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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 “From local champions to global players: A long-term perspective on Swiss companies’ connections across territorial scales,” *Global Networks* (online first), with André Mach.
- 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 “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.

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.

Dataset

- 2019 *Democratic governance and citizenship survey* [Dataset]. University of Zurich, distributed by FORS, Lausanne, 2019. <https://www.swissubase.ch/en/catalogue/studies/13207/15897/overview>, 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

- “The political economy of territorial consolidation referendums” (presented at SVPW 2021, EPSA 2021; revise & resubmit).
- “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 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 SVPW 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; under review), with Daniel Kübler and Frank Marcinkowski.
- “The impact of jurisdictional mergers on vote choice.” (presented at MPSA 2021; under review), with Arjan H. Schakel.

Working papers

- “The political consequences of territorial reforms: Voting for right-wing populist parties after municipal mergers in Switzerland?” (presented at SVPW 2020).
- “The legitimacy of the local state: Citizens’ perceptions of local democratic legitimacy in Western European metropolitan areas.” (presented at ECPR 2020), with Daniel Kübler.
- “The rise of the left in Swiss cities, 1980–2020.” (presented at SVPW 2022), with Sean Mueller.
- “The effects of territorial reforms on political disaffection.” (presented at ECPR 2022, APSA 2022, and DPSA 2022), with Sven Hegewald.
- “The power of Swiss patrician families: Between decline and persistence (1890–1957).” (presented at EUSN 2022), with Pierre Benz, Pedro Araujo, Geoffroy Legentilhomme, André Mach, Steven Piguet, and Emilie Widmer.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY & INVITED TALKS

Invited talks

- 2022 “Civil society elites” project meeting, 6 December (scheduled), Lund University.
- 2022 “Longlinks” project meeting, 7 November, Copenhagen Business School.

Conferences & workshops

- 2023 SVPW Annual Conference (scheduled).
- 2022 Annual Meeting of the Danish Political Science Association, SVPW 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, SVPW Annual Conference.
- 2020 EPISA Annual Conference (panel cancelled due to Covid-19), ECPR Virtual General Conference, SVPW 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, SVPW Annual Conference & 3-Länder Tagung.
- 2018 DemocracyNet workshop “Democratic Participation: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives,” ECPR General Conference, EURA Annual Conference, SVPW Annual Conference.
- 2017 DemocracyNet workshop “Citizenship and Democracy,” final conference of the NCCR Democracy, MPSA Annual Conference, SVPW 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 (project start: 09/2023; project duration: 48 months; 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, with Alice el-Wakil.
- 2022 “[‘Échange : richesse pour influence politique.’ Les pondérations du corps électoral lors des décisions sur les fusions de communes](#),” [DeFacto](#) blog platform.
- 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.
- 2016 “‘Yes I do’ – Why municipalities merge when they are not forced to,” Urban Affairs Forum.

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 [Demokreative](#) (promotion of civic education).

SOFTWARE

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

LANGUAGES

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