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Curriculum Vitae

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Born 13 May 1986, German Citizen, married, one daughter(*2014)

Academic Employment

- 03/2018– **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Department of Political Science, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.*
- 11/2012– **Research Assistant**, *Chair of Comparative Political Economy and Public Policy (Prof. Patrick Emmenegger), Department of Political Science, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.*
- 02/2018
- 07/2011– **Teaching Assistant**, *Chair of Gender Studies and Islamic Studies (Prof. Bettina Dennerlein), University of Zurich, Switzerland.*
- 06/2012
- 04/2009– **Teaching Assistant**, *Chair of Macrosociology (Prof. Stephan Lessenich), Institute of Sociology, University of Jena, Germany.*
- 03/2010

Education

- 02/2018 **PhD, Political Science**, *University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, Final Grade: 5.7 (very good, Swiss Grading System).*
- 09/2012 **MA, Sociology, Social/Cultural Anthropology, and Gender Studies**, *University of Zurich, Switzerland, Final Grade: 5.9 (excellent, Swiss Grading System).*
- 08/2010 **BA, Sociology and Political Science**, *University of Jena, Germany, Final Grade: 2.0 (good, German Grading System).*

Visiting Fellowships

- 09/2019– **Visiting Scholar**, *Department of Politics & Public Administration, University of Konstanz, Germany.*
- 02/2020
- 10/2018– **Visiting Scholar**, *Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy, University of Bremen, Germany.*
- 03/2019

Research Interests

- Comparative Politics | Electoral Systems | Party Formation | Democratization | State Formation
- Political Economy | Institutions and Redistribution | Origins of Welfare States | Comparative Taxation
- Statistics | Macro-Comparative Methods (Panel Data, Event History Analysis) | Spatial Econometrics & Networks | Quantitative Text Analysis & Machine Learning

Research Grants

- 2019 **Project Grant**, Democratic Consolidation in Switzerland, 1848-1918. Suffrage Restrictions, Redistricting, and Direct Democracy, Swiss National Science Foundation (€330'000/CHF 380'000) [with Patrick Emmenegger and Lucas Leemann].
- 2017 **International Postdoctoral Fellowship**, University of St. Gallen (€165'000/CHF 190'000).
- 2016 **GIS and Spatial Econometrics Summer School St. Gallen**, Swiss National Science Foundation (€19'000/CHF 21'600) [with Patrick Emmenegger, Roland Hodler, Daniele Caramani, and Dominic Rohner].

Personal Grants

- 2018 **Scientific Exchange**, Swiss National Science Foundation (€13'500/CHF 15'500).
- 2015 **Winter School Grant**, European Consortium for Political Research (€250/CHF 290).
- 2013 **Summer School Grant**, Swiss National Science Foundation (€2'400/CHF 2'730).

Awards

- 2017 **Early Career Workshop Award**, for the paper "How the Hinterland Caught up. Internal Migration, Cost Shifting and Welfare State Expansion in Federal States", Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Conference, Lyon, France.
- 2013 **Dirk Berg-Schlosser Best Poster Award**, for the paper "Opposition Towards Immigration. A large-N Qualitative Comparative Analysis", runner-up prize (with Dominik Schraff), ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Invited Talks

- 2019 Jour Fixe, Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy, **University of Bremen**, Germany
- 2018 Department Seminar, Institute of Political Science, **University of Tübingen**, Germany

Conference Presentations

- Scheduled **EPSA**, Annual Conference, Belfast, Northern Ireland.
Sektion Politische Ökonomie der DVPW, Jahrestagung Politische Ursachen und Auswirkungen sozio-ökonomischer Ungleichheit, Konstanz, Germany.
- 2019 **ECPR Joint Sessions**, The State-Democracy Nexus in Historical and Comparative Perspective, Mons, Belgium.
Dreiländertagung, University of Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2018 **DVPW**, General Conference, University of Frankfurt, Germany.
ECPR, General Conference, University of Hamburg, Germany.

