

Line Rennwald – Curriculum vitae

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Personal information: Two children, born in 2020 and 2017

Current positions

- From 08/2022 **Chargée de cours (autumn semester)**, Institute of Political Studies, **University of Lausanne, 14%**
- From 05/2021 **Senior researcher (permanent), Swiss Centre of Expertise in the Social Sciences (FORS)**, Political Surveys Group, Lausanne, **80%**

Former positions

- 08/2018 – 01/2020 **Lecturer (autumn semester)**, Comparative Politics course, substitute for Prof. Jonas Pontusson, Department of Political Science and International Relations, **University of Geneva**
- 02/2018 – 07/2022 **Postdoctoral researcher**, ERC Advanced Grant 'Unequal Democracies', Department of Political Science and International Relations, **University of Geneva**. Principal investigator: Jonas Pontusson
Second maternity leave: August–December 2020
Childcare closure during the COVID-19 pandemic: March–May 2020
- 09/2016 – 01/2018 **Max Weber Fellow, European University Institute**, Florence
Mentor: Hanspeter Kriesi
First maternity leave: September–December 2017
- 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, **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** (22nd 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)
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

Research grants and awards

- 2024 Research support from the **Faculty of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Lausanne** for the pilot project "Social Groups in Electoral Politics" (with Anke Tresch), CHF 9,600
- 08/2022 – 07/2024 **Swiss Social Archives, Research Ellen Rifkin Hill** for the project "The Making of Political Careers: Evaluating the Role of Trade Unions in the Pathway of Workers to Elected Office in Switzerland" (with André Mach), CHF 126,828
- 05/2016 Elected among the 100 personalities of the year in Western Switzerland (**Forum des 100**)
- 12/2015 **Max Weber Fellowship** (2 years), European University Institute, EUR 48,000
- 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*
- 09/2014 – 02/2016 **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
- 07 – 12/2012 **Swiss National Science Foundation** Fellowship for prospective researchers, CHF 15,850
- 01 – 06/2012 Mobility Fellowship from the **Ernest Boninchi Foundation**, CHF 25,000

Teaching

Courses

University of Lausanne, Master in Political Science

- Autumn 2023 **Practical Research Workshop**: Social Inequalities and Voting (56h in total, 28h taught by Line Rennwald, 28h taught by Lionel Marquis), 23 students
- Autumn 2022 **Practical Research Workshop**: Social Stratification and Party Electorates in Switzerland (56h in total, 28h taught by Line Rennwald, 28h taught by Lionel Marquis), 6 students

University of Geneva, Master in Political Science and Master in Public Management

- Autumn 2019 **Comparative Politics** (38h), 45 students
- Autumn 2018 **Comparative Politics** (38h), 44 students
- Spring 2014 **Electoral Behaviour**: From the Classics to Recent Approaches in Political Psychology (28h), 4 students

Supervision

Member of PhD committee : Paulus Wagner (2023 Sciences Po Paris)

Supervision of junior researchers, **European University Institute**

2016-2017 Mentoring of a PhD researcher; Participation in the annual seminar assessing the advancement of PhDs students

Supervision of Bachelor's/Master's theses and internships, **University of Geneva**

2020 Supervision of internship, Master in public management

2011 – 2014 Member of several Master's theses examining committees

2011 Supervision of 13 Bachelor's theses

Seminars

University of Geneva, Bachelor in Political Science and Bachelor in Political Science and International Relations

Spring 2013 **Introduction to Methods** in Political Science (28h), 40 students

Spring 2011 **Comparative Politics** (28h), 13 students

2008 – 2011
(each autumn) **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

Training in university teaching

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

Professional service

Coordinator: Political Economy and Social Policy Working Group of the Swiss Political Science Association (since 2023)

Reviewer: American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Comparative Political Studies; Economic and Industrial Democracy; Electoral studies; European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science Review; International Journal of Sociology; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; Journal of European Public Policy; Journal of International Relations and Development; Party Politics; Social Science History; Socio-Economic Review, Swiss Journal of Sociology; Swiss Political Science Review; Transfer: European Review of Labour and Research; West European Politics.

Reviewer of research proposals and book manuscripts: Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique – FNRS (Belgium, Wallonia-Brussels Federation), Palgrave Macmillan, University of Vienna.

