

Curriculum Vitae - Simone Wegmann

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Fields of Interest

Comparative democratic institutions and consolidation of democracy
Legislative organization, opposition power, government formation
Political support and satisfaction, perceptions of democracy
Comparative human rights institutions

Academic Positions

Current Position

10/2019 - present **Post-doctoral researcher**
Chair of Comparative Politics, Prof. Dr. Steffen Ganghof
Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Potsdam, Germany
Parental leave from 04/2021 - 10/2021 and 03/2022 - 04/2022

Past Positions

06/2019 - 09/2019 **Post-doctoral researcher**
Department of Political Science, University of Geneva, Switzerland

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 (invited by Prof. Dr. Philip Manow)
Research project: Opposition Power in Parliament – Causes and Consequences (Early career fellowship, financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation)

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

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
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.*
Received the Best PhD Thesis Award of the Swiss Political Science Association 2016/2017.

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)

- Tuttnauer, Or and Simone Wegmann. 2022. Voting for Votes: Opposition Parties' Legislative Activity and Electoral Outcomes. *American Political Science Review*: 1-18.
- Wegmann, Simone. 2022. Policy-Making Power of Opposition Players: A Comparative Institutional Perspective. *The Journal of Legislative Studies*. 28(1): 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. *forthcoming*. *The Power of Opposition. How Legislative Organization Influences Democratic Consolidation*. New York: Routledge.

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.

Work in Progress

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

“Oppositions, Power, and Democratic Stability”

“Parliaments in Central and Eastern Europe. Institutional Separation of Power and the Power to Pursue Policies” (with Anna Fruhstorfer, University of Potsdam, Germany)

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

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

Conference Participation

* Participation and presentation by co-author only.

2014; 2015 APSA Annual Meeting

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

2013; 2015; 2018; 2022 ECPR General Conference

2016 ECPR Joint Sessions

2012; 2014; 2015*; 2016; 2019; 2022 EPSA Annual General Conference

2012; 2016; 2019; 2022 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)

Teaching Experience

University of Potsdam (in German)

- 2019 - present **MA seminars**
2022. Democracy Studies: then and now (in English)
2020. The Politics of Human Rights
2020; 2021. The Power of Opposition
2019. Democratization and Democratic Stability
- BA seminars**
2020; 2022. Can Stable Democracies Be Designed?
2020. Recent Developments in Democracy Studies
2019; 2021. Introductory Seminar to Comparative Politics
- Regular supervision of BA and MA theses

University of Bremen (in German)

- Fall 2018 Introductory seminar to Comparative Politics (accompanying the lecture by Prof. Dr. Philip Manow)

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
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Additional Education and Professional Activities

- 10/2021 - present **Member study commission**
Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Potsdam
- 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*
- 08/2021 **ECPR Virtual Summer School**
Quantitative Text Analysis (15hrs), Dr. Kostas Gemenis

- 06/2019 - 05/2023 **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
- 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
- 03/2013 - 12/2014 **Member website commission**
Department of Political Science, University of Geneva
- 08/2012 **Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection**
Pooled Time-Series Cross Sectional Analysis (35hrs), Prof. Robert W. Walker
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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 to take up my current position at the University of Potsdam**)
- 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 to accept the grant attributed by the Swiss National Science Foundation**)
- 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: 2035 CHF total)
Swiss National Science Foundation (2015, 2018, 2019: 5177 CHF total)

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, EPSA, SVPW

Languages

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

References

Available upon request
