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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- **European University Institute** Italy
Max Weber Fellow Sep. 2025 – Aug. 2027
- **Princeton University** United States
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Bobst Center for Peace and Justice Sep. 2024 – Aug. 2025

EDUCATION

- **ETH Zurich** Switzerland
PhD in Political Science Sep. 2020 – Aug. 2024
Splitting or Making the Difference? Border Change and the Assimilation of European Elites 1816–1938
Committee: Lars-Erik Cederman, Vasiliki Fouka, Daniele Caramani
- **ETH Zurich and University of Zurich** Switzerland
MA ETH UZH in Comparative and International Studies Sep. 2018 – Aug. 2020
- **University of St. Gallen** Switzerland
BA HSG in International Affairs Sep. 2014 – June 2018

VISITING POSITIONS

- University of Konstanz, visiting scholar (June 2025 – Aug. 2025)
- University of California Berkeley, ISEES visiting scholar (Feb. 2022 – Aug. 2022)

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. Job market paper. [Link](#).
- 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. [Link](#)
- Lars-Erik Cederman, Luc Girardin, Maria Muñoz, **Roberto Valli** and Julian Wucherpfennig. Peace Through Partition? A Spatial Analysis of State Splits and Conflict.
- **Roberto Valli** and Massimo Troncone. Shifting Partisan Attachments: The Impact of Electoral Defeat on Voter Preferences. [Link](#).
- Massimo Troncone and **Roberto Valli**. Domestic Minority Status and Supranational Integration. [Link](#).

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- **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 (INCLUDING PLANNED)

- Advanced Methods for Causal Inference With Panel Data (with Sebastian Ramirez-Ruiz). *Graduate workshop*. EUI (June 2026).
- Critical thinking in the social sciences. *Undergraduate guest lecture*. University of Westminster (Mar. 2026).
- Partition: A solution to civil war? *Undergraduate guest lecture*. 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 (Feb. 2023). [Link](#).

INVITED TALKS

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

2025: Political Behavior and Public Opinion Conference (JCPOP), American Political Science Association, EUI Political Economy Applied Research Lab, 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

- EUI Early Scholar Grant (Dec. 2025, EUR 1'200)
- APSA Committee on the Status of First Generation Scholars Travel Grant (Dec. 2025, USD 240)
- Institute for Humane Studies Expense Support grant no. 019633 (Sep. 2025, USD 5'000)
- LSE Anthony D. Smith Fellowship [shortlisted] (Jan. 2024)
- CIS Collaborative Research Grant, with Massimo Troncone (May 2022, CHF 5'000)
- ETH Mobility Travel Grant (Aug. 2021, CHF 15'630)

SERVICE

- Workshop organizer: "Political Economy Applied Research Lab" (EUI, 2026)
- Panel organizer: "The Politics of Nation-Building, Past and Present" (EPSS 2026), "The Legacies of War on Political Identities and Behavior" (APSA 2024)
- Discussant: "Territory & Europe" (JCPOP 2025), "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: Teaching Commission and Department Conference (ETH Zurich, 2020 – 2021); hiring committee and Student Parliament (University of St. Gallen, 2016 – 2017)

ARCHIVAL WORK

- Vatican Apostolic Archives, Rome (May 2025)

OUTREACH

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

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

- ETH Zurich, Lars-Erik Cederman (July 2019 – Aug. 2020)
- University of St. Gallen, Tina Freyburg (Sep. 2017 – Aug. 2019)
- University of St. Gallen, Oliver Westerwinter (Mar. 2018 – Sep. 2018)
- Scuola Universitaria Professionale della Svizzera Italiana, Siegfried Alberton (July 2017 – Aug. 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