

Rens Chazottes

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EMPLOYMENT

Federal Polytechnic School of Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland 2024–2025
Postdoctoral Fellow, Chair of Policy & Sustainability
Host: Prof. Michaël Aklin

EDUCATION

European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy 2020–2024
Ph.D. in Comparative Politics
Dissertation: Political Participation and Accountability Mechanisms in Tropical Forest Governance
Supervisors: Miriam Golden, Maarten Voors

Wageningen University & Research, The Netherlands 2022–2024
Visiting Scholar, Department of Development Economics
Faculty host: Maarten Voors

AgroParisTech, France 2018–2019
Specialization: Environmental Politics

ENSAT – National Agronomic School of Toulouse, France 2016–2019
M.Sc. Environmental Science (Ingénieur Agronome); B.Sc. Environmental Science (2016)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- **Chazottes, R.**, & Junisa Nabieu. 2025. “Non-Electoral Accountability: Citizen Sanctions on Traditional Leaders in Sierra Leone.” *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, forthcoming.

WORKING PAPERS

- Bradley, M., **Chazottes, R.**, Garside, S., & Lopez-Uroz, N. 2025. “Educational Policies Can Strengthen Climate Coalitions.” Manuscript in preparation for submission to *PNAS*.
- **Chazottes, R.** 2025. “Decentralization without Context: Unintended Conservation Outcomes in Cameroon’s Community Forests.”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book Project

- Aklin, M., & **Chazottes, R.** 2025. *Policy and Sustainability: Public Policy for Engineers*. Co-authored textbook introducing sustainable policy design for STEM students.

Articles in Progress

- **Chazottes, R.**, Jaziri, T., & Lopez-Uroz, N. 2025. “Technocratic or Political? The Effect of Partisan Alignment on Drought Responses in France.”

- **Chazottes, R.** 2025. “Traditional Chieftaincies, Family Ties, and Social Accountability: Evidence from a Behavioral Measure in the Field.”
- Abril-Poncela, P., & **Chazottes, R.** 2025. “Elections and Deforestation: A Systematic Review of Empirical and Theoretical Evidence.”
- **Chazottes, R.** 2025. “Social Network Insights for Self-Governed Groups: Guiding Principles for Institutionalizing Horizontal Practices.”

POLICY REPORTS AND BRIEFS

- Bradley, M., **Chazottes, R.**, Garside, S., & Lopez-Uroz, N. 2025. “Évaluation d’impact des ateliers 2tonnes en contexte universitaire.” *EPFL & European University Institute*.
- Voors, M., Bulte, E., & **Chazottes, R.** 2024. “Carbon, Deforestation, and Livelihoods in the Loma Mountains National Park.” *International Growth Center Policy Brief*.
- **Chazottes, R.**, Voors, M., & Meriggi, N. 2023. “Situational Assessment of the SRE and Yawri Bay: Baseline Report.” *International Growth Center*.

DATASET CONTRIBUTIONS

- Contributor (2025). Ministry of the Interior, “2008 Municipal Elections, Second-Round Results.” DOI: [10.21410/7E4/HPYJLD](https://doi.org/10.21410/7E4/HPYJLD). *data.sciencespo*. Contributed to dataset cleaning. Title translated from French for clarity.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- **Co-Principal Investigator**, Transition to Green Growth, WUR, Sierra Leone 2023
Partnership coordination, grant management, and field data collection supervision
- **Research Assistant**, EUI 2021–2022
Supported Profs. Elias Dinas and others on comparative political economy projects (spatial analysis, replication, and data cleaning)
- **Consultant**, CIFOR, Cameroon 2021
Fieldwork and data collection
- **Research Assistant**, COVID Model Challenges Project (EUI, Stanford, WZB Berlin) 2021
Data management and quantitative modeling of government responses to COVID-19

TEACHING

- Teaching Assistant, “Management of Innovation” (MSc), EPFL, 2025
- Lecturer, “Introduction to Sustainable Development,” Institut Mines-Télécom, 2023
- Data Collection Instructor, “Transition to Green Growth,” Wageningen University, 2023
- Lecturer, “Mathematics for Social and Political Sciences,” EUI, 2021
- Teaching Assistant, “Probability and Linear Algebra,” ENSAT, 2016

ADVISING

- Fieldwork supervision of two Master’s theses (Development Economics and Geo-Information Science), Wageningen University, 2023

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 (expected): University of Vienna, Department of Geography
- 2025: Environmental Politics & Governance Annual Meeting; LSE EPG Series; Colloque “Construire des écologies politiques émancipatrices”

- 2024: CES International Conference of Europeanists; EPSA; Revue Internationale de Politique Comparée
- 2023: APSA; EPSA
- 2022: Princeton Climate Futures Workshop; ISA Annual Convention

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Reviewer: *Journal of Politics* (2025)
- President of the Postdoctoral Association at EPFL (2025)
- Co-founder, Environmental and Climate Politics Working Group, EUI

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- International Growth Center Small Grant – “Transition to Green Growth,” Sierra Leone (2023)
- European University Institute Small Research Grant (2022)
- Nuffic Doctoral Grant (2020)

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Committee Member, *Le Franc Paysan*, Switzerland (2025–2026) – Impact evaluation and funding coordination
- Impact Evaluator, “Tour de France Agricole,” France (2021–2023)
- Co-director & Producer, Documentary [Sans un bruit](#) (2019),
- Impact Evaluation Consultant, Pur Project, South and Central America (2018)

SKILLS

- **Quantitative Methods:** Experimental design, causal inference, impact evaluation
- **Software:** R, LaTeX, QGIS, GitHub, Qualtrics, SurveyCTO
- **Field Experience:** Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Colombia
- **Languages:** French (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Fluent), Dutch (Intermediate), Spanish (Intermediate)

REFERENCES

- Prof. Michaël Aklin – EPFL, michael.aklin@epfl.ch
- Prof. Miriam Golden – Stanford University, golden@ucla.edu
- Prof. Maarten Voors – Wageningen University, maarten.voors@wur.nl
- Dr. Niccolò Meriggi – University of Oxford, niccolo.meriggi@economics.ox.ac.uk