Membership in scientific associations: American Political Science Association, Council for European Studies, Swiss Political Science Association

Conference, workshop and panel organisation

Conference: Organising committee, **Max Weber Fellows June Conference**, European University Institute, 7–9th June 2017

Workshops: Working-Class Politics in the 21st Century, **University of Geneva**, 5–6 November 2020, University of Geneva

Working-Class Politics in the 21st Century, **ECPR Joint Sessions**, 14–17th April 2020, Toulouse – *Cancelled due to the COVID pandemic*

The Return of Economic Nationalism?, Multidisciplinary Research Workshop, 22–23rd May 2017, **European University Institute**

Panels: Challenges for Social Democratic Parties in Times of Multiple Crises, **International Conference of Europeanists (CES) 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 21st Century, **APSA 2015**

Conference presentations and invited talks (since 2014)

- 2023 London School of Economics, Department of Sociology and Ralph Miliband Program, Conference “Social Democracy: New Opportunities and New Constraints”, 7-8th June 2023 (*invited*)
SVPW/ASSP Annual Conference, Basel, 2–3rd February
- 2022 Virtual ESPAnet Workshop in Comparative and European Welfare State Research, 27th October
European University Institute and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Italy, Conference “Between Regeneration and Decline – Social Democratic Parties in Europe”, Rome, 15-16th September (*invited*)
In_equality Conference 2022, Konstanz, 6-7th April – *Participation cancelled due to the flu*
- 2021 FORS, FORS Lunch Seminar, Lausanne, 6th July
International Conference of Europeanists (CES), Madrid, 21–25th June
ILERA World Congress, Lund, 21-24th June
Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Social Stratification, Welfare and Social Policy Seminar, Stockholm, 11th May (*invited*)
Harvard, Center for European Studies, Seminar on the State and Capitalism Since 1800, 26th March (*invited*)
- 2020 University of Lausanne, Institute of Political Studies, LAGAPE seminar, 28th May (*invited*) – *Cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic*
SVPW/ASSP Annual Conference, Lucerne, 3–4th February
- 2019 University of St.Gallen, Political Science Research Seminar, 17th September (*invited*)
International Conference of Europeanists (CES), Madrid, 20–22nd June
University of Cambridge, “Centenary Conference: Max Weber’s Politics as a Vocation”, 28th January (*invited*)
- 2018 European University Institute, Florence, 26th April (*invited*)
University of Bern, Institute of Political Science, 9th April (*invited*)
SVPW/ASSP Annual Conference, Geneva, 5–6th February
- 2017 EPSA Annual General Conference, Milan, 22–24th June
Max Weber Fellows June Conference, Florence, 7–9th June
MWP Thematic Research Group Diversity and Unity, EUI, 22nd February
SVPW/ASSP Annual Conference, St-Gallen, 11–12th January
- 2016 European University Institute, Political Behaviour Colloquium, 12th October (*invited*)

- IPSA Conference, Poznań, 23rd–28th July
University of Lausanne, Institute of Political Studies, Seminar Think and Drink,
26th May (*invited*)
SVPW/ASSP Annual Conference, Basel, 21–22nd January
- 2015 APISA Annual meeting, San Francisco, 3–6th September
International Conference of Europeanists (CES), Paris, 8–10th July
University of Amsterdam, Department of Political Science, Quantitative Methods
Seminar, 23rd April (*invited*)
- 2014 ECPR General Conference, Bordeaux, 4–7th September
Nordic Political Science Association Conference, Göteborg, 12–15th 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)

January 2024

Publication List

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

- Lipps, O., Felder, M., Lauener, L., Meisser, A., Pekari, N., **Rennwald, L.**, A. Tresch. (2023). "[Targeting Incentives in Mature Probability-Based Online Panels](#)", *Survey Methods: Insights from the Field*.
- Bremer, B., **Rennwald, L.** (2023). "[Who Still Likes Social Democracy? The Support Base of Social Democratic Parties Reconsidered](#)", *Party Politics*, 29(4): 741–754.
- Mosimann, N., **Rennwald, L.**, J. Pontusson (2022). "[Preface](#)", *West European Politics*, 45(6): 1175–1177.
- Rennwald, L.**, Pontusson, J. (2022). "[Class Gaps in Perceptions of Political Voice: Liberal Democracies 1974–2016](#)", *West European Politics*, 45(6): 1334–1360.
- Rennwald, L.**, Pontusson, J. (2021). "[Paper Stones Revisited: Class Voting, Unionization and the Electoral Decline of the Mainstream Left](#)", *Perspectives on Politics*, 19(1): 36–54.
- 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.
- Giger, N., **Rennwald L.**, A. Tresch (2018) [Introduction to the Special Issue "The 2015 Swiss National Elections"](#), *Swiss Political Science Review* 24(4), 371–380.
- 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.

