

# Reto Wüest

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Quantitative methods, comparative politics, political representation, legislative politics, stakeholder consultations, and game theory	
ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT	<b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b> University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics	Since 09/2019
	<b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b> University of Geneva, Department of Political Science and International Relations	09/2016 – 08/2019
	<b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b> ETH Zurich, Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences	09/2018 – 01/2019
	<b>Research and Teaching Assistant</b> University of Geneva, Department of Political Science and International Relations (09/2013 – 08/2015 on leave at NYU and Princeton University)	08/2010 – 08/2016
	<b>Visiting Scholar</b> New York University, Department of Politics	09/2014 – 08/2015
	<b>Visiting Scholar</b> Princeton University, Department of Politics	09/2013 – 08/2014
	<b>Research and Teaching Assistant</b> University of Bern, Center of Competence for Public Management	01/2010 – 07/2010
	<b>Research and Teaching Assistant</b> University of Bern, Institute of Political Science	08/2007 – 12/2009
OTHER EMPLOYMENT	<b>Intern</b> Swiss Federal Statistical Office, Education System and Science	03/2008 – 08/2008
EDUCATION	<b>PhD in Political Science</b> University of Geneva <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dissertation title: “Roll Call Votes in Democratic Legislatures: The Reasons for Their Use and Their Effects on Legislative Behavior”</li><li>• Committee: Simon Hug (Supervisor, University of Geneva), Scott Desposato (University of California, San Diego), Nolan McCarty (Princeton University), and Jonas Pontusson (University of Geneva)</li></ul>	08/2016

	<b>Lic.rer.soc. in Political Science (major) and Economics (minor)</b> University of Bern	10/2009
	<b>Visiting Student</b> Lund University	08/2006 – 12/2006
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	<b>E-Learning Course for PhD Supervisors</b> University of Bergen	2021
	<b>ICPSR Summer Program</b> University of Michigan	2011, 2012
	<b>CUSO Doctoral Program in Political Science</b> Switzerland	2011, 2012
	<b>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis</b> University of Essex	2008, 2009
PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Broniecki, Philipp, Lucas Leemann and Reto Wüest. 2022. “Improved Multilevel Regression with Poststratification through Machine Learning (autoMrP).” <i>Journal of Politics</i> 84(1):597–601.</li> <li>4. Wüest, Reto and Jonas Pontusson. 2022. “Voter Preferences as a Source of Descriptive (Mis)Representation by Social Class.” <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> 61(2):398–419.</li> <li>3. Lloren, Anouk and Reto Wüest. 2016. “Are Opinion Leaders Better Represented?” <i>West European Politics</i> 39(4):800–834.</li> <li>2. Hug, Simon, Simone Wegmann and Reto Wüest. 2015. “Parliamentary Voting Procedures in Comparison.” <i>West European Politics</i> 38(5):940–968.</li> <li>1. Lloren, Anouk, Jan Rosset and Reto Wüest. 2015. “Descriptive and Substantive Representation of Poor Citizens in Switzerland.” <i>Swiss Political Science Review</i> 21(2):254–260.</li> </ol>	
BOOK CHAPTERS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Broniecki, Philipp, Lucas Leemann, and Reto Wüest. Forthcoming. Regularized Regression. In <i>Multilevel Regression and Poststratification: A Practical Guide and New Developments</i>, ed. Lauren Kennedy, Rohan Alexander, and Andrew Gelman. Book under contract with Cambridge University Press.</li> </ol>	
SOFTWARE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wüest, Reto, Lucas Leemann, and Philipp Broniecki. 2023. <i>autoMrP: Improving MrP with Ensemble Learning</i>. R package version 1.0.3. <a href="https://cran.r-project.org/package=autoMrP">https://cran.r-project.org/package=autoMrP</a>.</li> </ol>	
ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. “Shared Class, Shared Opinion? Policy Preference Congruence Between Citizens and Legislators” Co-authored w/ Luzia Helfer and Frédéric Varone Status: under review</li> <li>1. “Mapping the Policy Space of Public Stakeholder Consultations: Evidence from the European Union” Co-authored w/ Adriana Bunea Status: revise &amp; resubmit</li> </ol>	

WORKING  
PAPERS

10. “Do Parties Dislike Working-Class Candidates?”
9. “The Representation of Social Classes in European Parliaments”  
Co-authored w/ Jonas Pontusson
8. “Voter Preferences for Candidates with Different Social Backgrounds and Programmatic Commitments”  
Co-authored w/ Jonas Pontusson
7. “Are Poor People Less Likely to Run for Political Office?”  
Co-authored w/ Pirmin Bundi
6. “Delivering the Promised Democratic Goods: When and How Do EU Stakeholder Consultations Help the European Commission Build a Representative Mandate?”  
Co-authored w/ Adriana Bunea
5. “Technocracy or Democracy? European Citizens’ Perceptions of Expert Rule”  
Co-authored w/ Tina Freyburg, Ivo Krizic, and Sandra Lavenex
4. “Legislator Income, Policy Attitudes, and Voting Behavior”  
Co-authored w/ Jan Rosset
3. “Party Pressure in Roll Call Votes”  
Co-authored w/ Simon Hug
2. “Who Represents the Poor? Evidence from Swiss Direct Democracy”  
Co-authored w/ Anouk Lloren
1. “Ideological Positions of Party Switchers”  
Co-authored w/ Simon Hug

MEDIA

5. Broniecki, Philipp, Lucas Leemann, and Reto Wüest. 2022. “Machine Learning for Small-Area Survey Measures.” JOP Blogpost.
4. Hug, Simon, Simone Wegmann and Reto Wüest. 2012. “Der Ständerat wird zum europäischen Normalfall.” *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* No. 183.
3. 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.
2. Hug, Simon and Reto Wüest. 2011. “Achsen des Unsinnns.” *Die Weltwoche* No. 45.11.
1. Hug, Simon and Reto Wüest. 2011. “Von Torten, Parlamentarier-Ratings, und anderen Unge- niessbarkeiten: Eine Nachlese zu den Wahlen 2011.” PoliSciZurich: A Blog by Political Scientists in Zurich.

