

## Romain Lachat – Curriculum Vitae

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### CURRENT POSITION

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Associate professor, Cevipof, Sciences Po, Paris	since 2019
Co-holder of the CERIU-FMSH chair on global governance	since 2022

### PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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Assistant professor, Cevipof, Sciences Po, Paris	2016–2019
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

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Habilitation à diriger des recherches, Sciences Po, Paris	2019
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

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

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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CERIUM-FMSH chair on global governance, with Ruth Dassonneville (Université de Montréal). ‘Electoral Democracy in Danger? Ideological and Affective Polarisation’. 2022–2024.

Research grant of the France-Berkeley-Fund, with Gabriel Lenz (University of California, Berkeley). ‘Are Election Campaigns Good for Democracy? An Assessment of the 2022 French Presidential Election’. 2021–2022.

Research grant, Hubert Curien Partnership (PHC-Galilée), with Michele Sorice (LUISS Rome). ‘Increasing the gap? Political participation and inequalities amidst the Great Recession and the current pandemic crisis’. 2021–2022.

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

Comença Grant, Pompeu Fabra University, 2010–2011.

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

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

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

Research grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation. ‘National political change in borderless spaces - a comparative investigation of national and transnational campaigns’. Co-investigator (principal investigator: Hanspeter Kriesi). 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).

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

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### **University administration**

Scientific coordinator, Political Science Master, Political Behaviour track, School of Research, Sciences Po, since 2020.

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

### **Professional associations and journals**

Associate editor, *Frontiers in Political Science*, since 2019.

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

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

Co-convenor of the ECPR standing group on Public Opinion and Voting Behaviour in a Comparative Perspective (2018–2021).

Member of the Selects commission (strategic coordination of the Swiss Election Studies), since 2011 (president 2016–2020).

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

### **Section chair**

‘Elections and Political Representation’, ECPR general conference, 2021 (with Laura Sudulich and Hanna Wass).

‘Elections and Political Representation’, ECPR general conference, 2020 (with Laura Sudulich).

‘New Challenges to Electoral Competition and Political Representation’, ECPR general conference, 2019 (with Laura Sudulich).

‘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**

ECPR General Conference, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2019, 2020, 2021

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2010

Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2010

Annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, 2009

Annual meeting of the Swiss Political Science Association, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010

### **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, 2019, 2020, 2021

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 Politics and Society*; *European*

Union Politics; French Politics; German Politics; Global Society; Government and Opposition; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; International Political Science Review; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Common Market Studies; Journal of Contemporary European Research; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; Journal of European Public Policy; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Journal of Political Marketing; Journal of Politics; Latin American Research Review; Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics; Parliamentary Affairs; Partecipazione e Conflitto; Party Politics; Political Behavior; Political Communication; Political Psychology; Political Research Exchange; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Research & Methods; Political Studies; Political Studies Review; Politische Vierteljahresschrift; PS: Political Science & Politics; Public Choice; Research & Politics; 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; Socio-Economic Review; 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), Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, Research Foundation Flanders, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Swiss National Science Foundation, Université Libre de Bruxelles

## **TEACHING**

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### **Sciences Po**

Master Thesis Seminar

Research Design (graduate level)

Policy Analysis and Policy Evaluation (graduate level)

Comparative Electoral Behaviour (graduate level)

Elections and Political Representation: A Comparative Approach (undergraduate level)

### **Pompeu Fabra University**

Electoral Systems (undergraduate level)

Data analysis (undergraduate level)

Getting Started with Political Research (graduate level)

Techniques of Statistical Analysis I (graduate level)

Political Attitudes and Democracy (graduate level)

Comparative political institutions (graduate level)

Introduction to statistics (graduate level)

Research Tools (PhD)

### **University of Zurich**

Elections and political representation (undergraduate level)

Introduction to comparative politics (undergraduate level)  
Political psychology (undergraduate level)  
Introduction to electoral research (undergraduate level)  
Quantitative analysis (graduate level)  
Value change in Switzerland (graduate level)  
Comparative analysis of electoral systems and party systems (graduate level)  
Political consequences of social capital (graduate level)  
2003 Swiss federal elections (graduate level)  
National political change in “borderless” spaces (graduate level)

### **University of Geneva**

The transformation of party systems in Western Europe (undergraduate level)  
Consensual and majoritarian democracies (undergraduate level)  
Political cleavages and voting behaviour (undergraduate level)

### **LANGUAGES**

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

## Romain Lachat – Publications

### ARTICLES

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Guntermann, Eric and Romain Lachat (2021). ‘Policy preferences influence vote choice when a new party emerges: Evidence from the 2017 French Presidential election’. *Political Studies*, online first, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00323217211046329>.

