

# 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

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## Academic Positions

### Current Positions

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*

05/2019 - present **Affiliated member**  
Research group *Comparative Political Economy*, Prof. Dr. Philip Manow  
SOCIUM Research Center, University of Bremen, Germany

### Past Positions

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

12/2017 - 05/2019 **Post-doctoral researcher**  
SOCIUM Research Center, University of Bremen, Germany  
Research project: Opposition Power in Parliament – Causes and Consequences  
(Early career fellowship, financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation)

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

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

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

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## 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: Simon Hug (University of Geneva, supervisor);  
Stefanie Bailer (University of Basel);

Catherine De Vries (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam);  
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

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## 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](http://socio.ch/demo/t_swegmann.htm)

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## 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)

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## Conference and Workshop Participation

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| 2019 | General Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments<br>EPSA Annual General Conference<br>Norddeutsches Kolloquium Sozialwissenschaften, Bremen, Germany<br>Swiss Political Science Association Annual Meeting and Dreiländertagung |
| 2018 | ECPR General Conference<br>Swiss Political Science Association Annual Meeting (no presentation)<br>Norddeutsches Kolloquium Sozialwissenschaften, Bremen, Germany   |
| 2016 | ECPR Joint Sessions. Workshop: "Analyzing Organization in Parliament: Causes and Consequences"<br>General Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments<br>EPSA Annual General Conference  |
| 2015 | APSA Annual Meeting<br>ECPR General Conference<br>MPSA Annual Meeting (Junior Scholar Symposium, by invitation only)  |
| 2014 | APSA Annual Meeting<br>EPSA Annual General Conference<br>UNIGE-Princeton workshop: “Democratic representation in an era of rising economic inequality”, Geneva, Switzerland   |
| 2013 | ECPR General Conference<br>Annual Conference on The Political Economy of International Organizations<br>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<br>EPSA Annual General Conference<br>Swiss Political Science Association Annual Meeting  |

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## Teaching Experience

### As lecturer

- Fall 2018 Seminar **Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft** (in German)  
Introductory seminar to comparative politics. University of Bremen  
Undergraduate level; 12 sessions (24 hrs total); 21 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)  
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

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## Additional Education and Professional Activities

- 06/2019 - present **Cooperation Partner** on the Research Project *Bypassing the Nation State? How Swiss Cantonal Parliaments Deal with International Obligations*.  
Prof. Dr. Evelyne Schmid and Prof. Dr. Martino Maggetti  
Financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation
- 12/2014 - present **Reviewer** for *Democratization, International Interactions, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Scandinavian Political Studies, Swiss Political Science Review*

01/2012 - 04/2017	<b>Doctoral Program in Political Science</b> 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	<b>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection</b> Hierarchical Models (35hrs), Prof. Jeff Gill
02/2013	<b>Second reader, Master thesis</b> 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	<b>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection</b> Pooled Time-Series Cross Sectional Analysis (35hrs), Prof. Robert W. Walker

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## Scholarships and Research Funding

10/2016	<b>Early Postdoc fellowship</b> (18 months) for the research project <i>Opposition Power in Parliament – Causes and Consequences</i> Attributed by the Swiss National Science Foundation
04/2015	<b>Tremplin subsidy for an exemption from teaching obligations</b> at the Department of Political Science, University of Geneva (January to June 2016) Attributed by the Office of Equality, University of Geneva
10/2014	<b>Young Researcher Grant (Doc.mobility)</b> 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	<b>Grant from the Ernest Boninchi Foundation</b> for a research stay at the Department of Political Science, Columbia University, New York. <b>(Declined)</b>
08/2012; 08/2013	<b>Funding for participation at the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection</b> Attributed by the Swiss National Science Foundation
Since 02/2012	<b>Travel Grants</b> for participation at conferences: Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences (2014, 2016) Swiss National Science Foundation (2015, 2018, 2019)

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## Awards

02/2019	<b>Dissertationspreis SVPW</b> <b>Award for best PhD thesis in political science 2016/2017</b> Attributed by the Swiss Political Science Association
07/2017	<b>Award for work on the functioning of parliaments</b> for my PhD thesis Attributed by the Swiss Society for Questions on Parliament (Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Parlamentsfragen)
09/2011	<b>Award for best Master in Political Science 2011</b> Attributed by the Department of Political Science, University of Geneva.

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## 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

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**Languages**

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

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**Computer Skills**

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, R, Stata, SPSS

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**References**

Available upon request

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