
CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT POSITIONS

Associate Professor of European Politics (Extraordinarius), University of Bern, since 2020

Managing Director, Institute of Political Science, University of Bern, since 2021

Co-Director, Institute of Political Science, University of Bern, since 2020

Co-Director, LeeWas, since 2014

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Professor of Comparative and European Politics, Department of Social Sciences, Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen, 2019

Associate Professor of Political Economy, Centre of European Union Studies, Department of Political Science and Sociology, University of Salzburg, 2017–2019

Assistant Professor of Political Economy, Centre of European Union Studies, Department of Political Science and Sociology, University of Salzburg, 2014–2017

Senior Research Associate & Guest Professor (Vertretung des Lehrstuhls Politische Theorie), Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, 2014–2018

VISITING POSITIONS

University of California San Diego, Department of Political Science, spring term 2023

Princeton University, Fung Global Fellows Program, academic year 2014/15

Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, academic year 2011/12

EDUCATION

Habilitation (Political Science), University of Salzburg, 2017

Ph.D. (Political Science), *summa cum laude*, University of Zurich, 2014

M.A. (Political Science, Law, and Economics), *summa cum laude*, University of Bern, 2008

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Târlea, Silvana, Stefanie Bailer, Zdenek Kudrna and Fabio Wasserfallen (2024): Executive Power in European Union Politics. *Governance*, 37(1): 161–178.

Lundgren, Magnus, Jonas Tallberg, and Fabio Wasserfallen (2023): Differentiated Influence by Supranational Institutions: Evidence from the European Union. *European Journal of Political Research*, Early View.

Kudrna, Zdenek and Fabio Wasserfallen (2021): Conflict Among Member States and the Influence of the Commission in EMU Politics. *Journal of European Public Policy* 28(6): 902–913.

Grynberg, Charlotte, Stefanie Walter, and Fabio Wasserfallen (2020): Expectations, Vote Choice, and Opinion Stability Since the 2016 Brexit Referendum. *European Union Politics* 21(2): 255–275.

Gilardi, Fabrizio and Fabio Wasserfallen (2019): The Politics of Policy Diffusion. *European Journal of Political Research* 58(4): 1245–1256.

Lehner, Thomas and Fabio Wasserfallen (2019): Political Conflict in the Reform of the Eurozone. *European Union Politics* 20(1): 45–64.

Târlea, Silvana, Stefanie Bailer, Hanno Degner, Lisa Dellmuth, Dirk Leuffen, Magnus Lundgren, Jonas Tallberg, and Fabio Wasserfallen (2019): Explaining Governmental Preferences on Economic and Monetary Union Reform. *European Union Politics* 20(1): 24–44.

Wasserfallen, Fabio (2019): Global Diffusion, Policy Flexibility, and Inflation Targeting. *International Interactions* 45(4): 617–637.

Wasserfallen, Fabio, Dirk Leuffen, Zdenek Kudrna, and Hanno Degner (2019): Analysing European Union Decision-Making during the Eurozone Crisis with New Data. *European Union Politics* 20(1): 3–23.

Leemann, Lucas and Fabio Wasserfallen (2017): Extending the Use and Prediction Precision of Subnational Public Opinion Estimation. *American Journal of Political Science* 61(4): 1003–1022.

Gilardi, Fabrizio and Fabio Wasserfallen (2016): How Socialization Attenuates Tax Competition. *British Journal of Political Science* 46(1): 45–65.

Leemann, Lucas and Fabio Wasserfallen (2016): The Democratic Effect of Direct Democracy. *American Political Science Review* 110(4): 750–762.

Bamert, Justus, Fabrizio Gilardi and Fabio Wasserfallen (2015): Learning and the Diffusion of Regime Contention in the Arab Spring. *Research & Politics* 2(3): 1–9.

Wasserfallen, Fabio (2015): The Cooperative Capacity of Swiss Federalism. *Swiss Political Science Review* 21(4): 538–555.

Füglister, Katharina and Fabio Wasserfallen (2014): Swiss Federalism in a Changing Environment. *Comparative European Politics* 12(4/5): 404–421.

Wasserfallen, Fabio (2014): Political and Economic Integration in the EU: The Case of Failed Tax Harmonization. *Journal of Common Market Studies* 52(2): 420–435.

Wasserfallen, Fabio (2014): Contextual Variation in Interdependent Policy Making: The Case of Tax Competition. *European Journal of Political Research* 53(4): 822–839.

