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EMPLOYMENT / ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Bern (CH)

Full professor for Comparative Politics, *Institute for Political Science
& Oeschger Center for Climate Change Research (since 2022)*

Since 2/2023

University of Bern (CH)

Associate professor for Comparative Politics, *Institute for Political Science*

9/2014 – 1/2023

University of Bern (CH)

Assistant professor for Comparative Politics (tenure track), *Institute for Political Science*

7/2011 – 8/2014

University of Bern (CH)

Researcher (Oberassistentin), *Institute for Political Science*

8/2009 – 6/2011

European University Institute (EUI), Firenze (IT))

Visiting Fellow

9–11/2008

University of Konstanz (DE)

Researcher (wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin), *Chair of Comparative Politics*

1/2008–6/2011

University of Konstanz (DE)

Scientific collaborator, *Chair of Comparative Politics*

1/2006–12/2007

University of Bern (CH)

Head of the “study advisory board” (Studienleitung), *Institute for Political Science*

10/2005–7/2007

– Responsible for the teaching evaluation, course guidance)

University of Bern (CH)

Research Assistant, *Institute for Political Science*

11/2003–7/2007

– Member of the “study advisory board” (Studienleitung),
Supervision of the teaching evaluation and course guidance

Büro Vatter, Political Research and Consultancy, Bern (CH)

Internship

3–12/2002

University of Bern (CH)

Student Assistant, *Institute for Political Science*

10/2001–10/2003

EDUCATION

University of Konstanz (DE)

Habilitation (venia legendi) for Political Science,

Habilitation chairs: Marius Busemeyer (University of Konstanz), Christian Breunig (University of Konstanz), Marc Hooghe (KU Leuven)

11/2013

- Habilitation thesis (cumulative): “Institutional structure as behavioural context: Welfare state policy, civil society and inequality”

University of Konstanz (DE)/European University Institute, Florence (IT)

Postdoc-Fellowship of the Swiss National Science Foundation

1–12/2008

University of Bern (CH)

Dr.rer.soc (PhD) in Political Science (Grade: Summa Cum Laude)

Dissertation chairs: Wolf Linder and Adrian Vatter

11/2003–3/2007

- Doctoral thesis: “Policies, Frauen und der Arbeitsmarkt. Die Frauenerwerbstätigkeit in der Schweiz im internationalen und interkantonalen Vergleich” (“Policies, Women, and the Labour Market. Women’s employment in Switzerland in international and intercantonal comparison”)

University of Lugano (CH)

Swiss Summer School on Advanced Methods in the Social Sciences

Course: Multilevel Analysis, Kelvyn Jones

8–9/2006

University of Bern (CH)

Different work sessions on methods and Statistics

1–12/2006

- Fuzzy set/qualitative comparative analysis with Carsten Q. Schneider (CEU Budapest) and Claudius Wagemann (EUI Firenze)
- Multilevel Modelling with Marc Bühlmann (University of Zürich)
- Pooled TSCS regression analysis with Bernhard Kittel (University of Oldenburg)
- Network analysis and UCINET with Alex Fischer (CEU Budapest) and Uwe Serdült (University of Geneva)
- Introduction to Stata with Ulrich Kohler (Social Science Center Berlin)
- Introduction to R with Martin Elff (University of Mannheim)

University of Lugano (CH)

Swiss Summer School on Advanced Methods in the Social Sciences;

Course: Structural Equation Modelling (SEM I), Peter Schmidt

9/2005

University of Essex UK)

ECPR Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection;

Course: Pooled TSCS Analysis - Panel Data in the Social Sciences, Bernhard Kittel.

8/2004

University of Genève (CH)

Student Exchange Programme

3–6/2003

University of Bern (CH)

Lic.rer.soc (Master of Arts) in Political Science and Economics (Grade: Summa Cum Laude)

10/1999–10/2003

- Master thesis: “Arbeitslosigkeit in den Schweizer Kantonen” (“Unemployment in the Swiss cantons”)

Primary, Secondary, and Grammar School in Burgdorf (CH)

