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Research Interests

Causal Inference, Immigration, Inequality, Education Policy

Education

- **University of Lausanne** — Lausanne, Switzerland
  PhD in Public Administration — *09/2023 - Present*
  - Dissertation: Policy Attitude Formation: Public Opinion, Institutional Feedback, and Exogenous Shocks.
  - Committee: Flavia Fossati (University of Lausanne); Rafael Lalive (University of Lausanne); Didier Ruedin (University of Neuchâtel); Isabelle Stadelmann-Steffen (University of Bern).
  - Doctoral programme: LIVES Centre, interdisciplinary training in life course analysis (University of Lausanne and University of Geneva, 2023-2025).
  - Teaching (Master level): Introductory session to Qualtrics (Spring 2024); Data Analysis for Public Administration (Spring 2025); Managing Diversity: From Migration to Integration (Autumn 2025); Inequality in Swiss Education: A Comparative Perspective (Spring 2026).

- **Central European University** — Budapest, Hungary
  Master of Arts in Economics (US accreditation) — *09/2018 - 06/2020*
  Master of Science in Economic Analysis (Hungarian accreditation)
  - 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** — Manhattan, KS, USA
  Bachelor of Arts in Economics (Minors in Statistics and German) — *08/2014 - 05/2018*
  - GPA: 3.86/4.00. Magna Cum Laude & Phi Beta Kappa.

Peer-reviewed Publications

1. **Asylum Granted: The Integration and Well-Being Benefits of Obtaining Refugee Status** *with Marine Casalis, Dominik Hangartner, Alexandra C. Hartman, and Joe Kendall* (World Development, forthcoming.)
2. **Who likes tracking? Evidence on institutional feedback in education policy** *with Flavia Fossati* (Journal of European Social Policy, 2026, 1–25.)
3. **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, 2026, 52(7), 1721–1743.)
4. **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. **Access to Legal Information and Refugee Empowerment: Experimental Evidence from Greece** *with Marine Casalis, Dominik Hangartner, and Alexandra C. Hartman* (R&R at *British Journal of Political Science*)
2. **Yes in My Back Yard? Deservingness and the Local Welcoming of Refugee Children in Switzerland** (R&R at *Journal of International Migration and Integration*)

3. **The Hamas Attack and Immigration Attitudes in Europe** (Manuscript in preparation)
4. **The Effects of the November 2015 Paris Attacks on Labor Market Outcomes of Arabs and Muslims in the United States** (Manuscript in preparation)
5. **Swiss Teachers' Education Policy Preferences: A Survey of Attitudes and Experimental Evidence** *with Flavia Fossati* (Manuscript in preparation)
6. **Beyond Left and Right: Locus of Control and Education Policy Preferences** *with Flavia Fossati* (Manuscript in preparation)
7. **Teachers as Gatekeepers of Equal Opportunity? Explaining Education Policy Preferences in Switzerland** *with Meret Lütolf and Flavia Fossati* (Data analysis in progress)
8. **Faster Asylum Decisions and Refugee Integration: Evidence from Switzerland's 2019 Asylum Reform** *with Achim Ahrens, Laurenz Derksen, and Dominik Hangartner* (preliminary title; data analysis in progress)

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
- *Research Affiliate* — *09/2023 - Present*
  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, canceled); LIVES Thematic Workshops (University of Lausanne)
- **2024:** MPC – GLOBALCIT Conference (European University Institute); IDHEAP Research Forum (University of Lausanne)

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

- Reviewer: IAPSS Politikon, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Social Sciences & Humanities Open
- MA thesis expert at UNIL: 1

Skills

- **Languages**: Spanish (*Native*), English (*C2*), German (*C1*)
- **Programming languages**: Stata (*Advanced*), Python (*Intermediate*), R (*Basic*)
- **Software and tools**: LaTeX (*Advanced*), Qualtrics (*Advanced*), Microsoft Office Suite (*Advanced*), Git (*Intermediate*)

References

Available upon request.

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