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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Legislative behavior, political representation, quantitative methods, and formal modeling.

EDUCATION

University of Geneva, Switzerland

PhD in Political Science, 08/2016

Dissertation title: "Roll Call Votes in Democratic Legislatures: The Reasons for Their Use and Their Effects on Legislative Behavior"

Advisor: Simon Hug

Committee: Simon Hug, Scott Desposato, Nolan McCarty, and Jonas Pontusson

New York University, Department of Politics, USA

Visiting Scholar, 9/2014-8/2015

Sponsor: David Stasavage

Princeton University, Department of Politics, USA

Visiting Student Research Collaborator (VSRC), 9/2013-8/2014

Sponsor: Nolan McCarty

University of Bern, Switzerland

Lic.rer.soc. in Political Science (major) and Economics (minor), 10/2009

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Geneva, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Switzerland

Postdoctoral Researcher, since 09/2016

Research and Teaching Assistant, 9/2015-08/2016

Research Assistant, 8/2010-8/2013

University of Bern, Center of Competence for Public Management, Switzerland

Research and Teaching Assistant, 1/2010-7/2010

University of Bern, Institute of Political Science, Switzerland

Research Assistant, 11/2009-12/2009

Undergraduate Research and Teaching Assistant, 8/2007-10/2009

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan, USA

Advanced Game Theory, 7/2012-8/2012

Matrix Algebra, 7/2012-8/2012

Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Generalized Linear Models, 6/2011-7/2011

Introduction to Game Theory, 6/2011-7/2011

Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment, 6/2011-7/2011

CUSO Doctoral School in Political Science, Switzerland

Rational Choice Theory, 2/2012

Basic and Advanced Statistics, 2/2011

Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex, UK

Empirical Models of Context Conditionality, (Inter)Dependence and Endogeneity, 8/2009

Pooled Time Series Cross-Sectional Analysis, 8/2008

University of Zurich, Switzerland

Swiss mobility program, Spring 2007

Lund University, Sweden

Visiting student (Erasmus exchange program), Fall 2006

PEER-REVIEWED
ARTICLES

Lloren, Anouk and Reto Wüest. 2016. "Are Opinion Leaders Better Represented?" *West European Politics* 39(4):800-834.

Hug, Simon, Simone Wegmann and Reto Wüest. 2015. "Parliamentary Voting Procedures in Comparison." *West European Politics* 38(5):940-968.

Lloren, Anouk, Jan Rosset and Reto Wüest. 2015. "Descriptive and Substantive Representation of Poor Citizens in Switzerland." *Swiss Political Science Review* 21(2):254-260.

ARTICLES UNDER
REVIEW

"Technocracy or Democracy? European Citizens' Perceptions of Expert Rule"
(with Tina Freyburg, Ivo Krizic, and Sandra Lavenex)

WORKING PAPERS

"Do Citizens Prefer Affluent Representatives? Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Switzerland"
(with Jonas Pontusson)

"Improving Multilevel Regression with Post-Stratification Through Optimal Model Selection"
(with Philipp Broniecki and Lucas Leemann)

"Legislator Income and Voting Behavior"
(with Jan Rosset)

"Party Pressure in Roll Call Votes"
(with Simon Hug)

"Who Represents the Poor? Evidence from Swiss Direct Democracy"
(with Anouk Lloren)

"Ideological Positions of Party Switchers"
(with Simon Hug)

BOOK PROJECT

"Media Driven Accountability: The Role of Mass Media for the Monitoring of Governance"
(with Michael Amsler, Chris Ewert, Jofre Rocabert, Michael Strebel, and Bruno Wüest)

MEDIA

Hug, Simon, Simone Wegmann and Reto Wüest. 2012. "Der Ständerat wird zum europäischen Normalfall", *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* No. 183.

Hug, Simon, Simone Wegmann and Reto Wüest. 2012. "Pourquoi le Conseil des Etats persiste-t-il à voter à main levée?" *Le Temps* 08 juin.

Hug, Simon and Reto Wüest. 2011. "Achsen des Unsinn", *Die Weltwoche* No. 45.11.

Hug, Simon and Reto Wüest. 2011. “Von Torten, Parlamentarier-Ratings, und anderen Ungeniessbarkeiten: Eine Nachlese zu den Wahlen 2011”, *PoliSciZurich: A blog by political Scientists in Zurich*.

CONFERENCE
PARTICIPATION

APSA (2016, 2017, 2018)
MPSA (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)
EPSA (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
SPSA (2013, 2017, 2018)
ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments (2012, 2014, 2017)
NCCR Democracy Internal Conference (2016, 2017)
International Conference of Europeanists (2014)
ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops (2011)

INVITED
PRESENTATIONS

University of Geneva, Unequal Democracies Seminar (2018)
University of Zurich, Department of Political Science (2017)
Princeton University, CSDP (2015)
University of Geneva, UNIGE-Princeton University Workshop (2014)
ETH Zurich, CIS (2011, 2012, 2013)

RESEARCH GRANTS Swiss National Science Foundation, Project “Why are poor citizens underrepresented in parliament?” (with Jonas Pontusson), CHF 282,500 (2016)

PERSONAL GRANTS Swiss National Science Foundation, Doc.Mobility Funding of Conference Costs, CHF 1,000 (2015)
Swiss National Science Foundation, Doc.Mobility fellowship, USD 46,300 (2014)
Fondation Ernst et Lucie Schmidheiny, Mobility fellowship, CHF 30,000 (2013)
Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, Conference Travel Grant, CHF 1,200 (2013)
Swiss National Science Foundation, Summer School Travel Grant, CHF 4,400 (2012)

AWARDS Prix Universal for the best PhD thesis in the Geneva School of Social Sciences in 2016, CHF 2,000

TEACHING

Pompeu Fabra University, RECSM Summer School in Survey Methodology, Spain
“Machine Learning for Social Sciences,” 2018
University of Geneva, Global Studies Institute, Switzerland
“International Cooperation and Conflict,” BA class, Spring 2016
University of Bern, Center of Competence for Public Management, Switzerland
“Empirical Research Methods” (with Fritz Sager and Eva Thomann), MA class, Spring 2012
“Empirical Research Methods” (with Fritz Sager and Eva Thomann), MA class, Spring 2011
“Empirical Research Methods” (with Fritz Sager and Christine Zollinger), MA class, Spring 2010
“Introduction to Statistics with Stata,” Executive MPA, 1/2010

TEACHING
ASSISTANT

University of Bern, Institute of Political Science, Switzerland
“Empirical Research Methods,” BA class, Spring 2009
“Introduction to Political Science,” BA class, Fall 2008

WORK EXPERIENCE **Federal Statistical Office**, Education System and Science, Neuchâtel, Switzerland
Internship, 3/2008-8/2008

COMPUTER SKILLS **Data Analysis**
R, Stan, JAGS, Python, Stata, EViews, and MATLAB

Web Development
HTML, CSS, PHP, and Markdown

LANGUAGES English (fluent), German (native), French (basics)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE **Reviewer**
American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Political Science Research and Methods, West European Politics, European Policy Analysis, Studies in Communication Sciences

REFERENCES Available upon request

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