

Romain Lachat – Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPOINTMENTS

Visiting professor, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona	2010–
Senior research associate, NCCR Democracy, University of Zurich	2009–2010
Senior research associate, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich	2008–2009
Visiting research fellow, Department of Politics, New York University	2007–2008
Visiting research fellow, Canada Research Chair in Electoral Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Montreal	2006–2007
Senior research associate, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich	2004–2006
Research and teaching associate, Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich	2002–2004
Teaching associate, Department of Political Science, University of Geneva	2001–2002
Visiting research fellow, Social Science Research Centre Berlin, research unit ‘Institutions and social change’	2000–2001
Research associate, Department of Political Science, University of Geneva	1998–2001

EDUCATION

PhD in political science, University of Zurich, <i>summa cum laude</i> Dissertation: ‘A heterogeneous electorate: Political sophistication, predisposition strength, and the voting decision process’, supervised by Hanspeter Kriesi	2004
MA in political science, University of Geneva and University of Lausanne	1999
BA in political science, University of Geneva	1998

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Didactic training program ‘Teaching Skills’, University of Zurich	2008–2009
Swiss summer school, Advanced methods in the social sciences, Lugano	2003
Summer school in social science data analysis and collection, University of Essex	2000
Summer school in social science data analysis and collection, University of Essex	1999

Doctoral school for comparative and Swiss politics	1999–2000
Erasmus student in political science, Free University Berlin	1996–1997

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political representation, electoral behaviour, Swiss politics, comparative politics, electoral systems, political psychology, methods of data analysis.

PUBLICATIONS

Please refer to the separate publication list

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Comença Grant, Pompeu Fabra University, 2010 – 2011.

‘Making Electoral Democracy Work’. Co-investigator (principal investigator: André Blais). Research project financed by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. 2009 – 2016.

Ambizione Fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation. Research project: ‘Contextual factors and the spatial model of electoral competition’. 2009 – 2010.

Fellowship for prospective researcher, Swiss National Science Foundation. Research project: ‘A comparative analysis of the impact of party strategies on party evaluations’. November 2006 – August 2008.

‘National political change in borderless spaces - a comparative investigation of national and transnational campaigns’. Co-investigator (principal investigator: Hanspeter Kriesi). Research project financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation, October 2006 – March 2009.

Roberta Sigel Award. Best paper by a junior scholar presented at the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, 2004.

Fulbright Scholarship, 2001 – 2002 (declined).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

University of Zurich, Institute of Political Science, 2011

Université Libre de Bruxelles, Summer School of the ECPR Standing Group on political parties, 2011

University of Bern, Institute of Political Science, 2011

University of Geneva, Department of Political Science, 2010

Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Department of Political and Social Sciences, 2010

University of Zurich, Institute of Political Science, 2010

University of Zurich, NCCR Democracy, 2010

Université Libre de Bruxelles, Department of Political Science, 2010

University of Mannheim, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, 2009

European Association of Political Consultants, Zurich, 2009

University of Bern, Institute of Political Science, 2008
University of Zurich, NCCR Democracy, 2008
Trinity College Dublin, Department of Political Science, 2008
Jacobs University, Bremen, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2008
European University, St. Petersburg, Department of Political Science, 2007
University of Lausanne, Institute of International and Political Studies, 2006
CEVIPOF, Paris, research group on elections, 2005
University of Zurich and ETH Zurich, Centre for Comparative and International Studies, 2004
University of Lausanne, Institute of International and Political Studies, workshop on quantitative methods in political science, 2002, 2004
Social Science Research Centre Berlin, research unit 'Institutions and social change', 2001

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Director of the working group 'Political behaviour' of the Swiss Political Science Association, 2005–2010.

Section chair

'Political behaviour', annual meeting of the Swiss Political Science Association, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010.

Panel chair

'Issue Voting and Political Representation', ECPR General Conference, 2011.

'Context Effects on the Voting Decision Process', Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2010.

'How the Media and Political Elite Influence Politics', Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2010.

'Elections in Europe', Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2010.

'Context effects in comparative studies of party choice', ECPR General Conference, 2009 (with Wouter van der Brug).

'New Perspectives on Party ID', annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, 2009.

'The impact of European integration on the vote in national elections', ECPR General Conference, 2007.

'The politics of electoral reforms', ECPR General Conference, 2007.

'Political behaviour', annual meeting of the Swiss Political Science Association, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010.

