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## Academic Position

From 08/2022      **Universität Luzern**  
Full Professor for Inter- and Transnational Relations

## Research Interest

- Comparative Climate Change and Energy Policy
- International and Comparative Political Economy
- Individual Preferences towards Globalization & Climate Change
- Applied Research Methods

## Education

2006 – 2011      **Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH) Zürich**  
Ph.D. candidate and research assistant at the Center for Comparative and International Studies; Thesis: “**Voluntary climate change initiatives in the U.S.: Analyzing participation in space and time**“  
Dissertation committee:  
*Prof. Thomas Bernauer (ETH Zürich),*  
*Prof. Jude Hays (University of Pittsburgh),*  
*Prof. Vally Koubi (University of Berne)*  
Title: **Dr. sc. ETH Zürich**

2009      **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, USA**  
Visiting Scholar at the Department of Political Science with Professor Jude Hays (October-December)

2009      **Columbia University, New York, USA**  
Visiting Scholar at ISERP with Professor Dana Fisher (February-April)

2004      **University of Bologna, Italy**  
Semester abroad

2001 – 2002      **University of Warwick, UK**  
ERASMUS exchange year

2000 – 2006      **University of Konstanz, Germany**  
M.A. (Diplom) in Public Policy and Management, major in „European Integration and International Organisations“  
(Grade: very good)

## Employment

- 09/2016 – 07/2022 **Universität Luzern**  
Assistant Professor for Inter- and Transnational Relations
- 03/2016 – 05/2016 **Universität Konstanz**  
07/2014 – 03/2015 Post-doctoral researcher at the Department of Politics and Public Administration.
- 10/2015 – 02/2016 **Maternity leave** (9 months)  
06/2016 – 08/2016
- 04/2015 - 10/2015 **Universität Konstanz**
  - Interim professorship (Lehrstuhlvertretung) of the W3 professorship in Political Science with specialization in International Relations and European Politics at the Department of Politics and Public Administration
- 2011 – 2014 **ETH Zürich**  
Post-doctoral researcher
- 2011-2014 (50%): Schweizerischer Nationalfonds (SNF) Project "Explaining Spatial and Temporal Dynamics in Climate Change Policy Making" (with Thomas Bernauer)*
- 2012-2014 (50%): 50%: National Centre of Competence in Research NCCR „Trade Regulation“: Work Package 1 „Trade Governance“ (with Gabriele Spilker and Thomas Bernauer)*
- 2011 (50%): Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS) Projekt "Climate Change, Economic Growth, and Conflict" (with Vally Koubi)*
- 03/2012 – 08/2012 **Maternity leave** (5 months, 40% from 02/2013-05/2013)
- 2011 – 2012 **University of Zurich**  
Postdoctoral Researcher (20%) at the Chair of Policy Analysis (Prof. Fabrizio Gilardi)
- 04/2007 – 04/2011 **Competence Center Environment and Sustainability (CCES), ETH Zürich**  
Research Assistant within the interdisciplinary consortium *ClimPol (Climate Policy Making for Enhanced Technological and Institutional Innovations)*

## Grants and third party funding

- Research Grant for a survey experiment on carbon pricing in Hungary. Projekt: „*Political Parties and Carbon Pricing: (Comparative) Survey Experiments in Hungary*“. Research Commission University of Luzern Grant-Nr. 21-055\_LS (**11.582 CHF**, ca. 10.250 EUR)
- Research Grant for a **survey experiment** and a research assistant for research in the context of a popular referendum “Begrenzungsinitiative” on the free movement of people in Switzerland (vote: September 2020): “*Free Movement in the Shadow of the Referendum: The Impact of Culture, Context and Competition on People’s Immigration Preferences*” Research Commission University of Luzern Grant Nr. 20-012-LS (**19.341 CHF**, ca. 18.250 EUR)

