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CURRENT POSITION	University of Vienna, Department of Government Assistant Professor (Tenure Track)	08/2025–
PREVIOUS POSITIONS	University of Zurich, Department of Political Science Postdoctoral Researcher	02/2020–07/2025
	University of Bern, Institute of Political Science Postdoctoral Researcher	02/2019–01/2020
EDUCATION	European University Institute Ph.D. in Political Science and Social Science <i>The Politics of Welfare State Recalibration in Continental and Southern Europe.</i> Jury: Hanspeter Kriesi (EUI, advisor), Anton Hemerijck (EUI), Jane Gingrich (Oxford), Giuliano Bonoli (University of Lausanne); defended on 13 June 2019.	2015–2019
	European University Institute Master of Research , Political and Social Science	2014–2015
	University of Zurich Master of Arts , Political Science (major) and Sociology (minor)	2011–2014
	Central European University Visiting Master Student , Political Science and Sociology	2012
	University of Zurich Bachelor of Arts , Political Science (major) and Sociology (minor)	2007–2011
PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES	Enggist, Matthias, Reto Bürgisser, Silja Häusermann and Michael Pinggera. Forthcoming. The Welfare Preferences of Socially Liberal and Socially Conservative Voters . <i>West European Politics</i> , 1-32.	
	Bürgisser, Reto, Isabelle Stadelmann-Steffen and Klaus Armingeon. Forthcoming. Can Information, Party Cues and Compensation Increase Mass Support for Green Taxes? <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i> , 1-28.	
	Bremer, Björn and Reto Bürgisser. 2025. Lower Taxes at All Costs? Evidence From a Survey Experiment in Four European Countries . <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i> , 32(5), 1225-1252.	
	Bremer, Björn and Reto Bürgisser. 2023. Do Citizens Care About Government Debt? Evidence from Survey Experiments on Budgetary Priorities . <i>European Journal of Political Research</i> 62(1), 239-263.	
	Bremer, Björn and Reto Bürgisser. 2023. Public Opinion on Welfare State Recalibration in Times of Austerity: Evidence from Survey Experiments . <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> 11(1), 34-52.	
	Reto Bürgisser and Donato Di Carlo. 2023. Blessing or Curse? The Rise of Tourism-Led	

	<p>Growth in Europe's Southern Periphery. <i>Journal of Common Market Studies</i> 61(1), 236-258.</p> <p>Ares, Macarena, Reto Bürgisser and Silja Häusermann. 2021. Attitudinal Polarization Towards the Redistributive Role of the State in the Wake of the COVID-19 Crisis. <i>Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties</i> 31(S1), 41–55.</p> <p>Armingeon, Klaus and Reto Bürgisser. 2021. Trade-Offs Between Redistribution and Environmental Protection: The Role of Information, Ideology, and Self-Interest. <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i> 28(4), 489–509.</p> <p>Bürgisser, Reto and Thomas Kurer. 2021. Insider-Outsider Representation and Social Democratic Labor Market Policy. <i>Socio-Economic Review</i>. 19(3), 1065–1094.</p>
UNDER REVIEW	<p>Who Wants to Accelerate Digitalization? Evidence from the Next Generation EU Program (with Alex Kuo, Aina Gallego and Silja Häusermann)</p> <p>The Limits of Compensation: Perceived Vulnerability and Environmental Policy Preferences (with Benedikt Seisl)</p>
BOOKS	<p>Häusermann, Silja, Tarik Abou-Chadi, Reto Bürgisser, Matthias Enggist, Reto Mitteregger, Nadja Mosimann, Delia Zollinger. 2022. <i>Wählerschaft und Perspektiven der Schweizer Sozialdemokratie</i>. Zürich: NZZ Libro.</p>
BOOK CHAPTERS	<p>Häusermann, Silja and Reto Bürgisser. 2023. Family Policy. In <i>Oxford Handbook of Swiss Politics</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Bürgisser, Reto. 2022. The Partisan Politics of Family and Labor Market Policy Reforms in Southern Europe. In: Garritzmann, Julian, Silja Häusermann, Bruno Palier (eds.): <i>The World Politics of Social Investment (Volume II): The Politics of Varying Social Investment Strategies</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Bürgisser, Reto and Silja Häusermann. 2022. Familienpolitik, in <i>Handbuch Schweizer Politik</i>. Zurich: NZZ Libro.</p>
WORKING PAPERS	<p>Bürgisser, Reto, Silja Häusermann, Thomas Kurer and Susana de Pinho Tavares. 2025. Can Government Policies Moderate Political Backlash to Structural Change?. <i>URPP Equality of Opportunity Discussion Paper Series No. 67</i>.</p> <p>Bürgisser, Reto. 2023. Policy Responses to Technological Change in the Workplace. <i>JRC Working Paper Series 2023/04</i>. European Commission.</p> <p>Bürgisser, Reto, Fabiene Eisenring, and Silja Häusermann. 2023. How Perceived Distributive Effects Shape Labor Market Policy Support. <i>URPP Equality of Opportunity Discussion Paper Series No. 37</i>.</p>
BOOK REVIEWS	<p>Bürgisser, Reto. 2021. Dualisation of Part-Time Work: The Development of Labour Market Insiders and Outsiders. <i>Journal of Social Policy</i> 50(2), 447–448.</p> <p>Bürgisser, Reto. 2017. The Impact of Cleavages on Swiss Voting Behaviour: A Modern Research Approach. <i>Swiss Political Science Review</i>, 67(6).</p>
REPORTS	<p>Häusermann, Silja, Tarik Abou-Chadi, Reto Bürgisser, Matthias Enggist, Reto Mitteregger, Nadja Mosimann, Delia Zollinger. 2022. <i>Wählerwanderungen rund um die Schweizer Sozialdemokratie</i>. Policy Brief: Anny-Klaw-Morf Stiftung.</p>