Books

- Rennwald, L.** (2020). [Social Democratic Parties and the Working Class. New Voting Patterns](#). Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 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).

Special issues

Mosimann, N., **Renwald, L.**, Pontusson, J. (2022). [Special issue “Working-Class Politics”](#), *West European Politics* 45(6).

Giger, N., **Renwald, L.**, A. Tresch (2018). [Special issue “The 2015 Swiss National Elections”](#), *Swiss Political Science Review* 24(4).

Book chapters

Afonso, A., **Renwald, 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.

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

Oesch, D., **Renwald, 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., **Renwald, L.** (2010). “Un électorat 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., **Renwald, 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

Renwald L. (2023). “The Existing Electoral Support for Social Democratic Parties”, *Renewal* 31(4): 18–21.

Tresch, A., **Renwald, L.**, Lauener, L. (2023). [“Die Entwicklung der Parteibindungen in der Schweiz 1971-2019”](#), *Social Change in Switzerland* N°34. doi: 10.22019/SC-2023-00003 [Translated in French: [“L'évolution des identifications partisans en Suisse 1971-2019”](#)].

Renwald, L., Zimmermann, A. (2016). [“Der Wahlentscheid der Arbeiter in der Schweiz, 1971-2011”](#), *Social Change in Switzerland* N° 4. doi: 10.22019/SC-2016-00002 [Translated in French: [“Le vote ouvrier en Suisse, 1971-2011”](#)].

Mosimann, N., **Renwald, 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

Renwald, L. (2020). [Book review “Strong Governments, Precarious Workers. Labor Market Policy in the Era of Liberalization”](#), Rathgeb, P., Cornell University Press, 2018, in: *Perspectives on Politics*, 18(4), 1273–1274.

Renwald, 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., Mosimann N. (2023). [“Union Membership and Electoral Demand for Redistribution among Left-authoritarians”](#), *Unequal Democracies Working Paper N°37*, University of Geneva, Geneva.

Rennwald, L., Pontusson, J. (2021). [“Social Class, Union Power and Perceptions of Political Voice: Liberal Democracies, 1974-2016”](#), *Unequal Democracies Working Paper N°22*, University of Geneva, Geneva.

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*, 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, magazines, and blog articles

Tresch, A., **Rennwald, L.**, Lauener, L. (2023). [“La chute de l’identification partisane en Suisse et ses conséquences pour les échéances électorales”](#), *Le Temps*, 4th July.

Bremer B., **Rennwald, L.** (2023). [“Waar zijn de sociaaldemocratische kiezers gebleven?”](#), *Samenleving & Politiek [Society & Politics]*, 30(2).

Rennwald, L., Tresch, A., Lauener, L. (2022). [“Das Covid-Zertifikat: Grund für eine neue politische Spaltung?”](#) (D), [“Certificat covid : vers un nouveau clivage politique ?”](#) (F), [“Certificato COVID: verso una nuova frattura politica?”](#) (I), *DeFacto – Plus que des opinions*, 26th January.

Rennwald, L. (2021). [“La disyuntiva socialdemócrata: recuperar a los trabajadores o ganar las clases medias”](#), *Agenda Pública*, 13th September.

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 Economist*, *The New York Times*, *Le Monde*

(2023). "[Western Europe's Left. Progressive Disease](#)", *The Economist*, 7th June 2023

Mayer, N. (2019). "[Le nouveau livre de Thomas Piketty: Un éclairage du régime inégalitaire 'néopropriétaire' actuel](#)", *Le Monde*, 12th August.

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

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

Interviews for the French online journal *Mediapart*, [18th April 2017](#), [22nd October 2019](#); Numerous interviews for Swiss newspapers, participation in radio and TV broadcasts in Switzerland.

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