- **\*\*Career funding for an own research group** (Postdoc (100%), PhD (100%), Assistants (30%)) and research funding:
  - Assistant Professor (AP) Energy Grant for research on “Beyond Policy Adoption: Implications of Energy Policy on Parties, Publics, and Individuals“. Grant funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), 1. November 2017 – 31. October 2021, **922.068 CHF (ca. 840.000 Euro)**
- Grant to finance own Postdoc position for two years (Brigitte-Schlieben-Lange-Program, MWK Baden-Württemberg (ca. **80.000 Euro**, October 2015- October 2017, *declined after 3 months due to transition to Luzern*)
- Grant for research on „Attitudes towards Trade Liberalization“ (Cluster 1.2) within the second phase of the Swiss National Competence Centre for Research (NCCR) Trade Regulation (with Thomas Bernauer and Gabriele Spilker, volume **217.392 CHF**, August 2011 – August 2013)
- Grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) for the project „Explaining Spatial and Temporal Dynamics in Climate Change Policy Making“ (with Thomas Bernauer, volume **307.659 CHF**; April 2011 – April 2014, extension until 04/2015)
- Grant to cover additional travel and personnel cost associated with the dissertation project from the Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences (D-GESS) of ETH Zürich (with Prof. Thomas Bernauer, 2009, **25.000 CHF**)
- Project Grant for dissertation research within the project "Diffusion of Climate Policy Adoption" within the interdisciplinary Consortiums Climate Policy Making for Enhanced Technological and Institutional Innovations (CLIMPOL) des **Competence Centers for Environment and Sustainability (CCES)** (with Prof. Thomas Bernauer, 2007 - 2011, **100'000 CHF**)
- Stipend of the **American National Science Foundation** (covering courses, travel costs, full room and board for four weeks) to take part in the Empirical Implications of Theoretical Modelling (EITM) workshop in Ann Arbor, Michigan (2009, ca. **5000 \$**)
- Grant to attend the 2008 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis in Colchester, UK (**6.000 CHF**) and the the 2007 ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Ann Arbor, Michigan (**4.100 CHF**). Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF)
- Grant for a Peer Group PoliNet (10 PhD students together) within a mentoring program for young researchers at the University of Zurich (2008-2010, **18.000 CHF**)
- Grants to take part in several conferences (APSA 2008, MPSA 2009, **4.000 CHF**). Funded by the Swiss Academy for the Humanities and Social Sciences (SAGW)

## Publications

### I. Monograph

Lena Maria Schaffer (2011) „**Voluntary climate change initiatives in the U.S.: Analyzing participation in space and time**“ Dissertation, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH) Zürich, Nr. 19475 (<http://e-collection.library.ethz.ch/view/eth:2712>).

### II. Contributions to Edited Volumes

[3] Lena Maria Schaffer (2021) “**The Politics of Green Taxation**” in: Hakelberg, Lukas and Laura Seelkopf (Eds.) **Handbook on the Politics of Taxation**. Edward Elgar Publishing.

[2] Lena Maria Schaffer and Alessio Levis (forthcoming 2021) **“Public Discourses on (Sectoral) Energy Policy in Switzerland: Insights from Structural Topic Models”** in: Hettich, Peter and Aya Kachi (Eds.) **Swiss Energy Governance**. Springer Nature.

[1] Thomas Bernauer and Lena Maria Schaffer (2012) **„Climate Change Governance“** in: **Levi-Faur, David (Ed.), The Oxford Handbook of Governance**, pp. 441-456. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (<http://levifaur.wiki.huji.ac.il/index.php/HandbookofGovernance> ).

### III. Zeitschriftenartikel (peer-reviewed)

[16] Lena Maria Schaffer und Resul Umit (2023) **«Public Support for National vs. International Climate Change Obligations»**. *Journal of European Public Policy* 30(3):537-573.

[15] Resul Umit und Lena Maria Schaffer (2022) **“Wind Turbines, Public Acceptance, and Electoral Outcomes”** *Swiss Political Science Review* 28(4): 712-727. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/spsr.12521>

[14] Koubi, Vally, Lena Maria Schaffer, Gabriele Spilker und Tobias Böhmelt (2022), **„Climate events and the role of adaptive capacity in (im)mobility“** *Population & Environment* 43: 367-392.

