

# Lea Portmann

April 2020

University of Lucerne  
Department of Political Science  
Frohburgstrasse 3  
CH-6002 Lucerne  
+41 (0)41 229 57 18  
[lea.portmann@unilu.ch](mailto:lea.portmann@unilu.ch)

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

---

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| <b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b> , University of Lucerne   | 04/2020–today   |
| <b>Research Assistant</b> (until completion of the doctorate)  | 09/2018–03/2020 |
| SNSF project within the <a href="#">NCCR – on the move</a> , “The migration of migration policies. Pathways and consequences of the diffusion of migration policies” (Prof. Joachim Blatter) |                 |
| <b>Research Assistant</b> , University of Lucerne  | 08/2015–08/2018 |
| SNSF Ambizione project “Racist voters and minority candidates. A conceptual puzzle and an empirical challenge with a focus on the Swiss case” (Prof. Nenad Stojanović)                       |                 |
| <b>Teaching Assistant</b> , University of Lucerne  | 09/2017–02/2018 |
| BA/MA-seminar “Demokratie in multikulturellen Gesellschaften”, together with Prof. Nenad Stojanović  |                 |

## VISITING POSITIONS

---

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Short research stay, Aarhus University, Denmark                          | 11/2018–12/2018 |
| Visiting graduate researcher, University of California, Los Angeles, USA | 04/2018–07/2018 |
| Erasmus exchange, Université de Nantes, France                           | 09/2013–12/2013 |

## EDUCATION

---

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| <b>Ph.D. in Political Science</b> ( <i>summa cum laude</i> ), University of Lucerne   | 03/2017–03/2020 |
| Thesis: A Level Playing Field? Unpacking Electoral Discrimination Against Immigrant-Origin Candidates<br>Committee: Alexander Trechsel, Rune Slothuus, and Nenad Stojanović |                 |
| <b>M.A. in Political Science</b> , University of Bern   | 09/2012–02/2015 |
| <b>B.Sc. in Economics</b> , University of Bern  | 09/2008–08/2012 |

## PUBLICATIONS

---

### With peer-review

Portmann, Lea and Nenad Stojanović (2018). “Electoral discrimination against immigrant-origin candidates.” *Political Behavior*. 41(1): 105-134. Covered by: [Blog Political Behavior](#), [Neue Zürcher Zeitung](#), [SWI swissinfo.ch](#).

### Other publications

Brantschen, Stefan, Nathalie Faoro, Philipp Lutz, Lea Portmann, and Flurina Wäspi. “Swiss Refugee Partnership: Eine neue Zulassungspolitik im Schweizer Asylwesen.” *foraus-Diskussionspapier* No. 38 / February 2019.

Stojanović, Nenad and Lea Portmann. “Wahldiskriminierung von Kandidierenden mit Migrationshintergrund.” *De Facto* (7.2.2018).

Portmann, Lea and Nenad Stojanović. “‘Nicht-Schweizer’ Namen im Bundesrat: Die Wahl von Cassis oder Maudet wäre präzedenzlos.” *De Facto* (12.9.2017).

Stojanović, Nenad and Lea Portmann. “Fussball und Demokratie. Spiegel des Volkes.” Gastkommentar, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* (11.6.2016).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

---

“Do Stereotypes Explain Discrimination Against Minority Candidates or Discrimination in Favor of Majority Candidates?” Revise and resubmit.

“Are Immigrant-Origin Candidates Penalized in Virtue of Ingroup Favoritism or Outgroup Hostility?” (with Nenad Stojanović). Under review.

“What Makes a Successful Candidate? Political Experience and Low-Information Cues in Elections.” Under review. Winner of the 2018 [NGC Best Paper Award](#).

“Double Discrimination: How Voters and Parties Withhold Incumbency Advantages from Immigrant-Origin Politicians” (with Daniel Auer and Thomas Tichelbäcker).

“Why Do States Admit Refugees? A Comparative Analysis of Resettlement Policies in OECD Countries” (with Philipp Lutz).

“Beyond Rationality, Symmetry, and Transnationality: Paradigmatic Pathways of a Pluralist Diffusion Model” (with Frowin Rausis and Joachim Blatter).

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

---

**Best Paper Award Neuchatel Graduate Conference of Migration and Mobility Studies 2018**, Paper: “Ballot Cues and Discrimination against Candidates of Immigrant-Origin.”

**Starting Grant Plus Bridge**, Research Committee of the University of Lucerne, CHF 39,700, December 2017-August 2018 (together with Prof. Joachim Blatter).

**Starting Grant**, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Lucerne, CHF 28,000, April 2016-April 2017.

**SAGW travel grant**, for participation at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, 7-10 April 2016.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

---

### Organization of scientific meetings

Retreat "From affective partisan polarization to social media effects and discrimination in electoral campaigns" (together with Prof. Alexander Trechsel), University of Lucerne, 6-7 December 2017.

### Conference participation

Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association, Lucerne, 3-4 February 2020 & Zurich, 14-16 February 2019 & Geneva, 5-6 February 2018

Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Belfast, 20-22 June 2019

Neuchatel Graduate Conference of Migration and Mobility Studies, Neuchâtel, 22-23 June 2017 & 13-14 September 2018

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Oslo, 6-9 September 2017 & Hamburg, 22-25 August 2018

Political Behaviour Colloquium EUI, Florence, 20 February 2018

24th World Congress of Political Science, Poznan, 23-28 July 2016

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions, Pisa, 24-28, April 2016

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, 7-10 April 2016

## SERVICE

---

Reviews for *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

---

Doctoral Program in Political Science of the University of Zurich, **Data Visualization in R**, Thomas Willi, University of Zurich (September 2017-December 2017).

ECPR Winter School, **Introduction to Bayesian Inference**, Prof. Susumu Shikano, University of Bamberg (6.3.2017-10.3.2017).

Graduate School of the Humanities, **Academic English Writing**, Dr. Réka Mihálka, University of Bern (1.3.2017-17.5.2017).

**Summer School on Spatial Analysis for the Social Sciences**, Prof. Michael D. Ward, University of St. Gallen (27.6.2016-1.7.2016).

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

---

German        native

English        fluent

French        fluent (DALF level C1)

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

---

R, Stata, LaTeX, MS Office