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## EDUCATION

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<b>ETH Zurich</b> PhD in Political Science	2017
<b>University of Zurich</b> Master of Arts in Social Sciences	2012
<b>University of Zurich</b> Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences	2009

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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<b>University of Bath</b> Department of Politics, Languages & International Studies Assistant Professor (Lecturer) in Politics (2020– <i>present</i> ) Prize Fellow (2018–2020)	2018– <i>present</i>
<b>University of Leuven</b> Center for Political Science Research Postdoctoral Researcher	2018
<b>University of Pennsylvania</b> Department of Political Science Postdoctoral Fellow	2017

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal Articles

- Germann, Micha**, and Nicholas Sambanis (2021). “Political Exclusion, Lost Autonomy, and Escalating Conflict over Self-Determination.” *International Organization* 75(1):178–203. ↗
- Germann, Micha** (2021). “Internet Voting Increases Expatriate Voter Turnout.” *Government Information Quarterly* 38(2): 101560. ↗
- Germann, Micha** (2021). “Making Votes Count with Internet Voting.” *Political Behavior* 43(4): 1511–1533. ↗
- Germann, Micha**, and Kostas Gemenis (2019). “Getting out the Vote with Voting Advice Applications.” *Political Communication* 36(1):149–170. ↗
- Mendez, Fernando, and **Micha Germann** (2018). “Contested Sovereignty: Mapping Referendums on Sovereignty over Time and Space.” *British Journal of Political Science* 48(1):141–165. ↗

- Sambanis, Nicholas, **Micha Germann**, and Andreas Schädel (2018). “SDM: A New Dataset on Self-Determination Movements with an Application to the Reputational Theory of Conflict.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(3):656–686. ☐
- Germann, Micha**, and Uwe Serdült (2017). “Internet Voting and Turnout: Evidence from Switzerland.” *Electoral Studies* 47:1–12. ☐
- Germann, Micha**, and Fernando Mendez (2016). “Dynamic Scale Validation Reloaded: Assessing the Psychometric Properties of Latent Measures of Ideology in VAA Spatial Maps.” *Quality & Quantity* 50(3):981–1007. ☐
- Bernauer, Julian, Marc Bühlmann, Adrian Vatter, and **Micha Germann** (2016). “Taking the Multidimensionality of Democracy Seriously: Institutional Patterns and the Quality of Democracy.” *European Political Science Review* 8(3):473–494. ☐
- Germann, Micha**, Fernando Mendez, Jonathan Wheatley, and Uwe Serdült (2015). “Spatial Maps in Voting Advice Applications: The Case for Dynamic Scale Validation.” *Acta Politica* 50(2): 214–238. ☐
- Germann, Micha**, and Uwe Serdült (2014). “Internet Voting for Expatriates: The Swiss Case.” *eJournal of eDemocracy and Open Government* 6(2): 197–215. ☐

### Refereed Book Chapters

- Wheatley, Jonathan, and **Micha Germann** (2013). “Outcomes of Constitution-Making. Democratization and Conflict Resolution.” In: Jonathan Wheatley and Fernando Mendez (eds.), *Patterns of Constitutional Design: The Role of Citizens and Elites in Constitution-Making*, pp. 49–66. London: Ashgate/Routledge. ☐

### Refereed Conference Papers

- Germann, Micha** (2020). “Internet Voting and Expatriate Voter Turnout.” In: Robert Krimmer et al. (eds.), *E-Vote-ID 2020*, pp. 80–81. Tallin: TalTech Press. ☐
- Serdült, Uwe, **Micha Germann**, Fernando Mendez, Alicia Portenier, and Christoph Wellig (2015). “Fifteen Years of Internet Voting in Switzerland: History, Governance and Use.” In: Luis Teràn and Andreas Meier (eds.), *ICEDEG 2015*, pp. 126–132. New York, NY: IEEE. ☐
- Serdült, Uwe, **Micha Germann**, Maja Harris, Fernando Mendez, and Alicia Portenier (2015). “Who Are the Internet Voters?” In: Efthimios Tambouris et al. (eds.), *Electronic Government and Electronic Participation*, pp. 27–41. Amsterdam: IOS Press. ☐
- Germann, Micha**, Flurin Conradin, Christoph Wellig, and Uwe Serdült (2014). “Five Years of Internet Voting for Swiss Expatriates.” In: Peter Parycek and Noella Edelmann (eds.), *CeDEM 14*, pp. 127–140. Krems: Danube University Krems. ☐

