

Romain Lachat – Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant professor, Cevipof, Sciences Po, Paris	since 2016
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PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Associate professor, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona	2014–2015
Visiting professor, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona	2010–2014
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>	2004
MA in political science, University of Geneva and University of Lausanne	1999
BA in political science, University of Geneva	1998

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Research chair in political behaviour, Université Sorbonne Paris Cité, 2016 – 2018.

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 Montreal, Political Science Department, 2017

University of Oxford, Nuffield College, 2016

Sciences Po, CEVIPOF, 2015

University of Mannheim, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, 2015

University of Leuven, Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections and Electoral Behaviour, 2015

ECPR General Conference, Roundtable on the 40th anniversary of the European Journal of Political Research, 2013

University of Geneva, Department of Political Science, 2013

Université Libre de Bruxelles, Summer School of the ECPR Standing Group on political parties, 2012

Autonomous University of Barcelona, Research group on Democracy, Elections and Citizenship, 2012

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

Member of the international advisory board, Swiss Political Science Review, since 2017.

Member of the editorial board, Revista Española de Ciencia Política, 2015–2016.

President of the Selects commission (strategic coordination of the Swiss Election Studies), since 2016 (member since 2011).

Director of the Master of Research in Political Science, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, 2013–2015

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

Section chair

'Changing Patterns of electoral competition and voting behaviour', ECPR general conference, 2014 (with Lorenzo de Sio).

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

Panel chair

- ‘Effects of Values and Context on Political Attitudes’, ECPR General Conference, 2015.
- ‘Institutions, Competitiveness, and Democratic Satisfaction’, ECPR General Conference, 2013 (with Fred Cutler).
- ‘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, 2015
- ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, 2000, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2013
- General Conference of the European Political Science Association, 2015, 2017
- Swiss election studies, workshop on the 2011 Swiss elections, 2013

Reviewer, article manuscripts

- Acta Politica; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Comparative European Politics; Comparative Political Studies; Constitutional Political Economy; Electoral Studies; European Journal of Political Research; European Political Science Review; European Union Politics; German Politics; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; International Political Science Review; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Common Market Studies; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; Journal of European Public Policy; Journal of Political Marketing;

Journal of Politics; Latin American Research Review; Parliamentary Affairs; Party Politics; Political Behavior; Political Communication; Political Psychology; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Research & Methods; Political Studies; Political Studies Review; Politische Vierteljahresschrift; PS: Political Science & Politics; Public Choice; Review of International Political Economy; Revue française de science politique; Revue internationale de politique comparée; Revue suisse d'Economie politique et de Statistique; Scandinavian Political Studies; South European Society & Politics; Survey Research Methods; Swiss Political Science Review; West European Politics

Reviewer, research projects

Agence Nationale de la Recherche (France), Communauté Université Grenoble Alpes (France), Czech Science Foundation, Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (Belgium), Research Foundation Flanders, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Swiss National Science Foundation, Université Libre de Bruxelles

TEACHING

Sciences Po

Policy Analysis and Policy Evaluation, graduate course, fall term 2016, 2017 (in English)

Comparative Electoral Behaviour, graduate seminar, spring term 2017, 2018 (in English)

Elections and Political Representation: A Comparative Approach, undergraduate course, spring term 2017, 2018 (in English)

Pompeu Fabra University

Electoral Systems, undergraduate course, fall term 2015 (in English)

Getting Started with Political Research, graduate course, spring terms 2013–2015 (in English)

Techniques of Statistical Analysis I, graduate course, fall terms 2012–2015 (in English)

Research Tools, PhD course, fall terms 2012–2015 (in English)

Political Attitudes and Democracy, graduate course, spring term 2012 (in English)

Data analysis, undergraduate course, spring terms 2011–2015 (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

- Lachat, Romain (2018). ‘Which way from left to right? On the relation between voters’ issue preferences and left-right orientation in West European democracies’. *International Political Science Review*, forthcoming.
- Vasilopoulos, Pavlos and Romain Lachat (2018). ‘Authoritarianism and political choice in France’. *Acta Politica*, forthcoming.
- Lachat, Romain and Hanspeter Kriesi (2015). “‘Voluntary PR Voting’ in the Election of Swiss Regional Governments’. *Swiss Political Science Review* 21(3): 419–436.
- Lachat, Romain (2015). ‘The role of party identification in spatial models of voting choice’. *Political Science Research and Methods* 3(3): 641-658.
- Lachat, Romain, André Blais and Ignacio Lago (2015). ‘Assessing the Mechanical and Psychological Effects of District Magnitude’. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties* 25(3): 284-299.
- Lachat, Romain (2014). ‘Issue ownership and the vote: The effects of associative and competence ownership on issue voting’. *Swiss Political Science Review* 20(4): 727-740.
- Lachat, Romain, Georg Lutz and Isabelle Stadelmann-Steffen (2014). ‘The 2011 Swiss Elections: Introduction’. *Swiss Political Science Review* 20(4): 515-519.
- 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’. *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'. *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*. Zürich: NZZ Verlag.

SHORT MONOGRAPHS, BOOK CHAPTERS, BOOK REVIEWS

Lachat, Romain (2017). 'Value Cleavages', in Kai Arzheimer, Jocelyn Evans and Michael S. Lewis-Beck (eds). *The Sage Handbook of Electoral Behaviour*. London: Sage, pp. 561-583.