Häusermann, Silja, Tarik Abou-Chadi, Reto Bürgisser, Matthias Enggist, Reto Mitteregger, Nadja Mosimann, Delia Zollinger. 2022. *Das Wählerpotenzial der Schweizer Sozialdemokratie*. Policy Brief: Anny-Klawar-Morf Stiftung.

Bürgisser, Reto, Thomas Kurer, Thomas Milic, Denise Traber and Thomas Widmer. 2014. *Analyse der Abstimmungen vom 18. Mai 2014*. Zurich: University of Zurich.

BOOK MANUSCRIPT The Politics of Welfare State Recalibration in Continental and Southern Europe.

ONGOING WORK White Collar Automation: Digitalization, Labor Market Entry and Policy Preferences (with Thomas Kurer)

The Political Conflict Potential of Digitalization (with Alexander Trechsel, Mathilde van Ditmars and Alvaro Canalejo-Molero)

Sunshine States in World Markets: When States Capitalize on their Comparative Advantage in Tourism (with Donato di Carlo)

How Can Solidaristic Reforms Succeed? A Case Study of the German Grundrentereform (with Fabienne Eisenring and Silja Häusermann)

The Relational Aspect of Social Investment: Evidence from Recipients' Evaluations of a French Active Labor Market Policy (with Paulus Wagner and Thomas Kurer)

Structural Decline and Demand for Policy Interventions (with Bilyana Petrova)

Decarbonization and Political Backlash: Evidence from France.

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Supervision

☐ >10 MA theses, >15 BA theses,

University of Zurich, Lecturer

2020–

- ☐ The Political Economy of Climate Change, MA-level seminar, Spring Term 2025.
- ☐ Social Democracy in the 21st Century in Switzerland and Europe, BA-level seminar, Spring Term 2025.
- ☐ Swiss Politics in Comparative Perspective, BA-level lecture, Fall Term 2024.
- ☐ The Political Economy of Climate Change, MA-level seminar, Spring Term 2024.
- ☐ The Political Economy of Climate Change, MA-level seminar, Spring Term 2023.
- ☐ The Politics of the Welfare State, BA-level specialization, Spring/Fall Term 2021/2022.
- ☐ The Political Consequences of Technological Change, MA-level seminar, Spring Term 2021.
- ☐ Swiss Economic and Social Policy in Comparative Perspective, BA-level seminar, Spring Term 2020.
- ☐ The Political Consequences of Technological Change, MA-level seminar, Spring Term 2020.

University of Bern, Lecturer

2018–2020

- ☐ Causes and Consequences of the Economic Crisis in Southern Europe, BA-level, Fall Term 2019. * *Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Bern*
- ☐ States and Markets: Introduction to Comparative Political Economy, BA-level, Spring Term 2019.* * *Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Bern*
- ☐ Causes and Consequences of the Economic Crisis in Southern Europe, BA-level, Fall Term 2018.