### Edited Volumes

- Krimmer, Robert, Melanie Volkamer, David Duenas-Cid, Oksana Kulyk, Peter Rønne, Mihkel Solvak, and **Micha Germann** (eds.) (2021). *Electronic Voting: 6th International Joint Conference, E-Vote-ID 2021, October 5–8, 2021, Proceedings*. Cham: Springer. ☐
- Krimmer, Robert, Melanie Volkamer, David Duenas-Cid, **Micha Germann**, et al. (eds.) (2021). *Electronic Voting: 6th International Joint Conference, E-Vote-ID 2021, October 5–8, 2021, Complete Proceedings*. Tartu: Universtiy of Tartu Press. ☐

### Under Review

- Germann, Micha**. “Pax Populi? An Analysis of the Conflict Resolution Potential of Referendums on Self-Determination.” *European Political Science Review*, revise & resubmit.
- Germann, Micha**, Amélie Godefroidt, and Fernando Mendez. “Islamist Terrorism Continues to Affect Political Attitudes.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, submitted for initial review.

- Germann, Micha**, Kostas Gemenis, and Fernando Mendez. “Does Personalized Information on Issue Congruence Affect Voting Preferences? Field-Experimental Evidence from Five European Countries.” *European Journal of Political Research*, submitted for initial review.
- Germann, Micha**, Sofie Marien, and Lala Muradova. “Scaling Up? Unpacking the Effect of Deliberative Mini-Publics on Legitimacy Perceptions.” *Political Studies*, submitted for initial review.

## DATASETS

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- Germann, Micha**, and Nicholas Sambanis (2020). *Lost Autonomy: New Data for 759 Ethnic Groups*. University of Bath. ↗
- Germann, Micha**, and Nicholas Sambanis (2020). *SDM2EPR*. University of Bath. ↗
- Aubert, Nicolas, **Micha Germann**, and Fernando Mendez (2016). *Contested Sovereignty: A Global Compilation of Sovereignty Referendums (1776–2012)*. Harvard Dataverse. ↗
- Sambanis, Nicholas, **Micha Germann**, and Andreas Schädel (2018). *SDM: A New Dataset on Self-Determination Movements (1945–2012)*. University of Pennsylvania. ↗

## AWARDS & GRANTS

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| <b>Economic and Social Research Council, £299,000</b><br>New Investigator Grant   | 2021 |
| <b>British Academy, £8,800</b><br>Small Research Grant                            | 2020 |
| <b>Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences (GESIS), €2,000</b><br>Eurolab Grant | 2019 |
| <b>University of Bath, £85,000</b><br>Prize Fellowship                            | 2018 |
| <b>University of Pennsylvania, \$50,000</b><br>Penn Postdoctoral Fellowship       | 2016 |
| <b>Swiss National Science Foundation, \$22,500</b><br>Doc.Mobility Fellowship     | 2015 |
| <b>Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, CHF 1,000</b><br>Travel Grant | 2015 |
| <b>Swiss National Science Foundation, CHF 2,650</b><br>Summer School Grant        | 2013 |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| <b>University of Bath</b>                                  |                   |
| Quantitative Research Methods                              | 2018/19 – 2021/22 |
| Research Design & Methods in Politics                      | 2020/21           |
| Scopes and Methods of Politics and International Relations | 2020/21           |
| Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution               | 2020/21 – 2021/22 |
| <b>University of Leuven</b>                                |                   |
| Comparative Politics Masterclass                           | 2017/18           |
| Political Theory   | 2017/18           |

## VISITING POSITIONS

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<b>GESIS – Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences</b> Eurolab Visiting Researcher	2019
<b>European University Institute</b> Department of Political and Social Sciences Short-term Visitor	2019
<b>Yale University</b> Department of Political Science Visiting Assistant in Research	2016

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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### Newspaper Articles & Blogs

- Germann, Micha** (2020). “How Internet Voting Could Help to Make More Votes Count.” *Democratic Audit*, March 10. [↗](#)
- Germann, Micha** (2020). “Making Votes Count with Internet Voting.” *Political Behavior Blog*, March 5. [↗](#)
- Cioroianu, Iulia, **Micha Germann**, and Jonathan Wheatley (2019). “Why Voting Advice Applications Help Get out the Vote.” *i News*, November 25. [↗](#)
- Germann, Micha**, and Fernando Mendez (2018). “Catalonia Is Just the Most Recent Referendum on Sovereignty. Why Are They Proliferating?” *The Monkey Cage (Washington Post)*, March 27. [↗](#)
- Germann, Micha** (2015). “Politische Desinformation vor Wahlen: die politischen Landkarten von Smartvote.” *Napoleon’s Nightmare*, March 31. [↗](#)

