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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative politics: representation, political participation, direct democracy Data science: measurement (IRT & MrP), modeling, machine learning, survey methods	
CURRENT	University of Zürich Associate Professor in Comparative Politics since 2022 Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics 2018 – 2022	
PAST ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT	University of Essex, UK Reader in Political Science (Associate Professor) 2017 University College London, UK Lecturer in Quantitative Political Science (Assistant Professor) 2014–2016	
EDUCATION	Columbia University , New York City, NY, USA MA, MPhil, PhD Political Science (Comparative Politics & Methodology) 2014 Washington University , St Louis, Missouri USA Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow (Center for Applied Statistics, J.Gill) 2009 University of Bern , Switzerland lic.rer.soc. in Political Science (minor: Economics) 2003–2008 Also: EITM, Summer schools (ICPSR, Essex), exchange at UNC Chapel Hill.	
PUBLICATIONS (peer-reviewed)	2025. “Vox Populi – Popular Support for the Popular Initiative” <i>American Political Science Review</i> , with Patrick Emmenegger and André Walter. 2025. “Municipality-Level Outcomes of Direct-Democratic Votes in Switzerland, 1866–2023” <i>Swiss Political Science Review</i> , with Patrick Emmenegger, Andreina Thomas, and André Walter. 2024. “Learning From Polls during Electoral Campaigns” <i>Political Behavior</i> 46(1): 543–564, with Lukas Stötzer and Richard Trauttmüller. 2023. “Democracy challenged: how parties politicize different democratic principles” <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i> , with Sarah Engler, Theresa Gessler, and Tarik Abou-Chadi. 2022. “Satisfaction with Democracy: When Government by the People brings Electoral Losers and Winners Together” <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 55(1): 93–121, with Isabelle Stadelmann-Steffen. → ECPR Standing Group on Democratic Innovations Best Paper Prize 2020 2021. “Improving Multilevel Regression with Post-Stratification Through Machine Learning (autoMrP)” <i>Journal of Politics</i> 84(1): 597–601, with Philipp Broniecki and Reto Wüest. 2021. “Prepaid Postage – Does the Use of Pre-Stamped Envelopes Increase Turnout?” <i>Electoral Studies</i> 74: 1–4. (with Jenny Yin and Thomas Willi) 2021. “Democracy in Times of the Pandemic: Explaining the Variation of COVID-19 Policies Across European Democracies” <i>West European Politics</i> 44(5-6): 1077–1102 with S. Engler, P. Brunner, R. Loviat, T. Abou-Chadi, A. Glaser, and D. Kübler. 2021. “Eliciting Beliefs as Distributions in Online Surveys” <i>Political Analysis</i> 29(4): 541–553, with Lukas F. Stoetzer and Richard Trauttmüller. 2021. “Do Natural Disasters Help the Environment? How Voters Respond and What That Means” <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> 9(3): 468–484, with Leonardo Baccini. → PSRM Best Article Prize	

2021. “Building Research Infrastructures to Study Digital Technology and Politics: Lessons from Switzerland” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 55(2): 354–359. with Fabrizio Gilardi, Lucien Baumgartner, Clau Dermont, Karsten Donnay, Theresa Gessler, Maël Kubli, and Stefan Müller
2020. “Coalition Size, Direct Democracy, and Public Spending” *Journal of Public Policy* — forthcoming, with Patrick Emmenegger and André Walter.
2020. “No Direct Taxation Without New Elite Representation. Industrialization and the Domestic Politics of Taxation” *European Journal of Political Research* 60(3): 648–669, with Patrick Emmenegger and André Walter.
2017. “Extending the Use and Prediction Precision of Subnational Public Opinion Estimation” *American Journal of Political Science* 61(4): 1003 – 1022, with Fabio Wasserfallen.
2016. “The Democratic Effect of Direct Democracy” *American Political Science Review* 110(3): 750–762, with Fabio Wasserfallen.
2015. “Political Conflict and Direct Democracy – Explaining Initiative Use 1920-2011” *Swiss Political Science Review* 21(4): 596-616.
2014. “Strategy and Sample Selection – A Strategic Selection Estimator” *Political Analysis* 22: 374–397.
→Winner of the 2012 Giancarlo Doria Paper Prize at Columbia University.
2014. “A Systematic Approach to Study Electoral Fraud” *Electoral Studies* 35: 33–47, with Daniel Bochsler.
2014. “The Adoption of Proportional Representation” *Journal of Politics* 76(2): 461–478, with Isabela Mares.
→Winner of APSA’s the 2015 Lawrence Longley Award for the best article on representation and electoral systems published in 2014 from the APSA Representation and Electoral Systems section.
2010. “Comparing Candidates and Citizens in Ideological Space” *Swiss Political Science Review* 16(3): 499–531, with Philipp Leimgruber and Dominik Hangartner.

