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ACADEMIC POSITIONS **Berggruen-Weatherhead Postdoctoral Fellow**, 08/2018 – present
Research Cluster on Global Populism/Challenges to Democracy,
Harvard University
Post-Doctoral Researcher, 1/2018 – 07/2018
Department of Political Science, University of Zurich
Junior Visiting Scholar, Nuffield College, University of Oxford. 1/2017 – 07/2017
Sponsors: Prof. Ben Ansell and Prof. Jane Gingrich
Visiting researcher, European University Institute. 9/2015 – 11/2015
Sponsor: Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi.

EDUCATION **Ph.D. in Political Science**, University of Zurich 8/2014 – 12/2017
Defended in March 2018, *summa cum laude*.
Committee: Silja Häusermann, Jane Gingrich, and Stefanie Walter.
Master of Arts, University of Zurich and Vrije Universiteit 9/2012 – 7/2014
Amsterdam, Major: Political Science, Minor: Economics.
Bachelor of Arts, University of Zurich, 9/2007 – 7/2011
Major: Political Science, Minor: Economics.

PUBLICATIONS 2019. “Shrinking and shouting: the political revolt of the declining middle in times of employment polarization” (with Bruno Palier). *Research & Politics*, accepted for publication.
2018. “Distributional Consequences of Technological Change: Worker-Level Evidence” (with Aina Gallego). *Research & Politics*, accepted for publication.
2018. “Economic grievances and political protest” (with Matthias Enggist, Silja Häusermann and Bruno Wüest). *European Journal of Political Research*, forthcoming.
2018. “The politics of trade-offs: Studying the dynamics of welfare state reform with conjoint experiments” (with Silja Häusermann and Denise Traber). *Comparative Political Studies*, online first.
2018. “Participation in hard times: how constrained government depresses turnout among the highly educated” (with Silja Häusermann and Bruno Wüest). *West European Politics*, 41(2): 448-471.
2016. “Sharing the risk? Households, labor market vulnerability and social policy preferences in Western Europe” (with Silja Häusermann and Hanna Schwander). *Journal of Politics*, 78(4): 1045-1060.

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

UNDER
REVIEW

“The Declining Middle: Political Reactions to Occupational Change” (*Winner of the 2017 Best Paper Award, Political Economy and Welfare Network, Council of European Studies.*)

“Social Democratic Labor Market Policy in Post-Industrial Societies” (with Reto Bürgisser)

“Economic Grievances and Protest” (book chapter, with Hanspeter Kriesi, Chendi Wang, and Silja Häusermann)

“Not so disruptive after all? How Workplace Digitalization affects Political Preferences” (with Aina Gallego and Niko Schoell)

WORK
IN PROGRESS

“Geography of Discontent: Policy Responses to Rural Deprivation”

“Economic Hardship and Turnout: A Reference-Point Approach”

“Economic Risks within Households and Voting for the Radical Right” (with Tarik Abou-Chadi)

“The Emergence of the Knowledge Economy: Educational Expansion, Labor Market Changes, and the Politics of Social Investment” (book chapter, with Michael Pinggera and Julian Garritzmann)

“Voting Against the Party? Elite Influence on Public Opinion in Direct Democracy” (with Céline Colombo, Silja Häusermann, Michael Pinggera and Denise Traber).

“How Parties Organize from the Grounds: The Genesis of M5S” (with Daniel Bischof).

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

SOFI, Stockholm University, Sweden	2019
University of Fribourg, Switzerland	2018

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 Reviews for *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative European Politics*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Political Science Review*, *European Sociological Review*, *Journal of Economic Issues*, *Social Politics*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Swiss Political Science Review*

SKILLS Languages: English (fluent), German (native), French (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate), Italian (basic)

Software: R, Stata, Latex

Didactics Training: Participation in Teaching Skills Program, University of Zurich