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## Research Interests

Comparative and International Political Economy, Environmental Politics and Policy, Institutional and Policy Consequences of Demographic Change, Quantitative and Artificial Intelligence Social Science Research Methodology

## Languages

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

## Academic Positions

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| 08/2023-now     | Assistant Professor in Social Science Methodology,<br>Institute for Political Economy of Public Policy,<br>Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU)  |
| 07/2021-07/2023 | Postdoctoral Researcher,<br>Group of International Political Economy, ETH Zurich<br>Project: 'Environmental Footprint-Shifting Through<br>International Trade: Driving Forces and Policy<br>Options.' Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)   |
| 06/2017-06/2021 | Doctoral Candidate,<br>Centre for Comparative and International Studies, ETH Zurich<br>Project: 'Impacts of Corporate Social Responsibility<br>Initiatives on Citizen and Stakeholder Attitudes and<br>Behaviour Towards a Green Economy.'<br>National Research Project 73 Sustainable Economy |

## Working Papers

Office-Seeking under Demographic Change: Immigration, Coalition Government, and Municipal Budget Reallocation in Sweden.

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).

Austerity Policy Pass-Through, the Age of Public Pools, and their Closure (with Thomas Plümper).

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

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

International trade agreements with environmental provisions attract more public support in both higher- and lower-income countries, *Global Environmental Politics*, forthcoming (2026) (with Robert A. Huber and Thomas Bernauer).

Voter Perceptions and the Politics of Hidden Costs in Unilateral Sustainable Supply Chain Regulations, *European Journal of Political Research*, published online (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 Behaviour Abroad, *Journal of European Public Policy* 28 (2021) (with Lukas Rudolph and Thomas Bernauer).

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

## **Awards**

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| 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**

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