PUBLICATIONS
(not reviewed)

2024. “Direct Democracy” chapter in *The Oxford Handbook of Swiss Politics*, Patrick Emmenegger et al. (eds.), with Isabelle Stadelmann-Steffen.
2023. “Die Grünen und die direkte Demokratie” chapter in *Grüne in der Schweiz*, Werner Seitz und Sarah Büttikofer (eds.), with Angela Odermatt.
2022. “Démocratie directe et congruence” chapitre dans *Démocraties Directes*, Raul Magni-Berton and Laurence Morel (eds.).
2022. “Direkte Demokratie” chapter for the handbook *Schweizer Politik* (with Isabelle Stadelmann-Steffen).
2020. “Measuring Attitudes – Multilevel Modeling with Post-Stratification (MrP)” in *Sage Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations*. Luigi Curini and Robert J. Franzese Jr. (eds.), together with Fabio Wasserfallen.
2011. “Weighted Least Squares” in *IPSA Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Dirk Berg-Schlosser, Bertrand Badie, and Leonardo Morlino (eds.), Sage, together with Jeff Gill.

PUBLICATIONS
(not Political
Science)

2024. “Concepts for the Development of Person-Centered, Digitally Enabled, Artificial Intelligence-Assisted ARIA Care Pathways (ARIA 2024)” *The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology: In Practice* 12(10), p. 2648-2668, with Jean Bousquet et al.
2024. “Impact of Uncontrolled Symptoms on the Health-Related Quality of Life (EQ-5D-5L) of Patients With Allergic Rhinitis: A MASK-air Study” *Clinical & Experimental Allergy* with Rafael José Vieira et al.
2024. “Poor Rhinitis and Asthma Control Is Associated With Decreased Health-Related Quality of Life and Utilities: A MASK-air Study” *The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology: In Practice* with Rafael José Vieira et al.
2024. “From MASK-air® and SILAM to CATALYSE (Climate Action to Advance HealthY Societies in Europe)” *Journal of Investigational Allergology & Clinical Immunology* with Bernardo Sousa-Pinto et al.

2020. “An exploratory study of dose escalation versus standard focal High Intensity Focused Ultrasound for treating non-metastatic prostate cancer” *Journal of Endourology* 34(6): 641–646 with Philipp M. Huber et al.

2020. “Focal HIFU therapy for anterior compared to posterior prostate cancer lesions” [*World Journal of Urology*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00345-020-03297-7>, with Philipp M. Huber et al.

2019. “Prostate Specific Antigen Criteria to Diagnose Failure of Cancer Control Following Focal Therapy of Nonmetastatic Prostate Cancer Using High Intensity Focused Ultrasound” *Journal of Urology* 203: 734 – 742, with Philipp M. Huber et al.

CONFERENCES

CES (2012), EPOP (2015), EPSA (2011-2025), MPSA (2009, 2010, 2013, 2014), SPSA (2009, 2010, 2012-2014, 2016-2024), DVP (2009), APSA (2008, (2012), 2014, 2016, 2019), ECPR (2008, 2019, 2020)

TALKS

Parties and Direct Democracy, Evolution of Democratic Ideas Workshop at the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB) (06-2025), Machine Learning Ensembles for MrP, Department of Methodology, London School of Economics and Political Science (03-2025), Origins of Direct Democracy, New York University Abu Dhabi (12-2023), Origins of Direct Democracy, European University Institute (10-2023), Measuring Public Opinion with Machine Learning, École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (01-2021), Talk Economics Department, University of Basel (11-2020, Zoom), MrP Conference, Columbia University (04-2020, Zoom), Political Science Research Seminar, Trinity College Dublin (03-2019), Comparative Political Economy Research Seminar, University of Konstanz (01-2019), Department of Political Science, University of Oslo (11-2018), Political Science Department, University of Lucerne (11-2018), LIEPP methods seminar, Sciences Po, Paris (10-2018), SGIA, Durham University, UK (05-2018), IPW, University of Berne (04-2018), IPERG, University of Barcelona (04-2018), Institut für Staatswissenschaften, University of Vienna (01 - 2018), Humboldt Universität Berlin (11-2017), Goethe Universität Frankfurt (12-2016), Bocconi University, Dondena Seminar (04-2016), Webster University, Vienna (02-2016), Essex University (04-2015), Nuffield College, University of Oxford (02-2015), EITM Europe, Mannheim (06-2014), Lund, brown bag (10-2012); Princeton, workshop (05-2012); Princeton, brown bag (11-2011); Juan March Institute, workshop (10-2011).

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Instructor

- Political Participation (2022). For BA students at *University of Zürich*.
- Survey Research (2018, 2019, 2020). For MA students at *University of Zürich*.
- Quantitative Applications for Data Journalists (Fall 2013/2014/2015/2016/2017/2018/2019/2020). For MA students at *University of Zürich*.
- Hierarchical Modeling (2017). *Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*. Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan.
- Machine Learning (2016/2017). *Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*.
- Principles of Social Science Research (Fall 2015). For UG students at *University College London*.
- Introduction to Statistics (2015). *Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*.
- Measuring Public Opinion (2017). For UG students in the University of Essex.
- Introduction to Data Analysis (Spring 2015). For UG students at *University College London*.
- Introduction to Quantitative Methods (Fall 2014, 2015, 2016). For MA/MSc students at *University College London*.
- Applied Data Analysis and Presentation (IRT, MrP) (Fall 2013/2014/2015/2016/2017/2018). For MA students at *University of Zürich, Switzerland*.

