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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy, Public Choice, Electoral Systems, Direct Democracy, Suffrage Extensions

EDUCATION

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| PhD Candidate in Economics <i>University of Fribourg, Switzerland</i> | Aug. 2019 – Present |
| Master of Arts in Economics <i>University of Fribourg, Switzerland</i> | Sep. 2017 – July 2019 <i>Summa cum laude</i> |
| Bachelor of Arts in Economics <i>University of Fribourg, Switzerland</i> | Sep. 2014 – Dec. 2017 <i>Magna cum laude</i> |

EXPERIENCE

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| Teaching and Research Assistant to Prof. Dr. Reiner Eichenberger <i>University of Fribourg, Switzerland</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducting research, supervision of students theses, support in lectures | Aug. 2019 – Present |
| Teaching Assistant to Prof. Dr. Mark Schelker <i>UniDistance, Switzerland</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervision of students theses, support in lectures and exercises | Jan. 2022 – Present |
| Junior Assistant to Prof. Dr. Reiner Eichenberger <i>University of Fribourg, Switzerland</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducting research, support in lectures | Jan. 2019 – July 2019 |

PUBLICATIONS

(2022) On curing political diseases: The healing power of majoritarian elections in multi-member districts. *Homo Oeconomicus*, pp. 1-15. (with Reiner Eichenberger)

(2022) La sauvegarde et la conquête des droit civiques en démocratie directe. In R. Magni-Berton and L. Morel (Ed.), *Démocraties directes*. Bruylant: Bruxelles. (with Anna Maria Koukal and Reiner Eichenberger)

(2021) Enfranchising non-citizens: What drives natives willingness to share power? *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 49: pp. 1088-1108. (with Anna Maria Koukal and Reiner Eichenberger)

(2021) Mehrheitswahlen in Mehrpersonenwahlkreisen: Ein Schweizer Erfolgsrezept? *Perspektiven der Wirtschaftspolitik*, 22 (4): pp. 315-329. (with Reiner Eichenberger, Marco Portmann, and David Stadelmann)

(2019) Making public infrastructure work: Multi-seat majoritarian elections as a new institutional approach. *Journal of Infrastructure, Policy and Development*, 3 (2): pp. 244-260. (with Reiner Eichenberger and David Stadelmann)

WORKING PAPERS

Empowering the next generation: The role of direct democracy in youth enfranchisement. (with Anna Maria Koukal and Reiner Eichenberger)

WORK IN PROGRESS

When women enter the political sphere: How group-identity affects male and female turnout. (with Anna Maria Koukal, Stefanie Fürer, and Jonathan Massonnet)

Does democratic decision-making affect individual attitudes? Evidence from Swiss veiling ban ballots.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

2023

Workshop MYPEERS (Wengen, Switzerland), Ski & Research University of Fribourg (Grimentz, Switzerland), European Public Choice Society (Hannover, Germany)

2022

Swiss Network on Public Economics (Zurich, Switzerland), European Public Choice Society (Braga, Portugal), Ski & Research University of Fribourg* (Saas Fee, Switzerland), Schleyer Kongress* (Munich, Germany), Swiss Society on Economics and Statistics (Fribourg, Switzerland), Verein für Socialpolitik (Basel, Switzerland), Workshop Economics & Politics (Lille, France)

2021

European Public Choice Society (virtual), Silvaplana Workshop of Political Economy (Pontresina, Switzerland), Summer School in Political Economy of Conflict and Redistribution (Berlin, Germany), Workshop in Behavioral Economics and Experimental Research (Fribourg, Switzerland), Research Seminars University of Fribourg (Fribourg, Switzerland)

2020

Ski & Research University of Fribourg* (Bellwald, Switzerland), International Institute of Public Finance (virtual), Verein für Socialpolitik (virtual), Research Seminars University of Fribourg (virtual)

* Attendance without presentation

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

(2023) Warum nicht einfach die Löhne erhöhen? *SonntagsZeitung*, 21.05.2023: p. 25. (with Reiner Eichenberger)

(2023) Fachkräftemangel - was tun? *Finanz und Wirtschaft*, 15.04.2023, Nr. 29: p. 3. (with Reiner Eichenberger)

(2023) Volkskrankheit Teilzeitarbeit? *Weltwoche*, 19.01.2023, Ausgabe: 03/2023: pp. 50-51. (with Reiner Eichenberger)

(2023) Bundesratswahl - die neue Zauberformel ist das Volk. *NZZ*, 04.01.2023: p. 18. (with Reiner Eichenberger)

(2022) Leistungsträger belohnen! *Weltwoche*, 22.09.2022, Ausgabe 38/2022: p. 30. (with Reiner Eichenberger)

(2022) Stärkere Armee dank alten Freiwilligen. *NZZ*, 26. August 2022: p. 18. (with Reiner Eichenberger)

(2022) Den Kuchen vergrössern statt Zuwanderer besteuern. *NZZ*, 20.05.2022: p. 19. (with Reiner Eichenberger)

AWARDS

Award for Best Masters Degree of the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences (October 2019)

ATTENDED ADVANCED CLASSES

AMSE Summer School in Political Economy - Institutions and the Media (June 2023)

CUSO Virtual Workshop on Behavioral Public Economics, Virtual (April 2022)

Summer School in Political Economy of Conflict and Redistribution, Berlin (August 2021)

Winter School in Data Analytics, University of Fribourg (February 2021)

Python Bootcamp, University of Fribourg (September 2020)

Policy and Impact Evaluation, University of Fribourg (Spring 2020)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Stata (good knowledge), R (intermediate), SPSS (basic knowledge)

Python (basic knowledge), \LaTeX (intermediate)

LANGUAGES

German: Native speaker

English: Fluent, level C1

French: Fluent, level C1

Italian: Intermediate, level B1

REFERENCES

On request