





# Reto Wüest

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative politics, political representation, political behavior, legislative politics, quantitative methods, and formal modeling.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**University of Bergen**, Department of Comparative Politics, Norway  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, since 09/2019

**University of Geneva**, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Switzerland  
Postdoctoral Researcher, 09/2016-08/2019  
Research and Teaching Assistant, 09/2015-08/2016  
Research Assistant, 08/2010-08/2013

**ETH Zurich**, Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences, Switzerland  
Postdoctoral Researcher, 09/2018-01/2019

**University of Bern**, Center of Competence for Public Management, Switzerland  
Research and Teaching Assistant, 01/2010-07/2010

**University of Bern**, Institute of Political Science, Switzerland  
Research Assistant, 11/2009-12/2009  
Undergraduate Research and Teaching Assistant, 08/2007-10/2009

## EDUCATION

**University of Geneva**, Switzerland  
PhD in Political Science, 08/2016  
Dissertation title: “Roll Call Votes in Democratic Legislatures: The Reasons for Their Use and Their Effects on Legislative Behavior”  
Supervisor: Simon Hug  
Committee: Simon Hug, Scott Desposato, Nolan McCarty, and Jonas Pontusson

**New York University**, Department of Politics, USA  
Visiting Scholar, 09/2014-08/2015  
Sponsor: David Stasavage

**Princeton University**, Department of Politics, USA  
Visiting Student Research Collaborator (VSRC), 09/2013-08/2014  
Sponsor: Nolan McCarty

**University of Bern**, Switzerland  
Lic.rer.soc. in Political Science (major) and Economics (minor), 10/2009

**University of Zurich**, Switzerland  
Swiss mobility program, Spring 2007

**Lund University**, Sweden  
Visiting student (Erasmus exchange program), Fall 2006

ADDITIONAL  
TRAINING

**ICPSR Summer Program**, University of Michigan, USA  
Advanced Game Theory, 07/2012-08/2012  
Matrix Algebra, 07/2012-08/2012  
Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Generalized Linear Models, 06/2011-07/2011  
Introduction to Game Theory, 06/2011-07/2011  
Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment, 06/2011-07/2011

**CUSO Doctoral School in Political Science**, Switzerland  
Rational Choice Theory, 02/2012  
Basic and Advanced Statistics, 02/2011

**Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis**, University of Essex, UK  
Empirical Models of Context Conditionality, (Inter)Dependence and Endogeneity, 08/2009  
Pooled Time Series Cross-Sectional Analysis, 08/2008

PEER-REVIEWED  
ARTICLES

Lloren, Anouk and Reto Wüest. 2016. "Are Opinion Leaders Better Represented?" *West European Politics* 39(4):800-834.  
Hug, Simon, Simone Wegmann and Reto Wüest. 2015. "Parliamentary Voting Procedures in Comparison." *West European Politics* 38(5):940-968.  
Lloren, Anouk, Jan Rosset and Reto Wüest. 2015. "Descriptive and Substantive Representation of Poor Citizens in Switzerland." *Swiss Political Science Review* 21(2):254-260.

UNDER REVIEW

"Improving Multilevel Regression with Post-Stratification Through Optimal Model Selection"  
(with Philipp Broniecki and Lucas Leemann)

WORKING PAPERS

"Descriptive Misrepresentation by Social Class: Do Voter Preferences Matter?"  
(with Jonas Pontusson)  
"Voter Preferences for Candidates with Different Social Backgrounds and Programmatic Commitments"  
(with Jonas Pontusson)  
"Are Poor People Less Likely to Run for Political Office?"  
(with Pirmin Bindi)  
"Alike Think Alike? The Effect of Shared Class Background on Policy Preference Congruence Between Citizens and Legislators"  
(with Luzia Helfer and Frédéric Varone)  
"Do Parties Dislike Working-Class Candidates?"  
(with Jonas Pontusson)  
"The Representation of Social Classes in European Parliaments"  
(with Jonas Pontusson)

