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Education

IDHEAP, Lausanne, Switzerland

Ph.D., Social Policy – *unité*, 02/2021 - 09/2025 (expected)

Committee: Daniel Auer, Giuliano Bonoli, Dominik Hangartner, and Rafael Lalive

New York University, United States

Research Affiliate, Wilf Family Department of Politics, 07/ - 12/2024

Host: Tara Slough

University of Konstanz, Germany

M.Sc., Social and Economic Data Analysis, 10/2015 - 09/2017

B.A., Politics and Public Administration, 10/2011 - 03/2015

Advisor: Peter Selb

Work in Progress

Biased Beliefs and Disparities in Service Provision

Algorithms, Beliefs, and Behavior Adjustment: A Field Experiment with Caseworkers (with Patrick Arni)

Predictive Skill and Bureaucratic Productivity

Inequality-Averse Outcome-Based Matching (with Ruben Bach)

Publications

[Electoral Predictors of Polling Errors](#) (with Sina Chen, Jens Wiederspohn, and Peter Selb), *Journal of Politics*, accepted and replication completed.

[Bias and Variance in Multiparty Election Polls](#) (with Peter Selb, Sina Chen, and Philipp Bosch), *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 87(4), 1025-1037, 2023.

[Did “Trumpists” Perform Worse in US Senate Election Polls?](#) (with Sina Chen), *Significance*, 19(3), 28-31, 2022.

Book Chapters

Predictive Algorithms in the Delivery of Public Employment Services

(with Giuliano Bonoli), in [Handbook of Labour Market Policy in Advanced Democracies](#), D. Clegg and N. Durazzi (eds.), EEP, 2023.

Grants and Fellowships

[Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy](#), 10'000 USD, 2024

[Mobi.Doc](#), University of Lausanne, 10'360 CHF, 2023

Policy Reports

Jeunes Adultes en Difficulté dans le Canton de Vaud: Bilan des 20 Ans du FORJAD (with Giuliano Bonoli, Rafael Lalive, and Jérémy Zuchuat), for *Direction générale de la cohésion sociale*, Canton de Vaud, in progress

Évaluation de l'Impact des Unités communes ORP - CSR dans le Canton de Vaud (with Giuliano Bonoli and Rafael Lalive), for *Service de l'emploi* and *Direction de l'insertion et des solidarités*, Canton de Vaud, 2024.

Work Experience	IDHEAP , <i>Lausanne, Switzerland</i> Assistant diplômé, Social Policy, 10/2020 –
	Lufthansa Industry Solutions , <i>Hamburg, Germany</i> Data Scientist, AI and Data Analytics, 01/2018 – 09/2020
	German Institute for Economic Research , <i>Berlin, Germany</i> Intern, SOEP, 03/2013 – 08/2014
Teaching	Algorithmic Fairness, 21/22, 22/23, 23/24 In <i>Master in Public Management and Policy</i> , IDHEAP, University of Lausanne
	AI, ML, ADM: Technical Concepts, 22/23, 23/24 In <i>Master in Public Management and Policy</i> , IDHEAP, University of Lausanne
Presentations <i>(incl. scheduled)</i>	2025: PolMeth Europe; LAGAPE; EPSA
	2024: SIOE; PolMeth (poster); New York University
	2023: MZES; EPSA; CEPDISC
Reviewing	
	<i>Data and Policy; Journal of European Social Policy; Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics</i>
Skills	R, Python, Docker, Git, Stata, L ^A T _E X