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Born on 30th June 1983, Swiss, married, one child (2017)

Current position

From 02/2018 **Postdoctoral researcher**, ERC Advanced Grant 'Unequal Democracies', Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Geneva. Principal investigator: Jonas Pontusson

Former positions

09/2016 – 01/2018 **Max Weber Fellow, European University Institute**, Florence
Mentor: Hanspeter Kriesi

03 – 08/2016 **Postdoctoral researcher**, Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lausanne
Project leader: Daniel Oesch

09/2014 – 02/2016 **Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowship** of the Swiss National Science Foundation
Political Economy and Transnational Governance (PETGOV) programme group, **AISSR/University of Amsterdam**. Host: Brian Burgoon

02 – 08/2014 **Lecturer**, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Geneva

10/2013 – 08/2014 **Scientific coordinator** of the Doctoral Programme in Political Science, Western Switzerland University Conference (CUSO)

01 – 10/2013 **Teaching assistant**, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Geneva

01 – 12/2012 **Junior Visiting Scholar, Nuffield College**, Oxford. Supervisor: Geoffrey Evans

12/2007 – 12/2011 **Teaching assistant**, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Geneva
Secretary of the Swiss Political Science Association (until 02/2011), co-organization of three annual congresses. President: Simon Hug

12/2007 – 03/2009 **Research assistant** (interviews and translations) for Ursula Häfliger and Simon Hug, University of Zurich/Geneva

Education

11/2013 **PhD in Political Science, University of Geneva** (22 November 2013)
Partis socialistes et classe ouvrière. Transformation de la base sociale et de l'offre politique en Suisse, Autriche, Allemagne, Grande-Bretagne et France (1970-2008)
Social democratic parties and the working class. Transformation of the social basis and political supply in Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Great Britain and France (1970–2008)
Committee: Pascal Sciarini and Simon Hug (supervisors), Hanspeter Kriesi, Daniel Oesch, Jonas Pontusson (chair)

10/2006 **MA in Political Science** (Diplôme d'études approfondies en science politique), University of Geneva

08/2005 **BA in Political Science** (Licence ès sciences politiques), University of Geneva

Grants and awards

03/2015	Publication grants from the Swiss National Science Foundation and from the Geneva School of Social Sciences for the book 'Partis socialistes et classe ouvrière'
06/2014	Swiss National Science Foundation 'Early Postdoc.Mobility' Fellowship for the project "Explaining working-class voters' changing partisan alignments: between deindustrialization, deunionization and neoliberal politics", CHF 87,450 (EUR 76,435)
10/2011	Swiss National Science Foundation Fellowship for prospective researchers, CHF 15,850 (EUR 13,848)
06/2011	Mobility Fellowship from the Ernest Boninchi Foundation, CHF 25,000 (EUR 21,841)
05/2016	Nominated among the 100 personalities of the year in Western Switzerland (Forum des 100)

Professional service and membership

Reviewer	American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Economic and Industrial Democracy, Electoral studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Political Science Review, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of International Relations and Development, Socio-Economic Review, Swiss Journal of Sociology, Transfer: European Review of Labour and Research, West European Politics Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique-FNRS (Belgium), University of Vienna
Member	Associate member, Groupe de recherche sur les élections et la citoyenneté politique (GREC), Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Lausanne

Teaching

Courses taught, Master in Political Science, University of Geneva

Fall 2019	Comparative Politics (40h), 50 students
Fall 2018	Comparative Politics (40h), 50 students
Spring 2014	Electoral Behaviour: From the Classics to Recent Approaches in Political Psychology (28h), 4 students
2011 – 2014	Member of several Master's theses examining committees

Seminars taught, Bachelor in Political Science/International Relations, University of Geneva

Spring 2013	Introduction to methods in political science (28h), 40 students
Spring 2011	Comparative politics, supervision of 13 bachelor theses (28h)
2008 – 2011 (each fall)	Concepts and approaches in political science (28h), selected topic: Introduction to political parties and party systems, 25 students/year
2008 – 2011 (each spring)	Introduction to methods in political science (28h), 30-60 students/year
04/2008	Teaching certificate: Teaching for learning (80h), Centre for Education and Evaluation, University of Geneva

Institutional responsibilities

09/2011 – 08/2013	Member of the Works Council (Commission du personnel) of the University of Geneva
06 – 12/2011	Member of the Tripartite Commission for the reorganization of the libraries of the University of Geneva, representative of users

Organisation of conferences, workshops and panels

Conference	Organising committee, Max Weber Fellows June Conference, Florence, 7-9 June 2017
Workshops	'Working-Class Politics in the 21 st Century', ECPR Joint Sessions, 14–17 April 2020, Toulouse 'The Return of Economic Nationalism?', Multidisciplinary Research Workshop, 22-23 May 2017, European University Institute,
Panels	'Challenges for Social Democratic Parties in Times of Multiple Crises', International Conference of Europeanists 2019 'The New Working-Class Vote: Rise of the Populist Right, Challenges for the Left and Consequences for the Welfare State', ECPR General Conference 2017 'Class Voting in a Post-Piketty World', IPSA Conference 2016 'Labor Market Insecurity and Party Politics in the 21 st Century', APSA 2015