1986–1999

EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

- 2021 - 2025 “SOTES - Sociotechnological Breakthrough of Thermal Energy Storage - a new Approach of Constructive Technology Assessment”, Sinergia-project funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, in collaboration with HSLU, Empa, OST (Principal Investigator).
- 2021 - 2026 “EDGE - Enabling Decentralized renewable GEneration in the Swiss cities, midlands, and the Alps”, Consortium funded by the Swiss Federal Office of Energy within the SWEET funding programm, Host Institution: EPF Lausanne (Co-applicant and Workpackage Leader).
- 2021 - 2026 “SURE - SUstainable and Resilient Energy for Switzerland”, Consortium funded by the Swiss Federal Office of Energy within the SWEET funding programm, Host Institution: Paul Scherrer Institute PSI (Co-applicant and Workpackage Leader).
- 2021 “Das Engagement Jugendlicher und junger Erwachsener in politischen Organisationen. Quantitative Befunde”, study commissioned by the Dachverband Schweizer Jugendparlamente (Swiss Association of Youth Parliaments), Bern (Contractor).
- 2020 “How to assess pay equity from an intersectional perspective?”, study commissioned by EDGE STRATEGY AG, Zug (Contractor).
- 2018-2022 “The Elasticity of Family Models Revisited: Policy configurations and the gender-specific reconciliation of work and care”, research project funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (Principal Investigator).
- 2018 “Erfüllung angenommener Motionen und Postulate: Statistische Datenanalyse”, study commissioned by The Parliamentary Control of the Administration, Bern (Contractor together with Adrian Vatter).
- 2017 “Das politische freiwillige Engagement junger Erwachsener — Der Stand bisheriger Forschung”, study commissioned by the Dachverband Schweizer Jugendparlamente (Swiss Association of Youth Parliaments), Bern (Contractor).
- 2015 “Expertenbericht 'Staatskundeunterricht auf der Sekundarstufe II. Eine Bilanz'“, study commissioned by the The State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI, Bern (Main Applicant).
- 2014-2018 “Future Energy Policy: The acceptance of alternative electricity supply”, research project within the framework of the National Research Program NRP 71 Managing energy consumption, Swiss National Science Foundation (Principal Investigator, Co-applicants: Karin Ingold and Philippe Thalmann).
- 2014-2015 “Meinungsumfrage bei 17-jährigen Jugendlichen. Wissenschaftliches Begleitmandat”, study commissioned by the “Eidgenössische Kommission für Kinder- und Jugendfragen EKKJ”, Bern (Main Applicant together with Michelle Beyeler).
- 2013 Research project on the relationship between political education and political participation of young persons in Switzerland, partly funded by Ernst Göhner Stiftung, Bern (Main Applicant).
- 2008-2009 Research project on the political foundations of volunteering, funded by Schweizerische Gemeinnützige Gesellschaft, Zürich (Main Applicant together with Markus Freitag).

- 2008 “Das freiwillige Engagement in Hilfswerken. Analysen auf Basis einer Teilauswertung des Schweizer Freiwilligen-Monitors 2006”, study commissioned by ZEWO Stiftung, Zürich (Contractor together with Markus Freitag).
- 2007 “Die Ehrenamtlichen in der Schweiz. Analysen auf Basis des Schweizer Freiwilligen-Monitors 2006”, study commissioned by Migros-Genossenschaftsbund, Direktion Kultur und Soziales, Zürich (Contractor).

