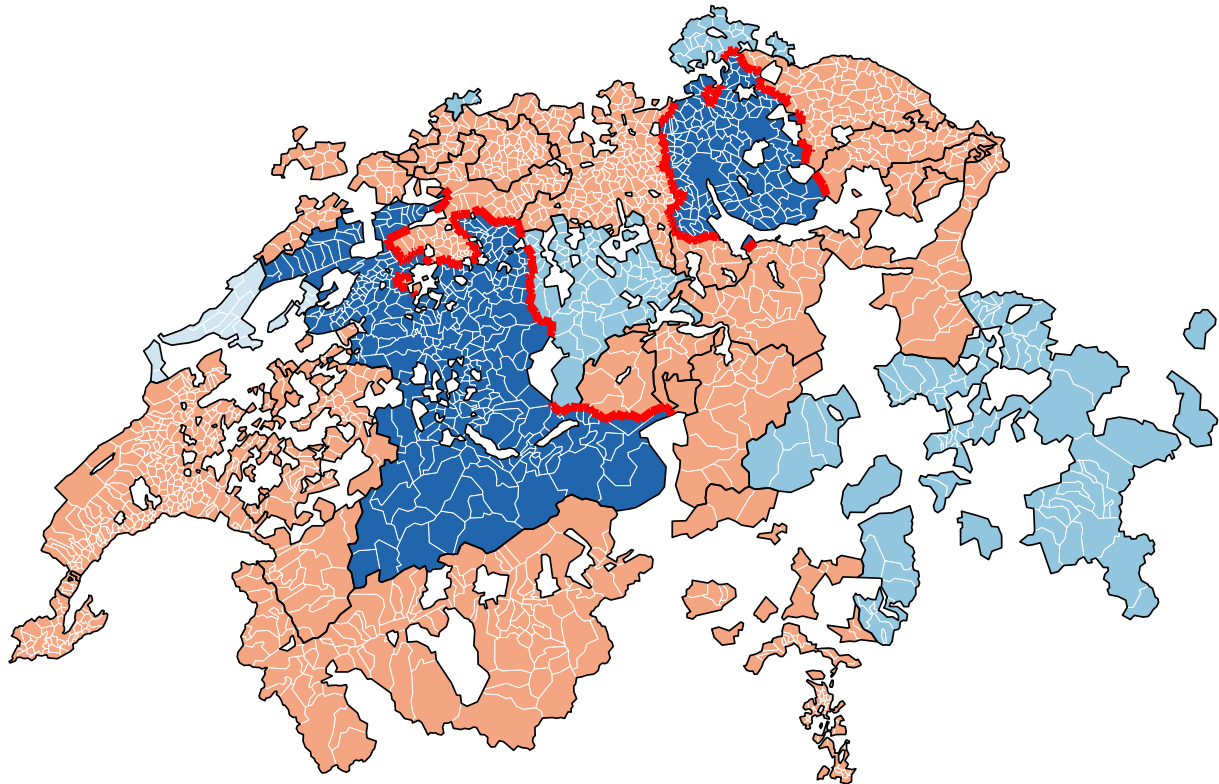# Swiss Childcare Mandates: Spatial RDD Design

