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Academic Positions

- Since 2024 Post-doc in Political Economy and Development at the Department of Political Science (IPZ), University of Zürich (UZH)
- Fall 2024 Academic visitor at the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford
- 2018 - 2024 PhD candidate in Political Economy and Development, Institute of Political Science, UZH and Center for International Studies (CIS) at ETH and UZH.
- Spring 2018 Full time RA in Political Economy and Development, UZH
- 2012 - 2017 RA in Political Economy, University of Konstanz
- 2016 MA project: Female empowerment and landownership South India. Survey data collection in Tamil Nadu, India, self-organized and crowd-funded
- 2015 Research internship at CESifo (6 weeks), ifo-Institute, Munich, Center for Organization and New Technologies

Higher education

- 2024 PhD in Political Science, Institute of Political Science, UZH. Thesis: "*Essays on accountability and participation in the Global South: How information shapes opinions and behavior*". Doctoral committee: Katharina Michaelowa, Christian Ochsner, and David Doyle. AWARDED THE BEST DOCTORAL DISSERTATION AT THE IPZ IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024.
- 2018 MSc Economics, Uni Konstanz. Thesis: "*The causal effect of land ownership on female empowerment: Evidence from India*"
- 2014 BSc Economics, Uni Konstanz. Thesis: "*Team production in interdisciplinary teams*"

Teaching Experience

Lectures and seminars

- Since 2025 Seminar "The political economy of far-right support in the Global South", UZH, BA Political Science, spring term
- Since 2024 Lecture "Development and Sustainability", UZH, BA Political Science, spring term
- Since 2019 Lecture "Public Choice", UZH, BA Political Science
- 2019 - 2023 Seminar "Risk Preferences and Development", UZH, BA Political Science, spring term
- 2018 - 2023 Lecture "Einführung in die Entwicklungspolitik und -ökonomik" (Introduction to Development Policy and Economics), UZH, BA Political Science

Thesis supervision

- Since 2024 Independent MA thesis supervision (1)
- Since 2023 Co-supervising (4) MA theses (one with Prof. Karsten Donnay, one with Prof. Livia Schubinger, two with Prof. Katharina Michaelowa)

Assistance

- 2015 - 2016 Teaching assistant for "Fundamental Methods of Mathematical Economics", Uni Konstanz
2013 - 2016 Teaching assistant for "Mathematics for Economists", Uni Konstanz

Publications

Kerler, Philipp and Victor Araújo (2025). Distributive politics and asymmetric participation. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. 37(3), 179-208. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09516298241312347>

Kerler, Philipp (2025). How terrorism affects support for democracy. *Public Choice*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11127-025-01334-w>

Working Papers

- Lies can backfire: How exposure of government dishonesty restores accountability despite misinformation. (with Victor Araújo, lead author: Philipp Kerler). *Under review*.
- Seeds of change: Structural transformations and support for the radical right (with David Doyle and Victor Araújo, lead author: Philipp Kerler). *Available on request*.

Policy Reports

- Stabile Demokratie in Krisenzeiten: Lokale Corona-Fälle haben bei der bayerischen Kommunalwahl die Wähler nicht abgecrekt (with Sebastian Blesse and Felix Rösel), ifo Dresden berichtet, 2020, 27, Nr. 3, 07-10

Selected Conference and Workshop Presentations

- 2025 American Political Science Association, Vancouver
2025 European Political Science Association, Madrid
2024 Democracy and Development in the Global South, Zürich
2024 Nuffield Comparative Political Economy Workshop, Oxford
2024 European Public Choice Society, Vienna
2024 European Political Science Association, Cologne
2024 German Development Economics Conference, Hannover
2023 Center for the Study of African Economies: Economic Development in Africa, Oxford
2023 European Political Science Association, Glasgow
2023 European Public Choice Society, Hannover
2023 Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship, Münster
2022 Frontiers in Political Economy: Clientelism, Corruption and Social Policy, Zürich
2022 European Public Choice Society, Braga
2022 Development Economics Network Switzerland, Lausanne
2021 International Conference in Development Economics, Bordeaux
2021 German Development Economics Conference, Hamburg

Grants

- 2024 Multiple sources (CHF 17,000; Graduate Campus UZH, Center for Comparative and International Studies UZH & ETH, Hochschulstiftung UZH and Department of Political Science, UZH) for the conference on Democracy and Development in the Global South (with Daniel Chachu and Marcel Ibáñez)
2022 University Research Priority Program (URPP) Equality of Opportunity (CHF 6,000): Research project "The Political and Economic Effects of Resource Revenue Redistribution Through Unconditional Cash Transfers" (with Victor Araújo)

2022 Center of International and Comparative Studies Grant (CHF 5,600): Workshop "Frontiers in Political Economy: Clientelism, Corruption and Social Policy (FPE:CCS)" (with Victor Araújo)

Services to the Discipline

2024 Organizing the conference on Democracy and Development in the Global South (DDGS, with Daniel Chachu and Marcel Ibáñez)

since 2024 Representative of junior scholars in the Institute of Political Science (UZH)

since 2023 Organizing the Zürich Political Economy Seminar Series, weekly brown bag seminar (with Jana Lipps, Nico Berg, and Sarah Gomm)

since 2023 Mentoring incoming PhD students within the departmental peer mentoring program

2022 Organizing the workshop "Frontiers in Political Economy: Clientelism, Corruption, and Social Policy (FPE:CCS)" (with Victor Araújo)

Reviewing American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Studies Review, Perspectives on Politics

Skills

Software Stata, R, Python, GIS (ArcMap), Matlab, MS Office, L^AT_EX

Language German (native), English, French (beginner)

References

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