

Curriculum Vitae - Simone Wegmann

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Fields of Interest

Transitions and consolidation of democracy
Legislative organization, opposition power, government formation
Political support and satisfaction, perceptions of democracy
Human rights institutions

Academic Employment

Current Positions

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.

06/2017 - present **Post-doctoral researcher and lecturer**
Department of Political Science, University of Geneva, Switzerland
On maternity leave from 07/2017 - 11/2017
On scientific leave from 12/2017 - 05/2019

Past Positions

10/2018 - 02/2019 **Adjunct lecturer (Lehrbeauftragte)**
Department of Political Science, University of Bremen, Germany.

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

Journal articles (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.

Reprint as book chapter:

Carneiro, Cristiane and Simone Wegmann. 2019. Institutional complexity in the Inter-American Human Rights System: an investigation of the prohibition of torture. In *The Inter-American Human Rights System. The Law and Politics of Institutional Change* ed. Engstrom, Par and Courtney Hillebrecht. New York: Routledge.

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.

Books

Wegmann, Simone. 2017. The Moderating Role of Parliamentary Procedures: The Influence of Opposition Power on Democratic Consolidation. *PhD thesis. Department of Political Science. University of Geneva* SdS 65 - 2017/05/04 Online: <https://archive-ouverte.unige.ch/unige:98314>

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

Work in progress

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*.

“The Value of Executive Office: How Opposition Power Influences Government Formation” *Under review*.

“A Partisan Account of Direct Democracy: Political Competition and Referenda in the Case of Switzerland, 1978-2018” (with Valentin Schröder, University of Bremen, Germany) *Under review.*

Working papers

“Oppositions, Power, and Satisfaction with Democracy”

“Government Formation in Presidential Regimes: Opposition Power and Coalitions”

“Parliamentary Opposition Behavior and Electoral Outcomes: Does it Matter?” (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)

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

Conference and Workshop Participation

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| 2019 | General Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments
EPSA Annual General Conference
Norddeutsches Kolloquium Sozialwissenschaften, Bremen, Germany
Swiss Political Science Association Annual Meeting and Dreiländertagung |
| 2018 | ECPR General Conference
Swiss Political Science Association Annual Meeting (no presentation)
Norddeutsches Kolloquium Sozialwissenschaften, 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
Annual Conference on The Political Economy of International Organizations
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 |
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Teaching Experience

As lecturer

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| Fall 2018 | Seminar (Übung) Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (in German)
Introductory seminar to comparative politics. University of Bremen
Undergraduate level; 12 sessions (24 hrs total); 21 students |
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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) In collaboration with Prof. Cristiane Carneiro (University of Sao Paulo) Summer course, New York University All levels; 12 sessions (36 hrs total); 19 students
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, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Scandinavian Political Studies, Swiss Political Science Review</i>
From 06/2019	Cooperation Partner on the Research Project <i>Bypassing the Nation State? How Swiss Cantonal Parliaments Deal with International Obligations</i> . Prof. Dr. Evelyne Schmid and Prof. Dr. Martino Maggetti Financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation
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 Research Funding

10/2016 **Early Postdoc fellowship** for the research project *Opposition Power in Parliament – Causes and Consequences*
Attributed by the Swiss National Science Foundation

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

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, 2019)

Awards

02/2019 **Dissertationspreis SVPW**
Award for best PhD thesis in political science 2016/2017
Attributed by the Swiss Political Science Association

07/2017 **Award for work on the functioning of parliaments** for my PhD thesis
Attributed by the Swiss Society for Questions on Parliament (Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Parlamentsfragen)

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
