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Curriculum Vitae

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Current Appointments

10/2021– **SNSF Ambizione Grant Holder**, *Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, Switzerland.*

10/2021– **Lecturer**, *Department of Political Science, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.*

Past Appointments

03/2018– **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Department of Political Science, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.*
09/2021

12/2019– **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Institute of Political Studies, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.*
06/2021

11/2012– **Research Assistant**, *Chair of Comparative Political Economy and Public Policy, Department of Political Science, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.*
02/2018

07/2011– **Teaching Assistant**, *Chair of Gender Studies and Islamic Studies, University of Zurich, Switzerland.*
06/2012

04/2009– **Teaching Assistant**, *Chair of Macrosociology, Institute of Sociology, University of Jena, Germany.*
03/2010

Placements

09/2022 **Runner-up**, *W2-Professorship in Political Science (Democratic Political Systems), University of Kiel, Germany.*

Education

02/2018 **PhD, Political Economy**, *University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, Final Grade: 5.7 (very good, Swiss Grading System), Supervisors: Patrick Emmenegger (University of St. Gallen), Herbert Obinger (University of Bremen), Matthieu Leimgruber (University of Zurich).*

09/2012 **MA, Sociology, Social/Cultural Anthropology, and Gender Studies**, *University of Zurich, Switzerland, Final Grade: 5.9 (excellent, Swiss Grading System).*

08/2010 **BA, Sociology and Political Science**, *University of Jena, Germany, Final Grade: 2.0 (good, German Grading System).*

Visiting Fellowships

09/2019– **Visiting Scholar**, *Department of Politics & Public Administration, University of Konstanz, Germany.*
02/2020

10/2018– **Visiting Scholar**, *Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy, University of Bremen, Germany.*
03/2019

Selected Publications

- 2023 **Designing Electoral Districts for Proportional Representation Systems. How Electoral Geography and Partisan Politics Constrain Proportionality and Create Bias**, *The Journal of Politics* [Link], 85(3), 1123-1138 (lead author, with Patrick Emmenegger).
Ethnic Minorities, Interstate War, and Popular Support for Fiscal Capacity Development, *Comparative Political Studies* [Link], 56(9), 1365-1397 (with Patrick Emmenegger).
- 2022 **Does War Exposure Increase Support for State Penetration? Evidence from a Natural Experiment**, *Journal of European Public Policy* [Link], 29(5), 652-669 (lead author, with Patrick Emmenegger).
- 2021 **Socialist Threat? Radical Party Entry, Electoral Alliances, and the Introduction of Proportional Representation**, *American Political Science Review* [Link], 115(2), 701-708.
- 2019 **A Race to the Middle. The Politics of Interstate Cost Distribution and Welfare State Expansion**, *The Journal of Politics* [Link], 81(3), 952-967.

Research Grants

- 2021 **Ambizione Grant**, Endogenous Electoral Markets, Party Entry, and Democratization, Swiss National Science Foundation (€/CHF 700'000).
- 2019 **Project Grant**, Democratic Consolidation in Switzerland, 1848-1918. Suffrage Restrictions, Redistricting, and Direct Democracy, Swiss National Science Foundation (€/CHF 380'000) [with Patrick Emmenegger and Lucas Leemann].
- 2018 **Scientific Exchange**, Swiss National Science Foundation (€/CHF 15'500).
- 2017 **International Postdoctoral Fellowship**, University of St. Gallen (€/CHF 310'000).
- 2016 **GIS and Spatial Econometrics Summer School St. Gallen**, Swiss National Science Foundation (€/CHF 21'600) [with Patrick Emmenegger, Roland Hodler, Daniele Caramani, and Dominic Rohner].
- 2015 **Winter School Grant**, European Consortium for Political Research (€/CHF 290).
- 2013 **Summer School Grant**, Swiss National Science Foundation (€/CHF 2'730).

