Roberto Valli

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EMPLOYMENT

Princeton University   USA
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Bobst Center for Peace and Justice   September 2024 – August 2025

EDUCATION

ETH Zurich   Switzerland
PhD in Political Science   September 2020 – August 2024
Splitting or Making the Difference? Border Change and the Assimilation of
European Elites 1816-1938
Committee: Lars-Erik Cederman (main supervisor), Daniele Caramani, Vasiliki Fouka

University of California Berkeley   USA
Visiting Scholar, ISEEES   February 2022 – August 2022
Host: John Connelly, PhD

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

WORKING PAPERS

- Yannick Pengl, Carl Müller-Crêpon, **Roberto Valli**, Lars-Erik Cederman and Luc Girardin. The Train Wrecks of Modernization: Railways, Nationalism and Conflict in Long Nineteenth Century Europe. *American Political Science Review*, conditionally accepted. 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. *International Organization*, revise & resubmit.

- **Roberto Valli**. Border change and the Nationalization of Elite Culture in Alsace-Lorraine. To working paper.

- Massimo Troncone and **Roberto Valli**. Domestic Minority Status and Supranational Integration. To working paper.

- **Roberto Valli** and Massimo Troncone. Shifting Partisan Attachments: The Impact of Electoral Defeat on Voter Preferences. To working paper.

- Massimo Troncone and **Roberto Valli**. Who Pays for the Church? Electoral Institutions and Religious Clientelism in Post-War Italy. To working paper

WORK IN PROGRESS

- **Roberto Valli** and Carl Müller-Crêpon. Border and Identity Change.

TEACHING

- Partition: A solution to civil war? *Guest lecture at Konfliktforschung II, ETH Zurich* (May 2023).
- Recent Developments in Methods for Causal Inference with Cross-Sectional Time-Series data. *Workshop at Center for Comparative and International Studies PhD retreat* (February 2023).

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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

INVITED TALKS

2024: Ethnicity & Migration workshop Aarhus University

Conferences and presentations

2024: American Political Science Association, Conflict & Change workshop University College London

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

- Anthony D. Smith Fellowship London School of Economics and Political Science [shortlisted] (January 2024)
- Comparative and International Studies Collaborative Research Grant, with Massimo Troncone (May 2022, CHF 5'000)
- ETH Mobility Travel Grant (August 2021, CHF 15'630)

Service

- Conference panel chair: APSA 2024
- Conference panel discussant: EPSA 2023
- 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 professorships and Student Parliament (2016–2017)

Skills

- **Software**: R, LaTeX, QGIS, Git, Subversion
- **Languages**: Italian (native), English (proficient), German (advanced), French (intermediate)