

CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Political Economy, Applied Microeconometrics

Secondary: Public Economics, Gender Economics, Economic History

PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

[Identifying the Effect of Election Closeness on Voter Turnout: Evidence from Swiss Referenda](#)
Journal of the European Economic Association, 2024, 22(2), pp. 876–914.
with Leonardo Bursztyn, Davide Cantoni, Patricia Funk, and Noam Yuchtman

[Strategic Policy Responsiveness to Challenger Platforms: Evidence From U.S. House Incumbents](#)
(submitted)

[Out of Office, Out of Step? Electoral Incentives and Strategic Moderation in the U.S. House of Representatives](#) (*Job Market Paper*)

The Long-term Disruptive Potential of Protests: Evidence From the Swiss Women Strike
with Patricia Funk and Noam Yuchtman (*in progress*)

Regressive Gender Norms and Social Pressure NOT to Turn Out: Evidence From Switzerland
with Alda Marchese (*in progress*)

REFERENCES

[Patricia Funk](#) – USI Lugano, Switzerland
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[Vincent Pons](#) – Harvard University, USA
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[Noam Yuchtman](#) – University of Oxford, UK
Email: noam.yuchtman@economics.ox.ac.uk

REFeree SERVICE

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Economic Review: Insights; European Economic Review; Review of Economics and Statistics

PRESENTATIONS

2025: Harris Political Economy American Democracy Conference (Stanford GSB) [invited], CUNEF Universidad Madrid, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien (WU Vienna), HSE Moscow [online], Università di Milano Bicocca (DEMS), University of Sussex Business School [online], Universität Stuttgart (PEGDev Lab). **2024:** Conference on Political Economy (EJPE-CEPR) [discussant], Annual Meeting of the European Economic Association (EEA), Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Petralia Workshop (NYU), Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (AMSE), International Conference on Public Economic Theory (APET), Annual Congress of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (SSES), IdEP Brownbag Seminar (USI). **2023:** IPL Brownbag Seminar (ETH), IdEP Brownbag Seminar (USI). **2022:** Annual Meeting of the European Economic Association (EEA), Annual Congress of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (SSES), IdEP Brownbag Seminar (USI). **2021:** Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA) [online], IdEP Brownbag Seminar (USI). **2020:** Brazilian Econometric Society Meeting (SBE) [invited], IdEP Brownbag Seminar (USI). **2019:** IdEP Brownbag Seminar (USI).

CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Researcher

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) – Department of Economics

March 2024 - present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) – Department of Economics

2018-2024

Thesis: Electoral Incentives, Voter Turnout and Legislator Behavior: Evidence from Close Elections

Committee: Raphaël Parchet (chair), Patricia Funk (advisor), Vincent Pons (Harvard, external member)

Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students

Swiss National Bank – Study Center Gerzensee

2018-2019

Master in Public Administration, Specialization in Public Economics

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) – IDHEAP, University of Lausanne

2014-2017

Bachelor in Political Science and Sociology

University of Bern

2007-2014

Bachelor in History

University of Bern

2008-2014

PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Patricia Funk (USI Lugano) & Stephan Litschig (GRIPS Tokyo)

2014-2017

Axel Franzen (University of Bern)

2012-2013

Thess Schönholzer (University of Bern)

2008-2010

TEACHING

Development, Public and Gender Economics (MSc Economics) – Co-instructor with Lucia Corno and Patricia Funk

2024

Political Economy and Public Finance (MSc Economics) – TA to Patricia Funk

2018-2022

Political Economy (BA Economics) – TA to Patricia Funk

2019-2023

Macroeconomics (BA Economics, in Italian) – TA to Saverio Simonelli and Giovanni Pica

2022-2023

PROGRAMMING AND LANGUAGES

IT: Stata (proficient), R (intermediate), Python (basics), ArcGIS (basics)

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), Italian (fluent), French (C1), Spanish (B1)