'Voting behaviour and multi-level governance', joint congress of the Belgian, French, Quebec, and Swiss political science associations, 2005 (with Patrick Fournier and Annie Laurent).

Discussant

Annual conference of the American Political Science Association, 2006
Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2010
Annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, 2006, 2008, 2011
Annual meeting of the Swiss Political Science Association, 2002, 2004, 2009, 2010
Conference of the Council for European Studies, 2011
ECPR General Conference, 2007, 2009, 2011
ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, 2000, 2006, 2007, 2009

Reviewer, article manuscripts

American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative European Politics, Comparative Political Studies, European Journal of Political Research, European Political Science Review, European Union Politics, International Political Science Review, International Studies Quarterly, Parliamentary Affairs, Party Politics, Political Behavior, Political Studies, Revue suisse d'Economie politique et de Statistique, South European Society & Politics, Survey Research Methods, Swiss Political Science Review, West European Politics

Reviewer, research projects

Agence Nationale de la Recherche (France), Czech Science Foundation, Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (Belgium), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Swiss National Science Foundation

Memberships

Swiss Political Science Association (since 1998), American Political Science Association (since 2001), Midwest Political Science Association (since 2001), International Society of Political Psychology (since 2004), European Union Studies Association (since 2008)

TEACHING

Pompeu Fabra University

Data analysis, undergraduate course, spring term 2011 (in Spanish)
Comparative political institutions, graduate course, spring term 2011 (in English)
Introduction to statistics, graduate course, fall terms 2010, 2011 (in English)

University of Zurich

Elections and political representation, undergraduate course, spring terms 2009, 2010 (in German)
Quantitative analysis, graduate course, University of Zurich and ETH Zurich, spring term 2009, with Daniel Bochsler and Markus Stierli (in English)
Value change in Switzerland, graduate seminar, 2008–2009, with Marc Helbling and Katayoun Safi (in German)
Introduction to comparative politics, undergraduate course, fall term 2008 (in German)

Comparative analysis of electoral systems and party systems, graduate seminar, 2005–2006, with Hanspeter Kriesi and Peter Selb (in German)

Political consequences of social capital, graduate seminar, 2004–2005, with Hanspeter Kriesi and Michelle Beyeler (in German)

Political psychology, undergraduate course, summer term 2004 (in German)

2003 Swiss federal elections, graduate seminar, 2003–2004, with Hanspeter Kriesi and Peter Selb (in German)

Introduction to electoral research, undergraduate course, summer term 2003 (in German)

National political change in “borderless” spaces, graduate seminar, 2002–2003, with Hanspeter Kriesi (in German)

University of Geneva (all courses in French)

The transformation of party systems in Western Europe, undergraduate seminar, summer term 2002

Consensual and majoritarian democracies: extensions, applications and critiques of Lijphart’s model, undergraduate seminar, summer term 2002

Political cleavages and voting behaviour, undergraduate seminar, 2001–2002

LANGUAGES

French	Mother tongue
English	Fluent reading and writing
German	Fluent reading and writing
Spanish	Intermediate knowledge

Romain Lachat – Publications

ARTICLES

Blais, André, Romain Lachat, Airo Hino and Pascal Doray-Demers (2011). 'The mechanical and psychological effects of electoral systems: A quasi-experimental study'. *Comparative Political Studies* 44(12): 1599-1621.

Lachat, Romain (2011). 'Electoral competitiveness and issue voting'. *Political Behavior* 33(4): 645-663.

Lachat, Romain and Peter Selb (2010). 'Strategic Overshooting in National Council Elections'. *Swiss Political Science review* 16(3): 481-498.

Selb, Peter and Romain Lachat (2009). 'The more, the better? Counterfactual evidence on the effect of compulsory voting on the consistency of party choice'. *European Journal of Political Research* 48(5): 573-597.

Bornschier, Simon and Romain Lachat (2009). 'The evolution of the French political space and party system'. *West European Politics* 32(2): 360-383.

Lachat, Romain (2008). 'The impact of party polarization on ideological voting'. *Electoral Studies* 27(4): 687-698.

Lachat, Romain (2006). 'A tale of two Councils: Explaining the weakness of the SVP in the upper house of the Federal Parliament'. *Swiss Political Science Review* 12(4): 77-99.

