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positions

PhD in Political Science

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Ellen M. Immergut

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-

Visiting Researcher

Sponsor: Dr. Mattias Wahlström

University of Gothenburg

06-07/2024

Visiting Researcher

Sponsor: Dr. Simon Bornschier

University of Zurich

02-05/2024

Visiting Researcher

Sponsor: Prof. Dr. Swen Hutter

Berlin Social Science Centre

08/2023-01/2024

education

MRes in Political and Social Sciences

European University Institute

09/2021-08/2022

MA in Political Science

Supervisor: Dr. Simon Bornschier

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

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. How the Media Depict Protest Events against Infrastructure

Draft available upon request

When Words Speak Louder than Actions. MPs' Quest for Climate Justice behind Closed Doors and on Twitter

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 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

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|------------|---|--------------------|
| 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

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

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

Sprachwelten GmbH

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

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

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

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| Co-organiser of the conference 'Contested Solidarities: Contentious Politics Between Resistance, Backlash and Change' | 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 |

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| Co-organiser of the workshop 'Politics of Environmental Crises' | 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 |

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

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

conference presentations

Annual conferences

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| 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

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| 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 |

awards & grants

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| PhD scholarship for the EUI 82'400 EUR | Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation 2021-2025 |
| Erasmus+ Traineeship program 2'250 EUR | European University Institute 09/2023-01/2024 |
| Swiss-European Mobility Programme 1'600 CHF | University of Zurich 01-05/2020 |

skills

Languages

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

IT

R(Studio), NVivo, L^AT_EX, Markdown, MS-Office, GitHub, Typo3