Awards

- 2023 **Fritz-Thyssen Foundation Prize (runner-up)**, for the paper "International Trade, the Great War, and the Origins of Taxation: Sister Republics Parting Ways, *Swiss Political Science Review*, 28(4), 585-603 (with Patrick Emmenegger)".
- 2023 **Socio-Economic Best Article Award (Shortlisted)**, for the paper "The Social Origins of Christian Democracy. Rural-Urban Migration, Interest Group Preemption, and the Rise of the Catholic Workers Movement, *Socio-Economic Review*, 20(2), 687-710".
- 2017 **Early Career Workshop Award**, for the paper "How the Hinterland Caught up. Internal Migration, Cost Shifting and Welfare State Expansion in Federal States", Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Conference, Lyon, France.
- 2013 **Dirk Berg-Schlosser Best Poster Award (runner-up)**, for the paper "Opposition Towards Immigration. A large-N Qualitative Comparative Analysis" (with Dominik Schraff), ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Invited Talks

- 2021 **University of Oslo**, Norway; **University of Lund**, Sweden
- 2020 **University of Konstanz**, Germany
- 2019 **University of Bremen**, Germany
- 2018 **University of Tübingen**, Germany

Conference Presentations

(Legend: OC - Panel Organizer/Chair, D - Discussant)

- APSA **Annual Conference**, 2021.
- CES **Annual Conference**, 2017, 2020 (OC, D).
- Compass **QCA Expert Workshop**, 2013, 2014.
- DVPW **Triennial Conference**, 2018, 2021. **Political Economy** 2019, 2022 (D). **Analytical Political Theory** 2022. **Comparative Legislative Studies** 2022. **Elections and Public Opinion** 2023.
- ECPR **General Conference**, 2018. **Joint Sessions** 2019, 2022.
- EPSA **Annual Conference**, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023.
- ESPAnet **Doctoral Workshop**, 2013.
- SASE **Annual Conference**, 2017.
- SVPW **Annual Conference**, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (OC), 2020, 2021 (OC), 2022 (OC), 2023 (OC), 2024.

Additional Training

- ECPR **Summer School**, *Panel Data Analysis (2015)*, *Process Tracing Methodology I+II (2013)*.
- GSERM **Summer School**, *Machine Learning with R (2017)*, *Bayesian Data Analysis (2017)*, *Categorical Data Analysis (2015)*, *Maximum Likelihood Methods (2015)*, *Computational Statistics (2015)*, *Regression II+III (2014)*, *Case Study Research Methods (2013)*.
- University of St. Gallen **Self-organized**, *GIS for Armed Conflict Research (2016)*, *Spatial Analysis for the Social Sciences (2016)*.

Services to the Profession

- Service **Co-Coordinator**, Working Group Political Economy and Social Policy, Swiss Political Science Association (2020-).
- Country Expert Switzerland**, Varieties of Democracy, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden (2019-).
- Co-Coordinator**, Virtual ESPAnet Workshop (2020-2023).
- Academic mid-level faculty representative**, Program Commission of the PhD Program "International Affairs and Political Economy", University of St. Gallen (2018-2021).
- Organizer **GIS and Spatial Econometrics Summer School**, University of St. Gallen (2016).
- Reviewer American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Contemporary Politics, European Journal of Political Economy, Journal of European Social Policy, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Socio-Economic Review
- Publons**
[\[Link\]](#)
- Memberships Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW), German Political Science Association (DVPW), Council for European Studies (CES), European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

Technical Skills

- Statistics & Machine Learning R (Advanced)
Stata (Advanced)
SPSS (Basic)
- GIS QGIS (Advanced)
- Programming Python (Basic), JavaScript (Basic), SQL (Basic)
- Editing \LaTeX (Advanced), Generic Office Applications (Advanced)

Languages

- German Native Speaker
- English Fluent (C2)
- French Basic (A2)

Teaching

(Legend: HSG - University of St. Gallen, UZH - University of Zurich, FSU - University of Jena, TA - Teaching Assistant; L - Lecture, S - Seminar)

- UZH **Schweizerische Demokratie seit 1848**, MA; 2024 (S, German).
- HSG **Statistics Refresher**, MA; 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 (Workshop Series, English).
- Political Analysis using R**, MA; 2020, 2021 (Workshop Series, English).
- International Politics and Market Economy**, MA; 2020 (S, English).
- The Politics of Electoral Systems: Political Conflict and Representation**, MA; 2018 (S, English).
- Doing Quantitative Research in Political Science**, BA; 2021 (S, English).
- Quantitative Methods**, BA; 2019 (L, German/English), 2020 (L, German).
- Schweizerische Demokratie, 1848-1971: Irrungen und Verwirrungen einer jungen Demokratie**, BA; 2020, 2021 (S, German).
- Quantitative Methods**, TA; 2013, 2014, 2016 (English).

