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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive Fiscal and welfare policy, Inequality, Political representation, Southern Europe
Methods Causal and statistical inference, Survey and archival data

Education

- 2020 PhD in Political Science, Universität Zürich (Defense: 28.02.2020)
Thesis title: *The Political Economy of Macroeconomic Adjustment in the Eurozone Periphery*
- 2014 MSc Political Economy of Europe, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2012 BSc Business Administration and German, Copenhagen Business School
- 2011 ERASMUS Exchange, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Department of Economics
- 2009 Swedish A-levels in Natural Sciences, Katedralskolan i Lund

Professional experience

- 09.2023-
06.2024 *Early-Career Fellow*, Collegium Helveticum / ETH Zurich, Zurich
Affiliated with the Chair of Spatial Development and Urban Policy (Prof. David Kaufmann).
- 08.2020-
07.2023 *PostDoc Researcher* and *Substitute Senior Lecturer*, University of Geneva
Part of ERC project ‘Unequal Democracies’ (PI: Prof. Jonas Pontusson).
- 09.2019-
08.2020 *Max Weber Fellow*, European University Institute, Florence
Fellowship financed by the European Commission (Mentor: Prof. Elias Dinas).
- 06.2015-
06.2019 *PhD Researcher*, University of Zurich, Zurich
Part of SNSF project ‘The Politics of Economic Adjustment’ (PI: Prof. Stefanie Walter).
- 07.2017 *Visiting Scholar*, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin
Financed by the Hertie School of Governance (Host: Prof. Hanna Schwander).
- 08.2017-
05.2018 *SNSF DocMobility Fellow*, Stanford University, Stanford
Awarded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (Host: Prof. Michael R. Tomz).

Publications

BOOKS/MONOGRAPHS

2020. 'The Politics of Bad Options: Why the Problems of the Eurozone are so Hard to Resolve', Oxford: Oxford University Press, ISBN 0-517-00393-7. With Stefanie Walter and Nils Redeker.

- Honorable Mention, 2021 Best Book Award, APSA European Politics Section

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2024. 'Trust in Action: Cooperation, Information and Social Policy Preferences in Italy' (with Francesco Colombo). First View at *Political Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.12944>

WORKING PAPERS

2022. 'When Identity Trumps Class: Women, Workers and Statistical Representation in Legislative Politics'

- Winner of 2023 CQ Press Award, APSA Legislative Studies Section
- Winner of 2023 Best Paper Award, APSA Class and Inequality Section
- Honorable Mention, 2023 EGEN Award, Empirical Study of Gender Research Network

2023. 'Trade Unions and the Electoral Decline of the Swedish Left (1986-2018)' (with Jonas Pontusson, R+R)

2023. 'Electoral Formulas, Party Magnitude and Class Representation in List Systems'

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

'A Matter of Size: District Magnitude and the Numerical Representation of the Working Classes'

'Social Class Standing and Fiscal Policy Enactment among Italian Mayors' (with Pietro Panizza)

'Which Non-Natives do Parties Nominate for Office? Evidence from Switzerland' (with Anna-Lena Nadler)

OTHER

2020. 'Altered Risks or Static Divides? Labor Market Inequality during the Great Recession', Florence: [Max Weber Working Paper No. 2020/9](#). With Hanna Schwander.

2017. 'From Convergence to Crisis: Labor Markets and the Instability of the Euro by Alison Johnston' (Book Review), New York: [Europe Now No. 2017/3](#).

Project grants

PEER-REVIEWED PROJECT FUNDING

- 2023 Ambizione Grant for ‘Electoral Institutions and Class Inequality in Contemporary Italian Politics’, awarded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (\$ 680’000)
- 2020 COVID-19 Grant for ‘Trust, Information and Redistribution in Pandemic Italy’ (with Francesco Colombo), awarded by the European University Institute (\$ 3’100)
- 2019 Small Grant in Computational Social Science for ‘Do Informal Connections Matter for Political Candidacy and Success?’ (with William Marble), awarded by the Russell Sage Foundation (\$ 9’835)
- 2019 Schultz Graduate Student Seed Grant in Economic Policy for ‘Do Informal Connections Matter for Political Candidacy and Success?’ (with William Marble), awarded by the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (\$ 9’000)

INTERNAL FUNDING

- 2022 University of Geneva, Faculty of Social Sciences Seed Grant (\$ 9’500)
- 2018 IPZ-UZH data grant (\$ 2’700)
- 2017 Funds to establish the Zurich Graduate Workshop in Political Science at Castasegna, from by the Garbald Fund, the UZH Graduate Campus and the CIS Zurich (\$ 8’500)

Awards and fellowships

- 2023 Early-Career Fellowship, awarded by the Collegium Helveticum—The Joint Institute for Advanced Studies of ETH-Z, UZH and ZHdK (\$ 94’000).
- 2021 Residency Award for ‘Electoral Institutions and Class Representation in Contemporary Italy’, awarded by the Istituto Svizzero Roma (Ten months room/board at the Villa Maraini, Rome).
- 2018 Max Weber Fellowship (Cohort 20/21), awarded by the European University Institute (\$ 30’000 — *Declined*).
- 2018 Max Weber Fellowship (Cohort 19/20), awarded by the European University Institute (\$ 30’000).
- 2017 DocMobility grant for research stay at Stanford University, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (\$ 43’000).
- 2016 Scholarship for attending University of Mannheim and GESIS Summer School, funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (\$ 1’500).

Talks and conferences

* *Upcoming*

BY INVITATION

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| Promises and Pitfalls of Representative Democracy (Workshop), University of Mainz | 2023 |
| Practical Social Democracy (Workshop), University of Gothenburg | 2022 |
| GEPOP Seminar, University of Gothenburg | 2022 |
| How Representative Democracy (Mal-)Functions (Workshop), University of Bergen | 2021 |
| Swiss Institute in Rome | 2021 |
| Political Behavior Seminar, European University Institute | 2020 |

CONFERENCES

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| Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW) | 2017, 2021, 2023, 2024* |
| Council for European Studies (CES) | 2018, 2021, 2022, 2024* |
| European Political Science Association (EPSA) | 2021, 2023 |
| American Political Science Association (APSA) | 2017, 2022 |
| 3-Länder-Tagung der Politikwissenschaft (SVPW, DVPW & ÖGPV) | 2019 |
| Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) | 2017 |

Services to the profession

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| 2024 | Best Paper Committee, American Political Science Association, Legislative Studies Section. |
| 2022 | Best Book Committee, American Political Science Association, European Politics Section. |
| 2016-17 | Treasurer/Organizer, PoliTics Peer Group (PostDocs and PhD students), University of Zurich |

Teaching Experience

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| Fall 2022 | <i>Comparative Politics</i> , Senior Lecturer (Chargée de cours). Compulsory module for students of the MA programmes in Political Science, Public Policy and Socio-Economics at the University of Geneva. Mean evaluation: 3.6 (4= best, 1= worst). |
| Fall 2016 | <i>Politics of the Euro Crisis</i> , Co-instructor (w. Nils Redeker). Advanced BA seminar, University of Zurich. Mean evaluation: 5.8 (6= best, 1= worst). |

Technical skills

Languages: English and Swedish (Mother tongues), Swiss and High German (Full fluency), Danish (Full fluency), Bengali (Spoken fluency), French (Intermediate), Italian (Beginner)

Programming languages: R, STATA, L^AT_EX, html/css, Python, bash
Softwares/applications: Qualtrics, Github

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