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Research Interests

Economic sociology; political sociology; comparative political economy; cognitive sociology; civil society; industrial relations; quantitative methodology; text mining; panel data.

Academic Employment History

March 2020 – Present:

Senior Researcher, Research Group on Political Economy, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG).

April 2020 – Present:

Associate Researcher, Institute of Sociological Research, University of Geneva.

January 2020 – February 2020:

Postdoctoral researcher, teaching assistant, and coordinator of the MA “Standardization, Social Regulation and Sustainable Development”, Department of Sociology and Institute of Sociological Research, University of Geneva.

August 2015 – December 2019:

PhD candidate, teaching assistant, and coordinator of the MA “Standardization, Social Regulation and Sustainable Development”, Department of Sociology and Institute of Sociological Research, University of Geneva.

June 2014 – July 2014:

External consultant for the International Labour Organization (ILO) as part of the project “Inventory of Policy Responses to the Financial and Economic Crisis”, under the direction of Dr. Catherine Saget.

April 2014 – September 2014:

Research assistant at the University of Geneva in the policy evaluation “Analyse des trajectoires des chômeurs en fin de droits dans le canton de Genève. Volet quantitatif de l'évaluation de la politique de réinsertion professionnelle des chômeurs en fin de droits”, commissioned by the “Cour des comptes de la République et canton de Genève” to the

Institute of Demographic and Life-Course Studies of the University of Geneva, under the direction of Professors Matthias Studer and Gilbert Ritschard.

Education

August 2015 – December 2019: PhD in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Geneva. Thesis: “Subjective Universes of Heterogeneous Units: Teasing Out the Individual Political Effects of Associational Involvement”, supervisor: Prof. Lucio Baccaro, private colloquium on July 1, 2019, public defence on December 13, 2019.

PhD Thesis Jury: Lucio Baccaro: University of Geneva, Switzerland and Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Germany (PhD thesis supervisor); Jonas Pontusson: University of Geneva, Switzerland (president of the jury); Pascal Sciarini: University of Geneva, Switzerland (internal member); Daniel Oesch: University of Lausanne, Switzerland (external member); Josh Whitford: Columbia University in the City of New York, United States (external member).

February 2019 – August 2019: Visiting scholar, Department of Sociology, Columbia University in the City of New York, supervisor: Prof. Josh Whitford.

September 2013 – June 2015: Master of Arts in Sociology, University of Geneva. Thesis: “Malleable Minds? Teasing Out the Causal Effect(s) of Union Membership on Job Attitudes and Political Outcomes”, supervisor: Prof. Lucio Baccaro.

September 2010 – June 2013: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, University of Geneva. Thesis: “Le son du silence. Origines, significations et effets du manque de communication dans les organisations”, supervisor: Prof. Mathilde Bourrier.

September 2004 – June 2008: Federal High School Diploma, Liceo Galileo Galilei, Lugano. Thesis: “La luce senza veli”, supervisor: Prof. Fulvio Castelli.

Prizes, Awards, Fellowships

November 2023: Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) Advisory Board Award (for the best publication of an MPIfG researcher during the evaluation period 2021–2023).

December 2018: *Credit Suisse Award* for Best Teaching 2018.

November 2018: *Doc.Mobility* Fellowship of the Swiss National Science Foundation.

June 2016: *Prix Universal* for the Best Master’s Thesis in the Social Sciences.

November 2015:	Award for the Best Master's Degree in Sociology.
November 2013:	Award for the Best Bachelor's Degree in Sociology.

Publications

Papers in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Hadziabdic, Sinisa (2025), Ascending Needles in a Haystack? The Heterogeneous Political Participation Effects of Associational Involvement by Education, *Frontiers in Sociology*, Online First, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2025.1584885>.

Hadziabdic, Sinisa and Sebastian Kohl (2025), A Room of One's Own? The Consequences of Living Density on Individual Well-Being and Social Anomie, *Social Forces*, vol. 103, n. 4, pp. 1442-1464, <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soae163>.

Hadziabdic, Sinisa (2025), The Wind of No Change: Union Effects on Partisan Preferences and the Working-Class Metamorphosis, *West European Politics*, vol. 48, n. 7, pp. 1573-1598, <https://doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2024.2388481>.

Baccaro, Lucio and Sinisa Hadziabdic (2024), Operationalizing Growth Models, *Quality & Quantity*, vol. 58, n. 2, pp. 1325-1360, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11135-023-01685-w>.

