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CURRENT POSITIONS	University of Zurich, Assistant Professor at Department of Political Science, University Research Priority Program “Equality of Opportunity” University of Konstanz, Fellow at Cluster of Excellence “Politics of Inequality”	2022 – present 2022 – present
PREVIOUS POSITIONS	University of Konstanz, Research Group Leader at Cluster of Excellence “Politics of Inequality” University of Zurich, Senior Researcher at Department of Political Science Harvard University, Berggruen-Weatherhead Postdoctoral Fellow at Research Cluster on Global Populism, Weatherhead Center	2021 – 2022 2019 – 2021 2018 – 2019
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Political Science (<i>summa cum laude</i>), University of Zurich Master of Arts , University of Zurich and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Major: Political Science, Minor: Economics	2014 – 2018 2012 – 2014
VISITING POSITIONS	Junior Visiting Scholar , Nuffield College, University of Oxford Visiting researcher , European University Institute.	1/2017 – 07/2017 9/2015 – 11/2015
PUBLICATIONS	<p>2025. “Seeking Opportunity in the Knowledge Economy: Moving Places, Moving Politics?” <i>British Journal of Political Science</i>, accepted for publication. With Valentina Consiglio</p> <p>2024. “Rental Market Risk and Radical Right Support”. <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>, OnlineFirst. With Tarik Abou-Chadi and Denis Cohen.</p> <p>2024. “How Technological Change Affects Regional Voting Patterns”. <i>Political Science and Research Methods</i>, 12(1): 94-112. With Niko Schoell.</p> <p>2023. “Aspiration Versus Apprehension: Economic Opportunities and Electoral Preferences”. <i>British Journal of Political Science</i>, 53(4):1230-1251. With Silja Häusermann and Delia Zollinger.</p> <p>2023. “Place-Based Campaigning: The Political Impact of Real Grassroots Mobilization”. <i>Journal of Politics</i>, 85(3), 984-1002. With Daniel Bischof.</p> <p>2022. “Disappointed Expectations: Downward Mobility and Electoral Change”. <i>American Political Science Review</i>, 116(4), 1340-1356. With Briitta van Staalduinen.</p>	

2022. “Automation, Digitalization, and Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace: Implications for Political Behavior”. *Annual Review of Political Science*, Vol. 25, 463-484 . With Aina Gallego.
2022. “Neither Left-Behind nor Superstar: Ordinary Winners of Digitalization at the Ballot Box”. *Journal of Politics*, 84(1), 418-436. With Aina Gallego and Niko Schoell.
2021. “Economic Risks within Households and Voting for the Radical Right”. *World Politics*, 73(3), 482-511. With Tarik Abou-Chadi.
2021. “Insider-Outsider Representation and Social Democratic Labor Market Policy”. *Socio-Economic Review*, 19(3): 1065-1094. With Reto Bürgisser.
2020. “The Declining Middle: Occupational Change, Social Status and the Populist Right”. *Comparative Political Studies*, 53(10-11): 1798-1835.
2019. “Shrinking and shouting: the political revolt of the declining middle in times of employment polarization”. *Research & Politics*, 6(1). With Bruno Palier.
2019. “Distributional Consequences of Technological Change: Worker-Level Evidence”. *Research & Politics*, 6(1). With Aina Gallego.
2019. “Economic grievances and political protest”. *European Journal of Political Research*, 58(3): 866-892. With Matthias Enggist, Silja Häusermann and Bruno Wüest.
2019. “The Politics of Trade-Offs: Studying the Dynamics of Welfare State Reform with Conjoint Experiments”. *Comparative Political Studies*, 52(7): 1059-1095. With Silja Häusermann and Denise Traber.
2018. “Participation in hard times: how constrained government depresses turnout among the highly educated”. *West European Politics*, 41(2): 448-471. With Silja Häusermann and Bruno Wüest.
2016. “Sharing the risk? Households, labor market vulnerability and social policy preferences in Western Europe”. *Journal of Politics*, 78(4): 1045-1060. With Silja Häusermann and Hanna Schwander.
2015. “High-Skilled Outsiders? Labor market vulnerability, education and welfare state preferences”. *Socio-Economic Review*, 13(2): 235-258. With Silja Häusermann and Hanna Schwander.