- Qualitative Methods**, TA; 2013, 2014, 2015 (German).
Concept and Measurement, TA; 2014 (English).
Research Design, TA; 2014 (English).
Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets, TA; 2013 (English).
- UZH **Vertiefung Theorien der Gender Studies**, TA; 2012 (German).
Theorien der Gender Studies: Eine Einführung, TA; 2011 (German).
- FSU **Schlüsselbegriffe der Arbeits-, Industrie- und Wirtschaftssoziologie**, TA; 2009 (German).
Einführung in die Makrosoziologie, TA; 2009 (German).

References

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Publications

Monographs

- In preparation **Endogenous Electoral Markets and the Adoption of Proportional Representation. Engineering Parliamentary Dominance**, *under contract with Oxford University Press*, (with Patrick Emmenegger).
- 2018 **Federalism, Direct Democracy, and the Expansion of the Welfare State. Social Policy Development in the Swiss Cantons 1930-2000**, PhD thesis, 2018, School of Economic and Political Science, University of St. Gallen, St. Gallen. [\[Link\]](#).

Articles (peer-reviewed)

- Under review **Vox Populi. Popular Support for the Popular Initiative**, *American Political Science Review* (with Patrick Emmenegger and Lucas Leemann), revise & resubmit.
- Who Counts? How Malapportionment Can Favor Urban Interests**, *The British Journal of Political Science* (lead author, with Patrick Emmenegger), under review.
- Forthcoming **Partisan Districting and the Adoption of Proportional Representation: Gerrymandering and its Discontents**, *European Political Science Review* [\[Link\]](#) (with Patrick Emmenegger), online first.
- Landholding Inequality, Social Control, and Mass Opposition to Suffrage Extension**, *The British Journal of Political Science* [\[Link\]](#) (with Andreina Thoma and Patrick Emmenegger), online first.
- 2023 **Designing Electoral Districts for Proportional Representation Systems. How Electoral Geography and Partisan Politics Constrain Proportionality and Create Bias**, *The Journal of Politics* [\[Link\]](#), 85(3), 1123-1138 (lead author, with Patrick Emmenegger).
- Ethnic Minorities, Interstate War, and Popular Support for Fiscal Capacity Development**, *Comparative Political Studies* [\[Link\]](#), 56(9), 1365-1397 (lead author, with Patrick Emmenegger).
- 2022 **Does War Exposure Increase Support for State Penetration? Evidence from a Natural Experiment**, *Journal of European Public Policy* [\[Link\]](#), 29(5), 652-669 (lead author, with Patrick Emmenegger).
- International Trade, the Great War, and the Origins of Taxation: Sister Republics Parting Ways**, *Swiss Political Science Review* [\[Link\]](#), 28(4), 585-603 (with Patrick Emmenegger). [Winner of the Fritz-Thyssen Foundation Prize \(runner-up\) \[Link\]](#).
- The Social Origins of Christian Democracy. Rural-Urban Migration, Interest Group Preemption, and the Rise of the Catholic Workers Movement**, *Socio-Economic Review* [\[Link\]](#), 20(2), 687-710. [Shortlisted for the 2023 SER Best Article Award \[Link\]](#).
- Coalition Size, Direct Democracy, and Public Spending**, *Journal of Public Policy* [\[Link\]](#), 42(2), 224-246 (with Patrick Emmenegger and Lucas Leemann).
- Labour Standards in Global Production Networks: Assessing Transnational Private Regulation and Workers' Capacity to Act**, *Development and Change* [\[Link\]](#), 53(4), 912-937 (with Jimena Sobrino Piazza and Jean-Christophe Graz).
- 2021 **Socialist Threat? Radical Party Entry, Electoral Alliances, and the Introduction of Proportional Representation**, *American Political Science Review* [\[Link\]](#), 115(2), 701-708.
- Disproportional Threat. Redistricting as an Alternative to Proportional Representation**, *The Journal of Politics* [\[Link\]](#), 83(3), 917-933 (with Patrick Emmenegger).

