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Family status 2 children (born 2013, 2016)



Work Experience

- From Aug 2014 on **Assistant professor** (with tenure track) at the Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Geneva.
- Sept 2013-July 2014 **Senior research associate** at the Department of Political Science, University of Zürich (SNF Ambizione scholarship).
- Aug 2012-Aug 2013 **Lecturer** at the chair of Prof. Bräuninger (Political Economy), University of Mannheim and **Research Fellow** at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research.
- Dec 2008-Aug 2012 **Post-doc researcher** in an ESF-project "Representation in Europe: Policy Congruence between Citizens and Elites", University of Konstanz (until July 2009) and University of Mannheim, Prof. Thomas Bräuninger.
- Sept 2005-Nov 2008 **Academic assistant, PhD researcher** in a SNF-project "Political Consequences of Attitudes towards the Welfare State" at the Institute of Political Science, University of Bern, Prof. Klaus Armingeon.
- June 2006- June 2008 **Project Leader of Mentoring Programme** at the Institute of Political Science, University of Bern.

Education

- Sep 2005 – Nov 2008 **University of Bern**, Switzerland, Ph.D. student in political science.
- Oct 2000 - May 2005 **University of Bern**, Switzerland, studies in political science (major), general ecology (minor), media science and economics.
- Jan 2004 – July 2004 **University of Maastricht**, Netherlands, studies at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration under the Socrates-Erasmus programme.

Qualifications

- April 2009 **Doctor rerum socialium**, University of Bern, Switzerland
Thesis: “Risky social policy? The electoral consequences of welfare state retrenchment and social policy performance in OECD countries” (supervised by Prof. Klaus Armingeon and Prof. Marco Steenbergen)
Result: summa cum laude
- May 2005 **Licentiata rerum socialium (equivalent to a Master Degree in Political Science)**, University of Bern, Switzerland.
Thesis: The Puzzle of the Gender Gap in Europe. A Comparative Analysis of Voting Behavior in 12 Countries.
Result: magna cum laude (5.32)
- Oct 2003 **Certificate in General Ecology (equivalent to a Minor)** at the Interdisciplinary Center for General Ecology, University of Bern, Switzerland
Result: excellent.

Service to the Profession

- Journal Referee *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Acta Politica, Comparative Political Studies, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, European Journal of Political Research, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Scandinavian Political Studies, Political Studies, West European Politics, Swiss Political Science Review.*

Project Referee	Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF), Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), <i>Netherlands</i> Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), Israel Science Foundation (ISF)
Editorial Board Member	<i>Journal of European Public Policy</i> (since 2014)
Workshop Organizer	Workshop to prepare a special Issue in the <i>Swiss Political Science Review</i> “The Swiss Elections 2015”, 12-13. October 2017, Neuchâtel (together with Anke Tresch and Line Rennwald). Conference “Voters, Parties and Public Policy in European Multi-level Systems”, 22.-23. March 2012, Mannheim (together with Marc Debus and Thorsten Faas). Conference “Policy-Making in Hard Times. Explaining the Variation in Policy Reactions to the Global Economic and Financial Crisis in Industrialized Democracies”, 4.-6. November 2010, Mannheim (together with Jan Drahekoupil, Felix Hörisch and Timo Weishaupt). Workshop “Policy Representation in Europe”, 28.-29. May 2010, Mannheim.
Panel/Section Organizer	Section „Die Europäisierung politischer Repräsentation: Die Interaktion von Wählern und Parteien im europäischen Mehrebenensystem“ at the Dreiländertagung, Heidelberg, September 2016 (together with Heike Klüver, Katrin Praprotnik und Guido Tiemann). Section „Repräsentation regionaler Interessen in Parteien, Parlamenten und Regierungen“ at the Dreiländertagung, Basel, Januar 2011 (together with Marc Debus and Jochen Müller).
Discussant	EPSA Annual Conference, MPSA Annual Conference, ECPR General Conference, SVPW Annual Conference.
Convenor	Co-convenor of the ECPR Standing Group on “The Politics of Welfare State Reform” with Alexandre Afonso, (MPIfG Köln), Johan Davidsson (Lund University), Moira Nelson (Lund University), and Bruno Palier (Sciences Po, Paris).
Scientific Commissions	Swiss Election Study (SELECTS) Commission (since 2016), Année politique Suisse Commission (since 2017), ethical board of the Geneva School of the Social Sciences (since 2015).