Kriesi, Hanspeter, Edgar Grande, Romain Lachat, Martin Dolezal, Simon Bornschier and Timotheos Frey (2006). 'Globalization and the transformation of the national political space: Six European countries compared'. *European Journal of Political Research* 45(6): 921-956.

Sciarini, Pascal, Thanh-Huyen Ballmer-Cao and Romain Lachat (2001). 'Genre, âge et participation politique: Les élections fédérales de 1995 dans le canton de Genève' [Gender, age, and political participation : The 1995 federal elections in the canton of Geneva]. *Swiss Political Science Review* 7(3) : 83-98.

Lachat, Romain (2000). 'L'influence des campagnes politiques sur le vote: Le cas des élections suisses de 1995' [The impact of political campaigns on the vote: The case of the 1995 Swiss elections]. *Swiss Political Science Review* 6(4): 51-73.

BOOKS

Kriesi, Hanspeter, Edgar Grande, Romain Lachat, Martin Dolezal, Simon Bornschier and Timotheos Frey (2008). *West European politics in the age of globalization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Lachat, Romain (2007). *A heterogeneous electorate: Political sophistication, predisposition strength, and the voting decision process*. Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlag.

Kriesi, Hanspeter, Romain Lachat, Peter Selb, Simon Bornschier and Marc Helbling (eds) (2005). *Der Aufstieg der SVP: Acht Kantone im Vergleich* [The rise of the Swiss People's Party]. Zürich: NZZ Verlag.

Lachat, Romain (2009). Book Review: *The Economy and the Vote*, by Wouter van der Brug, Cees van der Eijk, and Mark Franklin. *Acta Politica* 44(1): 118-121.

Kriesi, Hanspeter, Edgar Grande, Romain Lachat, Martin Dolezal, Simon Bornschier and Timotheos Frey (2008). 'Globalization and its impact on national spaces of competition', in Kriesi, Hanspeter et al. *West European politics in the age of globalization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 3-22.

Lachat, Romain (2008). 'Switzerland: Another case of transformation driven by an established party', in Kriesi, Hanspeter et al. *West European politics in the age of globalization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 130-153.

Lachat, Romain and Martin Dolezal (2008). 'Demand side: Dealignment and realignment of the structural political potentials', in Kriesi, Hanspeter et al. *West European politics in the age of globalization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 237-266.

Lachat, Romain and Hanspeter Kriesi (2008). 'Supply side: The positioning of the political parties in a restructuring space', in Kriesi, Hanspeter et al. *West European politics in the age of globalization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 267-295.

Lachat, Romain (2008). 'The electoral consequences of the integration-demarcation cleavage', in Kriesi, Hanspeter et al. *West European politics in the age of globalization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 296-319.

Lachat, Romain (2008). 'Technical appendix', in Kriesi, Hanspeter et al. *West European politics in the age of globalization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 344-365.

Lachat, Romain and Peter Selb (2005). 'Schweiz' [Switzerland], in Hanspeter Kriesi, Romain Lachat, Peter Selb, Simon Bornschier and Marc Helbling (eds). *Der Aufstieg der SVP: Acht Kantone im Vergleich*. Zürich: NZZ Verlag, pp. 41-58.

Lachat, Romain and Peter Selb (2005). 'Kantonaler Vergleich' [A cantonal comparison], in Hanspeter Kriesi, Romain Lachat, Peter Selb, Simon Bornschier and Marc Helbling (eds). *Der Aufstieg der SVP: Acht Kantone im Vergleich*. Zürich: NZZ Verlag, pp. 237-255.

Selb, Peter and Romain Lachat (2004). *Wahlen 2003: Die Entwicklung des Wahlverhaltens* [2003 federal elections: The evolution of voting behaviour]. Zürich: Institut für Politikwissenschaft.

Lachat, Romain (2003). 'La formation des intentions de vote: Les effets de conversion et d'activation' [The formation of voting intentions: Conversion and activation effects], in Pascal Sciarini, Sibylle Hardmeier and Adrian Vatter (eds). *Schweizer Wahlen 1999*. Bern: Haupt, pp. 369-393.

Lachat, Romain and Pascal Sciarini (2002). 'When do campaigns matter, and to whom?', in David M. Farrell and Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck (eds). *Do campaigns matter? Campaign effects in elections and referendums*. London: Routledge, pp. 41-57.