Blais, André, Damien Bol, Shaun Bowler, David M. Farrell, Annika Fredén, Martial Foucault, Emmanuel Heisbourg, Romain Lachat, Ignacio Lago, Peter J. Loewen, Miroslav Nemčok, Jean-Benoit Pilet and Carolina Plescia (2021). ‘What Kind of Electoral Outcome do People Think is Good for Democracy?’. *Political Studies*, online first, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00323217211055560>.

Kritzinger, Sylvia, Martial Foucault, Romain Lachat, Julia Partheymüller, Carolina Plescia and Sylvain Brouard (2021). “‘Rally round the flag’: the COVID-19 crisis and trust in the national government”. *West European Politics* 44(5-6): 1205-1231.

Vrânceanu, Alina and Romain Lachat (2021). ‘Do parties influence public opinion on immigration? Evidence from Europe’. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 31(1): 1–21.

Selb, Peter, Sascha Göbel and Romain Lachat (2020). ‘How to Poll Runoff Elections’, *Public Opinion Quarterly* 84(3): 776–787.

De Sio, Lorenzo and Romain Lachat (2020). ‘Issue competition in Western Europe: an introduction’. *West European Politics* 43(3): 509–517.

Lachat, Romain and Elie Michel (2020). ‘Disruption or re-configuration? Issue competition in the French 2017 election’. *West European Politics* 43(3): 565–586.

De Sio, Lorenzo and Romain Lachat (2020). ‘Making sense of party strategy innovation: Challenge to ideology and conflict mobilization as dimensions of party competition’. *West European Politics* 43(3): 688–719.

Vasilopoulos, Pavlos and Romain Lachat (2018). ‘Authoritarianism and political choice in France’. *Acta Politica* 53(4): 612–634.

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* 39(4): 419–435.

Lachat, Romain and Aiko Wagner (2018). ‘How party characteristics drive voters’ evaluation criteria’. *Electoral Studies* 55: 11–20.

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

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- De Sio, Lorenzo and Romain Lachat (eds) (2021). *Conflict Mobilisation or Problem-Solving? Issue Competition in Western Europe*. London: Routledge.
- 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

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- Lachat, Romain and Eftichia Teperoglou (2021). "Institutional and Party System Effects", in Hermann Schmitt, Paolo Segatti and Cees van der Eijk (eds). *Consequences of Context: How the Social, Political, and Economic Environment Affects Voting*. London: Rowman & Littlefield, pp. 89-109.
- Lachat, Romain (2019). Book Review: Reforming Democracy. Institutional Engineering in Western Europe, by Camille Bedock. *Revue Française de Science Politique* 69(3): 513-514.

- Lachat, Romain (2019). "Party strategies, institutions, and electoral system effects", in Peter John Loewen and Daniel Rubenson (eds). *Duty and Choice: The Evolution of the Study of Voting and Voters*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, pp. 237-256.
- Lachat, Romain (2019). "France: Setting the stage for 2022", in Lorenzo De Sio, Mark N. Franklin and Luana Russo (eds). *The European Parliament Elections of 2019*. Rome: Luiss University Press, pp. 141-146.
- Lachat, Romain (2018). "Associative Issue Ownership and Candidate Preferences in the 2017 French Presidential Election", in Brigid Laffan and Lorenzo Cicchi (eds). *2017: Europe's Bumper Year of Elections*. San Domenico di Fiesole: European University Institute, pp. 223-239.
- Van der Straeten, Karine, Romain Lachat and Jean-François Laslier (2018). "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). *The Many Faces of Strategic Voting: Tactical Behavior in Electoral Systems Around the World*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, pp. 178-202.
- 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*, 40<sup>th</sup> 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 Bornschiefer 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 Bornschiefer 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.

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#### DATASETS

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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].