PROJECT COLLABORATION

- 2009-2011 “Lokale Strukturen und freiwilliges Engagement in der Schweiz”, funded by Schweizer Gemeinnützige Gesellschaft (SGG), Zürich (directed by Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag, University of Konstanz).
- 2008-2010 “Schweizer Freiwilligen-Monitor 2009”, funded by Schweizer Gemeinnützige Gesellschaft (SGG), Zürich (directed by Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag, University of Konstanz).
- 2006-2007 “Schweizer Freiwilligen-Monitor 2006”, funded by Schweizer Gemeinnützige Gesellschaft (SGG), Zürich (directed by Prof. Dr. Markus Freitag, University of Konstanz).
- 2006 “Kohärenz Entwicklungspolitik und Innenpolitik”, research project commissioned by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) (directed by Prof. Dr. Wolf Linder, University of Bern).
- 2004 “Das Viererfeld zum Wohnen. Analyse zur städtischen Abstimmung vom 16. Mai 2004”, study commissioned by the Stadtplanungsamt der Stadt Bern (directed by Prof. Dr. Adrian Vatter, Büro Vatter, Policy Research and Consultancy, Bern).
- 2003-2004 “A Global Dialogue on Federalism. Legislative and Executive Governance in Federal Countries”, international research project funded by Forum of Federations (directed by Prof. Dr. Cheryl Saunders and Katy Le Roy, University of Melbourne).
- 2003-2004 “Ethnic Structure, Inequality and Governance of the Public Sector”, international research project funded by United Nations Research Institute on Social Development (UNRISD) (directed by Yusuf Bangura, UNRISD, Genève).
- 2003 “Evaluation der Umweltverträglichkeitsprüfung”, research project funded by the Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape (SAEFL) (directed by Dr. Fritz Sager, Büro Vatter, Policy Research and Consultancy, Bern).
- 2003 “Lebensmittelsicherheit: Evaluation des Vollzugs in der Schweiz”, study commissioned by the Parliamentary Control of the Administration (PCA) (directed by Christian Rüfli, Büro Vatter, Policy Research and Consultancy, Bern).
- 2002 “Erfolgsfaktoren klimapolitischer Abstimmungsvorlagen”, research project funded by the Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape (SAEFL) (directed by Prof. Dr. Adrian Vatter, Büro Vatter, Policy Research and Consultancy, Bern).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (SELECTION)

Ongoing

2022 onward	Member of the Advisory Board of SFOE funded Sweet consortium PATHFNDR
2021 onward	Member of the Cantonal Economy Commission (“Volkswirtschaftskommission des Kantons Bern”)
2021 onward	Co-president of the Swiss Political Science Association
2020 onward	Member of the supervisory committee of the unemployment insurance fund (“Aufsichtskommission für den Ausgleichsfonds der Arbeitslosenversicherung”).
2019 onward	President of the Selects (Swiss Electoral Studies) commission (member since 2012).
2018 onward	Co-director of the standing group “Comparative Politics” of the Swiss Political Science Association.
2018 onward	Member of the gender equality commission of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Bern.
2015 onward	Member of the scientific advisory board of ch-x (Swiss Federal Surveys of Adolescents).
2012 onward	Co-Projectmanager of the WISO-Mentoring (Mentoring program for doctoral students at the faculty of economic and social sciences), University of Bern (CH).

Past activities

2018-2022	Member of the PRIMA evaluation commission in Humanities and Social Sciences, Swiss National Science Foundation.
2019-2021	Member of the Evaluation Panel of the “Swiss Competence Centers for Energy Research SCCER”, Innosuisse.
2020/2021	Member of the local organizing committee for the Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association, Virtual Event, 4./5.2.2021.
8/2020	Co-organizer (together with Christina Eder) of the Panel “‘Green’ Public = ‘Green’ Policies or Vice Versa?” at the ECPR General Conference, held online 24-28 August.
2017 - 2020	Member of the scientific advisory board of the “DominoES project – Domino Effects in the Earth System: Can Antarctica tip climate policy?”, joint project by the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and the Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (GESIS) funded by the Leibniz Association (2017 - 2020).
8/2016 - 07/2018	Head of department, Department of Social Sciences, University of Bern.
7/2015	Co-organizer (together with Christina Eder) of the section “Measuring Political Participation?” at the ECPR General Conference, 6th-9th September 2017, Oslo (N).
7/2015	Co-organizer (together with Christina Eder) of the workshop “How to measure political participation?” at the 6th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA), 13th-17th July 2015, Reykjavik (ICE).
2015	Member of the SCOPES IP panel, Swiss National Science Foundation.
2014 - 2020	Treasurer and member of the steering committee of the Swiss Political Science Association.

2014 - 2020	Member of the jury for the annual prize of the Swiss Evaluation Society.
2012/2013	Member of the local organizing committee for the Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association, 30./31.1.2014, Bern (CH).
4/2012	Co-Organizer (together with Staffan Kumlin) of the workshop “Policy Feedback, Political Behaviour, and Democratic Citizenship in European Welfare States” at the ECPR Joint Sessions, Antwerp (B).
1/2009	Chair of the panel “Institutionen messen. Methodische Fragen und empirische Vorschläge“ at the conference “Institutionen und Prozesse in vergleichender Perspektive”, section “Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft” of the German Political Science Association, Darmstadt (DE).
2008 - 2015	Co-director of the “empirical methods” standing group of the Swiss Political Science Association.
7/2007	Expert consultant of the Swiss National Science Foundation for the evaluation of the “Programmskizze zum NFP ‘Geschlechterverhältnisse‘“, Bern (CH).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER (SELECTION)

