

Curriculum Vitae - Simone Wegmann

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Fields of Interest

Comparative Politics Transitions and consolidation of democracy, parliaments, government formation

Political Behaviour Political support and satisfaction, perceptions of democracy

International Relations Compliance with human rights, human rights institutions

Academic Employment

Current Positions

10/2018 - present **Adjunct lecturer (Lehrbeauftragte)**
 SOCIUM Research Center, University of Bremen, Germany.

12/2017 - present **Post-doctoral researcher**
 Research project: Opposition Power in Parliament – Causes and Consequences
 (financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation)
 SOCIUM Research Center, University of Bremen, Germany.

Past Positions

06/2017 - 11/2017 **Post-doctoral researcher and lecturer**
 Department of Political Science, University of Geneva, Switzerland
 On maternity leave from 07/2017 - 11/07/2017

02/2012 - 05/2017 **Teaching assistant**
 Department of Political Science, University of Geneva, Switzerland
 On scientific leave from 01/2015 - 12/2015

01/2015 - 12/2015 **Visiting scholar**
 Department of Political Science, Columbia University, New York, USA

02/2012 - 06/2013 **Research assistant**
 Research project: Understanding roll call vote requests and their consequences
 (Prof. Simon Hug, financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation)
 Department of Political Science, University of Geneva, Switzerland

Education

02/2012 - 05/2017 **PhD in Political Science***
 Department of Political Science, University of Geneva, Switzerland
 Thesis: "The Moderating Role of Parliamentary Procedures: The Influence of
 Opposition Power on Democratic Consolidation"
 Committee: Prof. Simon Hug (University of Geneva, supervisor);
 Prof. Stefanie Bailer (University of Basel);
 Prof. Catherine De Vries (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam);
 Prof. Jonas Pontusson (University of Geneva, committee chair)

** The University of Geneva does not award distinctions.*

09/2009 – 09/2011	Master in Political Science Department of Political Science, University of Geneva, Switzerland
10/2006 – 07/2009	Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences in Political Science Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Publications

Peer-reviewed

- Wegmann, Simone and Aurélien Evequoz. forthcoming. Legislative Functions in Newly Democratized Countries: The Use of Parliamentary Questions in Kenya and Zambia. *The Journal of Legislative Studies*.
- Carneiro, Cristiane and Simone Wegmann. 2018. Institutional complexity in the Inter-American Human Rights System: an investigation of the prohibition of torture. *The International Journal of Human Rights* 22(9): 1229-1248.
- Hug, Simon and Simone Wegmann. 2016. Complying with Human Rights *International Interactions* 42(4): 590-615.
- Knutsen, Carl Henrik and Simone Wegmann. 2016. Is Democracy about Redistribution? *Democratization*. 23(1): 164-192.
- Hug, Simon, Simone Wegmann and Reto Wüest. 2015. Parliamentary Voting Procedures in Comparison. *West European Politics* 38(5): 940-968.
- Hug, Simon and Simone Wegmann. 2013. Ten years in the United Nations: Where does Switzerland stand? *Swiss Political Science Review* 19(2): 212-232.

Other publications

- Wegmann, Simone. 2018. Die Rolle des Gesetzgebungsprozesses: Wie Oppositionsrechte die demokratische Konsolidierung beeinflussen. *Mitteilungsblatt der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Parlamentsfragen* 21(1): 45-50. Available online: <http://sgp-ssp.net/#mitteilungsblatt>
- Wegmann, Simone. 2012. Regional Human Rights Systems. A Comparative Analysis. *Geneva Laboratory of Political Science. University of Geneva. Green Lab No. 1*
Available Online: <http://unige.ch/sciences-societe/dspri/files/1814/0309/7351/Wegmann.pdf>
- Wegmann, Simone. 2009. Nichtregierungsorganisationen und Demokratie. Probleme und Chancen für eine globalisierte Welt. *Sociology in Switzerland. Democracy in Politics and Social Life*. Online Publications: http://socio.ch/demo/t_swegmann.htm

Under review or invited for resubmission

- Book project* – “The Power of Opposition. How Legislative Organization Influences Democratic Consolidation” *Under consideration at Routledge*.
- “Policy-Making Power of Opposition Players: A Comparative Institutional Perspective” *Under review*.

Work in progress

- “Oppositions, Power, and Satisfaction with Democracy”
- “Parliamentary Opposition Power and Minority Government Formation”
- “Government Formation in Presidential Regimes: Opposition Power and Coalitions”
- “Parliamentary Institutions, Conflict, and Electoral Performance of Opposition Parties” (with Or Tuttnauer, MZES Mannheim, Germany)
- “Grasping at Straws: the Use of Parliamentary Questions in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes” (with Aurélien Evequoz, University of Geneva, Switzerland)

“Much Ado about (Virtually) Nothing? Referendums as a Less-than Perfect Means of Aligning Elite and Voters in the Case of Switzerland, 1977-2018” (with Valentin Schröder, University of Bremen, Germany)

“Complexity and Compliance in the Inter-American Human Rights System” (with Cristiane Carneiro, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil)