[13] Maximilian Lüth und Lena Maria Schaffer (2022) **“The Electoral Importance and Evolution of Climate-related Energy Policy: Evidence from Switzerland”** *Swiss Political Science Review* 28(2): 169-189. <https://doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12520>

[12] Lena Maria Schaffer, Bianca Oehl und Thomas Bernauer (2022) **"Are policy-makers responsive to public demand in climate politics"** *Journal of Public Policy* 42(1): 136-164

- *Auszeichnung als Bester Artikel des Jahres im Journal of Public Policy* (<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-public-policy/jpp-best-article-award> )

[11] Resul Umit und Lena Maria Schaffer (2020) **"Attitudes towards carbon taxes across Europe: The role of perceived uncertainty and self-interest"** *Energy Policy* 140, May 2020, 111385.

[10] Lena Maria Schaffer und Gabriele Spilker (2019) **”Self-interest vs. Sociotropic Considerations: An Information-based Perspective to Understanding Individuals’ Trade Preferences”** *Review of International Political Economy* 26(6): 1266-1292.

[9] Vally Koubi, Tobias Böhmelt, Gabriele Spilker und Lena Maria Schaffer (2018) **„The Determinants of Environmental Migrants' Conflict Perception“** *International Organization* 72 (4): 905-936.

- *featured im Wissenschaftsblog [Monkey Cage \(Washington Post\)](#)*

[8] Bianca Oehl, Lena Maria Schaffer und Thomas Bernauer (2017) **"How to measure public demand for climate change when there is no appropriate survey data?"** *Journal of Public Policy* 37(2): 173-204.

[7] Vally Koubi, Gabriele Spilker, Lena Maria Schaffer und Tobias Böhmelt (2016) **“The role of environmental perceptions in migration decision-making: evidence from both migrants and non-migrants in five developing countries”** *Population and Environment* 38 (2): 134-163.

[6] Vally Koubi, Gabriele Spilker, Lena Maria Schaffer und Thomas Bernauer (2016) **"Environmental Stressors and Migration: Evidence from Vietnam"** *World Development* 79: 197-210

[5] Lena Maria Schaffer und Gabriele Spilker (2016) **„Adding Another Level: Individual Responses to Globalization and Government Welfare Policies“** *Political Science Research and Methods* 4 (2): 399-426

- [4] Lena Maria Schaffer und Thomas Bernauer (2014) **"Explaining Government Choices for Promoting Renewable Energy"** *Energy Policy* 68, May 2014: 15–27.
- [3] Gabriele Spilker, Lena Maria Schaffer und Thomas Bernauer (2012) **„Does Social Capital Increase Public Support for Economic Globalization?“** *European Journal of Political Research* 51(6): 756-784.
- [2] Tobias Hofmann und Lena Maria Schaffer (2009) **„Einmal Frieden und zurück? Friedensmissionen und die wiederkehrende Eskalation innerstaatlicher Gewalt“** *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 34: 307-332.
- [1] Lena Maria Schaffer und Gerald Schneider (2005) **„Die Prognosegüte von Wahlbörsen und Meinungsumfragen zur Bundestagswahl 2005“** *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 45(4): 674-681.
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## Conference Presentations and Invited Talks (from 2015)<sup>1</sup>

### 2022

Invited talk within the *Interdisciplinary Research Seminar* of the Graduate School in Collective Decision Making, University of Hamburg (May)

Invited talk on the redistributive effects and popular acceptance of climate change policy (*„Verteilungswirkung und öffentliche Akzeptanz ambitionierter Klimapolitik“*) within a lecture series on the topic of the climate crisis and social inequality (*„Klimakrise und soziale Ungleichheit“*), University of Konstanz (June)

Invited talk at the CIS Colloquium ETH Zürich / University Zürich *„Domestic Political Consequences of Climate Change: Political Parties & (Ambitious) Climate Policy“* (September)

Special Issue Workshop *„Climate Action through Policy Expansion and/or Dismantling: Country-Comparative Insights“*, Presentation on *„Political Geography of Energy Transition: How Local Exposure and Trust affect Popular Acceptance of Policy Expansion“* (October)

### 2021

Swiss Political Science Association Annual Conference (Organization of the *Section International Relations*, P, C, D)

Special Issue *„Swiss Elections 2019“* workshop (January 2021)

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (P)

### 2020

CUSO Masterclass *„Investigating attitudes in comparative politics using survey methods“* (invited guest lecturer)

