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EDUCATION

University of Geneva
BA and MA in Political Science

Genveva, CH
Sept. 2012 – Sept. 2017

University of Zurich
Ph.D. candidate in Political Science

Zurich, CH
Oct. 2017 – March 2021

TEACHING

University Teaching
University of Zurich

Fall 2019 – Fall 2020
Bachelor Seminar

- Bachelor seminar entitled: "Political Campaigns in Elections and Direct Democracy."

French lessons
Centre de la Roseraie

Aug.-Nov.-2020
Civil Service

- French lessons to non-French speakers in La Roseraie (a welcome center for immigrants in Geneva) in the context of the Swiss Civil Service.

Animation in Human Rights
Amnesty International

2014 – 2017
Secondary I and II

- Animation on human rights with Amnesty International in secondary schools in the French part of Switzerland.

Tutoring
Geneva, CH

2011 – 2014
Primary, Secondary I and II

- Tutor of students in primary and secondary degrees.

PROJECTS

Research Assistant
University of Geneva

2016 – 2017
Geneva, CH

- Coder in the project on reparlimentarization under the direction of Pascal Sciarini, Roy Gava and Frédérique Varone.
- Research assistant in the project "Le non-recours aux prestations sociales à Genève" under the direction of Barbara Lucas.

Ph.D. Candidate
University of Zurich

2017 – 2021
Zurich, CH

- Ph.D. Candidate for the project "Der Effekt von Kampagnenereignissen auf direktdemokratische Entscheidungen: Evidenz von Prognosemärkten" under the direction of Oliver Strijbis.

Digital Democracy Lab
University of Zurich

2019 – Now
Zurich, CH

- Participatory member of the Digital-Democracy lab under the direction of Fabrizio Gilardi.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Topics: Public opinion, parties' strategies, political communication, issue ownership theory, spatial model of voting, decision making process, political campaigns, direct democracy, digital democracy, social media, swiss politics.
Data and Methods: Quantitative methods, causal inference, Bayesian statistics (IRT models), swiss political data (own survey, Voxit, VOTO, SELECTS, OFS, Schweizerlexicon, parliament API, etc.), web scraping, survey experiments, time-series cross sectional data, dynamic modelling, meta-analyses, machine learning, text data, etc.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Excellent French and English, basic German knowledge and ability to work with different languages depending on the contexts (e.g. working with data and surveys in Italian and Portuguese).
Software: Microsoft office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), Stata, Rstudio, Adobe InDesign.
Programming language: Excellent knowledge in R, good knowldge Python, Stan, javascript, html and css, basic knowledge in php, SQL and interest in all programming languages