Lachat, Romain (2017). Book Review: Routledge Handbook of European Elections, edited by Donatella M. Viola. *Journal of Common Market Studies* 55(1): 154.

Lachat, Romain (2015). 'Leader effects and party polarization', in Marina Costa Lobo and John Curtice (eds). *Personality Politics? The Role of Leader Evaluations in Democratic Elections*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 105-123.

Lachat, Romain, Hanspeter Kriesi, Edgar Grande, Martin Dolezal, Simon Bornschier and Timotheos Frey (2013). 'Reflections: Globalization and the transformation of the national political space', *European Journal of Political Research*, 40th Anniversary Virtual Issue.

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’, 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’, 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*. Zürich: Institut für Politikwissenschaft.

Lachat, Romain (2003). ‘La formation des intentions de vote: Les effets de conversion et d’activation’, 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*. VOX N°68. Bern: GfS.

Marquis, Lionel, Dominique Wisler and Romain Lachat (1999). *Analyse des votations fédérales du 29 novembre 1998*. VOX N°65. Bern: GfS.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Lachat, Romain. “The effects of party–issue associations on the voting decision process”. Under review.

Lachat, Romain. “Strategic voting under seat-maximizing and policy-maximizing incentives”. Under review

Lachat, Romain and Markus Wagner. “How party characteristics drive voters’ evaluation criteria”. Under review.

Selb, Peter, Romain Lachat, and Sascha Göbel. “Instant Runoff Forecasting”. Under review.

Lachat, Romain. “Party strategies, institutions, and electoral system effects”, in Peter Loewen and Daniel Rubenson (eds). *Duty and Choice: Participation and Preferences in Democratic Elections*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press (book under contract).

Lachat, Romain. “The religious cleavage in Switzerland, 1971–2011,” in Kerman Calvo, José Ramón Montero, and Paolo Segatti (eds). *Religious Voting in Western Democracies: Past Legacies and New Conflicts*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (book under contract).

Van der Straeten, Karine, Romain Lachat and Jean-François Laslier. “Strategic Voting in Multi-Winner Elections with Approval Balloting: An Application to the 2011 Regional Government Election in Zurich”, in John Aldrich, André Blais, and Laura Stephenson (eds). *Strategic Voting and Political Institutions* (book proposal under review).

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 (2018). ‘Associative issue ownership and candidate preferences in the 2017 French presidential election’. Paper presented at the conference ‘2017: Europe’s Bumper Year of Elections’, European University Institute, 8–9 March.

Lachat, Romain and Elie Michel (2018). ‘Restructuring conflict and electoral supply: the 2017 French presidential election through the lens of issue yield theory’. Annual meeting of the Swiss Political Science Association, Geneva, 5–6 February.

Selb, Peter, Romain Lachat and Sascha Göbel (2017). ‘Instant Runoff Forecasting’. ECPR General Conference, Oslo, 6–9 September.

Vranceanu, Alina and Romain Lachat (2017). ‘Do parties influence the public opinion on immigration? Evidence from Europe’. General Conference of the European Political Science Association, Milan, 22–24 June.

Lachat, Romain (2015). ‘Which way from left to right? The issue basis of citizens’ ideological self-placement in Western Europe’. ECPR general conference, Montreal, 26–29 August.

Lachat, Romain (2015). ‘Is what you want what you see? Partisan and ideological bias in perceptions of parties’ electoral chances’. ECPR general conference, Montreal, 26–29 August.

Lachat, Romain and Aiko Wagner (2015). ‘The impact of voters’ preferences on party evaluations: country and party differences’. General Conference of the European Political Science Association, Vienna, June 25–27.

Lachat, Romain and Aiko Wagner (2015). ‘The impact of voters’ preferences on party evaluations: country and party differences’. Paper presented at the workshop ‘Beyond the democratic deficit: Political representation and differential policy responsiveness in the European Union’, European University Institute, Florence, May 14–15.

Lachat, Romain (2014). ‘Electoral competition and issue voting: The effects of institutions and party characteristics on the voting decision process’. ECPR general conference, Glasgow, September 3–6.

Lachat, Romain (2014). ‘Strategic voting in Swiss national elections: national and district-level incentives’. Annual conference of the European Political Science Association, Edinburgh, June 19–21.

Lachat, Romain (2014). ‘Strategic voting in Swiss national elections: national and district-level incentives’. Annual meeting of the Swiss Political Science Association, Bern, January 30–31.

Lachat, Romain (2013). ‘Issue ownership and the vote: The effects of associative and competence ownership on issue voting’. Paper presented at the workshop ‘The 2011 Swiss elections’, Solothurn, October 25–26.

Lachat, Romain (2013). 'Issue ownership and the vote: The effects of associative and competence ownership on issue voting'. ECPR General Conference, Bordeaux, September 4–7.

Lachat, Romain (2013). 'Electoral competition and issue voting: The effects of institutions and party characteristics on the voting decision process'. Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 29 – September 1.

Lachat, Romain (2013). 'Issue ownership and the vote: Saliency or competence?'. General Conference of the European Political Science Association, Barcelona, June 20–22.

Lachat, Romain (2013). 'Issue ownership and the vote: Attention or competence?'. Paper presented at the workshop 'Issues, parties, and the public. How the public link parties to issues and how it matters', University of Antwerp, May 23–24.

Lago, Ignacio, André Blais and Romain Lachat (2013). 'Expectations, competitiveness and electoral systems'. ECPR joint sessions of workshops, Mainz, March 11–16.