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Research Interests

Causal Inference, Immigration, Education Policy

Education

- **University of Lausanne** Lausanne, Switzerland
09/2023 - Present
PhD in Public Administration
 - Dissertation: Institutions, Public Opinion, and Inequality.
 - Supervisors: Flavia Fossati (University of Lausanne, main); Rafael Lalive (University of Lausanne, co-supervisor); Didier Ruedin (University of Neuchâtel, external); Isabelle Stadelmann-Steffen (University of Bern, external).
 - Teaching (Master level): Introductory session to Qualtrics (Spring 2024); Data Analysis for Public Administration (Spring 2025); Managing Diversity: From Migration to Integration (Spring 2025).
- **Central European University** Budapest, Hungary
09/2018 - 06/2020
Master of Arts in Economics
 - GPA: 3.47/4.00 (with merit)
 - Thesis (supervised by Andrea Weber): The Effects of the 2015 Paris attacks on Labor Market Outcomes of Arabs and Muslims in the United States. Best MA thesis award.
- **Kansas State University** Manhattan, KS, USA
08/2014 - 05/2018
Bachelor of Arts in Economics (Minors in Statistics and German)
 - GPA: 3.86/4.00. Magna Cum Laude & Phi Beta Kappa.

Peer-reviewed Publications

1. **Who deserves student finance? Results from a survey experiment in six advanced capitalist economies** with Eloisa Harris, Alyssa M. Taylor, Flavia Fossati, Juliana Chueri, Mia Katharina Gandenberger, and Carlo M. Knotz (Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, 2025, 1–23.)
2. **Cash-Based Interventions Improve Multidimensional Integration Outcomes of Venezuelan Immigrants** with Achim Ahrens, Marine Casalis, and Dominik Hangartner (World Development, 2024, 181, 106658.)

Ongoing Projects

1. **Empowerment on the Move? An Experiment on Supporting Forcibly Displaced People in Greece** with Marine Casalis, Dominik Hangartner, and Alexandra C. Hartman (R&R at British Journal of Political Science)
2. **Asylum Granted: The Social and Economic Effects of Attaining Refugee Status** with Marine Casalis, Dominik Hangartner, Alexandra C. Hartman, and Joe Kendall (Under review)
3. **Yes in My Back Yard? Refugee Allocation and the Preferential Treatment of Ukrainians in Switzerland** (Under review)
4. **Who Likes Tracking? Institutional Feedback in Swiss Compulsory Education Systems** with Flavia Fossati (Under review)
5. **The Effects of the November 2015 Paris Attacks on Labor Market Outcomes of Arabs and Muslims in the United States** (Under review)

Policy Reports

1. **Home for Good? Obstacles and Opportunities for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Greece** with *Marine Casalis, Alexandra C. Hartman, and Dominik Hangartner* (Report for UNHCR, 2024)
2. **Evaluating the Effects of Cash-Based Interventions on the Integration of Vulnerable Venezuelan Migrants in Peru: Key Findings Using a Multidimensional Approach to Measure Migrant Integration Outcomes** with *Monica Aguilar Folch, Ace Dela Cruz, Jobst Koehler, Morgane Reina, Karla Sulca, Achim Ahrens, Dominik Hangartner, and Marine Casalis* (Report for IOM, 2023)

Additional academic positions

- **ETH Zürich – Immigration Policy Lab** Zürich, Switzerland
Pre-Doctoral Fellow in Quantitative Social Science 07/2021 - 08/2023
 - Supervised by Dominik Hangartner.
- **Kansas State University – Department of Economics** Manhattan, KS, USA
Head Research Assistant 09/2016 - 01/2018
 - Research assistant for Hugh Cassidy, Amanda Gaulke, and Sheryll Namingit.

Conferences

- **2026:** EPSS Annual Conference (Belfast); Swiss Political Science Association Annual Conference (University of Zürich)
- **2025:** ESPAnet Annual Conference (accepted, canceled); LIVES Thematic Workshops (University of Lausanne)
- **2024:** MPC – GLOBALCIT Conference (European University Institute)

Honors and Awards

- **2025:** LIVES Young Scholars (CHF 7,553)
- **2020:** Best Master Thesis Award – Central European University (EUR 200)
- **2018:** Alumni Scholarship – Central European University (EUR 2,000)
- **2018:** Master’s Scholarship – Central European University (EUR 28,000)
- **2017:** Kevin Roy Armstrong Economics Scholarship – Kansas State University (USD 1,250)
- **2016:** Todd Ryan Haymaker Family Economics Scholarship – Kansas State University (USD 1,250)

Service as Reviewer

- Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (1)

Skills

- **Languages:** Spanish (*Native*), English (*C2*), German (*C1*)
- **Programming languages:** STATA, \LaTeX (*Advanced*), Python (*Intermediate*), R, Git (*Basic*)
- **Softwares:** Microsoft Office Suite, Qualtrics (*Advanced*)

References

Available upon request.

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