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Research Interests

Causal Inference, Immigration, Education Policy

Education

University of Lausanne

PhD in Public Administration

Lausanne, Switzerland

09/2023 - Present

- Dissertation: Institutions, Public Opinion, and Inequality.
- Supervisors: Flavia Fossati (University of Lausanne, main); Rafael Lalive (University of Lausanne, co-supervisor); Didier Ruedin (University of Neuchâtel, external); Isabelle Stadelmann-Steffen (University of Bern, external).
- Teaching (Master level): Introductory session to Qualtrics (Spring 2024); Data Analysis for Public Administration (Spring 2025); Managing Diversity: From Migration to Integration (Spring 2025).

Central European University

Master of Arts in Economics

Budapest, Hungary

09/2018 - 06/2020

- GPA: 3.47/4.00 (with merit)
- Thesis (supervised by Andrea Weber): The Effects of the 2015 Paris attacks on Labor Market Outcomes of Arabs and Muslims in the United States. Best MA thesis award.

Kansas State University

Bachelor of Arts in Economics (Minors in Statistics and German)

Manhattan, KS, USA

08/2014 - 05/2018

- GPA: 3.86/4.00. Magna Cum Laude & Phi Beta Kappa.

Peer-reviewed Publications

1. **Who deserves student finance? Results from a survey experiment in six advanced capitalist economies** with Eloisa Harris, Alyssa M. Taylor, Flavia Fossati, Juliana Chueri, Mia Katharina Gandenberger, and Carlo M. Knotz (Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, 2025, 1–23.)
2. **Cash-Based Interventions Improve Multidimensional Integration Outcomes of Venezuelan Immigrants** with Achim Ahrens, Marine Casalis, and Dominik Hangartner (World Development, 2024, 181, 106658.)

Ongoing Projects

1. **Empowerment on the Move? An Experiment on Supporting Forcibly Displaced People in Greece** with Marine Casalis, Dominik Hangartner, and Alexandra C. Hartman (R&R at British Journal of Political Science)
2. **Asylum Granted: The Social and Economic Effects of Attaining Refugee Status** with Marine Casalis, Dominik Hangartner, Alexandra C. Hartman, and Joe Kendall (Under review)
3. **Yes in My Back Yard? Refugee Allocation and the Preferential Treatment of Ukrainians in Switzerland** (Under review)
4. **Who Likes Tracking? Institutional Feedback in Swiss Compulsory Education Systems** with Flavia Fossati (Under review)
5. **The Effects of the November 2015 Paris Attacks on Labor Market Outcomes of Arabs and Muslims in the United States** (Manuscript in preparation)

Policy Reports

1. **Home for Good? Obstacles and Opportunities for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Greece** with Marine Casalis, Alexandra C. Hartman, and Dominik Hangartner (Report for UNHCR, 2024)
2. **Evaluating the Effects of Cash-Based Interventions on the Integration of Vulnerable Venezuelan Migrants in Peru: Key Findings Using a Multidimensional Approach to Measure Migrant Integration Outcomes** with Monica Aguilar Folch, Ace Dela Cruz, Jobst Koehler, Morgane Reina, Karla Sulca, Achim Ahrens, Dominik Hangartner, and Marine Casalis (Report for IOM, 2023)

Additional academic positions

- **ETH Zürich – Immigration Policy Lab** Zürich, Switzerland
Pre-Doctoral Fellow in Quantitative Social Science 07/2021 - 08/2023
 - Supervised by Dominik Hangartner.
- **Kansas State University – Department of Economics** Manhattan, KS, USA
Head Research Assistant 09/2016 - 01/2018
 - Research assistant for Hugh Cassidy, Amanda Gaulke, and Sheryll Namingit.

Conferences

- **2026:** EPSS Annual Conference (Belfast); Swiss Political Science Association Annual Conference (University of Zürich)
- **2025:** ESPAnet Annual Conference – accepted; cancelled due to emergency; LIVES Thematic Workshops (University of Lausanne)
- **2024:** MPC – GLOBALCIT Conference (European University Institute)

Honors and Awards

- **2025:** LIVES Young Scholars (CHF 7,553)
- **2020:** Best Master Thesis Award – Central European University (EUR 200)
- **2018:** Alumni Scholarship – Central European University (EUR 2,000)
- **2018:** Master's Scholarship – Central European University (EUR 28,000)
- **2017:** Kevin Roy Armstrong Economics Scholarship – Kansas State University (USD 1,250)
- **2016:** Todd Ryan Haymaker Family Economics Scholarship – Kansas State University (USD 1,250)

Service as Reviewer

- Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (1)

Skills

- **Languages:** Spanish (*Native*), English (*C2*), German (*C1*)
- **Programming languages:** STATA, \LaTeX (*Advanced*), Python (*Intermediate*), R, Git (*Basic*)
- **Softwares:** Microsoft Office Suite, Qualtrics (*Advanced*)

References

Available upon request.

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