

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 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

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

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 (Bocconi University);
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. 2020. Policy-Making Power of Opposition Players: A Comparative Institutional Perspective. *The Journal of Legislative Studies*. Online first: 1-25.
- 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. 2020. 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 50(2): 293-294.

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

Forthcoming

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

Under review or invited for resubmission

“Voting for votes: opposition parties’ legislative activity and electoral outcomes” (with Or Tutnauer) *Under review*.

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”

“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)

Conference Participation

2013 Annual Conference on the Political Economy of International Organizations (PEIO)

2014; 2015 APSA Annual Meeting

2013; 2015; 2018 ECPR General Conference

2016 ECPR Joint Sessions

2012; 2014; 2015*; 2016; 2019 EPSA Annual General Conference

2012; 2016; 2019 General Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments

2012*; 2015 MPSA Annual Meeting

2018; 2019 Norddeutsches Kolloquium Sozialwissenschaften

2012; 2018; 2019 Swiss Political Science Association Annual Meeting (including Dreiländertagung)

* Participation and presentation by co-author only.

Teaching Experience

As lecturer

University of Potsdam (in German)

2019 - present **MA seminars**
2020. The Politics of Human Rights
2020. The Power of Opposition
2019. Democratization and Democratic Stability

BA seminars
2020. Can Stable Democracies Be Designed?
2020. Recent Developments in Democracy Studies
2019. Introductory Seminar to Comparative Politics

University of Bremen (in German)

Fall 2018 Introductory seminar to Comparative Politics.

University of Geneva (in French)

2012 - 2019 **Various undergraduate seminars**
2019. Advanced seminar BA-Thesis
2017. Introductory seminar to research in the social sciences
2016. Democracy Studies
2014. Democratization Theories
2014. Human Rights
2013; 2014. Stability of Democratic Regimes
2012;2013;2014. Introductory seminar to methods in political science

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 <i>The Power of Opposition. How Legislative Organization Influences Democratic Consolidation</i> Attributed by the Swiss National Science Foundation (Declined)
10/2016	Early Postdoc fellowship (18 months) for the research project <i>Opposition Power in Parliament – Causes and Consequences</i> 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, DVPW, 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)

References

Available upon request
