

# Jessica Lang

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## positions

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### Postdoctoral researcher

Department of Political Science

University of Zurich

02/2026-

### Visiting researcher

Host: Dr. Mattias Wahlström

University of Gothenburg

06-07/2024

### Visiting researcher

Host: Dr. Simon Bornschier

University of Zurich

02-05/2024

### Visiting researcher

Host: Prof. Dr. Swen Hutter

Berlin Social Science Centre

08/2023-01/2024

## education

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### PhD in Political and Social Sciences

Dissertation title: Discursive Struggles over the Environment. Dynamics between Social Movement Organisations, Traditional Media, and Public Opinion in Switzerland, 1974-2024

European University Institute

09/2021-01/2026

Examining Board: Prof. Dr. Ellen M. Immergut (EUI, supervisor); Prof. Dr. Simon Hix (EUI); Prof. Dr. Swen Hutter (WZB Social Science Center Berlin); Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Ivarsflaten (University of Bergen)

### MRes in Political and Social Sciences

European University Institute

09/2021-08/2022

### MA in Political Science

Thesis title: "System Change, not Climate Change!" The Impact of Fridays For Future's Demands on Substantive Political Outcomes in Switzerland and France

University of Zurich

09/2018-01/2021

Supervisor: Dr. Simon Bornschier

Thesis degree: *summa cum laude*

### Erasmus+ exchange

Sciences Po Lille

01-05/2020

### SVEB Trainer Certificate

Qualification as instructor in the field of adult education

Swiss Federation for Adult Learning

04/2018

### Youth+Sport Expert

Qualification as instructor for young adults

Swiss Federal Office of Sport

2018

### BA in German Language and Literature, and Political Science

Thesis title: Political Engagement Through Literature. Sheep and Doves as an Aesthetic Imperative (in German)

University of Zurich

09/2014-08/2017

### Youth+Sport Coach

Qualification as facilitator between the Swiss Guide and Scout Movement, and the Swiss Federal Office of Sport

Swiss Federal Office of Sport

2015

## publications

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### Work in progress

From the Front Page to the Ballot Paper. The Effect of Climate Justice Grassroots Groups on Election Outcomes

Under review

Birds of a Feather Flock Together. Explaining Spatial Differences in Media Discourse around CO<sub>2</sub>-Taxation

Co-authored with Laura Gatto

Draft available upon request

Constant Dropping Wears Away a Stone. Dynamics between Environmental Collective Action, Elite Opinion Leadership, and Public Opinion

Draft available upon request

The Discursive Construction of Meanings. Journalistic Depiction of Contestation against Critical Infrastructure

### Media

Lang, Jessica (29.11.2020): Von der Baracke zum Bijou. *Zürcher Studierendenzeitung*. [Link](#) (accessed 17/09/2024)

Lang, Jessica (07.11.2020): Versprich, was du nicht halten willst: Wie Parteien Symbolpolitik betreiben. *Das Lamm*. [Link](#) (accessed 17/09/2024)

Lang, Jessica (20.09.2020): Dieser Zirkus braucht kein Zelt. *Zürcher Studierendenzeitung*. [Link](#) (accessed 17/09/2024)

Lang, Jessica (29.08.2020): «Tsch-Tsch». Toxische Grillade auf Kosten des Klimas. *Das Lamm*. [Link](#) (accessed 17/09/2024)

Lang, Jessica (24.06.2020): Alle Schuld den Herkunftsändern. Die Gender-Politik des UNHCR. *Das Lamm*. [Link](#) (accessed 17/09/2024)

Lang, Jessica (10.05.2020): Studieren und Streiken in Frankreich. *Zürcher Studierendenzeitung*. [Link](#) (accessed 17/09/2024)

Lang, Jessica (29.11.2019): Als Antisemitismus an der Uni verbreitet war. *Zürcher Studierendenzeitung*. [Link](#) (accessed 17/09/2024)

Lang, Jessica (10.10.2019): «Wir sind sicherlich kein elitärer Haufen!». *Zürcher Studierendenzeitung*. [Link](#) (accessed 17/09/2024)

## teaching experience

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### University of Zurich

02-05/2024	BA seminar 'The whole world is watching: Dynamics between climate activism, mass media, and public opinion'	Lecturer
09-12/2020	Tutorial to the BA lecture 'Political Behaviour'	Teaching assistant
09-12/2016	Tutorial to the BA seminar 'Einführung in die Lektüre mittelhochdeutscher Texte'	Teaching assistant

### European University Institute

2022-2025	Mentoring of early stage PhD researchers	Mentor
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### Swiss Guide and Scout Movement

2017-2020	Educational courses for young adults	Youth+Sport-Expert
2015-2020	Mentoring of young adults	Youth+Sport-Coach

### Sprachwelten GmbH

01-06/2017	Language lessons for adult learners	Teacher
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## service to the community

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<b>Chair of the 'Standing Group on Participation and Mobilisation'</b>	ECPR
Co-organiser together with Felix Butzlaff, Anna Lavizzari, Joost de Moor, Lorenzo Zamponi, and Nino Zhghenti	05/2024-

<b>Co-coordinator of the 'Environmental and Climate Politics Working Group'</b>	European University Institute
Researcher-led academic working group at the European University Institute Sponsor: Prof. Dr. Simon Hix	09/2024-08/2025

<b>Co-organiser of the conference 'Contested Solidarities: Contentious Politics Between Resistance, Backlash and Change'</b>	Central European University
Conference organised by the ESA Research Network 25 on Social Movements, ECPR Standing Group on Participation and Mobilization, CES Research Network on Social Movements, and the Shattuck Center for Human Rights and Department of Public Policy both at Central European University	06/2025

<b>Co-organiser of the workshop 'Politics of Environmental Crises'</b>	European University Institute
Speakers: Federica Genovese, Martin Hultman, Joost de Moor, Silvia Pianti, and Troy Vettese Co-organised with Nina Lopez Uroz and Ingvild Zinober Sponsor: Prof. Dr. Simon Hix	05/2023

<b>Co-organiser of the workshop 'History and Theory of Social Movements'</b>	European University Institute
Speakers: Donatella della Porta and Mario Diani Co-organised with Maxine Both and Minja Bujaković	04/2023

<b>Co-founder of the Researchers' Union 'Climate Action Working Group'</b>	European University Institute
Researcher-led grassroots group at the European University Institute	2021-2023

## awards & grants

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<b>PhD scholarship for the EUI</b>	Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation
82'400 EUR	2021-2025

<b>Erasmus+ Traineeship program</b>	European University Institute
2'250 EUR	09/2023-01/2024

<b>Swiss-European Mobility Programme</b>	University of Zurich
1'600 CHF	01-05/2020

## skills

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### Languages

Swiss-German (native), German (native), English (*Cambridge English C1*), French (*DALFC1*), Italian (B1)

### IT

R(Studio), NVivo, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Markdown, MS-Office, GitHub, Typo3

# conference presentations

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## Annual conferences

Comparative Agendas Project	2024, 2023
European Consortium for Political Research	2023
European Graduate Network Conference	2023
European Sociological Association	2024
Institute for Social Movement and Protest Studies	2023
International Conference of Europeanists	2024
Joint conference of ESA, ECPR, CES, and CEU	2025
Swiss Political Science Association	2025, 2026

## Workshops and others

Workshop 'New perspectives on social movements and social change, power, and resistance'. <i>University of Gothenburg, Sweden</i>	05/2024
Summer School in French Language and Culture. <i>University of Geneva, Switzerland</i>	06-07/2015