Grants and Awards

2017	Grant Proposal to be submitted to the SNF 1.10.2017: “Inequality in the mind. Perceptions of economic inequality and its political consequences”.
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- 2014 Young Scholar Award of the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences (SAGW) for the article “*More Money, Fewer Problems? Cross-Level Effects of Economic Deprivation on Political Representation*” (10'000 CHF) (together with Jan Rosset and Julian Bernauer).
- 2013 Ambizione Scholarship by the Swiss National Science Foundation for the project “The politics of family policy expansion. Electoral rewards, party politics and citizens’ attitudes in comparative perspective” (458'703 CHF).
- 2012 Conference funding for the conference “Wähler, Parteien und Politikergebnisse in europäischen Mehrebenensystemen”, MZES Universität Mannheim (10'000 Euro) (together with Marc Debus and Thorsten Faas)
- 2010 Conference funding for the conference “Policy making in hard times”, MZES Universität Mannheim (10'000 Euro) (together with Jan Drahekoupil, Felix Hörisch and Timo Weishaupt)
- 2008 Prize for the best article in *West European Politics* (together with Klaus Armingeon).
- 2007 Travel grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation, Summer School in Lugano.
- Party Politics Parties Summer School Studentship Award for the paper entitled “The Role of Parties: Still Relevant in the Era of Welfare State Retrenchment?” presented in the ECPR Party Summer School.
- 2006 Travel grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation, Essex Summer School.

Additional Education

- June 2010 Summer School “Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM Europe)”, University of Mannheim (organized by Prof. Thomas König).
- April 2006 – April 2008 Doctoral Programme in Political Science organised by the Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO) (in French).
- September 2007 Summer Academy on Political Consulting and Strategic Campaign Communication, Bruchsal, Germany.
- August 2007 Swiss Summer School on Advanced Methods in the Social

Sciences, Course “Structural Equation Modeling I” (Prof. Peter Schmitt/ Eldad Davidov).

September 2006 Summer School on “Democracy in Europe: European Politics and Multi-level Governance”, organised by the ECPR standing group on political parties (directed by Prof. Hans Keman and Peter Mair).

August 2006 Essex Summer School on Social Science Data Analysis, Course “Models for multilevel voting behaviour” (Dr. Sarah Binzer Hobolt).

August 2006 Swiss Summer School on Advanced Methods in the Social Sciences, Course “Multilevel Analysis” (Prof. Kelvin Jones).

Publications

Book

Giger, Nathalie (2011). "The Risk of Social Policy? The electoral consequences of welfare state retrenchment and social policy performance in OECD countries", *Routledge, London*.

Special Issue

Lefkofridi, Zoe, Giger, Nathalie and Kathrin Kissau (2012). "Inequality and Representation in Europe", *Journal of Representation*, 48:1.

Journal Articles

Giger, Nathalie and Gijs Schumacher (2017). „Do Leadership-dominated parties change more?“, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, forthcoming.

Traber, Denise, Giger, Nathalie and Silja Häusermann (2017). "How economic crises affect political representation: declining party-voter congruence in times of constrained government", *West European Politics*, forthcoming.

Bräuninger, Thomas and Nathalie Giger (2017). "Strategic ambiguity of party positions in multiparty settings", *Political Science Research and Methods*, forthcoming (online first available).

Schumacher, Gijs and Nathalie Giger (2017). "Who Leads the Party? On Membership Size, Selectorates and Party Oligarchy", *Political Studies*, 65: 1_suppl, 162-181.

Rosset, Jan, Giger, Nathalie and Julian Bernauer (2016). "I the People? Self-interest and Demand for Government Responsiveness", *Comparative Political Studies*, 50:6, 794-821.

Giger, Nathalie and Heike Klüver (2016). „Voting Against Your Constituents: How Lobbying Biases Representation“, *American Journal of Political Science*, 60:1, 190–205.

Giger, Nathalie and Sascha Huber (2015). "Der Einfluss des Geschlechts auf Kandidatenbeurteilungen. Eine experimentelle Studie zu Kontexteffekten und individuellen Faktoren in Deutschland", *Politische Vierteljahresschrift, Sonderheft 50*, 336–361.

Bernauer, Julian, Nathalie Giger and Jan Rosset (2015). „Mind the Gap. Do Electoral Systems Foster a More Equal Representation of Women and Men, Poor and Rich?“, *International Political Science Review*, 36:1, 78-98.

Giger, Nathalie, Holli, Anne Marie, Lefkofridi, Zoe and Hanna Wass (2014). „The gender gap in same-gender voting. The role of context“, *Electoral Studies*, 35:303-314.

Giger, Nathalie and Zoe Lefkofridi (2014). „The Role of Personal Issue Salience in Citizens' Representation via Parties: Evidence from Switzerland“, *Swiss Political Science Review*, 20:2, 287–304.

