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EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Fellow (Oberassistentin) since 1/2016
Chair of Swiss Politics and Comparative Political Economy, University of Zurich

Senior Visiting Scholar 1 – 4/2018
Annenberg School of Communication, University of Pennsylvania

Research Assistant, 8/2013 – 8/2015
Project “Willing to Pay - Testing Institutional Theory with Experiments.”
European University Institute

Research Assistant, 8/2013 – 4/2014
Project “euandi”: Creation of an Online Voting Advice Application for the European
Parliament Elections 2014. European University Institute

Research Assistant, 2009 / 2010
Household surveys on participatory community development projects in Nepal (2010) and Costa Rica
(2009). Eawag, Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology, Dübendorf

EDUCATION

European University Institute, Florence, Italy. PhD in Political and Social Science 9/2012 – 5/ 2016

Dissertation Title: Partisan, not ignorant: citizens' use of arguments and justifications in direct
democracy. *Supervisor:* Hanspeter Kriesi / *Committee:* Alexander Trechsel; European University Institute;
Rune Slothuus, Aarhus University; Diana Mutz, University of Pennsylvania

University of Zurich, Switzerland 10/2005 – 3/2011
BA & MSc in Psychology (specialization in social psychology) and Political Science

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Online survey-experiment on the effect of arguments on political preferences Summer / Fall 2018
(Collaboration with Lukas Stoetzer and Prof. Marco Steenbergen, funded by the University of Zurich)

Country-comparative online-survey-experiment on message complexity effects Spring / Summer 2018
(Collaboration with Daniel Bischof, funded by the Political Science Institute, University of Zurich)

Online panel-survey-experiment on the Italian constitutional referendum 2016 / 2017
(Collaboration with Davide Morisi and Andrea DeAngelis, funded by the ERC research grant "Political Conflict in Europe in the Shadow of the Great Recession", European University Institute)

Laboratory experiment on opinion formation in the Scottish independence referendum 2014
(Collaboration with Davide Morisi, funded by the EUI's presidential fund)

PUBLICATIONS AND SUBMITTED WORK

2016. Justifications and Citizen Competence in Direct Democracy – A Multilevel Analysis. *British Journal of Political Science*. (Published online: 10 May 2016)

2017. Colombo, Céline and Hanspeter Kriesi. Party, Policy – or both? Partisan biased processing of policy arguments in direct democracy. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, 27(3), 235-253.

2017. Debiasing Political Opinions – The Case of the Scottish Independence Referendum (2017). *Political Studies*. (Published online 27 September 2017)

2018. Steenbergen, Marco and Céline Colombo. Heuristics in Political Behavior. In: Mintz, Alex and Lesley Terris (eds.): *The Oxford Handbook of Behavioral Political Science*. New York: Oxford University Press

Forthcoming. Colombo Céline and Sven Steinmo. Why do people follow rules? – Actors, Institutions, and Cognition. *Politics and the Life Sciences*.

Céline Colombo and Hanspeter Kriesi (under review). Referendums and Direct Democracy. *Book chapter under contract for the Oxford Handbook of Political Representation*. Edited by Robert Rohrschneider and Jacques Thomassen.

Andrea DeAngelis, Céline Colombo and Davide Morisi (under review). Taking cues from the government? The effect of heuristic cues versus policy arguments in the Italian constitutional referendum. *Paper presented at EPSA 2017 in Milan and ISPP 2017 in Edinburgh*.

Céline Colombo, Thomas Leeper and Rune Slothuus (under review). Enlightening or Manipulative? The role of party cues in direct democracy. *Paper presented at the Political Psychology Colloquium, University of Zurich*.

Davide Morisi, Céline Colombo, Andrea DeAngelis (under review). Who is afraid of a change? Ideological asymmetries in support for the status quo in direct democracy. *Presented at the Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association 2017 in Urbino*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

with Silja Häusermann, Thomas Kurer, Michael Pinggera, and Denise Traber. Voting against the party? Incongruence between party positions and citizens' preferences in direct democracy. *Paper presented at MPSA 2018 in Chicago*

with Tomasz Siczek and Marco Steenbergen. Risk attitudes, risk perceptions, and risky choices in referendum votes. *Paper presented at MPSA 2017 in Chicago.*

with Simon Bornschieer, Silja Häusermann, and Delia Zollinger. Social Identities in Swiss politics – an explorative survey. *To be presented at the Zurich Workshop on Social Identities in October 2018.*

