

## RESEARCH STATEMENT

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I am passionate about the comparative politics of nationalism and ethnicity. In my research, I try to understand the origins of identity-politics based on shared and observable traits such as language and religion. I believe in harnessing new developments in statistical and computer science to learn about complex political phenomena with innovative observational data.

## EDUCATION

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- **University of California Berkeley, ISEEEES** Berkeley (CA), USA  
*Visiting Scholar – Host: Ph.D. John Connelly* February 2022 – August 2022
- **ETH Zurich** Zürich (ZH), Switzerland  
*PhD in Political Science – Supervisor: Ph.D. Lars-Erik Cederman* September 2020 –
- **ETH Zurich** Zürich (ZH), Switzerland  
*M.A. in Comparative and International Studies* September 2018 – August 2020
- **University of St. Gallen (HSG)** St. Gallen (SG), Switzerland  
*B.A. in International Affairs* September 2020 –

## PROJECTS

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- **The Origins of Nationalism:**  
What accounts for the emergence of nationalism in modern Europe? My dissertation confronts this debated question by providing empirical evidence for the emergence of nationalism 1750–1945. Using new spatially-disaggregated data on nationalist book publications and political claims I test and revise established theories of nationalism.
- **Anti-Minority Popular Initiatives and Minority Assimilation – with Fanny Puljic and Massimo Troncone:**  
How does the support for right-wing politics impact the assimilation of migrants? We study the reaction of immigrant populations in Switzerland to discriminatory right-wing popular initiatives.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- *Interstate War and Nationalism* (2022)
- *Minority Status and Supranational Integration* (2022) – with Massimo Troncone
- *Jumping Ship or on the Bandwagon? The Effect of Electoral Defeat on Party Preferences* (2022) – with Massimo Troncone
- *The Train Wrecks of Modernization: Railways, Nationalism and Conflict in Long Nineteenth Century Europe* (2022) – with Yannick Pengl, Carl Müeller-Crepon, Lars-Erik Cederman and Luc Girardin
- *State-Building and Minority Nationalist Publications* (2022) – with Carl Müeller-Crepon, Maria Murias Muñoz and Yannick Pengl

## PRESENTATIONS

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- **2022:** SPSA, MPSA, AsN, APSA
- **2021:** PoliTics Workshop

## GRANT AND AWARDS

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- CIS Collaborative Research Grant (CHF 5'000) – May, 2022
- ETH Mobility Travel Grant (CHF 15'630) – August 2021

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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- **GessWho! student union** Zurich, CH  
*Elected representative, member of Teaching Commission and Department Conference* October 2018 - October 2019
- **SHSG student union** St. Gallen, CH  
*Elected representative, member of hiring committee for assistant professorship* September 2016 - May 2017