De Vries, Catherine and Nathalie Giger (2014). „Holding Governments Accountable: Individual Heterogeneity in Performance Voting”, *European Journal of Political Research*, 53: 2, 345–362.

Lefkofridi, Zoe, Giger, Nathalie and Aina Gallego (2013). „Electoral Participation in Pursuit of Policy Representation: Ideological Congruence and Voter Turnout”, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, 24:3, 291-311.

Giger, Nathalie and Moira Nelson (2013). “The Welfare State or the Economy? Preferences, Constituencies and Strategies for Retrenchment”, *European Sociological Review*, 29:5, 1083-1094.

Rosset, Jan, Giger, Nathalie and Julian Bernauer (2013). „More Money, Fewer Problems? Cross-Level Effects of Economic Deprivation on Political Representation”, *West European Politics*, 36:4, 817-835.

Giger, Nathalie (2012). „Wie reagieren Wähler auf Sparpolitik? Eine theoretische und empirische Annäherung an die elektoralen Kosten von Sparpolitik”, *der moderne staat (dms)* 2, 291-312.

Giger, Nathalie (2012). “Is social policy retrenchment unpopular? How welfare reforms affect government popularity”, *European Sociological Review*, 28:5, 691-700.

Giger, Nathalie, Rosset, Jan, and Julian Bernauer (2012). *The poor Representation of the Poor in Comparative Perspective*, *Journal of Representation*: 48:1, 47-61.

Giger, Nathalie, Müller, Jochen und Marc Debus (2011). “Die Bedeutung des regionalen Kontexts für die programmatische Positionierung von Schweizer Kantonalparteien“, *Swiss Political Science Review*. 17:3, 259-285.

Giger, Nathalie and Moira Nelson (2011). “The Electoral Consequences of Welfare State Reform. Blame Avoidance or Credit Claiming in the Era of Permanent Austerity?”, *European Journal of Political Research*, 50:1, 1-23.

Giger, Nathalie (2010). “Do voters punish the government for welfare state retrenchment? A comparative study of electoral costs associated with social policy”, *Comparative European Politics* 8: 4, 415-443.

Giger, Nathalie (2009). “Towards a Modern Gender Gap in Europe? A Comparative Analysis of Voting Behavior in 12 Countries”, *Social Science Journal*, 46, 474-492.

Armingeon, Klaus and Nathalie Giger (2008). “Conditional Punishment. A comparative analysis of the electoral consequences of welfare state retrenchment in OECD nations”, 1980-2003, *West European Politics*, 31:3, 558 – 580.

Giger, Nathalie and Andrea Mosimann (2008). “Zwischen Parteipolitik und gesellschaftlicher Notwendigkeit. Familienergänzende Kinderbetreuung auf kommunaler Ebene”, *Soziale Welt* 59: 3, 227-246.

Book Chapters

Giger, Nathalie and Zoe Lefkofridi (2016). „Alignment of Objectives between Parties and their Electors: The Role of Personal Salience in Political Representation” in: Bühlmann, Marc and Jan Fivaz (eds.): *Political Representation: New Insights into Old Questions*, Routledge, p.135-151.

Giger, Nathalie and Denise Traber (2016). „Die Salienz von Sachthemen im internationalen Vergleich: Zurück zu "It's the economy, stupid" während der Krise?" in: Schoen, Harald und Bernhard Wessels (ed.): *Wahlen und Wähler. Analysen aus Anlass der Bundestagswahl 2013*, Springer VS, p.401-420.

Bernauer, Julian, Nathalie Giger and Adrian Vatter (2014). „New Patterns of Democracy. Consensus Democracy and Policy Congruence in Thirty-three Democracies” in: Thomassen, Jaques (ed.): *Elections and Democracy. Representation and Accountability*, Oxford University Press, p. 20-37.

Work in Progress

Giger, Nathalie and Gijs Schumacher (2017). „Bringing party organization back in: A comparative study of party representation in Europe”, *under review*.

Lefkofridi, Zoe, Nathalie Giger, and Anne Maria Holli (2017) „Never equal? Gender stereotypes and political behavior in an egalitarian society”, *under review*.

Giger, Nathalie, Simon Lanz and Catherine de Vries (2017). „The Crowding Out Effect: How Extrinsic Motivations Decrease Intrinsic Motivations for Constituency Service” *under review*.

Bailer, Stefanie, Christian Breunig, Giger Nathalie and Andreas Wüest (2016). „Minority MPs in the German Bundestag: Between Minority Representation and Individual Career Paths” *under review*.