	<p>“Legislator Income, Policy Attitudes, and Voting Behavior” (with Jan Rosset)</p> <p>“Technocracy or Democracy? European Citizens’ Perceptions of Expert Rule” (with Tina Freyburg, Ivo Krizic, and Sandra Lavenex)</p> <p>“Party Pressure in Roll Call Votes” (with Simon Hug)</p> <p>“Who Represents the Poor? Evidence from Swiss Direct Democracy” (with Anouk Lloren)</p> <p>“Ideological Positions of Party Switchers” (with Simon Hug)</p>
MEDIA	<p>Hug, Simon, Simone Wegmann and Reto Wüest. 2012. “Der Ständerat wird zum europäischen Normalfall”, <i>Neue Zürcher Zeitung</i> No. 183.</p> <p>Hug, Simon, Simone Wegmann and Reto Wüest. 2012. “Pourquoi le Conseil des Etats persiste-t-il à voter à main levée?” <i>Le Temps</i> 08 juin.</p> <p>Hug, Simon and Reto Wüest. 2011. “Achsen des Unsinnns”, <i>Die Weltwoche</i> No. 45.11.</p> <p>Hug, Simon and Reto Wüest. 2011. “Von Torten, Parlamentarier-Ratings, und anderen Ungeniessbarkeiten: Eine Nachlese zu den Wahlen 2011”, <i>PoliSciZurich: A blog by political Scientists in Zurich</i>.</p>
CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION	<p>APSA (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)</p> <p>EPSA (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)</p> <p>EGAP (2019)</p> <p>SPSA (2013, 2017, 2018, 2019)</p> <p>ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments (2012, 2014, 2017)</p> <p>NCCR Democracy Conference (2016, 2017)</p> <p>MPSA (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)</p> <p>International Conference of Europeanists (2014)</p> <p>ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops (2011)</p>
INVITED PRESENTATIONS	<p><b>University of Geneva</b>, Unequal Democracies Seminar (2018, 2019)</p> <p><b>University of Basel</b>, Digital Lives Workshop (2019)</p> <p><b>University of Geneva</b>, Workshop on Inequality and Individual Policy Preferences (2018)</p> <p><b>University of Zurich</b>, Workshop on Comparative Political Economy and Conjoint Analysis (2017)</p> <p><b>Princeton University</b>, CSDP (2015)</p> <p><b>University of Geneva</b>, UNIGE-Princeton University Workshop (2014)</p> <p><b>ETH Zurich</b>, CIS (2011, 2012, 2013)</p>
RESEARCH GRANTS	<p>Swiss National Science Foundation, Project “Why Are Poor Citizens Underrepresented in Parliament?” (with Jonas Pontusson), CHF 282,500 (2016)</p>
PERSONAL GRANTS	<p>Swiss National Science Foundation, Doc.Mobility Funding of Conference Costs, CHF 1,000 (2015)</p> <p>Swiss National Science Foundation, Doc.Mobility fellowship, USD 46,300 (2014)</p> <p>Fondation Ernst et Lucie Schmidheiny, Mobility fellowship, CHF 30,000 (2013)</p>

	Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, Conference Travel Grant, CHF 1,200 (2013)
	Swiss National Science Foundation, Summer School Travel Grant, CHF 4,400 (2012)
AWARDS	Prix Universal for the best PhD thesis in the Geneva School of Social Sciences in 2016, CHF 2,000
TEACHING	<p><b>University of Geneva</b>, CUSO Doctoral Program, Switzerland</p> <p>“Multilevel Modeling,” 2019</p> <p><b>Pompeu Fabra University</b>, RECSM Summer School in Survey Methodology, Spain</p> <p>“Machine Learning for Social Sciences,” 2018, 2019</p> <p><b>ETH Zurich</b>, Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences, Switzerland</p> <p>“Methods II: Quantitative Methods Tutorial,” MA class, Fall 2018</p> <p><b>University of Geneva</b>, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Switzerland</p> <p>“Introduction to Machine Learning,” Short course for PhD students and faculty members, 2018</p> <p><b>University of Geneva</b>, Global Studies Institute, Switzerland</p> <p>“International Cooperation and Conflict,” BA class, Spring 2016</p> <p><b>University of Bern</b>, Center of Competence for Public Management, Switzerland</p> <p>“Empirical Research Methods” (with Fritz Sager and Eva Thomann), MA class, Spring 2012</p> <p>“Empirical Research Methods” (with Fritz Sager and Eva Thomann), MA class, Spring 2011</p> <p>“Empirical Research Methods” (with Fritz Sager and Christine Zollinger), MA class, Spring 2010</p> <p>“Introduction to Statistics with Stata,” Executive MPA, 01/2010</p>
TEACHING ASSISTANT	<p><b>University of Bern</b>, Institute of Political Science, Switzerland</p> <p>“Empirical Research Methods,” BA class, Spring 2009</p> <p>“Introduction to Political Science,” BA class, Fall 2008</p>
WORK EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Federal Statistical Office</b>, Education System and Science, Neuchâtel, Switzerland</p> <p>Internship, 03/2008-08/2008</p>
COMPUTER SKILLS	<p><b>Data Analysis</b></p> <p>R, Stan, JAGS, Python, Stata, EViews, and MATLAB</p> <p><b>Web Development</b></p> <p>HTML, CSS, PHP, and Markdown</p> <p><b>Survey Development</b></p> <p>Qualtrics, LimeSurvey</p>
LANGUAGES	English (fluent), German (native), French (basic)
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<p><b>Reviewer</b></p> <p><i>American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Electoral Studies, Political Science Research and Methods, West European Politics, European Policy Analysis, Studies in Communication Sciences</i></p>

## REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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