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PERSONAL INFORMATION	Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Harvard University 1737 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02138	E-mail: tkurer@wcfa.harvard.edu Web: thomaskurer.net
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<p>Postdoctoral Fellow, Research Cluster on Global Populism/Challenges to Democracy, Harvard University</p> <p>Post-Doctoral Researcher, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich</p> <p>Junior Visiting Scholar, Nuffield College, University of Oxford. Sponsors: Prof. Ben Ansell and Prof. Jane Gingrich</p> <p>Visiting researcher, European University Institute. Liaison Professor: Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi.</p>	<p>08/2018 – present</p> <p>1/2018 – 07/2018</p> <p>1/2017 – 07/2017</p> <p>9/2015 – 11/2015</p>
EDUCATION	<p>Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Zurich “The Declining Middle: Mass Politics in the Age of Automation” Defended in March 2018, <i>summa cum laude</i>. Committee: Silja Häusermann, Jane Gingrich, and Stefanie Walter.</p> <p>Master of Arts, University of Zurich and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Major: Political Science, Minor: Economics.</p> <p>Bachelor of Arts, University of Zurich, Major: Political Science, Minor: Economics.</p>	<p>8/2014 – 12/2017</p> <p>9/2012 – 7/2014</p> <p>9/2007 – 7/2011</p>
JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS	<p>Kurer, Thomas, Silja Häusermann, Bruno Wüest and Matthias Enggist. “Economic grievances and political protest”, accepted for publication in <i>European Journal of Political Research</i></p> <p>Häusermann, Silja, Thomas Kurer and Denise Traber. “The politics of trade-offs: Studying the dynamics of welfare state reform with conjoint experiments.”, accepted for publication in <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>.</p> <p>Häusermann, Silja, Thomas Kurer and Bruno Wüest (2017). “Participation in hard times: how constrained government depresses turnout among the highly educated”, <i>West European Politics</i>, 41(2): 448-471.</p>	

Häusermann, Silja, Thomas Kurer and Hanna Schwander (2016).
 “Sharing the risk? Households, labor market vulnerability and social policy preferences in Western Europe”, *Journal of Politics*, 78(4): 1045-1060.

Häusermann, Silja, Thomas Kurer and Hanna Schwander (2015).
 “High-Skilled Outsiders? Labor market vulnerability, education and welfare state preferences”, *Socio-Economic Review*, 13(2): 235-258.

WORK
IN PROGRESS

“The declining middle: Political reactions to occupational change”
Winner of the 2017 Best Paper Award, Political Economy and Welfare Network, Council of European Studies.

“Economic hardship and turnout: a reference-point approach”

“Inert and insignificant? On the electoral relevance of labor market outsiders.”
 (with Reto Bürgisser)

“Distributional Consequences of Technological Change: Worker-Level Evidence.”
 (with Aina Gallego)

“Shrinking and Shouting: The Political Revolt of the Declining Middle in Times of Employment Polarization.” (with Bruno Palier)

“The political consequences of technological change. Evidence from the BHPS”
 (with Aina Gallego and Niko Schoell)

“Economic risk, the household safety net and support for right-wing populism”
 (with Tarik Abou-Chadi)

GRANTS AND
AWARDS

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) 27'000 CHF	2017

INVITED TALKS

“Digitalisation, Populism, and the Changing Role of the Middle Class” Speaker Series, University of Fribourg, Switzerland.	2018
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TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Supervision: 6 MA theses, > 30 BA theses	
Research Seminar <i>Swiss Elections 2015: A Polarized Party System</i> , University of Zurich, main instructor,	fall/spring term 2017/18
Research Seminar <i>Swiss Elections 2015: A Polarized Party System</i> , University of Zurich, co-instructor	fall term 2016
Research Seminar <i>Democracy, Participation and Inequality</i> , University of Zurich, co-instructor	fall/spring term 2015/16
Research Seminar <i>Democracy, Participation and Inequality</i> , University of Zurich, co-instructor	fall/spring term 2014/15

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Intern at a major Swiss trade union	7/2011 – 7/2012
SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION	Reviews for <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> , <i>European Political Science Review</i> , <i>Journal of Economic Issues</i> , <i>Social Politics</i> , <i>Socio-Economic Review</i> , <i>Swiss Political Science Review</i>	
SKILLS	<p>Languages: English (fluent), German (native), Spanish (intermediate), French (intermediate), Italian (basic)</p> <p>Software: R, Stata, Latex</p> <p>Didactics Training: Participation in Teaching Skills Program, University of Zurich</p>	