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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), Vasiliki Fouka, Daniele Caramani
- **University of California Berkeley** USA
Visiting Scholar, ISEES February 2022 – August 2022
Host: John Connelly
- **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

- 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

- **Roberto Valli**. Assimilation, Emigration and Mobilization: Elite Responses to Territorial Conquest. [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? Political Connections and Religious Clientelism in Postwar 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](#).

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- **Roberto Valli** and Carl Müller-Crepon. Border and Language Change: Evidence from Europe, 1815–1938.
- **Roberto Valli**, Fanny Valli-Puljic and Massimo Troncone. Discriminatory Popular Initiatives and Migrant Assimilation.

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
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

- 2025:** Notre Dame University Comparative Politics Workshop, New York University Comparative Politics Workshop
- 2024:** Aarhus University Ethnicity & Migration Workshop

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2025:** Midwestern 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

- European University Institute Max Weber Fellowship (December 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

- 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
- 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

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

REFERENCES

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