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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, 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, fall term (with Prof. Katharina Michaelowa in 2019)
- 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, spring term (with Prof. Katharina Michaelowa from 2018 - 2020)

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

- Distributive politics and asymmetric participation (with Victor Araújo, lead author: Philipp Kerler). *Journal of Theoretical Politics* doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/09516298241312347>

Working Papers

- How terrorism impacts preference for democracy. *Revise and resubmit at Public Choice*.
- 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, lead author: Philipp Kerler). *Available on request*.

Policy Reports

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

Selected Conference and Workshop Presentations

- 2025 *Planned:* 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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