3/2023	“Machen Frauen anders Politik?” (Do women make a difference in politics?), Interview and podcast for <i>SRF, Podcast series “Einfach Politik”</i> , https://www.srf.ch/audio/einfach-politik/machen-frauen-anders-politik?id=12345073 , 3.3.2023.
2/2023	Interview and video on the first Sweet EDGE White Paper, https://youtu.be/li6yqr17CSE (German version: https://youtu.be/xE61sYqdcwo).
1/2023	“Insights from acceptance research” (Insights aus der Akzeptanzforschung), presentation and round-table participation at the Schweizerischer Stromkongress, www.stromkongress.ch , 19 January 2023, Bern (CH).
11/2022	Interview with bulletin.ch about energy security and acceptance (“Mit Akzeptanz zur Energiesicherheit”), https://www.bulletin.ch/de/news-detail/mit-akzeptanz-zur-energiesicherheit.html , print edition 1/2023.
11/2022	“Why the energy transition is so difficult” (Warum wir uns so schwer tun mit der Energietransition), presentation at the Rotary Club meeting, 17 November 2022, Konolfingen (CH).
5/2022	Interview about direct democracy with the Dutch TV station “Ongehoord Nederland”, https://www.npostart.nl/ongehoord-nieuws/17-05-2022/VPWON_1339254 .
9/2021	Presentation and participation in the “Klimadialog Parteien - Wissenschaft 2021”, organized by ProClim, Bern, 17.9.2021.
4/2021	Discussion between BR Simonetta Sommaruga and scientists on the “Long-term climate strategy to 2050”, 21st Swiss Global Change Day, virtual event, 13.4.2021.
3/2021	Livestream presentation on “Grün wählen, aber trotzdem nicht grün handeln? Warum es die Energietransition so schwer hat”, Energie-Apéros Baden, 24.3.2021.
4/2020	Webinar presentation on “Erfolgreicher umsetzen: unter welchen Bedingungen stossen Politikmassnahmen auf Akzeptanz?”, organized by swisscleantech, 30.4.2020.
11/2019	“Wie beeinflussen JungpolitikerInnen den politischen Alltag?”, presentation at the “Staatsbürgerliche Gesellschaft Bern”, 14.11.2019, Bern (CH).

- 11/2019 “Grund für den Erfolg ist die ‹Frauenwahl›”, interview for *SRF 4 News Aktuell* on the electoral success of female candidates in the Swiss National elections, 11.11.2019.
- 10/2019 Invitation to “Wissenschaft persönlich”, live interview titled “«Ich bin dagegen» - Wie politische Meinungen entstehen” and reproduced as podcast, film and newspaper articles (<https://www.higgs.ch/viele-menschen-wollen-einfach-den-ist-zustand-bewahren/25769/>), 1.10.2019, Winterthur.
- 10/2019 “Energiepolitik nach den eidgenössischen Wahlen 2019”, Stromtagung 2019, organized by the Kompetenzzentrum Energy Management, University of St. Gallen, 29.10.2019, Zurich (CH).
- 06/2019 “Hybridleitungen – Erkenntnisse zur Akzeptanz”, Science Brunch 30, FSM – Forschungsstiftung, Strom und Mobilkommunikation, 6.6.2019, Zürich (CH).
- 04/2019 “Energiewende ohne Bevölkerung? – Die Akzeptanz erneuerbarer Energiepolitik in der Schweiz”, Buch am Mittag, 2.4.2019, University Library, University of Bern, Bern (CH).
- 2/2019 “I giovani e la politica“, interview for *RSI, Telegiornale* on the climate protest and young people’s right to vote, 11.2.2019.
- 03/2018 “Können Argumente und Kampagnen Vertrauen für die erneuerbare Energiepolitik schaffen?” (Can arguments and campaigns generate trust for renewable energy policy?), AEE Suisse, Kongress 2018, “Vertrauen in die Energiezukunft”, Spreitenbach (CH).
- 02/2018 Invitation for and participation in a roundtable on direct democracy, organized by the President of the Green Party and member of the national council, Regula Rytz, and a delegation of the government of Baden-Württemberg, Germany, led by “Staatsrätin für Zivilgesellschaft und Bürgerbeteiligung”, Gisela Erler, 22.2.2018, Bern (CH).
- 12/2017 “Der Faktor Volk - Die Rolle der sozialen Akzeptanz für die Energiewende und ihre Bestimmungsgründe” (The people as veto point - the role of social acceptance for the energy transition and its determinants), NGB-SCNAT Energiepodiums-Event, Berne (CH).
- 11/2017 “Beyond Complex Welfare Systems : Citizens’ Opinion Towards Basic Income Proposals Compared”, Cycle de conférences GREC, University of Lausanne, Lausanne (CH).
- 10/2017 Social acceptance of energy investments, SCCER School 2017, Engelberg (CH).
- 6/2017 “Die Akzeptanz erneuerbarer Energien” (The acceptance of renewable energies), presentation at the Sessionsveranstaltung der Parlamentarischen Gruppe Erneuerbare Energien, Berne (CH).
- 5/2016 “Who decides? Selective participation and social stratification in direct-democratic votes”, SEPS-HSG Political Science Research Seminar Series, St. Gallen (CH).
- 3/2016 “How individuals perceive reconciliation problems – the role of childcare policies”, LAGAPE seminar, University of Lausanne (CH).
- 9/2014 “Macht direkte Demokratie glücklich?” (Does direct democracy make people happy?), TED Talk at TEDx Bern (CH).
- 1/2013 Interview for radio toxic.fm on Barack Obama’s second term, 21.1.2013.