Kriesi, Hanspeter, Julien Dubouchet, Mario Konishi and Romain Lachat (1999). *Analyse des votations fédérales du 13 juin 1999* [Analysis of the federal vote of 13 June 1999]. VOX N°68. Bern: GfS.

Marquis, Lionel, Dominique Wisler and Romain Lachat (1999). *Analyse des votations fédérales du 29 novembre 1998* [Analysis of the federal vote of 29 November 1998]. VOX N°65. Bern: GfS.

Lachat, Romain. 'The effects of party-issue associations on the voting decision process'. Under review.

Lachat, Romain. 'The issue basis of citizens' ideological self-placement in Western Europe'. Under review.

Lachat, Romain. 'Leader effects and party polarization', in Marina Costa Lobo and John Curtice (eds). *Personality Politics: Do Leader Evaluations Enhance Democratic Politics?* Oxford: Oxford University Press (Book under contract).

DATASETS

Lachat, Romain and Sarah Bütikofer (2007). *Swiss Council of States elections – Candidate-level dataset, 1967–2003*. University of Zurich.

Selb, Peter, Marie-Christine Fontana and Romain Lachat (2007). *Electoral surveys in Switzerland – 1971–2003 (cumulative datafile)*. Selects – Swiss electoral studies [Production]. SIDOS, Swiss information and data archive service for the social sciences, Neuchâtel [Distribution].

CONFERENCE AND WORKING PAPERS (last five years)

Lachat, Romain (2011). 'The effect of party-issue associations on the voting decision process'. Paper presented at the 1st European Conference on Comparative Electoral Research, Sofia, December 1–3.

Lachat, Romain (2011). 'Ideological voting, ideological congruence, and satisfaction with democracy'. Paper presented at the 2011 ECPR General Conference, Reykjavik, August 25–27.

Lachat, Romain (2011). 'Partisan and ideological bias in citizens' perceptions of parties' electoral chances'. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Istanbul, July 9–12.

Lachat, Romain (2010). 'Contextual Incentives and the Determinants of Voting Choices'. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 2–5.

Lachat, Romain and Peter Selb (2010). 'The conditional effect of district magnitude on compensatory voting'. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 22–25.

Lachat, Romain (2010). 'Electoral competitiveness and issue voting'. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 22–25. Previous version presented at the 2009 ECPR General Conference, Potsdam, September 10–12.

Lachat, Romain (2010). 'Individual and contextual variation in the impact of ideology and leader evaluations'. Paper prepared for the 2010 conference of the Portuguese Political Science Association, Aveiro, March 4–6.

Lachat, Romain and Peter Selb (2009). 'Strategic Overshooting in National Council Elections'. Paper presented at the conference 'Voting behavior and campaign dynamics in the Swiss National Elections 2007', Neuchâtel, October 23–24.

- Lachat, Romain (2009). 'Left-Right in Circleland'. Paper presented at the 2009 ECPR General Conference, Potsdam, September 10–12.
- Lachat, Romain (2009). 'Issue ownership, issue salience, and spatial models of voting choice'. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Dublin, July 14–17.
- Lachat, Romain (2009). 'Party strategies and the impact of "globalization issues" on the vote'. Paper presented at the EUSA Conference, Los Angeles, April 23–25.
- Lachat, Romain (2009). 'Individual and contextual variation in the impact of leader evaluations and issue positions'. Paper presented at the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Lisbon, April 14–19.
- Lachat, Romain (2008). 'The role of party identification in spatial models of voting choice'. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Paris, July 9–12.
- Lachat, Romain (2008). 'The impact of party strategies on the determinants of voting choices'. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 3–6.
- Lachat, Romain and Daniel Oesch (2007). 'Beyond the traditional economic cleavage: Class location and attitudinal divides in 21 European countries'. Paper presented at the 2007 ECPR General Conference, Pisa, September 6–8.
- Selb, Peter and Romain Lachat (2007). 'The more, the better? Counterfactual evidence on the effect of compulsory voting on the consistency of party choice'. Paper presented at the 2007 ECPR General Conference, Pisa, September 6–8. Previous version presented at the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Helsinki, May 7–12, 2007.
- Lachat, Romain (2007). 'The impact of party polarization on ideological voting'. Paper presented at the 2007 ECPR General Conference, Pisa, September 6–8. Previous version presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 12–15, 2007.
- Lachat, Romain and Hanspeter Kriesi (2007). 'The impact of globalization on national party configurations in Western Europe'. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 12–15.