- No Direct Taxation Without New Elite Representation. Industrialization and the Domestic Politics of Taxation**, *European Journal of Political Research* [Link], 60(3), 648-669 (with Patrick Emmenegger and Lucas Leemann).
- 2019 **When Dominant Parties Adopt Proportional Representation. The Mysterious Case of Belgium**, *European Political Science Review* [Link], 11(4), 433-450 (with Patrick Emmenegger).
- A Race to the Middle. The Politics of Interstate Cost Distribution and Welfare State Expansion**, *The Journal of Politics* [Link], 81(3), 952-967.
- Majority Protection: The Origins of Distorted Proportional Representation**, *Electoral Studies* [Link], 59, 64-77 (lead author, with Patrick Emmenegger).
- The Partisan Composition of Cantonal Governments in Switzerland, 1848-2017. A new Dataset**, *Swiss Political Science Review* [Link], 25(1), 1-18 (lead author, with Patrick Emmenegger).
- Taking the Initiative! Direct Democracy, Coalition Governments, and Welfare State Expansion**, *Journal of European Social Policy* [Link], 29(3), 446-459.
- 2017 **Measuring the Impacts of Colonialism: A New Data Set for the Countries of Africa and Asia**, *Journal of World-Systems Research* [Link], 23(1), 156-190 (with Patrick Ziltener and Daniel Kuenzler).

Contributions to Edited Volumes

- 2021 **The Father of All Things or Rather an Obsession? The Effect of War on the Politics of Taxation**, In: Seelkopf, Laura and Lukas Hakelberg: *Handbook on the Politics of Taxation* [Link], Edward Elgar Publishing, 32-46 (with Patrick Emmenegger).

Other Publications (peer-reviewed)

- 2016 **Europäische Integration auf Unternehmensebene: Die Schweizer Beteiligung an Europäischen Betriebsräten (EBR)**, *Swiss Journal of Sociology* [Link], 42(1), p. 159-174 (Statistical analysis for Patrick Ziltener and Heinz Gabathuler).
- 2014 **QCA, the Truth Table Analysis and Large-N Survey Data: The Benefits of Calibration and the Importance of Robustness Tests**, *COMPASS WP Series* [Link], 2014-79. (with Patrick Emmenegger and Dominik Schraff). [Dirk Berg-Schlosser Award 2013](#).

Media

- 2021 **Steuerpolitik: Die Rolle kriegerischer Auseinandersetzungen**, *DVPW-Blog* [Link].
- 2019 **Electoral Reform: The Fine Print Matters**, *Democratic Audit* [Link].
- Das Proporzwahlrecht: Schutz der Mehrheit, nicht der Minderheit?**, *DeFacto* [Link].
- Dominante Parteien nutzen den Proporz zu ihren Gunsten**, *Higgs* [Link].

Working Papers

- Ideology and Demand for Female Suffrage (with Andreina Thoma).**
- Apportionment and the Urban-Rural Conflict in Switzerland.**

■ Work in Progress (Data analyzed)

**Geography, Transaction Costs, and the Persisting Support for Democracy.
War, Economic Costs, and the Swiss Election 2023.**

■ Work in Progress (Data Collection in Progress)

War and Legislative Turnover. Evidence from the 19th and 20th Century Western World.

Female Political Representation and Support for Gender Equality (with Andreina Thoma, Mark Schelker, and Lukas Schmid).

Do Spillovers Erode Local Gender Norms? Evidence from an Natural Experiment (with Andreina Thoma, Mark Schelker, and Lukas Schmid).

Climate Change and the Composition of Turnout.

Endogenous Extreme Weather Events and Partisan Biases. How Climate Change affects Electoral Competition.