- SVPW**, Annual Conference, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2017 **CES**, International Conference & Graduate Student Workshop on Comparative Historical Research, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom.
- SASE**, Annual Meeting, University of Lyon I, France.
- SVPW**, Annual Conference, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.
- 2016 **Nordwel Summer School**, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark.
- SVPW**, Annual Conference, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.
- 2014 **QCA Expert Workshop**, ETH Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2013 **QCA Expert Workshop**, ETH Zurich, Switzerland.
- ESPAnet**, Doctoral Workshop, MZES, University of Mannheim, Germany.
- DVPW/DGS**, Interdisciplinary Research Meeting of the Development Sections, Center for Development Research, University of Bonn, Germany.

Additional Training

- 2019 **CAS Learning and Teaching in Higher Education**, University of St. Gallen (expected graduation in Spring 2019).
- 2017 **Machine Learning with R**, Summer School in Empirical Research Methods, St. Gallen, Switzerland; Instructor: Brett Lantz.
- Bayesian Data Analysis**, Summer School in Empirical Research Methods, St. Gallen, Switzerland; Instructor: Michael Kalish.
- 2016 **GIS for Armed Conflict Research**, St. Gallen, Switzerland; Instructor: Jan Ketil Rød.
- Spatial Analysis for the Social Sciences**, St. Gallen, Switzerland; Instructor: Michael D. Ward.
- 2015 **Categorical Data Analysis**, Summer School in Empirical Research Methods, St. Gallen, Switzerland; Instructor: Shawna Smith.
- Maximum Likelihood Methods**, Summer School in Empirical Research Methods, St. Gallen, Switzerland; Instructor: Christopher Zorn.
- Computational Statistics**, Summer School in Empirical Research Methods, St. Gallen, Switzerland; Instructor: Francesco Audrino.
- Panel Data Analysis**, ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, Bamberg, Germany; Instructor: Christian Assmann.
- 2014 **Regression II+III**, Summer School in Empirical Research Methods, St. Gallen, Switzerland; Instructor: Brian M. Pollins.
- 2013 **Process Tracing Methodology I+II**, ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Ljubljana, Slovenia; Instructor: Derek Beach, Rasmus Brun Pedersen.
- Case Study Research Methods**, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland; Instructor: Andrew Bennett.

Services to the Profession

- Service **Country Expert Switzerland**, Varieties of Democracy, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden (2019-).
- Academic mid-level faculty representative**, Program Commission of the PhD Program "International Affairs and Political Economy", University of St. Gallen (2018-).
- Main Organizer **Panel "Origins of the Welfare State" and "Democratization, Electoral Reforms, and Political Strategies"**, Dreiländertagung, University of Zurich (2019).
- GIS and Spatial Econometrics Summer School**, University of St. Gallen (2016).
- Reviewer Socio-Economic Review (2x), British Journal of Political Science (3x)
- Memberships **Swiss Political Science Association.**
German Political Science Association.
Council for European Studies, Research Networks "Historical Study of States and Regimes" & "Political Economy and Welfare Network".
European Consortium for Political Research, Standing Groups "Political Economy and Welfare State Politics", "Political Methodology", "Comparative Political Institutions" & "Extremism and Democracy".

Technical Skills

- Statistics R (Advanced), Stata (Advanced), SPSS (Basic)
- GIS QGIS (Advanced)
- Editing L^AT_EX(Advanced), Generic Office Applications (Advanced)

Languages

- German Native Speaker
- English Fluent
- French Basic

References

Prof. Patrick Emmenegger

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Publications

Monographs

- 2018 **Federalism, Direct Democracy, and the Expansion of the Welfare State. Social Policy Development in the Swiss Cantons 1930-2000**, PhD thesis, 2018, School of Economic and Political Science, University of St. Gallen, St. Gallen.

