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positions

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 Bornschieer

University of Zurich

02-05/2024

Visiting researcher

Host: Prof. Dr. Swen Hutter

Berlin Social Science Centre

08/2023-01/2024

education

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

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)

European University Institute

09/2021-01/2026

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

Supervisor: Dr. Simon Bornschieer

Thesis degree: *summa cum laude*

University of Zurich

09/2018-01/2021

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

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 CO₂-Taxation

Co-authored with Laura Gatto

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

Draft available upon request

Media

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

Lang, Jessica (07.11.2020): Verspricht, 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 Herkunftsländern. 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

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

Chair of the 'Standing Group on Participation and Mobilisation'

Co-organiser together with Felix Butzlaff, Anna Lavizzari, Joost de Moor, Lorenzo Zamponi, and Nino Zhghenti	ECPR 05/2024-
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Co-coordinator of the 'Environmental and Climate Politics Working Group'

Researcher-led academic working group at the European University Institute Sponsor: Prof. Dr. Simon Hix	European University Institute 09/2024-08/2025
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Co-organiser of the conference 'Contested Solidarities: Contentious Politics Between Resistance, Backlash and Change'

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	Central European University 06/2025
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Co-organiser of the workshop 'Politics of Environmental Crises'

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	European University Institute 05/2023
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Co-organiser of the workshop 'History and Theory of Social Movements'

Speakers: Donatella della Porta and Mario Diani Co-organised with Maxine Both and Minja Bujaković	European University Institute 04/2023
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Co-founder of the Researchers' Union 'Climate Action Working Group'

Researcher-led grassroots group at the European University Institute	European University Institute 2021-2023
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awards & grants

PhD scholarship for the EUI

82'400 EUR	Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation 2021-2025
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Erasmus+ Traineeship program

2'250 EUR	European University Institute 09/2023-01/2024
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Swiss-European Mobility Programme

1'600 CHF	University of Zurich 01-05/2020
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skills

Languages

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

IT

R(Studio), NVivo, LaTeX, Markdown, MS-Office, GitHub, Typo3

conference presentations

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