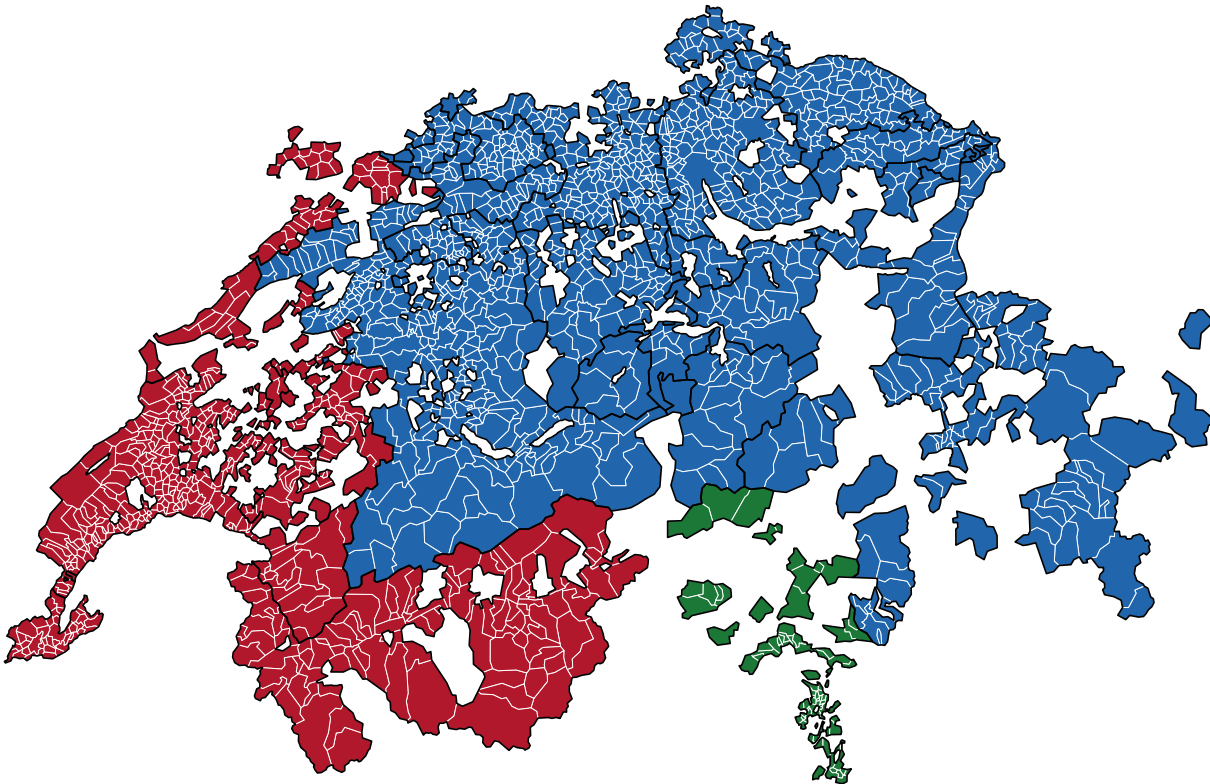## Childcare Mandate Adoption by Canton
Bern and Zurich adopted in 2010; later adopters in 2014–16

Control   French canton (excluded)   Treated (2010)   Treated (2014–16)

Red line shows treatment boundary for spatial RDD (German–German borders)

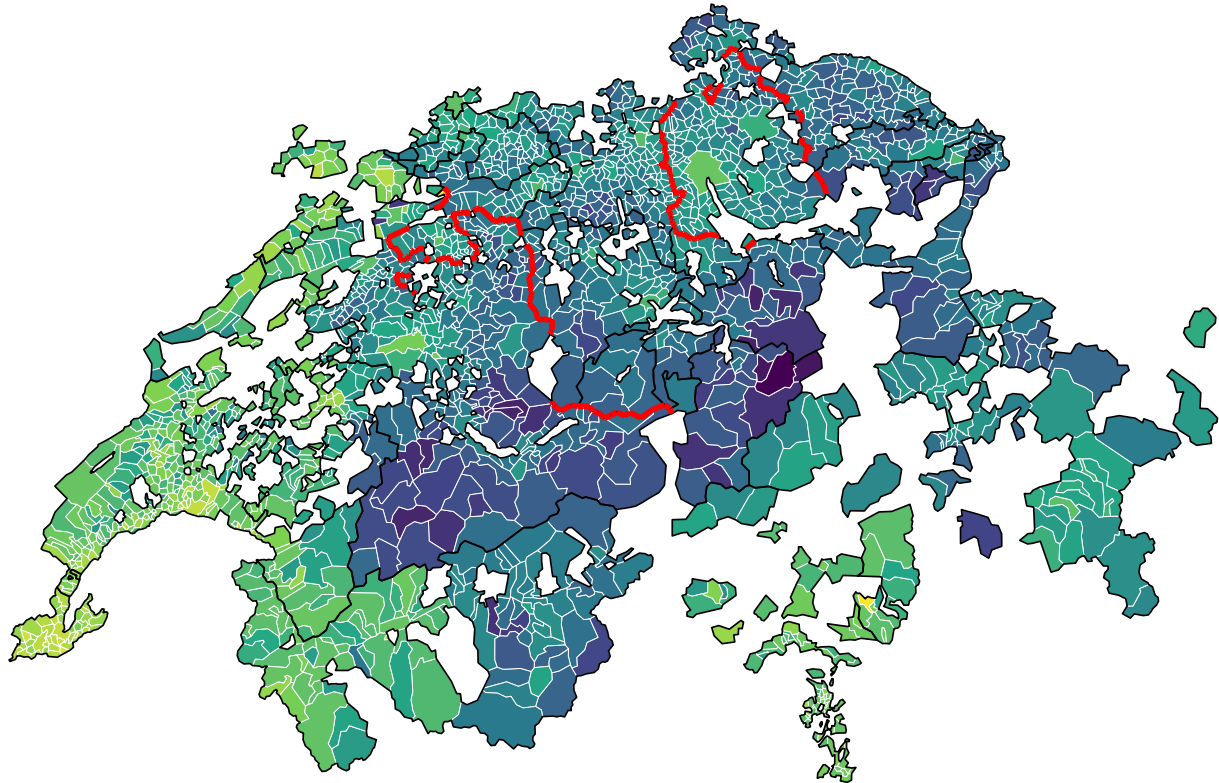## Language Regions in Switzerland
The Röstigraben (German–French divide) is a major political cleavage