Wasserfallen, Fabio (2010): The Judiciary as Legislator? How the European Court of Justice Shapes Policy-Making in the European Union. *Journal of European Public Policy* 17(8): 1128–1146.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Swiss Relation with the EU: A Case of Reactive and Little Institutionalized Coordination” (with Mirco Good and Stefanie Walter) in Eva Heidebreder and Hussein Kassim (eds), *The National Coordination of European Policy*, 2024, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

“Switzerland and the European Union” in Emmenegger, Patrick, Flavia Fossati, Silja Häusermann, Yannis Papadopoulos, Pascal Sciarini, and Adrian Vatter (eds), *The Oxford Handbook of Swiss Politics*, 2023, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

“The Politics of Fiscal Integration in Eurozone Reforms and Next Generation EU” in Admaski, Dariusz, Fabian Amtenbrink, and Jakob de Haan (eds), *Handbook on European Monetary, Economic, and Financial Market Integration*, 2023, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

“Weshalb war das Rahmenabkommen hochumstritten, wenn es doch von der Schweiz selbst initiiert wurde?” in Bernauer, Thomas, Katja Gentinetta und Joëlle Kuntz (Hg.), *Eine Aussenpolitik für die Schweiz im 21. Jahrhundert*, 2022, Zürich: NZZ libro.

Englische Version: “Why Has the Framework Agreement Been So Controversial Even Though It Was Initiated by Switzerland Itself?” in Bernauer, Thomas, Katja Gentinetta und Joëlle Kuntz (eds), *A Swiss Foreign Policy for the 21st Century*, 2022, Zurich: NZZ libro.

“Aussenpolitik” (mit Laurent Goetschel) in Papadopoulos, Yannis, Pascal Sciarini, Adrian Vatter, Silja Häusermann, Patrick Emmenegger und Flavia Fossati (Hg.), *Handbuch der*

Schweizer Politik, 2022, Zürich: NZZ libro.

“The Politics of the Eurozone: Analyses of New Data from Multiple Methodological and Theoretical Perspectives” (with Zdenek Kudrna and Sonja Puntscher Riekmann) in Kudrna, Zdenek, Sonja Puntscher Riekmann, and Fabio Wasserfallen (eds), *The Politics of Eurozone Reforms*, 2021, London: Rowman and Littlefield.

“Preference Formation and Decision-Making in the Reform of the Eurozone” (with Stefanie Bailer and Jonas Tallberg) in Kudrna, Zdenek, Sonja Puntscher Riekmann, and Fabio Wasserfallen (eds), *The Politics of Eurozone Reforms*, 2021, London: Rowman and Littlefield.

“Measuring Attitudes – Multilevel Modeling with Post-Stratification (MrP)” (with Lucas Leemann) in Curini, Luigi and Robert J. Franzese (eds), *The Sage Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations*, 2020, London: Sage.

“How Member States Cope with the Eurozone Crisis” (with Sonja Puntscher Riekmann) in Morlino, Leonardo and Cecilia Sottillotta (eds), *The Politics of the Eurozone Crisis in Southern Europe*, 2020, Basingstoke/Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan.

“Policy Diffusion and European Public Policy Research” in Ongaro, Edoardo and Sandra van Thiel (eds), *The Palgrave Handbook of Public Administration and Management in Europe*, 2018, Basingstoke/Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan.

“Cantonal Tax Autonomy in Switzerland” (with Daniel Kübler and Fabrizio Gilardi) in Ruiz-Almendral, Violeta and Francois Vaillancourt (eds), *Tax Autonomy of Subnational Entities*, 2013, London: McGill-Queen’s University Press.

“Switzerland: Moving toward a Nationalized Party System” (with Daniel Bochsler) in Dandoy, Regis and Arjan H. Schakel (eds), *Regional and National Elections in Western Europe*, 2013, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

EDITORSHIPS

“The Politics of Eurozone Reforms”, Co-Editor with Zdenek Kudrna and Sonja Puntscher Riekmann, London: Rowman and Littlefield, 2021.

“Decision-Making During the Eurozone Crisis”, Special Issue Editor, *European Union Politics* 20(1), 2019.

PH.D. AND HABILITATION THESES

“Essays on Federalism, Democracy, and Diffusion”
University of Salzburg, 2017, Cumulative Habilitation Thesis.

