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Education

University of Zurich, Switzerland

PHD CANDIDATE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

09/2019 - present

- Advisors: Prof. Tarik Abou-Chadi, Prof. Silja Häusermann
- Topic of dissertation: Social status and political behavior - The effects of shifting cultural societal hierarchies

University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

VISITING PHD RESEARCHER

08/2021 - 01/2022

- Host: Prof. Sarah de Lange
- Program group: Challenges to Democratic Representation

Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

10/2016 - 08/2019

- Master thesis: Mainstream parties and their use of populism in Germany and Austria, 1990-2018
- Supervised by Prof. Thorsten Faas and Prof. Dieter Ohr

University of Freiburg, Germany

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND HISTORY

10/2012 - 09/2016

- Erasmus stay at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland (2015)

Academic Positions

- Since 2019 **PhD Researcher**, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich in the SNSF project 'Social Status and the Transformation of Electoral Behavior' (with Prof. Tarik Abou-Chadi)
- 2017-2019 **Tutor for Methods of Political Science and Data Analysis**, Research Group Methods of Empirical Research, Freie Universität Berlin
- 2013-2015 **Research Assistant**, Chair for Comparative Politics, University of Freiburg
- 2013-2014 **Tutor for Statistics and Methods of Political Science**, University of Freiburg

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED

Breyer, Magdalena (2022): Populist positions in party competition: Do parties strategically vary their degree of populism in reaction to vote and office loss? *Party Politics*, Online First, DOI: 10.1177/13540688221097082, Replication files DOI: 10.7910/DVN/1F861L.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Abou-Chadi, Tarik, **Magdalena Breyer**, Theresa Gessler (2021): The (re)politicization of gender in Western Europe. Gender Update, in: *European Journal of Politics and Gender* 4(2), p. 311-314, DOI: 10.1332/251510821X16177312096679.

WORKING PAPERS

The social status hierarchy and its cultural and economic determinants: Evidence from a conjoint experiment (single-authored).

Are shifting gender relations perceived as a social status threat? Experimental evidence on the role of gender for status politics (single-authored).

Norm changing events and the dynamics of political competition: The case of #MeToo (co-authored with Tarik Abou-Chadi and Theresa Gessler).

Cultural backlash? Belief correction about same-sex marriage (co-authored with Thomas Kurer, Tarik Abou-Chadi, and Reto Mitteregger).

Voters' perceptions of changing status hierarchies: An analysis of open-ended survey responses (co-authored with Delia Zollinger and Tabea Palmtag).

Grants

2021	Inequality Research Fund (with Delia Zollinger) , by the University Research Priority Program 'Equality of Opportunity', University of Zurich	CHF 12,000
2020	Research Support Grant , to attend the Essex Summer School, by the Graduate School of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences of the University of Zurich	CHF 600

Presentations

INVITED TALKS

Spring 2022. *Are shifting gender relations perceived as a social status threat?*. Invited talk: Conference cycle of the GREC research group, Université de Lausanne.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association) Annual Conference 2022

COMPTXT Annual Conference 2022, University College Dublin

EGN (European Graduate Network) Conference, European University Institute, Florence, 2022

EPSA (European Political Science Association) Annual Conference 2021

SPSA (Swiss Political Science Association) Annual Conference 2020, 2021, 2022

Conference on Populism, Gender and Feminist Politics, Scuola Normale Superiore Florence, December 2020

DVPW (German Political Science Association) 2018

Teaching Experience

Instructor **Gender and the radical right**, University of Zurich, *Spring 2022, Fall 2020*

Tutor **Methods of Political Science**, University of Freiburg and FU Berlin, *Fall 2013, 2017-2019*

Tutor **Data Analysis**, FU Berlin, *Spring 2017 and 2018*

DIDACTICAL TRAINING

2020 **Introduction to University Teaching**, University of Zurich

2020 **Introduction to Course Design**, University of Zurich

Skills & Professional Development

SKILLS

Software **R, L^AT_EX**

Languages **German**, Native speaker

English, Fluent

French & Spanish, Intermediate

Polish, Basic

FURTHER TRAINING

ECPR Aarhus Summer School on Political Parties 2021

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis 2020: Causal Inference

ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques 2020: Conjoint Experiments and Logistic Regression

Courses on Quantitative Text Analysis, Foundations of Data Science, Data Visualization at the University of Zurich

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

EPSA

MPSA

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 2019	Infratest dimap , Freelance work to analyze and visualize election day survey results conducted for the German public broadcaster ARD, for the European Parliament elections 2019 and the German Bundestag elections 2021	<i>Berlin</i>
2018	Infratest dimap/Kantar Public , Internship at polling institute for three months	<i>Berlin</i>
2016	Mediendienst Integration , Internship at online editorial/science communication platform for three months	<i>Berlin</i>
2016	Federal Statistical Office of Germany, Destatis , Internship in the International Cooperation area for two months	<i>Bonn</i>