Articles (peer-reviewed, 5-year impact factor (2017) in brackets)

- 2019 **A Race to the Middle. The Politics of Interstate Cost Distribution and Welfare State Expansion**, *The Journal of Politics*, forthcoming. [3.488].
- Majority Protection: The Origins of Distorted Proportional Representation**, *Electoral Studies*, 59, 64-77 (with Patrick Emmenegger). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2019.02.002>. [1.961].
- The Partisan Composition of Cantonal Governments in Switzerland, 1848-2017. A new Dataset**, *Swiss Political Science Review* 25(1), 1-18 (with Patrick Emmenegger). <https://doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12329>. [1.050].
- Taking the Initiative! Direct Democracy, Coalition Governments, and Welfare State Expansion**, *Journal of European Social Policy*, forthcoming. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0958928718805631>. [2.768].
- 2017 **Measuring the Impacts of Colonialism: A New Data Set for the Countries of Africa and Asia**, *Journal of World-Systems Research*, 23(1), 156-190 (with Patrick Ziltener and Daniel Kuenzler). <http://jwsr.pitt.edu/ojs/index.php/jwsr/article/download/683/937>.

Contributions to Edited Volumes

- In preparation **War and Taxation**, In: Seelkopf, Laura and Lukas Hakelberg: Handbook on the Politics of Taxation, Edward Elgar Publishing (with Patrick Emmenegger).

Other Publications (peer-reviewed)

- 2016 **Europäische Integration auf Unternehmensebene: Die Schweizer Beteiligung an Europäischen Betriebsräten (EBR)**, *Swiss Journal of Sociology*, 42(1), p. 159-174 (Statistical analysis for Patrick Ziltener and Heinz Gabathuler) <https://doi.org/10.1515/sjs-2016-0008>.
- 2014 **QCA, the Truth Table Analysis and Large-N Survey Data: The Benefits of Calibration and the Importance of Robustness Tests**, *COMPASS WP Series* 2014-79. (with Patrick Emmenegger and Dominik Schraff) <http://www.compass.org/wpseries/EmmeneggerSchraffWalter2014.pdf>.

Media

- 2019 **Das Proporzwahlrecht: Schutz der Mehrheit, nicht der Minderheit?**, *De-facto*. <https://www.defacto.expert/2019/03/19/proporzwahlrecht-schutz-mehrheit-nicht-minderheit/>.

Dominante Parteien nutzen den Proporz zu ihren Gunsten, *Higgs*.
<https://www.higgs.ch/dominante-parteien-nutzen-den-proporz-zu-ihren-gunsten/19688/>.

Under review

A Disproportional Threat, *Journal of Politics*, under review (with Patrick Emmenegger).

When Dominant Parties Adopt Proportional Representation. The Mysterious Case of Belgium, *European Political Science Review*, under review (with Patrick Emmenegger).

Intra-Elite Competition and the Origins of Direct Taxation, *The Journal of Politics*, (with Patrick Emmenegger and Lucas Leemann).

The Social Origins of Christian Democracy. Rural-Urban Migration and the Rise of the Catholic Workers' Movement, *Socio-Economic Review*, revise & resubmit.

Working Papers

Beyond the Neolithic Revolution. Endogenous Political Development, External Domination, and the Formation of Pre-Colonial and Colonial States.

Why Proportional Representation? Status quo and Open Questions.

A Socialist Threat? Radical Party Entry, Cleavage Structures, and the Electoral Support of Established Party Candidates.

Work in Progress (Data analyzed)

Between Socialism, Markets, and Minority Interests. Welfare State Development in Switzerland 1900-1965 [Book Manuscript in progress].

Tariffs or Competition. Organized Farmer Interests and the Introduction of Income Taxation in the US and Switzerland (with Patrick Emmenegger).

Direct Democracy and the Growth of Government in the 19th century (with Patrick Emmenegger and Lucas Leemann).

Where Do We Stand? Recent developments in the Analysis of Time-Series Cross-Sectional Data.

Detecting Social Change. Structural Break Models in Political Science.

Work in Progress (Data Collection in Progress)

Interest Mediation or Front Line? Socialist Electoral Mobilization and the Growth of the Catholic Workers' Movement.