Conference presentations and invited talks (since 2014)

2019	University of St.Gallen, Department of Political Science, 17 th September (<i>invited</i>) International Conference of Europeanists (CES), Madrid, 20–22 nd June University of Cambridge, Panel at the 'Centenary Conference: Max Weber's Politics as a Vocation', 28 th January (<i>invited</i>)
2018	European University Institute, Florence, 26 th April (<i>invited</i>) University of Bern, 9 th April (<i>invited</i>) SVPW/ASSP Annual Conference, Geneva, 5–6 th February
2017	EPSA Annual General Conference, Milan, 22-24 th June Max Weber Fellows June Conference, Florence, 7–9 th June MWP Thematic Research Group Diversity and Unity, EUI, 22 nd February SVPW/ASSP Annual Conference, St-Gallen, 11–12 th January
2016	Political Behaviour Colloquium, European University Institute, 12 th October IPSA Conference, Poznań, 23 rd –28 th July Seminar Think and Drink, University of Lausanne, 26 th May SVPW/ASSP Annual Conference, Basel, 21–22 nd January
2015	APSA Annual meeting, San Francisco, 3–6 th September International Conference of Europeanists (CES), Paris, 8–10 th July Quantitative methods seminar of the Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam, 23 rd April
2014	ECPR General Conference, Bordeaux, 4–7 th September Nordic Political Science Association Conference, Göteborg, 12–15 th August

Non-academic work positions (selection)

01 – 11/2007

Campaign manager for the 2007 election, National office of the Social Democratic Party of Switzerland, Bern

Languages

French (mother tongue), German and English (fluent), Italian (basic level)

September 2019

Publication List

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

- Mosimann, N., **Rennwald, L.**, A. Zimmermann (2019). "[The Radical Right, the Labour Movement, and the Competition for the Workers' Vote](#)", *Economic and Industrial Democracy* 40(1): 65–90.
- Oesch, D., **Rennwald, L.** (2018). "[Electoral Competition in Europe's New Tripolar Political Space. Class Voting for the Left, Centre-Right and Radical Right](#)", *European Journal of Political Research* 57(4): 783–807.
- Arndt, C., **Rennwald, L.** (2017). "[Workplace Characteristics and Working Class Vote for the Old and New Right in Western Europe](#)", *British Journal of Industrial Relations* 55(1): 137–164.
- Arndt, C., **Rennwald, L.** (2016). "[Union Members at the Polls in Diverse Trade Union Landscapes](#)", *European Journal of Political Research* 55(4): 702–722.
- Rennwald, L.** (2014). "[Class \(Non\)Voting in Switzerland 1971-2011: Ruptures and Continuities in a Changing Political Landscape](#)", *Swiss Political Science Review* 20(4): 550–572.
- Rennwald, L.**, Evans, G. (2014). "[When Supply Creates Demand: Social Democratic Party Strategies and the Evolution of Class Voting](#)", *West European Politics* 37(5): 1108–1135.
- Oesch, D., **Rennwald, L.** (2010). "[The Class Basis of Switzerland's Cleavage between the New Left and the Populist Right](#)", *Swiss Political Science Review* 16(3): 343–372.

Editor

- Giger, N., **Rennwald, L.**, A. Tresch (2018). Special issue "The 2015 Swiss National Elections", *Swiss Political Science Review* 24(4). [[Introduction to the Special Issue](#), pp. 371–380.]

Books

- Rennwald, L.** (2015). [Partis socialistes et classe ouvrière. Ruptures et continuités du lien électoral en Suisse, en Autriche, en Allemagne, en Grande-Bretagne et en France \(1970-2008\)](#). Neuchâtel : Editions Alphil-Presses universitaires suisses.
- Rennwald, L.** (2005). *Le vote ouvrier pour les partis nationaux-populistes: le cas de l'UDC en Suisse et dans le canton de Neuchâtel*. Courrendlin: Ed. Communication jurassienne et européenne (CJE).

