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Contact details

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Education

09/2019 - present

PhD candidate in Political Science, University of Zurich,
Advisor: Prof. Tarik Abou-Chadi

Topic: Social status threats and radical right voting - the role of gendered and racial structural hierarchies

08/2021 - 01/2022

Visiting PhD researcher, University of Amsterdam,
Program group: Challenges to Democratic Representation,
Host: Prof. Sarah de Lange

10/2016 - 08/2019

Master of Arts in Political Science, Freie Universität Berlin

10/2012 - 09/2016

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History,
University of Freiburg, Germany, including an Erasmus stay
at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland

Academic Positions

09/2019 - present

PhD researcher, Department of Political Science,
University of Zurich in the SNF project 'Social Status and the
Transformation of Electoral Behavior' (with Prof. Tarik
Abou-Chadi)

02/2017 - 03/2019

Tutor for Methods of Political Science and Data Analysis at
the Research Group Methods of Empirical Research (Prof.
Dieter Ohr), Freie Universität Berlin

10/2013 - 09/2015

Research assistant at the Chair for Comparative Politics
(Prof. Uwe Wagschal) at the University of Freiburg

10/2013 - 02/2014

Tutor for Statistics and Methods of Political Science at the
University of Freiburg

Publications

"The (re)politicization of gender in Western Europe" (2021), co-authored with Tarik Abou-Chadi and Theresa Gessler, Gender Update, in: European Journal of Politics and Gender 4(2), p. 311-314, <https://doi.org/10.1332/251510821X16177312096679>.

Work in Progress

“The Social Status Hierarchy and Its Cultural and Economic Determinants – Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment” (Working paper)

“Gender Equality as a Social Status Threat and the Vote for Radical Right Parties” (Pre-analysis plan)

“Norm Changing Events and the Dynamics of Political Competition: The Case of #MeToo” (co-authored with Tarik Abou-Chadi and Theresa Gessler) (Working paper)

“The Strategic Use of Populism in Parliamentary Speeches” (Working paper)

Conference Talks

EPSA (European Political Science Association) 2021

Populism, Gender and Feminist Politics: Between Backlash and Resistance, December 2020
SNS Florence

Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW) 2020, 2021

German Political Science Association (DVPW) 2018

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Seminar “Gender and the Radical Right”, Fall 2020, University of Zurich

Tutorial Methods of Political Science (Winter 2013/2014, Spring 2017, Winter 2017/2018 & 2018/2019)

Tutorial Data Analysis (Spring 2017 & 2018)

Professional Experience

04/2018 – 06/2018 Internship at the polling institute infratest dimap/Kantar Public in Berlin

07/2016 - 09/2016 Internship at the online editorial Mediendienst Integration in Berlin

04/2016 - 05/2016 Internship at the Federal Statistical Office of Germany (Destatis) in Bonn

Skills

Languages

German: native speaker

English: excellent command

Spanish: good command

French: good command

Software: R

Didactics: Introduction to University Teaching, Introduction to Course Design

Further Training

ECPR Aarhus Summer School on Political Parties 2021

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (2020): Causal Inference; partly financed through a Research Support Grant (600 CHF) by the Graduate School of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences of the University of Zurich

ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques (2020): Conjoint Experiments and Logistic Regression

Courses on Quantitative Text Analysis (Fall 2019, Dr. Stefan Müller, University of Zurich), Foundations of Data Science (Spring 2020, Prof. Karsten Donnay), Data Visualization with R (Fall 2020, Prof. Martin Elff), all at the University of Zurich