Cantonal Political Institutions, 1848-2020. A new Dataset. (with Patrick Emmenegger and Lucas Leemann).

Labor Repression and Strike Activity. District-Level Evidence from Pre-WWI Switzerland.

Autocracy, Political Ideology, and Welfare State Development. Revisiting Coalition Building and the Introduction of Bismarckian Social Insurance (with Cecilia Bruzelius).

Are Federal States Welfare Laggards? (with Herbert Obinger).

Breaking the Pact. Using Exponential Random Graphs to Study Defection from Electoral Alliances.

The Political Determinants of Districting. Evidence from 20th France (with Patrick Emmenegger).

Democratization and Gerrymandering. Micro-level Evidence from 19th century Switzerland. (with Patrick Emmenegger and Lucas Leemann).

No Alternative to Democracy. Radical Party Entry and Coordination Failure in Mixed Electoral Systems.

Rehabilitating Duverger's Theory, Again. Social Heterogeneity, Electoral Competition and Party Fractionalization in Single Member Districts.

Electoral Systems Change, Targeted Elite Mobilization, and Turnout.

Electoral Competition, Coordination Failure, and Opposition towards Plurality Electoral Systems. Evidence from a Historical Case.

War and Legislative Turnover. Evidence from the 19th and 20th Century Western World.

Religion and State Formation. Experimental Evidence from Switzerland.

Protestantism and Property Rights. Historical Evidence from a Natural Experiment.

Teaching

PostDoc at the University of St. Gallen

- 2020 **Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets**, Seminar for MA Students, University of St. Gallen (Autumn Term, in English).
Quantitative Methoden, Lecture for BA Students, University of St. Gallen (Spring Term, in German).
Schweizerische Demokratie, 1848-1971: Irrungen und Verwirrungen einer jungen Demokratie (Co-teaching with Patrick Emmenegger), Seminar for BA Students, University of St. Gallen (Spring Term, in German).
- 2019 **Quantitative Methods**, Lecture for BA Students, University of St. Gallen (Spring Term, in English).
Quantitative Methoden, Lecture for BA Students, University of St. Gallen (Spring Term, in German).
- 2018 **The Politics of Electoral Systems: Political Conflict and Representation**, Seminar for MA Students, University of St. Gallen (Spring Term, in English).
- 2017 **Causal Arguments and Analysis: Guest lecture invited by Prof. Patrick Emmenegger for the course Research Design**, University of St. Gallen (Spring Term, in English).

Teaching Assistant at the University of St. Gallen

- 2016 **Quantitative Methods**, (Ass. Prof. Oliver Westerwinter; Spring Term, in English).
- 2015 **Qualitative Methoden**, (Prof. Klaus Dingwerth Autumn Term, in German).
- 2014 **Concept and Measurement**, (Prof. Patrick Emmenegger; Autumn Term, in English).
Quantitative Methods, (Prof. Daniele Caramani; Autumn Term, in English).
Research Design, (Prof. Patrick Emmenegger; Spring Term, in English).
Qualitative Methoden, (Prof. James Davis; Spring Term, in German).
- 2013 **Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets**, (Prof. Patrick Emmenegger; Autumn Term, in English).
Quantitative Methods, (Prof. Daniele Caramani; Autumn Term, in English).
Qualitative Methoden, (Prof. James Davis; Spring Term, in German).

Teaching Assistant at the University of Zurich

- 2012 **Vertiefung Theorien der Gender Studies**, (Prof. Bettina Dennerlein; Spring Term, in German).
- 2011 **Theorien der Gender Studies: Eine Einführung**, (Prof. Bettina Dennerlein; Autumn Term, in German).

■ Teaching Assistant at the University of Jena

2009 **Schlüsselbegriffe der Arbeits-, Industrie- und Wirtschaftssoziologie**, (Prof. Michael Behr; Winter Term, in German).

Einführung in die Makrosoziologie, (Prof. Stephan Lessenich, Summer Term, in German).