SUPERVISION

5. Supervised PhD theses, important contributions to the career of scientists

PhD supervision

Daniela Koller (PhD received 2017), Dominique Oehrli (PhD received 2017), Clau Dermont (PhD received 2018), Valon Hasanaj (ongoing), Meret Lütolf (ongoing), Sophie Ruprecht (ongoing), and Rebeka Sträter (ongoing) all University of Bern.

Member of the PhD committee

Anna Kern (PhD received 2016, University of Leuven), Stephanie Glaeser (PhD received 2016, University of Lausanne), Lyn Pleger (PhD received 2017, University of Bern), Patrick McDonald (PhD received 2020, University of Lausanne), Gracia Brückmann (PhD received 2021, ETH Zurich), and Arno Van Hootegem (PhD received 2022, University of Leuven), Manuel Sudau (PhD received 2022, ETH Zurich), A.M. van Rijn (PhD received 2022, Tilburg University), Zora Föhn (University of Lucerne, ongoing).

Member of the supporting committee

Johanna Künzler (PhD received 2021, University of Bern), Théoda Woeffray (ongoing, University of Bern), Lisa Asticher (ongoing, University of Bern).

Master theses

Over 50 MA theses since 2011.

REFEREEING

Journals

Acta Politica, Acta Sociologica, American Journal of Education, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Applied Energy, British Journal of Political Science, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Climatic Change, Comparative Political Studies, East European Politics and Society, Economics of Governance, Energy Research & Social Science, Environmental Politics, Environmental Research Letters, European Journal of Politics and Gender, European Union Politics, Evaluation and Program Planning, Frontiers in Public Health, German Policy Studies, Global Environmental Politics, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Journal of Choice Modelling, Journal of Cleaner Production, Journal of Comparative Politics, Journal of Environmental Planning and Management, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Public Policy, Journal of Social Policy, Journal of Urban Affairs, Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie, Leviathan, Land Use Policy, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Nuclear Engineering and Technology, Policy Sciences, Political Behavior, Politics and Governance, Politische Vierteljahresschrift, Public Policy and Administration, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Review of Policy Research, Review of Social Economy, Scandinavian Political Studies, Social Forces, Social Policy & Administration, Social Science Journal, Social Science Research, Sustainability, Swiss Journal of Sociology, Swiss Political Science Review, Technological Forecasting & Social Change, Travel Behaviour and Society, Voluntary Sector Review, Zeitschrift für Volkswirtschaft und Statistik.

Institutions

European Research Council, International research infrastructure program Belgium, KU Leuven junior research professors (junior BOFZAP), Swiss National Science Foundation.