“Lessons From an Ideal-Typical Case of Interdependent Policy Making”
University of Zurich, 2014, Cumulative Ph.D. Thesis.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA (EXCERPT)

Multiple media contributions (interviews, analyses, and guest articles) to *Das Magazin*, *Tages-Anzeiger*, *SRF*, *TSI*, *SDA*, *Swiss Review*, *NZZ*, *ZDF*, *Norwegian TV*, *Le Temps*, *20 Minuten*, *Der Bund*, *LSE EUROPP*, and other outlets.

Review of the book *Consolidation Policies in Federal States: Conflicts and Solutions* (Braun, Ruiz-Palmero, and Schnabel, 2017), *Swiss Political Science Review* 24(2): 209–212, 2018.

Review of the book *The Democratic Foundations of Policy Diffusion* (Linos, 2013), *West European Politics* 28(3): 751–753.

RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme, Project Title: “EMU Choices” (Grant Number: 649532), Research Executive Agency of the European Commission, Co-Coordinator (with Sonja Puntcher Riekmann) of a consortium of 9 European Universities, (EUR 2.29 million), 2015–2019.

Fung Global Fellowship, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS), Princeton University, selected as one of six promising early-career scholars in the humanities and social sciences, (USD 108’234), 2014/15.

Grant by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) for the project “Direct democracy, popular majorities, and policy choices”, Co-Principal Investigator (with Fabrizio Gilardi and Lucas Leemann), (CHF 34’498), 2012/13.

Fellowship for prospective researchers, SNSF, (USD 57’000), 2011/12.

Award from the Faculty of Business, Economics, and Social Sciences, University of Bern, for high grades (*summa cum laude*), (CHF 1’000), 2008.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Committee Member, Collegium Generale, Lecture Series, University of Bern, since 2023.

Vice President, *European Communities Studies Association Switzerland* (ECSA), since 2023.

Board Member, *European Communities Studies Association Switzerland* (ECSA), since 2020.

Evaluation Committee Member, Swiss National Science Foundation, Funding of Doctoral Scholarships (Doc.CH), 2021–2024.

Committee Member, Theodor-Kocher Preis (prize for the most promising young scholar at the University of Bern, CHF 50,000), University of Bern, since 2021.

External Expert, Group for Aid Studies (EBA), Stockholm, Sweden, 2021/22.

Executive Committee, Annual Conference, Swiss Political Science Association, Bern, 2021.

Editorial Board, *Journal of European Public Policy*, since 2015.

Search Committees for Professorships: Environmental Governance and Development (University of Bern, 2022/23); European Studies (University of Fribourg, 2021/22); Politics & Inequality (University of Zurich, 2021); Political Economy (University of Bern, 2020/21); Governance Innovation (University of Bern, 2020/21); Global Governance (Zeppelin University, 2019); Swiss Politics (University of Zurich, 2009/10).

REVIEWS

Reviews for the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics, Cooperation and Conflict*, *Dutch Research Council (NWO)*, *European Political Science Review*, *European Politics and Society*, *European Societies*, *European Research Council (ERC)*, *European Union Politics*, *Government and Opposition*, *International Interactions*, *International Political Science Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion and Parties*, *Journal of Contemporary European Research*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *Journal of Politics*, *KU Leuven Research Council*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Political Science and Research Methods*, *Political Studies*, *Politics and Governance*, *Public Opinion and Parties*, *Public Policy and Administration*, *Publius*, *Regional and Federal Studies*, *Research and Politics*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Swiss Political Science Review*, *Swiss National Science Foundation*, *West European Politics*, and *World Politics*.

TEACHING

The European Union (lecture), University of Bern, yearly since 2020.

European Politics (lecture), University of Bern, yearly since 2020.

Frontiers in Political Science Research (seminar), spring 2024.

Research Seminar: European Politics and Swiss-EU Relations, fall 2023.

Democracy and the EU (seminar), University of Bern, fall 2021.

Die Schweiz und die EU (seminar), University of Bern, spring 2021, fall 2022.

Contested European Integration (seminar), University of Bern, fall 2020, spring 2022.

M.A. Thesis Colloquium University of Bern, every semester since 2020.

Foundations of the European Union, Zeppelin University, fall 2019.

European Politics, Zeppelin University, fall 2019.

Political and Economic Integration in the European Union (yearly research seminar), University of Salzburg and University of Zurich, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, and fall 2018.

Introduction to the Politics of the EU, University of Salzburg, fall 2018.

