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CURRENT POSITION

Associate Professor and Chair of European Politics, Co-Director of the Institute of Political Science, University of Bern, since 2020.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Professor and Chair 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.

Visiting Professor (Lehrstuhlvertretung Politische Theorie) and Senior Research Associate, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, 2014–2018.

Associate Research Scholar, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Fung Global Fellows Program, Princeton University, academic year 2014/15.

Visiting Research Scholar, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Program on Transatlantic Relations, Harvard University, academic year 2011/12.

EDUCATION

Habilitation (Political Science), University of Salzburg, 2017.
Ph.D. (Political Science), summa cum laude, University of Zurich, 2014.
Journal Articles

2020

“Expectations, Vote Choice, and Opinion Stability Since the 2016 Brexit Referendum”
Co-authored with Charlotte Grynberg and Stefanie Walter.
*European Union Politics*, forthcoming.

2019

“The Politics of Policy Diffusion” (with Fabrizio Gilardi)

“Global Diffusion, Policy Flexibility, and Inflation Targeting”

“Analysing European Union Decision-Making during the Eurozone Crisis with New Data”
Co-authored with Dirk Leuffen, Zdenek Kudrna, and Hanno Degner.

“Political Conflict in the Reform of the Eurozone” (with Thomas Lehner)

“Explaining Governmental Preferences on Economic and Monetary Union Reform”
Co-authored with Silvana Tarlea, Stefanie Bailler, Hanno Degner, Lisa Dellmuth, Dirk Leuffen, Magnus Lundgren, and Jonas Tallberg.

2017

“Extending the Use and Prediction Precision of Subnational Public Opinion Estimation”
Co-authored with Lucas Leemann.

2016

“The Democratic Effect of Direct Democracy” (with Lucas Leemann)

“How Socialization Attenuates Tax Competition” (with Fabrizio Gilardi)

2015

“The Cooperative Capacity of Swiss Federalism”
“Learning and the Diffusion of Regime Contention in the Arab Spring”
Co-authored with Justus Bamert and Fabrizio Gilardi.

2014

“Political and Economic Integration in the EU: The Case of Failed Tax Harmonization”

“Contextual Variation in Interdependent Policy Making: The Case of Tax Competition”

“Revitalizing Swiss Federalism in a Changing Environment” (with Katharina Füglister)

2010

“The Judiciary as Legislator? How the ECJ shapes Policy-Making in the EU”
*Journal of European Public Policy* 17(8): 1128–1146.

**EDITORSHIPS**

“The Politics of Eurozone Reforms”
Co-Editor with Zdenek Kudrna and Sonja Puntscher Riekmann.

Special Issue Editor, “Decision-Making During the Eurozone Crisis”

**BOOK CHAPTERS**


**Cumulative Habilitation Thesis**

“Essays on Federalism, Democracy, and Diffusion”

**Cumulative Ph.D. Thesis**

“Lessons From an Ideal-Typical Case of Interdependent Policy Making”
Zurich: University of Zurich. 2014.

**Work in Progress**

Supranational Influence in the Reform of the Eurozone (with Magnus Lundgren and Jonas Tallberg)

Worlds of Domestic Position Formation in Economic and Fiscal Integration (with Stefanie Bailer, Silvana Tarlea, and Zdenek Kudrna)

Who is Powerful in the Reform of the Eurozone? (with Zdenek Kudrna)
Other Publications and Media (Excerpt)


Multiple media contributions (interviews, polling, analysis, and articles) to *Tages-Anzeiger, Le Temps, 20 Minuten, LSE EUROPP, Das Magazin, SRF, Norwegian TV*, and other outlets.

Research Grants, Fellowships, Awards


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 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, Swiss National Science Foundation, (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.

Professional Service


Member of the editorial board of the Journal of European Public Policy.

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks (Excerpt)

IR and CP Colloquium, University of Konstanz 2020
CEPS Conference on EMU Reform, Brussels 2019
ECPR Joint Sessions, Mons 2019
Political Economy of International Organizations, Salzburg 2019
EMU Choices Conferences, LUISS, Stockholm, Brussels 2019, 2018, 2017
European University Institute, San Domenico di Fiesole 2019, 2018, 2017
ECPR Standing Group on the EU 2018, 2016
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
3-Länder-Tagung der Politikwissenschaft, Heidelberg 2016
Fung Global Fellows Program, Princeton University 2016, 2015
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 Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) 2009
International Studies Association (ISA) 2012, 2011
Midwest Political Science Association 2013, 2010
Association for Contemporary European Studies 2012
ECPR Standing Group on Political Economy 2009
2013, 2010, 2009
Supervision

Supervision of more than 30 B.A. and M.A. theses at the University of Zurich, University of Salzburg, and Zeppelin University.

Ph.D. and PostDoc supervision:
– Théoda Woeffray (Ph.D. student at the University of Bern, since 2020)
– Thomas Lehner (Ph.D. student at the University of Salzburg, 2016–2019, PostDoc at Zeppelin University, 2019–2020)
– Zdenek Kudrna (PostDoc at the University of Salzburg, 2014–2019)
– Francesco Galletti (Ph.D. student at the University of Salzburg, 2014–2018)

Teaching

European Union I, University of Bern, spring 2020.
Foundations of the European Union, Zeppelin University, fall 2019.
European Politics, Zeppelin University, fall 2019.
Political and Economic Integration in the European Union I & II (full year 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.
Survey Data Analysis, University of Zurich, spring 2013.
Comparative Political Economy of Taxation, University of Zurich, fall 2012.

Other Professional Activity

Co-Founder and Co-Director of LeeWas GmbH (Zurich, 2016). This company was created by Lucas Leemann and myself 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 the 2019 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**

- German: Mother tongue  
- English: Fluent  
- Italian: Good knowledge  
- French: Good knowledge