

# Roberto Valli

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## EMPLOYMENT

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- **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  
*Splitting or Making the Difference? Border Change and the Assimilation of European Elites 1816–1938*  
Committee: Lars-Erik Cederman (main supervisor), Vasiliki Fouka, Daniele Caramani
- **University of California Berkeley** USA  
Visiting Scholar, ISEES 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

## 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**. Border Change and the Nationalization of Elite Identities. [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.
- Massimo Troncone and **Roberto Valli**. Who Pays for the Church? Electoral Institutions and Religious Clientelism in Post-War Italy. Under review. [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](#).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- **Roberto Valli** and Carl Müller-Crepon. Border Change and Identity.
- **Roberto Valli**, Fanny Valli-Puljic and Massimo Troncone. Discriminatory Popular Initiatives and Migrant Assimilation.

## TEACHING

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- 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

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- **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

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**2025:** New York University Comparative Politics Workshop

**2024:** Aarhus University Ethnicity & Migration Workshop

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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**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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- European University Institute Max Weber Fellowship (December 2024)
- Princeton University Mamdouha S. Bobst postdoctoral fellowship (January 2024)
- LSE Anthony D. Smith Fellowship [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

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- Conference panel organizer: “The Legacies of War on Political Identities and Behavior” APSA 2024
- Conference panel discussant: “Democratic Support and Elections” 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 professorship and Student Parliament (2016–2017)

## SKILLS

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

## REFERENCES

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- Lars-Erik Cederman, ETH Zurich. [lcederman@ethz.ch](mailto:lcederman@ethz.ch)
- Vasiliki Fouka, Stanford University. [vfouka@stanford.edu](mailto:vfouka@stanford.edu)
- Carles Boix, Princeton University. [cboix@princeton.edu](mailto:cboix@princeton.edu)