

# Roberto Valli

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- **European University Institute** Italy  
Max Weber Fellow September 2025 – August 2027
- **Princeton University** USA  
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Bobst Center for Peace and Justice September 2024 – August 2025

## EDUCATION

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- **ETH Zurich** Switzerland  
PhD in Political Science September 2020 – August 2024  
Committee: Lars-Erik Cederman, Vasiliki Fouka, Daniele Caramani
- **ETH Zurich and University of Zurich** Switzerland  
MA ETH UZH in Comparative and International Studies September 2018 – August 2020
- **University of St. Gallen** Switzerland  
BA HSG in International Affairs September 2014 – June 2018

## AFFILIATIONS

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- University of Konstanz, visiting scholar (June 2025 – August 2025)
- University of California Berkeley, ISEES visiting scholar (February 2022 – August 2022)

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Yannick I. Pengl, Carl Müller-Crepon, Roberto Valli, Lars-Erik Cederman, and Luc Girardin. 2025. “The Train Wrecks of Modernization: Railway Construction and Separatist Mobilization in Europe.” *American Political Science Review*, 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055425000048>

## WORKING PAPERS

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- **Roberto Valli**. Assimilation, Emigration and Mobilization: Elite Responses to Territorial Conquest. Job market paper. [To working paper](#).
- Massimo Troncone and **Roberto Valli**. Who Pays for the Church? Political Connections and Religious Clientelism in Postwar Italy. *American Journal of Political Science*, revise and resubmit. [To working paper](#)
- Lars-Erik Cederman, Luc Girardin, Maria Muñoz, **Roberto Valli** and Julian Wucherpfennig. Peace Through Partition? A Spatial Analysis of State Splits and Conflict. Under review.
- **Roberto Valli** and Massimo Troncone. Shifting Partisan Attachments: The Impact of Electoral Defeat on Voter Preferences. [To working paper](#).
- Massimo Troncone and **Roberto Valli**. Domestic Minority Status and Supranational Integration. [To working paper](#).

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

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- **Roberto Valli** and Carl Müller-Crepon. How Border Change Impacts Language Use: Evidence from Europe, 1815–1938.
- Massimo Troncone, Fanny Valli-Puljic and **Roberto Valli**. Migrant Responses to Nativist Policies.

## TEACHING

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- Partition: A solution to civil war? *Undergraduate guest lecture* – Konfliktforschung II, ETH Zurich (May 2023).
- Recent Developments in Methods for Causal Inference with Cross-Sectional Time-Series data. *Graduate workshop* – Center for Comparative and International Studies (February 2023). [To materials](#).

## RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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- **ETH Zurich** Switzerland  
Lars-Erik Cederman July 2019 – August 2020
- **University of St. Gallen** Switzerland  
Tina Freyburg September 2017 – August 2019
- **University of St. Gallen** Switzerland  
Oliver Westerwinter March 2018 – September 2018
- **Scuola Universitaria Professionale della Svizzera Italiana** Switzerland  
Siegfried Alberton July 2017 – August 2017

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2025:** WU Vienna Political Economy of Public Policy Seminar, Notre Dame University Comparative Politics Workshop, New York University Comparative Politics Workshop
- 2024:** Aarhus University Ethnicity & Migration Workshop

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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- 2025:** Political Behavior and Public Opinion Conference, American Political Science Association, Virtual Workshop in Historical Political Economy, Midwestern Political Science Association, European Political Science Association
- 2024:** Princeton University Political Economy Research Seminar, American Political Science Association, University College London Conflict & Change Workshop
- 2023:** Swiss Political Science Association, European Political Science Association, Network of European Peace Scientists, Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series
- 2022:** Swiss Political Science Association, Midwestern Political Science Association, Association for the Study of Nationalities, American Political Science Association
- 2021:** University of Zurich PoliTics Workshop

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- Institute for Humane Studies Expense Support grant no. 019633 (September 2025, USD 5'000)
- LSE Anthony D. Smith Fellowship [shortlisted] (January 2024)
- CIS Collaborative Research Grant, with Massimo Troncone (May 2022, CHF 5'000)
- ETH Mobility Travel Grant (August 2021, CHF 15'630)

## SERVICE

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- Conference panel organizer: “The Legacies of War on Political Identities and Behavior” (APSA 2024)
- Conference panel discussant: “Attitudes Toward Immigrants and Outsiders from a Cross-National perspective” (MPSA 2025), “Democratic Support and Elections” (EPSA 2023)
- Other discussant activity: Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series (2024)
- Member of student working group to reform PhD curriculum (ETH Zurich, 2020–2021)
- Student representative: ETH Zurich, Teaching Commission and Department Conference (2020–2021); University of St. Gallen, hiring committee for assistant professorship and Student Parliament (2016–2017)

## ARCHIVAL WORK

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- Vatican Apostolic Archives, Rome (May 2025)

## OUTREACH

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- APSR Blog, Conversations with Authors (May 2025). [To post.](#)

## SKILLS

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- **Software:** R,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , QGIS, Git, Subversion
- **Languages:** Italian (native), German (proficient), French (intermediate)

## REFERENCES

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- Vasiliki Fouka, Stanford University. [vfouka@stanford.edu](mailto:vfouka@stanford.edu)
- Carles Boix, Princeton University. [cboix@princeton.edu](mailto:cboix@princeton.edu)