Swiss Political Science Association Annual Conference (Organization of the *Section International Relations*, P, C, D)

*International Studies Seminar Series (ISSS)* at the University of Konstanz *„Individual Migration Preferences: Culture, Context or Competition?“* (Invited talk, June 2020)

*Lucerne Research Seminar in Economics and Management* (invited talk, November 2020)

### 2019

Swiss Political Science Association Annual Conference (Organization of the *Section International Relations*, Discussant on different Panels)

*What are the Implications of Globalisation and Global Crises for Policymaking and for Economic and Political Outcomes in Western Democracies? CAGE Conference University of Warwick, UK* (invited talk)

### 2018

Annual Congress of the Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (Organization of a Panel on **„Dimensions of public contestation of globalization and international integration“**, D)

Swiss Political Science Association Annual Conference (Organization of the *Section International Relations*, Discussant on different Panels)

Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference (P, D)

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<sup>1</sup> „P“ = Paper/Poster Presentation“; „C“ = Chair of a Panel; „D“ = Discussant

*Invited talk in the research seminar „The Role of Demand in Comparative Climate Change Politics“, University of Geneva*

**2017**

Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference (P, C)

Swiss Political Science Association Annual Conference (Organization of the *Section International Relations*, Discussant on different Panels)

European Political Science Association Annual Meeting (P, C)

*Presentation and Discussion within a workshop on “Environmental Politics in Global and Local Contexts” organised by the Eastern ARC, University of Essex (invited talk)*

**2016**

Swiss Political Science Association Annual Conference (Organization of the *Section International Relations*, Discussant on different Panels)

**2015**

*Presentation within the Politics and International Studies (PAIS) Departmental Seminar Series, University of Warwick (invited talk)*

Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference (P, D, C)

## **Professional Roles and Collaborations**

### Academic self-governance

- Program Director of the MA-program “**World Society and Global Governance**” at the University of Luzern (together with Prof. Dr. Bettina Beer), responsible for a drafting new guidelines and an update of the curriculum in 2018, responsible for the external and internal evaluation of the MA Program 2020/2021.
- Head of the working group “**International Relations**” of the Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW) (together with Prof. Dr. Simone Dietrich and Dr. Loriana Crasnic, since August 2014).
- Board member of the **European Community Studies Association Switzerland** (ECSA) (since 2016)

### Scientific collaborations

#### *ongoing*

- Associated researcher within WP2 “What are credible, legitimate and salient aspects of offshore wind?” (Module leader: Prof. Michael Tatham, University of Bergen) and advisory board member in the Project “**Designing a Refined Legal Framework for Offshore Wind in the North Sea Basin (DeWindSea)**” lead by Prof. Sigrid Eskeland Schütz (University of Bergen, Norway)
- Associated researcher in the Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS) Project “**Environmental migration, urbanization and conflict**” lead by Prof. Vally Koubi, Universität Bern und ETH Zürich. (2017-2020) <https://snis.ch/project/environmental-change-and-migration-the-role-of-urbanization-in-conflict-processes/>

#### *completed*

- Associated researcher in the Centre for Competitive Advantage in the Global Economy (CAGE II) research area 4 “**What are the Implications of Globalization and Global Crises for Policymaking and for Economic and Political Outcomes in Western Democracies?**” (University of Warwick, UK. Lead: Prof. Vera Troeger)
- Associated researcher in the Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS) Project “**Environmental Change and Migration**” lead by Prof. Vally Koubi, Universität Bern und ETH Zürich. (2012-2016)

### Reviewing and membership in associations

- Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *International Organization*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *European Union Politics*, *Energy Policy*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Environmental Politics*, *Journal of*

*Public Policy, European Societies, Politische Vierteljahresschrift, Jahrbuch für Handlungs- und Entscheidungstheorie*

- Member of: Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), European Political Science Association (EPSA), Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (DVPW), Schweizerische Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft (SVPW)

## **Skills and Interests**

### **Languages**

German (native speaker)

Englisch (excellent)

French (good)

Italian (good)

### **IT**

Statistical Software: STATA, R, Matlab, QGIS/ArcGIS

### **Other**

Project Management Seminar, Effective Presentations Workshop

Konstanz, January 2023