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Referendum campaigns can end up convincing voters that their preferred party is right. (With Hanspeter Kriesi). *LSE Democratic Audit Blog*, 23.10.2017

Die falsche Strategie: wie Renzi den Erfolg des Verfassungsreferendums sabotiert hat. (With Andrea DeAngelis and Davide Morisi). *DeFacto Blog*, 01.12.2016

New survey evidence: Renzi's support is damaging the chances of a Yes vote in Italy's referendum. (With Andrea DeAngelis and Davide Morisi). *LSE Europe Blog*, 18.11.2016

Wie kompetent ist das Stimmvolk? *DeFacto Blog*, 22.06.2016

Analyse der eidgenössischen Abstimmung vom 5. Juni 2016. (With Thomas DeRocchi, Thomas Kurer, Thomas Widmer). Gfs.bern und Institut für Politikwissenschaft der Universität Zürich. Hrsg. vom Forschungsinstitut gfs.bern in Zusammenarbeit mit den politikwissenschaftlichen Instituten der Universitäten Bern, Genf und Zürich.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Project Funding by the Foundation for Scientific Research, University of Zurich (12'000CHF)	2018
Project Funding by the Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich (16'000 CHF)	2017
Swiss National Science Foundation Grant for International Scientific Exchanges (15'500 CHF)	2017
2 nd list place Assistant Professorship for Direct Democracy and Participation University of Zürich and Center for Democracy, Aarau	December 2016
European University Institute, Swiss Federal Scholarship (72'000 EUR)	2012 –2016
European University Institute, Fieldwork/Mission and President Fund Stipend (10'000 EUR)	2014
Eawag / Sandec (Water and Sanitation in Developing Countries), Fieldwork Stipend	2009 / 2010

INVITED TALKS

Aarhus University, Department of Political Science Invited talk, Prof. Rune Slothuus	December 2017
Fachverein Politikwissenschaft, Universität Zürich Moderation of roundtable on the Swiss “Gripen” Fighter Jet Referendum Campaign	October 2017
University of Göttingen, Institute of Philosophy, interdisciplinary colloquium Invited talk on citizen competence in direct democracy	July 2017
Technical University Dresden, Institute for Direct Democracy Invited talk on citizen competence in direct democracy in Zürich	April 2017
University of Stuttgart, Department for Political Theory and Empirical Research on Democracy, Prof. André Bächtiger – invited talk	October 2016

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

<i>Co-organization</i> Workshop on Measuring Social Identities, University of Zurich	planned November 2018
University of Vienna, Austria: Workshop on Political Knowledge and Democracy – <i>Invited participant</i>	November 2017
Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin: Summer Institute on Bounded Rationality – <i>Invited participant</i>	June 2016
Interdisciplinary research symposium “Exploring Ignorance – Acquisition, Selection, and Processing of Information”; University of Konstanz – <i>Paper presentation</i>	May 2016
Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Conference – <i>Paper presentation</i>	2017
Swiss Political Science Association, Annual Conference – <i>Paper presentation</i>	2012, 2016, 2017
International Society for Political Psychology, Annual Meeting – <i>Paper presentation</i>	2014, 2015, 2016
<i>Co-organization</i> Workshop “Political Psychology: Framing and Opinion Formation” European University Institute – <i>Paper presentation</i>	2013, 2016

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Instructor, master level course “Citizen (In)Competence in in Direct Democracy”, University of Zurich	2017, 2018
Teaching Assistant, undergraduate course “Advanced Lecture in Swiss Politics”, led by Silja Häusermann, University of Zurich	2016 / 2017

Instructor, undergraduate course on Political Psychology and Opinion Formation in Direct Democracy, University of Zurich

2013 / 2014 / 2015

Teaching Assistant, undergraduate course "Specialization in Comparative Politics", led by Hanspeter Kriesi, University of Zurich

2012

Supervision of Masters' theses in political psychology, University of Zurich: Lukas Lauener (completed in 2017), Sabina Horn (start 2017), and Hansjürg Rohrer (start 2017)

OTHER RELEVANT SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Peer-Reviews for: Electoral Studies; Swiss Political Science Review; Political Behavior; British Journal of Political Science; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; Political Science; Acta Politica

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

Software: Stata, SPSS, Qualtrics, Z-Tree (basic knowledge)

Methods training: ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques: Course on Multilevel Modeling (2012); Online-workshop on Integrative Complexity Coding, University of British Columbia (2014)

Memberships: International Society for Political Psychology, Swiss Political Science Association, European Consortium for Political Research, Midwest Political Science Association

REFERENCES

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