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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 (2)
- 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>

Forthcoming contribution to edited volume

Kerler, Philipp (2026). The far right in Latin America: Between political illiberalism and economic liberalism. Eds: Jörg Flecker, Ruth Wodak, Elke Gaugele, Georg Gläser, and Gudrun Hentges

Working Papers

Gripezinha: Evidence for retrospective voting amid government misinformation (with Victor Araújo, lead author: Philipp Kerler). *Under review*. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=6209232> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.6209232>

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 abgecheckt (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

- 2025 University Research Priority Program (URPP) Equality of Opportunity (CHF 10,000): Research project "The Right Angle: Urban Structures, Social Ties, and Voting Behaviour" (with Valentina Petrović)

- 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, $\LaTeX$
- Language German (native), English, French (intermediate)

References

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