The Politics of the EU (proseminar/seminar), University of Salzburg and University of Zurich, fall 2015, spring 2017, spring 2018, and fall 2018.

M.A. Thesis Supervision Seminar, University of Salzburg, spring 2017.

European Integration from an Interdisciplinary Perspective, University of Salzburg, fall 2016.

Institutions of the EU (seminar with visits to the ECB, CJEU, EP, Permanent Representatives, and Commission), University of Salzburg, spring 2016.

Policy Diffusion, University of Zurich, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2012/13, and 2013/14.

Survey Data Analysis, University of Zurich, spring 2013.

Comparative Political Economy of Taxation, University of Zurich, fall 2012.

SUPERVISOR, ADVISOR, AND EXTERNAL EXAMINOR

Ph.D. supervision, PostDoc advisor, and Examiner:

- Théoda Woeffray (Ph.D. student, University of Bern, 2020–2024)
- Dr. Leandra Bias (PostDoc, University of Bern, 2022–2025, co-advisor with Prof. Isabelle Stadelmann-Steffen and Prof. Karin Ingold)
- Thomas Lehner (Ph.D. student, University of Salzburg, 2016–2019, PostDoc at Zeppelin University, 2019–2020)
- Dr. Zdenek Kudrna (PostDoc, University of Salzburg, 2014–2019)
- External Ph.D. Examiner: Farzad Vaziri (University of Essex, 2019)
- Francesco Galletti (Ph.D. student, University of Salzburg, 2014–2018)

Supervision of more than 40 B.A. and M.A. theses at the Universities of Bern, Zurich, Salzburg, and Zeppelin.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION, PRESENTATIONS, AND INVITED TALKS (EXCERPT)

Switzerland-EU Relations, University of Bern and Zurich	2024
Forum für Universität und Gesellschaft, Bern	2024
National Coordination and the European Union, Villa Vigoni	2023
Europaforum, Luzern	2022
Strategie Dialog, Gerzensee	2022
SPSA European Politics Workshop, Keynote, ETH Zurich	2021
International Institutions Workshop, University of Zurich	2021
Distinguished Lecture SCEUS, University of Salzburg	2021
IR and CP Colloquium, University of Konstanz	2021
CEPS Conference on EMU Reforms, Brussels	2019
ECPR Joint Sessions, Mons	2019
Political Economy of International Organizations, Salzburg	2019
EMU Choices Conferences, LUISS, Stockholm, Brussels	2017, 2018, 2019
European University Institute, San Domenico di Fiesole	2017, 2018, 2019
American Political Science Association (APSA)	2009, 2010, 2015, 2018, 2022
ECPR Standing Group on the EU	2016, 2018
Conference on Eurozone Politics, University of Zurich	2018
Tamedia Publisher Conference (Keynote)	2017
European Union Studies Association (EUSA)	2017
Governance Network, National University of Singapore	2017
Financial Crisis Workshop, FU Berlin	2016
European Communities Studies Association (ECSA)	2016, 2022, 2023
3-Länder-Tagung der Politikwissenschaft, Heidelberg	2016
Fung Global Fellows Program, Princeton University	2015, 2016
Econ Research Seminar, University of Salzburg	2015
Sinergia workshop, Università della Svizzera Italiana	2015
European Union Program, Princeton University	2015
Austrian Political Science Association	2015
Conference of Europeanists (CES)	2013
European Political Science Association (EPSA)	2011-2015, 2021, 2023
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)	2009, 2021, 2022
International Studies Association (ISA)	2011, 2012
Midwest Political Science Association	2010, 2013
Association for Contemporary European Studies	2012
ECPR Standing Group on Political Economy	2009
Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA)	2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021, 2023

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Co-Founder and Co-Director of *LeeWas* GmbH. This company was created by Lucas Lee-mann and myself in 2016 as a spin-off of our joint research on the empirical measurement of public opinion. *LeeWas* runs and analyzes public opinion surveys in Switzerland using large data sets, digital communication channels, and state-of-the-art methods that build on multilevel regression and post-stratification (MrP). Among others, we conduct with Tamedia multiple polling waves on all Swiss referendums and national elections. For more on the survey methodology, see our article in the *American Journal of Political Science* and our book chapter in the *Sage Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations* listed above. For more information on the activities of *LeeWas*, see [here](#).

PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth: 17 February 1983

Citizenship: Switzerland and Italy

Married, two children (2014 and 2016)

Languages: (Swiss) German, English (fluent), Italian and French (modest)