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CONTACT INFORMATION	University of Zurich Department of Political Science Affolternstrasse 56 CH-8050 Zurich, Switzerland	✉ buergisser@ipz.uzh.ch www.retobuergisser.com
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative political economy, focusing on the politics of welfare state reforms, fiscal and environmental policy preferences, technological change, and growth models.	
CURRENT POSITION	University of Zurich, Department of Political Science Senior Researcher , Chair for Swiss Politics and Comparative Political Economy	02/2020–
PREVIOUS POSITION	University of Bern, Institute of Political Science Postdoctoral Researcher , Chair for Comparative and European Politics	09/2018–01/2020
EDUCATION	European University Institute Ph.D. , 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)	2011–2013
	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
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	European University Institute Research Assistant , ERC-Project “Political Conflict in the Shadow of the Great Recession (POLCON)”	01/2015–02/2017
	University of Zurich, Department of Political Science Research Assistant , Chair for Swiss Politics and Comparative Political Economy	04/2013–08/2014
	University of Zurich, Department of Political Science Research Assistant , Chair of Comparative Politics	03/2011–05/2012
	Lucerne University of Applied Science and Arts Research Assistant , Institute of Social Management and Social Policy	09/2008–08/2012
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	University of Zurich, Lecturer <input type="checkbox"/> The Politics of the Welfare State: Preferences, Parties and Policies, BA-level specialization, Spring/Fall Term 2021/2022. <input type="checkbox"/> Political Consequences of Technological Change, MA-level, Spring Term 2021. Evaluation result: 5.3 (1-6 scale) <input type="checkbox"/> Swiss Economic and Social Policy in Comparative Perspective, BA-level, Spring Term 2020. Evaluation result: 5.0 (1-6 scale)	2020–

- ❑ Political Consequences of Technological Change, MA-level, Spring Term 2020. Evaluation result: 5.7 (1-6 scale)

University of Bern, Lecturer 2018–2020

- ❑ Causes and Consequences of the Economic Crisis in Southern Europe, BA-level, Fall Term 2019. Evaluation result: 10.6 (1-11 scale).
* *Excellence in Teaching Award, Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Science.*
- ❑ States and Markets: Introduction to Comparative Political Economy, BA-level, Spring Term 2019. Evaluation result: 5.7 (1-6 scale).
* *Excellence in Teaching Award, Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Science.*
- ❑ Causes and Consequences of the Economic Crisis in Southern Europe, BA-level, Fall Term 2018. Evaluation result: 5.3 (1-6 scale).

European University Institute, Lecturer and TA 2015

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

University of Zurich, TA 2013–2014

- ❑ Advanced Course in Comparative Politics, BA-level (with Dominic Hoeglinger.)
- ❑ Advanced Course in Swiss Politics, BA-level (with Silja Häusermann).

PUBLICATIONS

Bremer, Björn and Reto Bürgisser. 2022. [Public Opinion on Welfare State Recalibration in Times of Austerity: Evidence from Survey Experiments](#). *Political Science Research and Methods*. Online First.

Bremer, Björn and Reto Bürgisser. 2022. [Do Citizens Care About Government Debt? Evidence from Survey Experiments on Budgetary Priorities](#). *European Journal of Political Research*. Online First.

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](#). *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 31(S1), 41–55.

Armingeon, Klaus and Reto Bürgisser. 2021. [Trade-Offs Between Redistribution and Environmental Protection: The Role of Information, Ideology, and Self-Interest](#). *Journal of European Public Policy* 28(4), 489–509.

Bürgisser, Reto and Thomas Kurer. 2021. [Insider-Outsider Representation and Social Democratic Labor Market Policy](#). *Socio-Economic Review*. 19(3), 1065–1094.

