#), and [Elites and Political Leadership](#).

OUTREACH

Blog posts & other articles

- 2022 “[Assemblée communales ou votations : comment le processus de prise de décision influence le résultat](#),” [DeFacto-Blog](#) platform.
- 2022 “[‘Échange : richesse pour influence politique.’ Les pondérations du corps électoral lors des décisions sur les fusions de communes](#),” [DeFacto-Blog](#) platform.
- 2019 “[Problemendruck 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.

Media

- 2022 [Short article](#) on my research on municipal mergers in the monthly magazine “[Schweizer Monat](#).”
- 2021 [Interview](#) on the success of municipal mergers in popular votes in the “[Neue Zürcher Zeitung](#),” 28.09.2021.
- 2021 [Interview](#) on intermunicipal cooperation in West-Lausanne in Swiss French public radio show

“Matinale,” 22.06.2021.

- 2021 [Interview](#) on municipal mergers in the Swiss German public radio show “Einfach Politik,” 18.06.2021.
- 2019 [Interview](#) on the effects of municipal mergers in the “Südostschweiz,” 16.07.2019.
- Knowledge transfer
- 2019– Trainer and teacher in secondary schools for the civic education project “[Demokratiebausteine](#)” (Building Blocks of Democracy).
- 2016– Founding and managing board member (since 2021) of the association [Demokrative](#) (promotion of civic education).

SOFTWARE

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

LANGUAGES

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