### Media Interviews

- BBC Somerset (2019). *Breakfast Show*, November 30.
- BBC Wiltshire (2019). *Drive Time*, November 26.
- Knecht, Matthias (2017). “Was den Separatismus befeuert und was ihn schwächt.” *NZZ am Sonntag*, October 28, p. 3. [↗](#)
- SRF 4 News aktuell (2017). *Radio SRF 4 News*, October 9. [↗](#)

### Voting Advice Application (VAA) Development

- MyVoteChoice*, 2021 Senedd Election (Wales), ca. 20,000 users
- WhoGetsMyVoteUK*, 2019 UK General Election, ca. 66,000 users
- WhoGetsMyVoteUK*, 2019 European Parliament Election, ca. 83,000 users
- ParteiNavi*, 2013 German Federal Election, ca. 112,000 users

### Work Referenced in Media & Reports

- Ratner, Sam (2021). “Struggle for Self-Determination: Part II.” *Critical State*, October 21. [↗](#)
- Bath Echo (2019). “Academics Launch Website to Match People with Their Ideal Political Parties.” *Bath Echo* 10: 28. [↗](#)
- Elgee, Emma (2019). “This Website Will Tell You What Party to Vote For.” *Somerset Live*, November 29. [↗](#)

Evans, Geraint (2019). “Bath Academics Launch New Voter Website ‘Matchmaking’ People with Their Ideal Political Parties.” *Tech Spark*, November 26. ↗

i News (2019). “How to Work out Which Party You Should Support.” *i News*, November 25. ↗

Ammann, Matthias, and Fabian Schnell (2019). *Digitale Direkte Demokratie*. Zurich: Avenir Suisse, pp. 11, 57. ↗

OECD (2019). *Trends Shaping Education 2019*. Paris: OECD Publishing, pp. 42–43. ↗

## INVITED TALKS

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<b>Catholic University of Lublin</b> Sovereignty Referendums in De Facto States Workshop	2020
<b>GESIS Cologne</b> Seminar Series	2019
<b>ETH Zurich</b> Conflict Colloquium	2018
<b>University of Twente</b> EU Vox Workshop	2013

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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APSA Annual Meeting	2015
ECMI Plebiscite Conference	2021
ECPR General Conference	2013, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
ECPR Graduate Student Conference	2014
E-VOTE ID	2020
EPOP Conference	2018
EPSA Annual Conference	2011
IPSA Joint Colloquium	2019
MPSA Annual Conference	2016
PSA Annual International Conference	2015
SISP Convention	2012
SPSA Annual Conference	2014, 2018, 2019, 2020

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND MEMBERSHIPS

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### Editing

E-Vote-ID	2020 – present
Co-chair of the Track for Governance Issues	

### Reviewing

- *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Election Law Journal*, *Electoral Studies*, *Estonian Research Council*, *European Political Science Review*, *European Research Council*, *E-Vote-ID*, *French Politics*, *International Organization*, *Journal of Economic*

*Behavior & Organization, Journal of Politics, Government Information Quarterly, Political Behavior, Political Communication, Political Studies, Publius, Representation, Swiss Political Science Review, World Politics*

### **Event Organization**

Departmental Research Seminar 2021 – *present*  
Department of Politics, Languages & International Studies, University of Bath

Bath PoliSci Workshop 2020 – *present*  
Department of Politics, Languages & International Studies, University of Bath

### **Professional Associations**

- Political Studies Association
- Swiss Political Science Association

## **ONGOING PROJECTS**

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Nonviolent Repression and the Escalation of Conflicts over Self-Determination (NRECS)  
Geo-SDM: Mapping Self-Determination Claims, 1946-2012 (with Guy Schvitz & Nicholas Sambanis)  
Unnesting Identities: The Effect of the Scottish Independence Referendum on Ethnic and National Affiliation (with Oliver Strijbis)  
Can a Technical Incident Affect Voters' Attitudes Toward E-Voting? Evidence From Canada (with Nicole Goodman, Aleksander Essex & Amanda Tieber)  
The Effect of Candidate Preferences on Vote Choice (with Jonathan Wheatley, Roula Nezi, and Matt Wall)