POLICY
PAPER

2019. “Regressions-Diskontinuitäts-Analyse von Steuererleichterungen im Rahmen der Regionalpolitik”. [Regression Discontinuity Analysis of Corporate Tax Relief within the Framework of Regional Policy], commissioned by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO). October 2019.

GRANTS AND AWARDS	“Zurich Opportunity Monitor”, Transversal Research Grant, University Research Priority Program, University of Zurich (CHF 400'000)	2025-2028
	“Firm-level technological change and formation of political preferences”, Research Project Grant, University Research Priority Program, University of Zurich (CHF 250'000)	2025-2028
	“The Politics of Labor Market Inequality and Occupational Mobility”, Research Group Project Grant, Cluster of Excellence, University of Konstanz (EUR 600'000)	2021-2025
	“The Political Consequences of Technological Change” (co-applicant with A. Gallego, S. Häusermann, A. Kuo, and H. Finseraas), EU Horizon 2020 NORFACE Network (EUR 1.5m)	2020-2023
	“Social Status and the Transformation of Electoral Behavior” (co-applicant with Tarik Abou-Chadi), Swiss National Science Foundation (CHF 750'000)	2019-2022
	Berggruen/Weatherhead Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harvard University (USD 60'000)	2018-2019
	Mercator Awards for Junior Researchers, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Zurich (shortlisted).	2018
	Best Paper Award, Political Economy and Welfare Network, Council of European Studies (CES), Glasgow Conference.	2017
	Doc.Mobility Grant (Swiss National Science Foundation)	2017
INVITED TALKS	IPERG Political Economy Seminar, University of Barcelona	2025
	Political Science Staff Seminar, University of Geneva	2024
	Hertie Political Economy Lunch Seminar, Hertie School Berlin	2024
	Nuffield College Political Science Seminar, University of Oxford	2024
	European University Institute Comparative Politics Seminar Series (CPSS)	2023
	King's College Public Policy and Regulation Workshop, United Kingdom (online)	2022
	University of Bern, Switzerland (online)	2022
	University of Minnesota, United States (online)	2020
	SOFI, Stockholm University, Sweden	2019
	University of Fribourg, Switzerland	2018
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Supervision: 1 PhD thesis main supervisor (ongoing), 5 PhD theses co-supervisor, > 15 MA theses, > 30 BA theses	
	Soziale Mobilität in Zürich [Social Mobility in Zurich], master seminar, spring term 2025	
	The Politics of Inequality, undergraduate lecture (120 students), spring term 2023/2024/2025	
	Political Consequences of Labor Market Inequality, bachelor seminar, fall term 2023	
	The Political Consequences of Technological Change (co-instructor with Reto Bürgisser), master seminar, spring term 2020/2021	

Master Thesis Research Design (main instructor),
master colloquium, fall term 2019, spring and fall term 2020

Swiss Elections: A Polarized Party System (full-year research seminar, main instructor),
bachelor seminar, academic year 2017/18

Swiss Elections: A Polarized Party System (full-year research seminar, co-instructor),
bachelor seminar, fall term 2016

Democracy, Participation and Inequality (full-year research seminar, co-instructor),
bachelor seminar, academic years 2014/15, 2015/16

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Policy Consultancy (Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, SECO)	2019
	Employment Politics at a Major Swiss Trade Union	2011 – 2012

SERVICE	Reviews for <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>American Political Science Review</i> , <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>Comparative European Politics</i> , <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> , <i>Electoral Studies</i> , <i>European Journal of Political Economy</i> , <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> , <i>European Political Science Review</i> , <i>European Sociological Review</i> , <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i> , <i>Journal of Economic Issues</i> , <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>Political Behavior</i> , <i>Social Politics</i> , <i>Socio-Economic Review</i> , <i>Swiss Political Science Review</i> , <i>World Politics</i>
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SKILLS	Languages: English (fluent), German (native), French (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate), Italian (basic)
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Software: R, Stata, Latex

Didactics and Further Training: Teaching Skills Program, University of Zurich; Leadership Program for Professors, University of Zurich