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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2023– **SNSF Ambizione fellow** at the [KPM Center for Public Management](#), University of Bern.
- 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.
- 2023 **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.
- 2019
- 2013– **Doctoral researcher** 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– **Teaching and research assistant** at the [Chair of Swiss and Comparative Politics](#), and at the [Chair of Comparative Politics](#), Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, and at the [Chair of Medieval History](#), Department of History, University of Zurich, and in the project “[The politicization of Europe.](#)”
- 2013

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.

RESEARCH

- Peer-reviewed journal articles
- 2023 “The Swiss patrician families between decline and persistence: Power positions and kinship ties (1890–1957),” accepted for publication in *Social Science History*, with Pierre Benz, Pedro Araujo, Geoffroy Legentilhomme, André Mach, Steven Piguet, and Emilie Widmer.
- 2023 “The urban left in power: Comparing ‘municipal socialists’ to the ‘new urban left’,” *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* (online first), with Baptiste Antoniazza and André Mach.
- 2023 “The political economy of territorial integration referendums,” *Territory, Politics, Governance* (online first).
- 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.
→ Honorable mention for the EPSR Early Careers Prize 2023.
- 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.

 CONFERENCE ACTIVITY & INVITED TALKS

Invited talks

- 2023 Brown bag lunch seminar at the KPM Center for Public Management, 8 May, University of Bern.

- 2022 “Longlinks” project meeting, 7 November, Copenhagen Business School.
- 2019 Colloquium of the “Laboratory for Analysis of Governance and Public Policy in Europe” (LAGAPE), 10 October, University of Lausanne.
- 2016 Colloquium of the chair of political sociology, 7 December, University of Mannheim.
- Conferences & workshops
- 2023 ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, SVPW Annual Conference.
- 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 EPSA 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

Awards

- 2023 Honorable mention for the [EPSR Early Careers Prize](#), which is awarded for the best article by (an) early career scholar(s) published in the *European Political Science Review* in the two previous years (together with Alice el-Wakil).
- 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](#).
- 2018 **Young scholar award** of the European Urban Research Association (€ 1,000 travel grant).

Research 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; project institution: KPM Center for Public Management, University of Bern; CHF 583,525).
- 2020 Research grant by the University of Lausanne for a project on guilds in the city of Zurich (CHF 4,000).
- Travel grants
- 2019 Travel grant by the University of Zurich to attend the ECPR Joint Sessions in Mons (CHF 557).
- 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 Lausanne, seminar, lead instructor

- 2023 “Élites et Pouvoir” [Elites and power], M.A. seminar, spring.

University of Zurich, seminars, lead instructor

- 2019 “Grösse und Demokratie: Territoriale Reformen und demokratische Legitimität” [Size and democracy: Territorial reforms and democratic legitimacy], M.A. seminar, spring. (Syllabus).
- 2014–2016 “Demokratische Regierungsstrukturen jenseits des Nationalstaats: Institutionen, Kommunikation, und Wahrnehmungen” [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 “Vertiefung Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft” [Advanced course in comparative politics], one-year B.A. lecture, taught by Dominic Höglinger.
- 2012/2013 “Proseminar I” [Basics for history students], B.A. seminar, spring, taught by Julia Heineemann.
- 2012 “Stadtstaaten in Italien und der alten Eidgenossenschaft” [City-states in Italy and the old Swiss confederacy], B.A. and M.A. seminar, spring, taught by Simon Teuscher.
- 2012 “Einführung in die Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft” [Introduction to comparative politics], B.A. lecture, spring, taught by Dominic Höglinger.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Review

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Sociological Review*, *Applied Economics*, *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *disP – The Planning Review*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Planning Studies*, *Frontiers in Political Science*, *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 “Assemblées 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 [Article](#) referencing my research in *karla* (online magazine for the city of Konstanz), 19.12.2022.
- 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).

LANGUAGES

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