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PERSONAL DATA

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CURRENT POSITION

University of Zurich, Zurich Switzerland

06/2018

- Postdoctoral Scholar

EDUCATION

Yale University, New Haven CT

08/2013 – 05/2018

- PhD Candidate (degree expected May 2018), MA, MPhil

ETH Zurich, Zurich Switzerland

09/2010 – 06/2012

- Master of Arts in Comparative and International Studies

University of Zurich, Zurich Switzerland

09/2005 – 09/2009

- Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences

PUBLICATIONS

2017

A call for parenting interventions for refugee mothers with children younger than 3 years. *The Lancet Psychiatry* 4(8), 583–584.

2016

Making aid work for education in developing countries: an analysis of aid effectiveness for primary education coverage and quality. *International Journal of Educational Development* 48, 37–52. (co-authored with Katharina Michaelowa).

Aid Modalities Matter: The Impact of Different World Bank and IMF Programs on Democratization in Developing Countries. *International Studies Quarterly* 60 (3), 427–439 (co-authored with Sophia Limpach and Katharina Michaelowa)

Work in progress

- The impact of early childhood stress on political behavior
- Anxiety affects the redistribution of economic resources among groups
- The angry voter: The role of emotion regulation in politics

FELLOWSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

Frederick W. Hilles Fellow	2017
MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship	2017
Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University, Policy Fellowship	2016 – 2017
Pierre B. A. Keller Fellowship	2014 – 2017
Center for the Study of American Politics, Yale University, Dissertation Research Grant	2016 2015
Swiss-American Society Scholarship	2013-2014
Fulbright Foreign Student Scholarship (declined)	2013
International Studies Association (ISA) Travel Grant for the Annual Convention 2013	2011
Yale University Tuition Waiver Scholarship	2011
Banco Santander Scholarship	2011
ETH Zurich Travel Scholarship	2010 – 2012
City and Canton of Zurich Student Scholarships	

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant at the University of Zurich, Political Science Department, Chair for Political Economy and Development	07/2012 – 08/2013
Research Assistant, Harvard Business School	09/2012 – 12/2012
Research Assistant, ETH Zurich	09/2011 – 06/2012
Research and Teaching Assistant, University of Zurich	02/2011 – 06/2012
Office Intern, ROKPA International	08/2009 – 08/2010

- Organization of the MacMillan-CSAP Workshop on Quantitative Research Methods
- Statistical data analysis using Stata for various research projects and data management
- Literature search using online databases such as Jstor, Google Scholar, LexisNexis and others
- Provide student support for seminar papers and statistical questions, introduction to Stata, exercise supervision for 'bachelor core competence course: political economy'

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages: German (native speaker), English (fluent, Cambridge Proficiency in English, TOEFL iBT: 114/120), French (basic)

Teaching: Political Science - Undergraduate: Political Economy Core and Advanced Classes, Politics of Development Assistance, Introduction to Public Opinion

Volunteer Work: Scouts - group leader, member of the board (2000 – 2006), Fundraising for Climate Change Awareness Workshop (2011 – 2012), Hunger Heroes, Soup Kitchen (2015-2016), Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS) – Cultural companion

Computer Skills: Stata, LaTeX, EndNote, Presentation (Neurobs), Matlab, Illustrator, Microsoft Office Package