

CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Political Economy, Public Economics, Applied Econometrics

Secondary: Media Economics, Economic History, Development Economics, Gender Economics

PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

Identifying the Effect of Election Closeness on Voter Turnout: Evidence from Swiss Referenda.
[Journal of the European Economic Association](#), 2024, 22(2), pp. 876–914.

with Leonardo Bursztyn, Davide Cantoni, Patricia Funk, and Noam Yuchtman

Out of Office, Out of Step? Re-election Concerns and Ideological Shirking in Lame Duck Sessions of the U.S. House of Representatives. [MPRA Working Paper](#).

Strategic Policy Responsiveness to Opponent Platforms: Evidence From U.S. House Incumbents Running Against Moderate or Extremist Challengers. [MPRA Working Paper](#).

REFERENCES

[Patricia Funk](#) (advisor) – USI Lugano, Switzerland
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[Raphaël Parchet](#) (chair of thesis committee) – USI Lugano, Switzerland
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[Vincent Pons](#) (external member of thesis committee) – Harvard University, USA
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[Noam Yuchtman](#) (co-author and mentor) – University of Oxford, UK
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CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Researcher

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) – Department of Economics

March 2024 - present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) – Department of Economics

2018-2024

Thesis: Electoral Incentives, Voter Turnout and Legislator Behavior: Evidence from Close Elections

Committee: Raphaël Parchet (chair), Patricia Funk (advisor), Vincent Pons (Harvard, external member)

Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students

Swiss National Bank – Study Center Gerzensee

2018-2019

Master in Public Administration, Specialization in Public Economics

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) – IDHEAP, University of Lausanne

2014-2017

Bachelor in Political Science and Sociology

University of Bern

2007-2014

Bachelor in History

University of Bern

2008-2014

PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Patricia Funk (USI Lugano) & Stephan Litschig (GRIPS Tokyo)

2014-2017

Prof. Axel Franzen (University of Bern)

2012-2013

Dr. Thess Schönholzer (University of Bern)

2008-2010

TEACHING

Development, Public and Gender Economics (MSc Economics) – co-taught with

Lucia Corno and Patricia Funk

2024

Political and Public Finance (MSc Economics) – TA to Patricia Funk

2018-2022

Political Economy (BA Economics) – TA to Patricia Funk

2019-2023

Macroeconomics (BA Economics, in Italian) – TA to Saverio Simonelli and Giovanni Pica

2022-2023

PRESENTATIONS *(including scheduled)*

2024: *Annual Meeting of the European Economic Association (EEA), Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF), Petralia Workshop, Journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet (AMSE), International Conference on Public Economic Theory (PET), Annual Congress of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (SSES), IdEP Brownbag Seminar (USI).* **2023:** *IPL Brownbag Seminar (ETH), IdEP Brownbag Seminar (USI).* **2022:** *Annual Meeting of the European Economic Association (EEA), Annual Congress of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics (SSES), IdEP Brownbag Seminar (USI).* **2021:** *Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA), IdEP Brownbag Seminar (USI).* **2020:** *Brazilian Econometric Society Meeting (SBE) - invited, IdEP Brownbag Seminar (USI).* **2019:** *IdEP Brownbag Seminar (USI).*

PROGRAMMING AND LANGUAGES

IT: Stata (proficient), R (advanced), Python (basics), ArcGIS (basics)**Languages:** German (native), English (fluent), Italian (fluent), French (C1), Spanish (B1)