PHD SUPERVISION	- University of Zürich: - Ivo Bantel, now data analyst at POLITICO Europe - Iva Srbinovska, ongoing - Jonas Ineichen, ongoing - Tabea Palmtag (2nd supervisor), now researcher Statistical Office Canton of Zürich - Verena Reidinger (2nd supervisor), post-doc at the University of Zürich - Sandro Lüscher (2nd supervisor), post-doc Center for Democracy Aarau - Robin Gut (second supervisor), ongoing - University College London: - Sofia Collignon, now Senior Lecturer at Queen Mary University of London - Philipp Schroeder, post-doc at the University of Munich.
RESEARCH GRANTS	EU HORIZON Proejct CATALYSE, 2022–2027 local: CHF 385,000 “Climate Action To Advance HeaLthY Societies in Europe” global: EUR 8.4 mio DIZH Labs/Infrastructures, 2021–2023 CHF 69,820 “DigiVox: A Survey Panel for Questions on Digitalization” (co-PI with Eszter Hargittai, Abraham Bernstein, and Karsten Donnay) UZH Infrastructure Fund, 2021–2023 CHF 100,000 “DigiVox: A Survey Panel for Questions on Digitalization” (co-PI with Eszter Hargittai, Abraham Bernstein, and Karsten Donnay) Swiss National Science Foundation, 2019-2023 CHF 375,593 “Democratic Consolidation in Switzerland, 1848-1918: Suffrage Restrictions, Redistricting, and Direct Democracy (with Patrick Emmenegger and André Walter) Swiss National Science Foundation, ‘Digital Lives’ Call, 2014 CHF 237,000 “Digital Democracy Lab” (with Fabrizio Gilardi (PI) and Anita Gohdes) Research Fund (GFF) University of St. Gallen, 2014 CHF 100,000 “The Adoption of Personal Income Taxation in Swiss Cantons” (with P. Emmenegger) Swiss National Science Foundation, 2011 CHF 37,500 “Policy Preferences and Policies in Swiss Cantons. Institutional Performance and Representative Ideal” (with Fabio Wasserfallen and Fabrizio Gilardi) Applied Statistics Center, Columbia University, 2010 USD 4,000 - Summer research grant: Selection & Structural Estimators University Research Foundation, Bern 2008 CHF 5,000 - Project: Strategic Moments of Direct Democratic Institutions
PERSONAL GRANTS & PRIZES	Best Paper Award in PSRM, EPSA 2022 ECPR Best Paper Prize Democratic Innovations Group 2020 Paul Lazarsfeld Guest Professor, University of Vienna 2018 Lawrence Longley Award for the best article on representation and electoral systems 2015 Swiss National Science Foundation 2013/2014 Katerina Alevizaki Dracopoulos Summer Fellowship Fund, Columbia University 2012 Giancarlo Doria Paper Prize, Columbia University 2012 Manuela Geiger, Gertrud Rüegg, Max Husmann, Karl Popper, Kurt Fontheim 2006/2007
SERVICE	- Lead Editor for the <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> (01/2022 –). - Editor for the <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> (07/2020 – 12/2021). - Associate Editor for the <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> (08/2017 – 06/2020).

- Journal reviewer:

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Politics Research, Applied Economic Letters, Austrian Journal of Statistics, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Contemporary Italian Politics, Democratization, Electoral Studies, Environmental Politics, European Journal of Political Research, European Societies, European Union Politics, Democratization, Government and Opposition, Int.J. of Public Opinion Research, International Political Science Review, International Studies Quarterly, J. of Elections, Public Op. & Parties, Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Policy, Local Government Studies, Nature Communications, Parliamentary Affairs, Party Politics, PLOS One, Policy & Politics, Political Analysis, Political Geography Political Science Research & Methods, Political Studies, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Representation, Research & Politics, Sociological Methods & Research, Statistics, Politics, and Policy, Swiss Political Science Review

- Project reviewer:

*DFG German Research Foundation
OeAW Austrian Academy of Sciences*

SNF Swiss National Science Fd.

- Book manuscripts reviewer: *Oxford University Press, Sage Publishers.*
- Section chair for *Representation & Electoral Systems* for **MPSA 2021**
- Responsible for the **Comparative Politics** section of the Swiss Political Science Association
- Varia: Oponent (external examiner) PhD defense Lund University May 2017.
External examiner, DPhil defense Oxford University October 2020.
External examiner, DPhil defense Royal Holloway U of London January 2022.
Section chair for *Representation & Electoral Systems* for the 2021 MPSA conference

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