Work in progress

- Book manuscript *Social Democracy without Workers?* Under contract with Palgrave Macmillan.
- "Paper Stones Revisited: Class Voting, Unionization and the Electoral Decline of the Mainstream Left" (with Jonas Pontusson). R&R.
- "A Forgotten Middle Class? Perceptions of Representation and the Role of Labour in a Comparative Perspective". In preparation.
- "Where Have all the Social Democratic Voters Gone? The Mobilizing Capacity of Social Democracy Reconsidered" (with Björn Bremer). In preparation.
- "Unionization, Electoral Coalitions and the Fate of the Left". Article in preparation for a special issue of *Comparative Social Research*

Book chapters

Afonso, A., **Rennwald, L.** (2018). "Social Class and the Changing Welfare State Agenda of Radical Right Parties in Europe". In *Welfare Democracies and Party Politics: Explaining Electoral Dynamics in Times of Changing Welfare Capitalism*, ed. P. Manow, H. Schwander and B. Palier. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Rennwald, L., Zimmermann, A. (2013). "Die SP als Arbeiterpartei". In *Einig – aber nicht einheitlich*, ed. Redbox. Zurich: Limmat-Verlag, pp. 297–299.

Oesch, D., **Rennwald, L.** (2010). "La disparition du vote ouvrier? Le vote de classe et les partis de gauche en Suisse". In *Le destin électoral de la gauche. Le vote socialiste et vert en Suisse*, ed. S. Nicolet and P. Sciarini. Genève: Georg éditeur, pp. 219–256.

Oesch, D., **Rennwald, L.** (2010). "Un électoral divisé? Les préférences politiques des classes sociales et le vote de gauche en Suisse 2007". In *Le destin électoral de la gauche. Le vote socialiste et vert en Suisse*, ed. S. Nicolet and P. Sciarini. Genève: Georg éditeur, pp. 257–291.

Sciarini, P., Nicolet, S., Oesch, D., **Rennwald, L.** (2009). "Le vote de gauche en Suisse. Potentiel électoral, concurrence et vote de classe". In *Les partis politiques suisses: traditions et renouvellements*, ed. O. Mazzoleni and H. Rayner. Paris: Michel Houdiard Editeur, pp. 279–306.

Articles in other journals (Refereed)

Rennwald, L., Zimmermann, A. (2016). "[Der Wahlentscheid der Arbeiter in der Schweiz, 1971-2011](#)", *Social Change in Switzerland* N° 4, Université de Lausanne, FORS – LINES – LIVES. [Translated in French: "[Le vote ouvrier en Suisse, 1971-2011](#)"]

Articles in other journals (Non-Refereed)

Mosimann, N., **Rennwald, L.**, A. Zimmermann (2018). "Promuovere la solidarietà di classe in tempi difficili: il ruolo dei sindacati nel contesto dell'avanzata dei partiti della destra radicale populista", *Quaderni di Rassegna Sindacale* 19(4): 149-163.

Book reviews

Rennwald, L. (2014). Book review "Schweizer Gewerkschaften und Europa 1960–2005", Wyler, R., Verlag Westfälisches Dampfboot, 2012, in: *Traverse* 21(2): 180–182.

Rennwald, L. (2012). [Book review "Militants de l'UDC. La diversité sociale et politique des engagés"](#), Gottraux, P., Péchu, C., Editions Antipodes, 2011, in: *Swiss Political Science Review* 18(3): 395–398.

Working papers

Rennwald, L., Pontusson, J. (2019). "[Paper Stones Revisited: Class Voting, Unionization and the Electoral Decline of the Mainstream Left](#)", *Unequal Democracies Working paper* N°6 March 2019, University of Geneva, Geneva.

Oesch, D., **Rennwald, L.** (2017), "[Electoral Competition in Europe's New Tripolar Political Space: Class Voting for the Left, Centre-Right and Radical Right](#)", *EUI Working Paper MWP* 2017/02, European University Institute, Florence.

Newspapers and blog articles

Giger, N., **Rennwald, L.**, A. Tresch (2018). "[Alles über die eidgenössischen Wahlen 2015](#)" (D), "[Les élections fédérales 2015](#)" (F), *DeFacto – Plus que des opinions*, 11th December

Arndt, C., **Rennwald, L.** (2017). "[Workers in smaller companies are more likely to vote conservative](#)", *LSE Business Review*, 25th July

Afonso, A., **Rennwald, L.** (2017). "[The Far Right's Leftist Mask](#)", *Jacobin*, 17th March

Rennwald, L. (2015). "[Le vote socialiste entre 'anciens' et 'nouveaux' travailleurs](#)", *DeFacto – Plus que des opinions*, 13th October

Oesch, D., **Rennwald, L.** (2011). "Les conséquences d'un grand échange d'électeurs", *Le Temps*, 18th October

Oesch, D., **Rennwald, L.** (2008). "Le nouveau destin électoral des classes populaires, un basculement spectaculaire", *Le Temps*, 3rd October

Media

Mentions of my work in *The New York Times*:

Gross, N. (2016). "[The Decline of Unions and the Rise of Trump](#)", 12th August

Edsall, T. B. (2014). "[The Rise of 'Welfare Chauvinism'](#)", 16th December

[Interview](#) for the French online journal *Mediapart*, 18th April 2017

Numerous interviews for Swiss newspapers, participation in radio and TV broadcasts in Switzerland

September 2019