European University Institute, Lecturer and TA

2015

- ☐ Introduction to Quantitative Methods, PhD-level seminar (with Fabrizio Bernardi).
- ☐ Catch-up Course in Data Analysis and Stata, PhD-level refresher seminar.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	European University Institute		01/2015–02/2017
	Research Assistant , ERC-Project “Political Conflict in the Shadow of the Great Recession (POLCON)”		
	University of Zurich, Department of Political Science		04/2013–08/2014
	Research Assistant , Chair for Swiss Politics and Comparative Political Economy		
	University of Zurich, Department of Political Science		03/2011–05/2012
GRANTS AND AWARDS	Research Assistant , Chair of Comparative Politics		
	Lucerne University of Applied Science and Arts		09/2008–08/2012
	Research Assistant , Institute of Social Management and Social Policy		
	2023	UZH-IPZ Department Research Grant for a project on perceived vulnerability and climate policy preferences, 2023 (3'000 CHF).	
	2023	UZH Global Affairs Grant for a project on perceived vulnerability and climate policy preferences, 2023 (5'000 CHF).	
PRESENTATIONS	2019	Excellence in Teaching Award, Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences, University of Bern, Fall Term 2019.	
	2019	Excellence in Teaching Award, Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences, University of Bern, Spring Term 2019.	
	2019	Selected as Thesis of the Month by the European University Institute for a high-quality thesis that is of interest to a wider public.	
	2014-2018	Doctoral Scholarship of the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SBFI) for the European University Institute (EUI), 2014-2018, (90'000 CHF).	
	2025	Managing Socioecological Risks Workshop, Sciences Po, Paris, June 19-20.	
	2025	Swiss Political Science Association Conference, Geneva, February 9-10.	
	2024	Conference of Europeanists (CES), Lyon, July 3-5.	
	2024	Inequality Conference, University of Konstanz, April 10-12.	
	2024	Norface Governance Final Conference, Vienna, February 14-16.	
	2024	Swiss Political Science Association Conference, St. Gallen, February 8-9.	
	2024	Green Industrial Policy Workshop, Oxford, Nuffield College, January 16-17.	
	2023	European Commission JRC DigClass Workshop, Sevilla, December 4-5.	
	2023	Keynote Lecture Digitalization, University of Zurich, November 23.	
	2023	DVPW Political Economy Section Conference, Witten, September 21-22.	
	2023	ECPR General Conference, Prague, September 4-8.	
	2023	EPSA General Conference, Glasgow, June 22-4.	
	2023	Political Consequences of Technological Change Workshop, Zurich, June 15-6	
	2023	How People Think About the Economy Workshop, UCL London, April 13-4.	
	2023	Swiss Political Science Association Conference, Basel, February 2-3.	
	2023	Progressive Politics in the 21st Century Workshop, Zurich, January 12-13.	
	2022	Party Politics in CPE Workshop, University of Edinburgh, December 8-9.	
	2022	TransNum Séminaire, Sciences Po, Paris, November 25	
	2022	Norface Governance Mid-Term Conference, Vienna, September 22-24.	
	2022	Conference of Europeanists (CES), Lisbon, June 29-30.	
	2022	The Politics of the Long Term Workshop, Lisbon, June 28.	
	2022	Technological Change and Politics Workshop, Barcelona, March 24-25.	
	2022	European Commission, Joint Research Center, Seville, March 17-18.	
	2021	Conference of Europeanists (CES), Virtual, June 21-25.	
	2020	Swiss Political Science Association Conference, Lucerne, February 3-4.	
	2019	APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Aug 29 - Sep 1.	
	2019	Conference of Europeanists (CES), Madrid, June 20-22.	
	2019	Swiss Political Science Association Conference, Zurich, February 14-16.	

2018 ECPR General Conference, Hamburg, August 22-25.
2018 Graduate Network in Political Economy Conference, Florence, July 1-4.
2018 Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences (IMEBESS), Florence, May 3-5.
2018 MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 5-8.
2018 Conference of Europeanists (CES), Chicago, March 28-30.
2018 Swiss Political Science Association Conference, Geneva, February 5-6.
2017 ECPR General Conference, Oslo, September 6-9.
2017 Conference of Europeanists (CES), Glasgow, July 12-14.
2017 World Politics of Social Investment Conference, Paris, March 9-11.
2016 Swiss Political Science Association Conference, Basel, January 21-22.
2015 EDAC-ESPAnet Summer School, Leuven, September 14-18.
2015 ESPAnet 2015 General Conference, Odense, September 2-5.
2015 European Campus of Excellence, Bremen, July 1-10.
2014 5th ECPR Graduate Student Conference, Innsbruck, July 2-5.
2014 Assessing the Social Investment Strategy Conference, Lausanne, April 10-12.

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Member of the [IPZ Diversity Group](#), University of Zurich (2020–2025)

Co-Organizer, [Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series \(ZPESS\)](#), ETH Zurich and University of Zurich (2021 – 2023)

Co-Organizer, [Political Behaviour Colloquium](#), Department of Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute (2016 – 2018)

Journal Reviewer: American Political Science Review; Nature Communications Earth & Environment; Comparative Political Studies; British Journal of Political Science; Perspectives on Politics; Political Science Research and Methods; European Sociological Review; Journal of European Public Policy; Socio-Economic Review; European Journal of Political Research; Party Politics; West European Politics; Electoral Studies; New Political Economy; European Union Politics; Comparative European Politics; European Political Science Review; Public Opinion Quarterly; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Political Studies; Swiss Political Science Review; Canadian Journal of Political; Italian Political Science Review; Science; Acta Sociologica; European Policy Analysis; Journal of European Social Policy; Journal of Social Policy; Policy Studies; International Journal of Comparative Sociology; Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy; Social Policy & Administration; Politics & Policy; Ekonomista; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; International Journal of Social Welfare; Transfer: European Review of Labour and Research; Youth and Globalization; Politics and Religion; Austrian Journal of Political Science.

Grant Reviewer: Anniversary Fund of the Austrian National Bank (OeNB)

RELEVANT SKILLS

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (good), Italian (intermediate), French (intermediate).

Computer Software: R, Stata, Latex, Python, Qualtrics, Microsoft Office.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

European Network for Social Policy Analysis (Espanet)	2016–
Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA)	2016–
Council for European Studies (CES)	2016–
European Political Science Association (EPSA)	2018–
American Political Science Association (APSA)	2019–

REFERENCES

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