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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Researcher	04/2020–today
Department of Political Science, University of Lucerne Research Fellow of the nccr – on the move	
Research Assistant	08/2015–03/2020
Department of Political Science, University of Lucerne	
Teaching Assistant	09/2017–02/2018
Department of Political Science, University of Lucerne	

VISITING POSITIONS

Visiting Researcher	11/2021
Department of Political Science, MZES, Mannheim One-month research stay	
Short Research Stay	11/2018
Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, Aarhus	
Visiting Graduate Researcher	04/2018–07/2018
Department of Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles	

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science (<i>summa cum laude</i>), University of Lucerne	03/2017–03/2020
Thesis: “A Level Playing Field? Unpacking Electoral Discrimination Against Immigrant-Origin Candidates” Committee: Prof. Alexander Trechsel, Prof. Rune Slothuus, Prof. Nenad Stojanović	
M.A. in Political Science , University of Bern	09/2012–02/2015
B.Sc. in Economics , University of Bern	09/2008–08/2012

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

Portmann, Lea, and Nenad Stojanović. 2019. “Electoral Discrimination Against Immigrant-Origin Candidates.” *Political Behavior*. 41(1): 105–134. Covered by: [Blog Political Behavior](#), [Neue Zürcher Zeitung](#), [SWI swissinfo.ch](#).

Portmann, Lea. 2021. “Do Stereotypes Explain Discrimination Against Minority Candidates or Discrimination in Favor of Majority Candidates?” *British Journal of Political Science*. OnlineFirst.

Portmann, Lea, and Nenad Stojanović. 2021. “Are Immigrant-Origin Candidates Penalized Due to Ingroup Favoritism or Outgroup Hostility?” *Comparative Political Studies*. OnlineFirst. Covered by (among others): [Universität Luzern News](#), [Neue Zürcher Zeitung](#), [Luzerner Zeitung](#), [SWI swissinfo.ch](#).

Blatter, Joachim, Lea Portmann, and Frowin Rausis. 2021. “Theorizing Policy Diffusion: From a Patchy Set of Mechanisms to a Paradigmatic Typology.” *Journal of European Public Policy*. OnlineFirst.

Lutz, Philipp, and Lea Portmann. 2021. “Why Do States Admit Refugees? A Comparative Analysis of Resettlement Policies in OECD Countries.” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. OnlineFirst. Covered by: [ECPR The Loop](#).

Portmann, Lea. “What Makes a Successful Candidate? Political Experience and Low-Information Cues in Elections.” Winner of the 2018 [NGC Best Paper Award](#). Conditionally accepted at *The Journal of Politics*.

Ongoing work

Auer, Daniel, Lea Portmann, and Thomas Tichelbäcker. “Electoral Discrimination, Party Rationale, and the Under-Representation of Minority Politicians.” Revise and resubmit: *American Journal of Political Science*.

Blatter, Joachim, Lea Portmann, and Frowin Rausis. “Transnational Diffusion of Migration Policies, Typological Theorizing and the Mobilities Paradigm.” Working paper.

Portmann, Lea. “Learning in Policy Diffusion Processes. Experimental Evidence on Migration Policy Making.” Working paper.

Lablih, Moulay, Pirmin Bundi, and Lea Portmann. “How Emotions Shape Policy Learning.” In preparation.

Other publications

Brantschen, Stefan, Nathalie Faoro, Philipp Lutz, Lea Portmann, and Flurina Wäspi. “Swiss Refugee Partnership: Eine neue Zulassungspolitik im Schweizer Asylwesen.” *foraus-Diskussionspapier* No. 38 / February 2019.

Stojanović, Nenad and Lea Portmann. “Wahldiskriminierung von Kandidierenden mit Migrationshintergrund.” *De Facto* (7.2.2018).

Portmann, Lea and Nenad Stojanović. “‘Nicht-Schweizer’ Namen im Bundesrat: Die Wahl von Cassis oder Maudet wäre präzedenzlos.” *De Facto* (12.9.2017).

Stojanović, Nenad and Lea Portmann. “Fussball und Demokratie. Spiegel des Volkes.” Gastkommentar, [Neue Zürcher Zeitung](#) (11.6.2016).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Grant for a Visiting Fellowship, Research Committee of the nccr – on the move, CHF 6,000, for a research stay at the University of Mannheim, April 2021–June 2021 (postponed to fall 2021).

Best Paper Award Neuchatel Graduate Conference of Migration and Mobility Studies 2018, Paper: “Ballot Cues and Discrimination against Candidates of Immigrant-Origin,” September 2018.

Starting Grant Plus Bridge, Research Committee of the University of Lucerne, CHF 39,700, December 2017–August 2018 (together with Prof. Joachim Blatter).

Starting Grant, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Lucerne, CHF 28,000, April 2016–April 2017.

Travel grant, Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, April 2016.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Organization of scientific meetings

Member of the organizing committee of the Neuchatel Graduate Conference (nccr – on the move), Neuchatel, July 2021.

Retreat “From affective partisan polarization to social media effects and discrimination in electoral campaigns” (together with Prof. Alexander Trechsel), University of Lucerne, December 2017.

Conference participation

APSA Annual Meeting: 2020 (virtual)

EPSA Annual General Conference: 2020 (virtual), 2019

ECPR General Conference: 2020 (virtual), 2018, 2017

IMISCOE Annual conference: 2021 (virtual)

ISPP Annual Meeting: 2020 (virtual)

SPSA Annual Congress: 2021 (virtual), 2020, 2019, 2018

Neuchatel Graduate Conference of Migration and Mobility Studies: 2018, 2017

Political Behaviour Colloquium EUI: 2018

ECPR Joint Sessions: 2016

MPSA Annual Conference: 2016

SERVICE

Reviews for *American Political Science Review*; *Electoral Studies*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*; *Party Politics*; *Political Behavior*

Member of the Diversity Working Group (“AG Diversity”), University of Lucerne

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Doctoral Program in Political Science of the University of Zurich, **Data Visualization in R**, Thomas Willi, University of Zurich (September 2017–December 2017).

ECPR Winter School, **Introduction to Bayesian Inference**, Prof. Susumu Shikano, University of Bamberg (6.3.2017–10.3.2017).

Graduate School of the Humanities, **Academic English Writing**, Dr. Réka Mihálka, University of Bern (1.3.2017–17.5.2017).

Summer School on Spatial Analysis for the Social Sciences, Prof. Michael D. Ward, University of St. Gallen (27.6.2016–1.7.2016).

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Courses

BA/MA seminar “Democracy and politics in the context of migration”, 09/2021–02/2022
University of Lucerne, co-instructor (with Dr. Edina Szöcsik), fall semester 2021

BA/MA seminar “Democracy in ethnically diverse societies”, University of 09/2017–02/2018
Lucerne, co-instructor (with Prof. Nenad Stojanović)

Supervision of bachelor and master theses

Mira Weingart, bachelor thesis, University of Lucerne 05/2021–11/2021

Raffael Thielmann, bachelor thesis, University of Lucerne 06/2020–04/2021

Adriana Zilic, master thesis, University of Lucerne, together with Nenad 01/2018–06/2018
Stojanović

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German native

English fluent in speaking, reading, and writing

French fluent in speaking, reading, and writing (DALF level C1)

SOFTWARE SKILLS

R (excellent), Stata (basic), LaTeX, MS Office