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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative politics, political representation, political behavior, legislative politics, 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"

Supervisor: 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

ETH Zurich, Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences, Switzerland

Postdoctoral Researcher, 09/2018-1/2019

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

"Descriptive Misrepresentation by Social Class: Do Voter Preferences Matter?"
(with Jonas Pontusson)
"Improving Multilevel Regression with Post-Stratification Through Optimal Model Selection"
(with Philipp Broniecki and Lucas Leemann)

WORKING PAPERS

"The Representation of Social Classes in European Parliaments"
(with Jonas Pontusson)
"Do Parties Dislike Working-Class Candidates?"
(with Jonas Pontusson)
"Technocracy or Democracy? European Citizens' Perceptions of Expert Rule"
(with Tina Freyburg, Ivo Krizic, and Sandra Lavenex)
"Are Poor People Less Likely to Run for Political Office?"
(with Pirmin Bundi)
"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)
WORK IN PROGRESS	“Alike think Alike? The Effect of Shared Class Background on Policy Preference Congruence Between Citizens and Legislators” (with Luzia Helfer and Frédéric Varone)
MEDIA	Hug, Simon, Simone Wegmann and Reto Wüest. 2012. “Der Ständerat wird zum europäischen Normalfall”, <i>Neue Zürcher Zeitung</i> No. 183. Hug, Simon, Simone Wegmann and Reto Wüest. 2012. “Pourquoi le Conseil des Etats persiste-t-il à voter à main levée?” <i>Le Temps</i> 08 juin. Hug, Simon and Reto Wüest. 2011. “Achsen des Unsinn”, <i>Die Weltwoche</i> No. 45.11. Hug, Simon and Reto Wüest. 2011. “Von Torten, Parlamentarier-Ratings, und anderen Ungeniessbarkeiten: Eine Nachlese zu den Wahlen 2011”, <i>PoliSciZurich: A blog by political Scientists in Zurich</i> .
CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION	APSA (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 <i>scheduled</i>) MPSA (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015) EPSA (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 <i>scheduled</i>) SPSA (2013, 2017, 2018, 2019) 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 Basel , Digital Lives Workshop (2019) University of Geneva , Workshop on Inequality and Individual Policy Preferences (2018) University of Geneva , Unequal Democracies Seminar (2018) University of Zurich , Workshop on Comparative Political Economy and Conjoint Analysis (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 **ETH Zurich**, Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences, Switzerland
 “Methods II: Quantitative Methods Tutorial,” MA class, Fall 2018

Pompeu Fabra University, RECSM Summer School in Survey Methodology, Spain
 “Machine Learning for Social Sciences,” 2018

University of Geneva, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Switzerland
 “Introduction to Machine Learning,” Short course for PhD students and faculty members, 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

Survey Development
 Qualtrics, LimeSurvey

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

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

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