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## Research Interests

Algorithmic Selection, Environmental Politics, European Politics, Fiscal Politics, (International) Political Economy, Political Consequences of Immigration

## Languages

German (Native), Czech (Native), English (C2), French (B2), Russian (A2)

## Academic Positions

08/2023-now	Assistant Professor in Social Science Methodology, Institute for Political Economy of Public Policy, Vienna University of Economics (WU)
07/2021-07/2023	Postdoctoral Researcher, Group of International Political Economy, ETH Zurich Project: 'Environmental Footprint-Shifting Through International Trade: Driving Forces and Policy Options.' Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Grant No. 182235
06/2017-06/2021	Doctoral Candidate, Center for Comparative and International Studies, ETH Zurich Project: 'Impacts of Corporate Social Responsibility Initiatives on Citizen and Stakeholder Attitudes and Behavior Towards a Green Economy.' National Research Project 73 Sustainable Economy Grant No. 172363

## Working Papers

Coalition Composition and Fiscal Policy Responses to Demand Shocks: Evidence from Swedish Municipalities.

Structural Gaps and Rising Demand: The Uneven Impact of Migration on Healthcare Waiting Times in Sweden (with Thomas Plümper).

The Rise of Anti-Immigration Parties: Migration, Crime, and the Electoral Success of the Sweden Democrats (with Thomas Plümper).

Candidate and Student Selection with AI: How Robust Are Decisions? (with Thomas Plümper and Susanne Warning).

Passing the Pressure Downstream: Multi-Level Austerity and Public Good Decline (with Thomas Plümper).

Machine Judgment and Human Error: Can AI Reduce Wrongful Convictions in Capital Cases? (with Thomas Plümper).

Does Self-Selection into Information Treatments Affect Inferences about Globalization Backlash? (with Robert Huber and Thomas Bernauer).

International Trade Agreements with Environmental Provisions Attract More Public Support Both in Higher and Lower-Income Countries (with Robert Huber and Thomas Bernauer).

## **Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals**

Voter Perceptions and the Politics of Hidden Costs in Unilateral Sustainable Supply Chain Regulations, *European Journal of Political Research*, forthcoming (2025) (with E. Keith Smith and Thomas Bernauer).

Protecting the Environment at Home or Abroad?, *Environmental Research Letters* 19 (2024) (with David Presberger and Thomas Bernauer).

Procedural Inclusiveness Can Mitigate Trust Challenges in Environmental Policymaking, *Journal of European Public Policy* (2024) (with Sarah Gomm, Robert Huber, E. Keith Smith, and Thomas Bernauer).

Stringent Sustainability Regulations for Global Supply Chains Are Supported Across Middle-Income Democracies, *Nature Communications* 10 (2024) (with E. Keith Smith and Thomas Bernauer).

Book Review: *Greening through Trade – How American Trade Policy Is Linked to Environmental Protection Abroad* by Sikina Jinnah and Jean-Frédéric Morin, *Environmental Politics* 32 (2023).

Public Demand for Extraterritorial Environmental and Social Public Goods Provision, *British Journal of Political Science* 53 (2023) (with Lukas Rudolph and Thomas Bernauer).

Greenwashing and Public Demand for Government Regulation, *Journal of Public*

*Policy* 43 (2023).

Cross-National Public Acceptance of Sustainable Global Supply Chains Policy Instruments, *Nature Sustainability* 6 (2023) (with E. Keith Smith and Thomas Bernauer).

Do Citizens Provide Political Rewards to Firms Engaging in Voluntary Environmental Action?, *Journal of Cleaner Production* 279 (2021) (with Joachim Scholderer and Thomas Bernauer).

Citizen Preferences on Private-Public Co-Regulation in Environmental Governance: Evidence from Switzerland, *Global Environmental Change* 68 (2021) (with Lukas Rudolph and Thomas Bernauer).

Greening the Economy through Voluntary Private-Sector Initiatives or Government Regulation? A Public Opinion Perspective, *Environmental Science & Policy* 115 (2021) (with Thomas Bernauer).

Voluntary Business Initiatives Can Reduce Public Pressure for Regulating Firm Behavior Abroad, *Journal of European Public Policy* 28 (2021) (with Lukas Rudolph and Thomas Bernauer).

Does Trade Liberalization Lead to Environmental Burden-Shifting in the Global Economy?, *Ecological Economics* 163 (2019) (with Quynh Nguyen and Thomas Bernauer).

## Awards

10/2025	WU City of Vienna Best Paper Award for a Paper in Business Communication, Law, Social and Interdisciplinary Research
11/2021	Silver Medal of ETH Zurich for Outstanding Doctoral Theses

## Education

06/2017- 06/2021	Doctorate in Political Science, ETH Zurich Thesis Title: 'Green Economy Politics', Committee: Prof. Thomas Bernauer, Prof. Rachael Garrett (University of Cambridge, former ETH Zurich), Prof. David Konisky (Indiana University)
09/2015-05/2017	M.A. Comparative and International Studies, ETH Zurich Thesis Advisor: Prof. Vassiliki Koubi (University of Bern)
09/2011-01/2015	B.A., Economics, University of St. Gallen