Language   French   German   Italian

Analysis restricted to German-speaking cantons to avoid language confounds

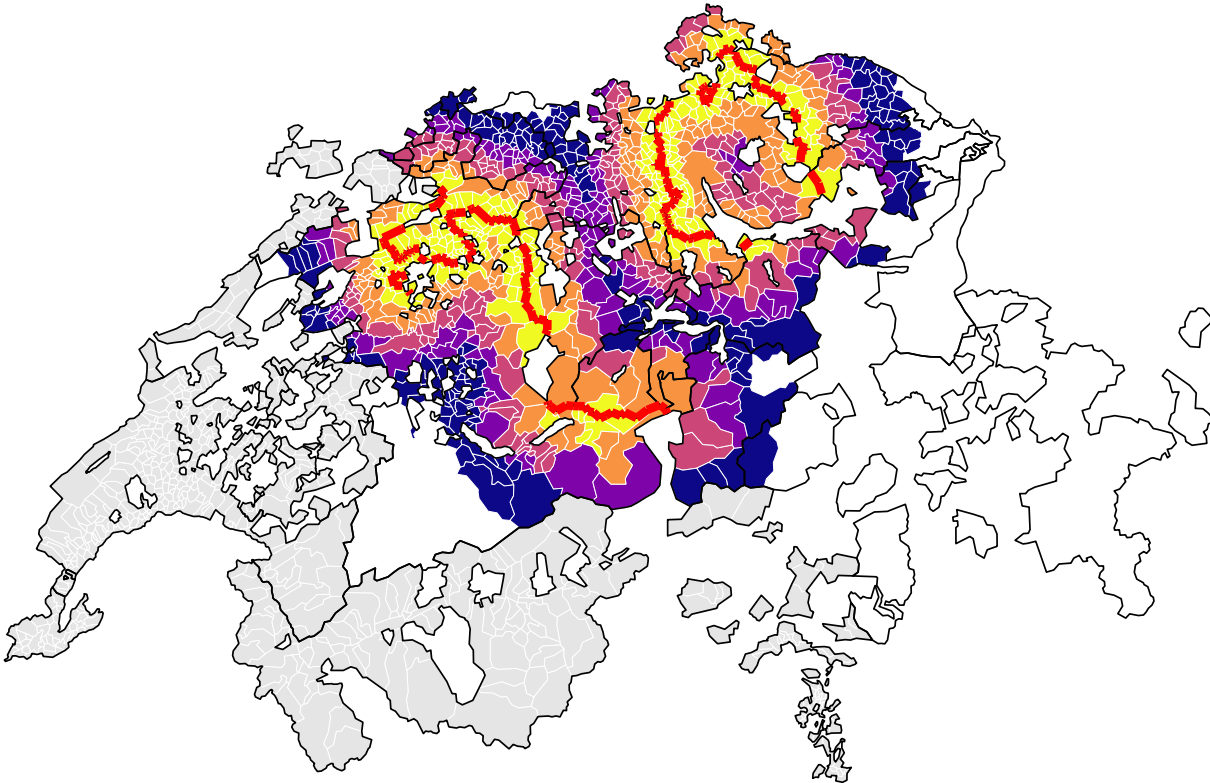## Family Policy Decree 2013: Yes Share by Municipality
Post–treatment outcome measuring support for family policy

Yes Share (%)
20 40 60 80

Red line shows treatment boundary

RDD Sample: German–Speaking Municipalities Near Border
N = 1095 municipalities within 30km of treatment boundary

Distance to Border   0–5km   5–10km   10–15km   15–20km   20–30km

Darker colors indicate closer to border (stronger RDD identification)