Conference Papers (recent only)

Giger, Nathalie, Heike Klüver and Chris Wilko (2017). “Competition, Confusion and Policy Responsiveness: Evidence from U.S. State Legislatures”, presented at the APSA Annual Conference, San Francisco, 31. August.-2. September.

Giger, Nathalie and Moira Nelson (2017). “Social Investment by Popular Demand? The Electoral Politics of Employment-Centred Family Policy”, presented at the Council of European Studies conference, Glasgow, July 12.-14.

Giger, Nathalie and Simon Lanz (2017). „The Consequences of a Multidimensional Political Space for Issue Ownership Voting” presented at the EPSA Annual Conference, Milano, June 24.-26.

Bernauer, Julian and Nathalie Giger (2017). „Populist Representation: Conceptualizing the Voters' Perspective of Populism in Europe” presented at the EPSA Annual Conference, Milano, June 24.-26.

Giger, Nathalie and Simon Hug (2016). „An error grave of consequence. Empirical models to study propensities to vote for political parties” presented at the EPSA Annual Conference, Bruxelles, June 23-25.

Giger, Nathalie and Simon Lanz (2016). „Who responds? A field experiment in the context of the Swiss elections 2015” presented at the SVPW Annual Conference, Basel, January 21-22.

Giger, Nathalie and Zoe Lefkofridi (2015). „Unequal representation in the EU” presented at the workshop *Beyond the Democratic Deficit: Policy Representation and Differential Responsiveness in the EU*, EUI, 14.-15. May 2015.

Rosset, Jan, Giger, Nathalie and Julian Bernauer (2014). “Being Determines Consciousness? Economic Cleavages and Europeans' Understanding and Evaluations of Democracy”, presented at the ECPR General Conference, Glasgow, Sept 3-5.

Bräuninger, Thomas, Giger, Nathalie and Tilko Swalve (2014). “The individual perception of political scales. A new method of scaling”, presented at the EPSA Annual Conference, Edinburgh, June 19-21.

Teaching Experience

Spring Term 2017 BA Course „Comportement politique comparé“, Université de Genève.

Spring Term 2016 BA Course „Comportement politique comparé“, Université de Genève.

Fall Term 2015 MA Seminar „Comportement électoral: des approches classiques à la psychologie“, Université de Genève.

Fall Term 2015 MA Course „Research Design“, Université de Genève.

Spring Term 2015 MA Seminar „Political Parties and electoral campaigns“, Université de Genève.

Fall Term 2014 MA Seminar „Comportement électoral: des approches classiques à la psychologie“, Université de Genève.

Fall Term 2014 MA Course „Research Design“, Université de Genève.

Spring Term 2013 BA Kolloquium in Comparative Politics, Universität Mannheim.

Fall Term 2012	Exercise “Methods of comparative government: Research designs and data analyses in comparative representation research“, Universität Mannheim.
Spring Term 2012	Lecture “Introduction to political science methods“, Universität Zürich.
Fall Term 2011	MA-Seminar „Political Behavior“, Universität Zürich and ETH Zürich (in English).
Fall Term 2011	Proseminar “Der Sozialstaat im Umbruch – Theorie und Praxis im internationalen Vergleich“, Universität Bern.
Spring Term 2011	Lecture and exercise: Empirisches Forschungspraktikum, Universität Bern.
Spring Term 2011	Lecture “Introduction to political science methods“, Universität Zürich.
Spring Term 2010	Lecture and exercise: Empirisches Forschungspraktikum, Universität Bern.
Fall Term 2009	MA-Seminar “Political representation – the interplay between political elites, parties and citizens in comparative perspective“, University of Zürich and ETH Zürich (in English).
Fall Term 2009	Proseminar “Der Sozialstaat im Umbruch – Theorie und Praxis im internationalen Vergleich“, Universität Bern.
2005- 2008	Lecture and exercise: Empirisches Forschungspraktikum Supervision of working groups and introduction to statistics (with Prof. Klaus Armingeon and Dr. Lionel Marquis), Universität Bern.
Student supervision	BA and MA level: since 2010, PhD Students: Laura Konzelmann (committee member, University of Mannheim, 2015), Simon Lanz (committee Member, University of Geneva, 2017), Juliana Chueri (committee Member, University of Geneva, expected 2019), Laura Gallati (supervisor, University of Geneva, expected 2021), Davy-Kim Lascombes (supervisor, University of Geneva, expected 2021).

Language Skills

German	Mother tongue
English	excellent
French	advanced
Italian	Basics
Dutch	Intermediate/advanced

Computer Programs

Statistics Stata, R, JAGS, MLwiN, SPSS

Office Ms Office, Latex

References

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