PROJECT  
GRANTS

- “Why Are Poor Citizens Underrepresented in Parliament?”** 2016 – 2019  
Joint project with Jonas Pontusson, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (CHF 282,500)

FELLOWSHIPS AND PERSONAL GRANTS	<b>Small Research Grant</b>	2021
	Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen (NOK 100,000)	
	<b>Conference Travel Grant</b>	2015
	Swiss National Science Foundation (CHF 1,000)	
	<b>Fellowship for Research Stay at New York University</b>	2014 – 2015
	Swiss National Science Foundation (USD 46,300)	
AWARDS	<b>Fellowship for Research Stay at Princeton University</b>	2013 – 2014
	Fondation Ernst et Lucie Schmidheiny (CHF 30,000)	
	<b>Conference Travel Grant</b>	2013
	Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHF 1,200)	
	<b>Summer School Travel Grant</b>	2012
	Swiss National Science Foundation (CHF 4,400)	
TEACHING	<b>Award for “Top 6” Journal Publication</b>	2021
	Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen (NOK 19,167)	
	<b>Award for the Annual Best PhD Thesis</b>	2016
	Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Geneva (CHF 2,000)	
	<b>University of Essex</b> , Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis	
	“Advanced Machine Learning for Social Scientists”	2021, 2022
	<b>University of Bergen</b> , Department of Comparative Politics	
	“Advanced Quantitative Analysis” (w/ Tor Midtbø and Idunn Nørbech), MA course	2021, 2022
	“Multivariate Data Analysis” (w/ Tor Midtbø), MA course	2020, 2021
	<b>University of Geneva</b> , CUSO Doctoral Program in Political Science	
	“Multilevel/Hierarchical Models” (w/ Simon Hug), PhD short course	2019
	<b>Pompeu Fabra University</b> , Barcelona Summer School in Survey Methodology	
	“Machine Learning for Social Sciences”	2018, 2019
	<b>ETH Zurich</b> , Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences	
	“Methods II: Quantitative Methods” (w/ Dominik Hangartner), MA course	2018
	<b>University of Geneva</b> , Department of Political Science and International Relations	
	“Introduction to Machine Learning,” short course for PhD students and faculty	2018
	<b>University of Geneva</b> , Global Studies Institute	
	“International Cooperation and Conflict,” BA course	2016

	<b>University of Bern, Center of Competence for Public Management</b>	
	“Empirical Research Methods” (w/ Fritz Sager and Eva Thomann), MA course	2011, 2012
	“Empirical Research Methods” (w/ Fritz Sager and Christine Zollinger), MA course	2010
	“Introduction to Statistics with Stata,” Executive MPA short course	2010
TEACHING ASSISTANT	<b>University of Bern, Institute of Political Science</b>	
	“Empirical Research Methods,” BA course	2009
	“Introduction to Political Science,” BA course	2008
SUPERVISION	<b>University of Bergen, Department of Comparative Politics</b>	
	PhD candidates: 1	Since 03/2020
	MA students: 1	05/2021 – 06/2022
	BA students: 16	2019 – 2023
	Research assistants: 2	2019 – 2023
	<b>University of Geneva, Department of Political Science and International Relations</b>	
	Research assistants: 3	2016 – 2019
CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION	<b>APSA</b>	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 ( <i>cancelled</i> )
	<b>ECPR General Conference</b>	2022
	<b>ECPR Joint Sessions</b>	2011
	<b>ECPR SG on Parliaments</b>	2012, 2014, 2017
	<b>EPSA</b>	2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022
	<b>EGAP</b>	2019
	<b>International Conference of Europeanists</b>	2014
	<b>MPSA</b>	2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
	<b>NCCR Democracy Conference</b>	2016, 2017
	<b>NPSA</b>	2022
	<b>SPSA</b>	2013, 2017, 2018, 2019
INVITED PRESENTATIONS	<b>Bank of England, Research Seminar Series</b>	2022
	<b>University of Bergen, CHAD Research Group Seminar</b>	2020
	<b>University of Geneva, Unequal Democracies Seminar</b>	2018, 2019
	<b>University of Basel, Digital Lives Workshop</b>	2019
	<b>University of Geneva, Workshop on Inequality and Individual Policy Preferences</b>	2018
	<b>University of Zurich, Workshop on Comparative Political Economy and Conjoint Analysis</b>	2017
	<b>Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP)</b>	2015
	<b>University of Geneva, UNIGE-Princeton University Workshop</b>	2014
	<b>ETH Zurich, Center for Comparative and International Studies (CIS)</b>	2011, 2012, 2013
COMPUTER SKILLS	<b>Data Science</b>	
	R, Python, Stan, JAGS, Git, Stata, EViews, MATLAB	

**Web Development**

HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Markdown

**Survey Development**

Qualtrics, LimeSurvey

**LANGUAGES**

English (C2)

German (native)

French (B2)

Norwegian (A2)

**PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE****Reviews**

*American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Policy Analysis, Journal of Legislative Studies, Political Science Research and Methods, Studies in Communication Sciences, Swiss Political Science Review, West European Politics*

**University of Bergen**

Academic responsible and organizer of short course “Advanced Quantitative Text Analysis” 2022

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request

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