

# 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

10/2019 - present **Post-doctoral researcher and lecturer**  
Chair of Comparative Politics, Prof. Dr. Steffen Ganghof  
Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Potsdam, Germany

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)

06/2017 - 09/2019 **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*

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. 2019. Legislative Functions in Newly Democratized Countries: The Use of Parliamentary Questions in Kenya and Zambia. *The Journal of Legislative Studies* 25(4): 443-465.
- 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>

### Book review

- Wegmann, Simone. 2019. Opposition Parties in European Legislatures. Conflict or Consensus? Edited by Elisabetta De Giorgi and Gabriella Ilonszki. London and New York: Routledge, 2018. 270p., £120.00 *Italian Political Science Review*.

## 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

### Forthcoming

*Book project* – “The Power of Opposition. How Legislative Organization Influences Democratic Consolidation” *Forthcoming with Routledge*.

### Under review or invited for resubmission

“Policy-Making Power of Opposition Players: A Comparative Institutional Perspective” *Revise and re-submit*.

### Working papers

“The Value of Executive Office: How Opposition Power Influences Government Formation”

“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)

“Constitutional Change as a Power Tool in the Hands of Parliament” (with Anna Fruhstorfer, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)

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

“The Use of Parliamentary Questions in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from Zimbabwe” (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

2020	EPSA Annual General Conference
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

## Teaching Experience

### As lecturer

#### University of Potsdam (in German)

Spring 2020	Seminar <b>Die Macht der Opposition</b> Advanced seminar to opposition power. MA level; 13 sessions (26 hrs total), online teaching
Spring 2020	Seminar <b>Aktuelle Entwicklungen in der Demokratieforschung</b> Seminar to recent contributions in democracy studies. Undergraduate level; 13 sessions (26 hrs total), online teaching
Fall 2019	Seminar <b>Demokratisierung und Demokratiestabilität</b> Advanced seminar to democratization and democratic consolidation. MA level; 15 sessions (30 hrs total)
Fall 2019	Seminar <b>Grundlagen der Vergleichenden Politikwissenschaft</b> Introductory seminar to comparative politics. Undergraduate level; 15 sessions (30 hrs total)

#### University of Bremen (in German)

Fall 2018	Seminar (Übung) <b>Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft</b> Introductory seminar to comparative politics. Undergraduate level; 12 sessions (24 hrs total); 21 students
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#### University of Geneva (in French)

Spring 2019	Seminar <b>Encadrement de projet de recherche B</b> (temporary replacement) Advanced seminar BA-Thesis. Undergraduate level; individual supervision; 5 students
Spring 2017	Seminar <b>Introduction à la démarche scientifique</b> Introductory seminar to research in the social sciences. Undergraduate level; 6 sessions (12 hrs total, 6 hrs lecture and 6 hrs group exercises); about 40 students
Fall 2016	Seminar <b>Introduction à la science politique</b> Introductory seminar "Democracy Studies". Undergraduate level; 12 sessions (24 hrs total); 30 students

- Fall 2014 Seminar **Concepts et approches de la science politique**  
Introductory seminar “Democratization Theories”.  
Undergraduate level; 12 sessions (24 hrs total); 15 students
- Spring 2014 Seminar **Relations Internationales II**  
Advanced seminar “Explaining Respect for Human Rights”.  
Undergraduate level; 12 sessions (24 hrs total); 14 students
- Fall 2013; 2014 Seminar **Concepts et approches de la science politique**  
Introductory seminar “Stability of Democratic Regimes”.  
Undergraduate level; 12 sessions (24 hrs total); about 15 students
- Spring 2012; 2013; 2014 Seminar **Introduction aux méthodes de la science politique**  
Introductory seminar to methods in political science.  
Undergraduate level; 6 sessions (12 hrs total, 6 hrs lecture and 6 hrs group exercises); about 40 students

**New York University** (in English)

- Summer 2015 **The Politics of Human Rights**  
In collaboration with Prof. Cristiane Carneiro (University of Sao Paulo)  
Summer course, all levels; 12 sessions (36 hrs total); 19 students

**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, European Political Science Review, Government and Opposition, International Interactions, Scandinavian Political Studies, Swiss Political Science Review, West European Politics*
- 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
- 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**

- 06/2019 **Postdoc fellowship** (18 months) for the book project *The Power of Opposition. How Legislative Organization Influences Democratic Consolidation*  
Attributed by the Swiss National Science Foundation (**Declined**)
- 10/2016 **Early Postdoc fellowship** (18 months) 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)

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## 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.

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## Membership to Professional Organisations

DemocracyNet, DVPW, 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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## References

Available upon request

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