Conference and Workshop Participation

Upcoming 2019	Swiss Political Science Association Annual Meeting and Dreiländertagung
2018	ECPR General Conference Swiss Political Science Association Annual Meeting (no presentation) Norddeutsches Kolloquium Sozialwissenschaften, 1. Tagung: Parteienwettbewerb in der Demokratie. Bremen, Germany
2016	ECPR Joint Sessions. Workshop: "Analyzing Organization in Parliament: Causes and Consequences" General Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments EPSA Annual General Conference
2015	APSA Annual Meeting ECPR General Conference MPSA Annual Meeting (Junior Scholar Symposium, by invitation only)
2014	APSA Annual Meeting EPSA Annual General Conference UNIGE-Princeton workshop: “Democratic representation in an era of rising economic inequality”, Geneva, Switzerland
2013	ECPR General Conference Fourth Annual Conference on the Program on Arab Reform and Democracy of Stanford University (no presentation)
2012	General Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments EPSA Annual General Conference Swiss Political Science Association Annual Meeting

Conference and workshop participation by co-authors

2015	EPSA Annual General Conference Workshop of the Inter-American Human Rights Network, London, UK
2013	Workshop on Compliance in International Relations, Sao Paulo, Brazil
2012	MPSA Annual Meeting Conference Explaining Legislative Organization in European Democracies, Oxford, UK

Teaching Experience

Fall 2018	Seminar (Übung) Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (in German) Introductory seminar to comparative politics. University of Bremen Undergraduate level; 14 sessions (28 hrs total); 23 students
Spring 2017	Seminar Introduction à la démarche scientifique (in French) Introductory seminar to research in the social sciences. University of Geneva Undergraduate level; 6 sessions (12 hrs total, 6 hrs lecture and 6 hrs group exercises); about 40 students
Fall 2016	Seminar Introduction à la science politique (in French) Introductory seminar “Democracy Studies”. University of Geneva Undergraduate level; 12 sessions (24 hrs total); 30 students

Summer 2015	The Politics of Human Rights (in English) Summer course, New York University All levels; 12 sessions (36 hrs total); 19 students In collaboration with Prof. Cristiane Carneiro (University of Sao Paulo).
Fall 2014	Seminar Concepts et approches de la science politique (in French) Introductory seminar “Democratization Theories”. University of Geneva Undergraduate level; 12 sessions (24 hrs total); 15 students
Spring 2014	Seminar Relations Internationales II (in French) Advanced seminar “Explaining Respect for Human Rights”. University of Geneva Undergraduate level; 12 sessions (24 hrs total); 14 students
Fall 2013; 2014	Seminar Concepts et approches de la science politique (in French) Introductory seminar “Stability of Democratic Regimes”. University of Geneva Undergraduate level; 12 sessions (24 hrs total); about 15 students
Spring 2013; 2014	Seminar Introduction aux méthodes de la science politique – human rights (in French) Introductory seminar to methods in political science. University of Geneva Undergraduate level; 6 sessions (12 hrs total, 6 hrs lecture and 6 hrs group exercises); about 40 students
Spring 2012; 2013; 2014	Seminar Introduction aux méthodes de la science politique – democracy and democratization (in French) Introductory seminar to methods in political science. University of Geneva Undergraduate level; 6 sessions (12 hrs total, 6 hrs lecture and 6 hrs group exercises); about 40 students

Additional Education and Professional Activities

12/2014 - present	Reviewer for <i>Democratization, International Interactions, Scandinavian Political Studies, Swiss Political Science Review</i>
01/2012 - 04/2017	Doctoral Program in Political Science Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO) Courses: Research Design; Mixed Methods; Case Studies and Process Tracing; Quantitative methods: Stata and R - graphical presentation of regression results
08/2013	Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection Hierarchical Models (35hrs), Prof. Jeff Gill
02/2013	Second reader, Master thesis Alexia Bonato: "L'influence de la société civile et des mouvements sociaux sur les transitions démocratiques: Comparaison de 3 pays latino-américains" (Supervisor: Prof. Marco Giugni)
08/2012	Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection Pooled Time-Series Cross Sectional Analysis (35hrs), Prof. Robert W. Walker

Scholarships and Awards

07/2017	Award for work on the functioning of parliaments for my PhD thesis <i>The Moderating Role of Parliamentary Procedures: The Influence of Opposition Power on Democratic Consolidation</i> Attributed by the Swiss Society for Questions on Parliament (Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Parlamentsfragen)
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10/2016	Early Postdoc fellowship for the research project <i>Opposition Power in Parliament – Causes and Consequences</i> Attributed by the Swiss National Science Foundation (66'750 CHF)
04/2015	Tremplin subsidy for an exemption from teaching obligations at the Department of Political Science, University of Geneva (January to June 2016) Attributed by the Office of Equality, University of Geneva
10/2014	Young Researcher Grant (Doc.mobility) for a research stay at the Department of Political Science, Columbia University, New York (12 months) Attributed by the Swiss National Science Foundation (59'000 US\$)
09/2014	Grant from the Ernest Boninchi Foundation for a research stay at the Department of Political Science, Columbia University, New York. (Declined)
08/2012; 08/2013	Funding for participation at the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection Attributed by the Swiss National Science Foundation
Since 02/2012	Travel Grants for participation at conferences: Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences (2014, 2016) Swiss National Science Foundation (2015, 2018)
09/2011	Award for best Master in Political Science 2011 Attributed by the Department of Political Science, University of Geneva.

Membership to Professional Organisations

DemocracyNet, ECPR, ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, ECPR Standing Group on Public Opinion and Voting Behaviour in a Comparative Perspective, EPSA, SVPW

Languages

German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Italian (intermediate)

Computer Skills

L^AT_EX, R, Stata, SPSS

References

Available upon request