Bürgisser, Reto. Forthcoming. The Partisan Politics of Family and Labor Market Policy Reforms in Southern Europe. In: Garritzmann, Julian, Silja Häusermann, Bruno Palier (eds.): *The World Politics of Social Investment (Volume II): The Politics of Varying Social Investment Strategies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Bürgisser, Reto and Silja Häusermann. Forthcoming. Familienpolitik in der Schweiz, in *Handbuch Schweizer Politik*. Zurich: NZZ Verlag.

UNDER REVIEW

Blessing or Curse? The Rise of Tourism-Led Growth in Europe’s Southern Periphery (with Donato di Carlo)

ONGOING WORK

The Politics of Welfare State Recalibration in Continental and Southern Europe, Book Manuscript.

Tourism as a Developmental Growth Strategy in the Global South (with Donato di Carlo)

Social Policy Responses to Technological Change

	Social Democracy, Intra-Party Class Heterogeneity, and Labor Market Reforms
	Is the Low Tax Doctrine Rooted in Public Opinion? Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Four European Countries (with Björn Bremer).
	Class Constituencies of Liberalizing and De-liberalizing Social Democratic Parties in Government (with Klaus Armingeon)
	Green Taxes: Does Information, Party Cues, and Compensation Increase Popular Support? (with Isabelle Stadelmann-Steffen and Klaus Armingeon)
BOOK REVIEWS	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.
	Bürgisser, Reto. 2017. The Impact of Cleavages on Swiss Voting Behaviour: A Modern Research Approach. <i>Swiss Political Science Review</i> , 67(6).
REPORTS	Bürgisser, Reto, Thomas Kurer, Thomas Milic, Denise Traber and Thomas Widmer. 2014. <i>Analyse der Abstimmungen vom 18. Mai 2014</i> . Zurich: University of Zurich.
HONORS AND AWARDS	Excellence in Teaching Award, Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences, University of Bern, Fall Term 2019.
	Excellence in Teaching Award, Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences, University of Bern, Spring Term 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.
	Doctoral Scholarship of the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SBFI) for the European University Institute (EUI), 2014-2018.
PRESENTATIONS	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	Co-Organizer, Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series (Z-PESS), ETH Zurich and University of Zurich (01/2021–ongoing)

Co-Organizer, Political Behaviour Colloquium (Working Group), Department of Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute (09/2016 – 08/2018)

Co-Organizer, Southern Europe In Crisis Workshop, Department of Social and Political Sciences, European University Institute (2017)

Journal Reviewer: Comparative Political Studies, British Journal of Political Science, European Sociological Review, Journal of European Public Policy, Socio-Economic Review, European Journal of Political Research, Party Politics, West European Politics, European Union Politics, European Political Science Review, European Policy Analysis, Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Social Policy, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy, Social Policy & Administration, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Transfer: European Review of Labour and Research, Youth and Globalization.

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

EXTRA
TRAINING

2018 Advanced Causal Inference (Luke Keele), EUI, one day.
2017 Teaching in Higher Education Training Course, EUI, five days.
2017 Survey Experiments in Practice (Thomas J. Leeper), EUI, one day.
2016 Visualizing Data & Statistical Models (Richard Traummüller), EUI, one day.
2016 Multi-Level Analysis (Hector Cebolla-Boado), EUI, three days.
2015 EDAC-ESPAnet Measuring Social Policy Outcomes, Leuven, one week.
2015 European Campus of Excellence Summer School: The Welfare State and Inequality - Europe in the 21st Century, University of Bremen, two weeks.
2015 Quantitative Content Analysis (Wouter van Attefeldt), EUI, two days.
2015 Causal Inference Workshop (Elias Dinas), EUI, two days.
2015 Structural Equation Modeling (Tenko Raykov), EUI, three days.
2015 Panel Data Analysis Workshop (Martin Ehlert), EUI, two days.

RELEVANT
SKILLS

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (good), French (active intermediate, passive good), Italian (intermediate)
Computer Software: R, Stata, Latex, Microsoft Office, Python

PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS

Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA) 2014–
Council for European Studies (CES) 2016–
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2018–
American Political Science Association (APSA) 2019–

REFERENCES

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