Frangi, Lorenzo, Sinisa Hadziabdic, and Anthony Masi (2022), In the Interest of Everyone? Support for Social Movement Unionism among Union Officials in Quebec (Canada), *Industrial Relations Journal*, vol. 53, n. 5, pp. 446-465, <https://doi.org/10.1111/irj.12380>.

Hadziabdic, Sinisa and Sebastian Kohl (2022), Private Spanner in Public Works? The Corrosive Effects of Private Insurance on Public Life, *British Journal of Sociology*, vol. 73, n. 4, pp. 799-821, <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-4446.12961>.

Hadziabdic, Sinisa and Lorenzo Frangi (2022), Rationalizing the Irrational: Making Sense of (In)Consistency among Union Members and Non-Members, *European Journal of Industrial Relations*, vol. 28, n. 2, pp. 147-174, <https://doi.org/10.1177/09596801211056836>.

Hadziabdic, Sinisa (2022), Institutionally Embedded Democratic Equalizers: Differential Political Involvement Effects of Voluntary Associations across Language Regions in Switzerland, *Swiss Political Science Review*, vol. 28, n. 1, pp. 21-40, <https://doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12477>.

Hadziabdic, Sinisa and Sebastian Kohl (2022), Is the Left Right? The Creeping Embourgeoisement of Social Democracy through Homeownership, *European Journal of Political Research*, vol. 61, n. 4, pp. 930-951, <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12479>.

Hadziabdic, Sinisa and Lucio Baccaro (2020), A Switch or a Process? Disentangling the Effects of Union Membership on Political Attitudes in Switzerland and the UK, *Industrial Relations: A Journal of Economy and Society*, vol. 59, n. 3, pp. 466-499, <https://doi.org/10.1111/irel.12264>.

Hadziabdic, Sinisa (2020), The Curious Case of the Grumpy Union Member, *Swiss Journal of Sociology*, vol. 46, n. 3, pp. 489-514, <https://doi.org/10.2478/sjs-2020-0024>.

Frangi, Lorenzo, Sebastian Koos, and Sinisa Hadziabdic (2017), In Unions We Trust! Analysing Confidence in Unions across Europe, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, vol. 55, n. 4, pp. 831-858, <https://doi.org/10.1111/bjir.12248>.

Books

Hadziabdic, Sinisa (2016), *Malleable Minds? Teasing Out the Causal Effect(s) of Union Membership on Job Attitudes and Political Outcomes*, *Sociograph – Sociological Research Studies*,

23, Geneva: Institute of Sociological Research,
<https://www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/socio/fr/publications/dernierespublications/sociograph-23-sociological-research-studies>.

Book Chapters

Hadziabdic, Sinisa, Anke Hassel, and Bruno Palier (2025), Growth and Welfare Regimes: A Quantitative Comparative Analysis, in Anke Hassel and Bruno Palier (eds.), *Growth Strategies and Welfare Reforms: How Nations Cope with Economic Transitions*, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 397-440, <https://doi.org/10.1093/9780198947516.003.0013>.

Hadziabdic, Sinisa and Loïc Pignolo (2015), Les Eaux-Vives. La rue des Eaux-Vives, in Maxime Felder, Sandro Cattacin, Loïc Pignolo, Patricia Naegeli, and Alessandro Monsutti (eds.), *Connivences et antagonismes. Enquête sociologique dans six rues de Genève, Sociograph – Sociological Research Studies, 19*, Geneva: Institute of Sociological Research, pp. 87-114, <https://www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/socio/fr/publications/dernierespublications/sociograph-18-sociological-research-studies-2>.

Working Papers

Hadziabdic, Sinisa and Sebastian Kohl (2024), Firm Size and Society: The Link between Firm Size, Job Outcomes, and Political Attitudes, *MPIfG Discussion Paper 24/9*, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG), Cologne, Germany, <https://hdl.handle.net/21.11116/0000-0010-0729-9>.

Hadziabdic, Sinisa (2023), Turning No Tides: Union Effects on Partisan Preferences and the Working-Class Metamorphosis, *MPIfG Discussion Paper 23/2*, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG), Cologne, Germany, <https://hdl.handle.net/21.11116/0000-000D-0E50-A>.

Baccaro, Lucio and Sinisa Hadziabdic (2022), Operationalizing Growth Models, *MPIfG Discussion Paper 22/6*, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG), Cologne, Germany, <https://hdl.handle.net/21.11116/0000-000B-53B7-9>.

Preprints

Hadziabdic, Sinisa and Sebastian Kohl (2024), Unearthing the Sociology of Urban Gardening: The Social and Political Life of the German “Schrebergarten”, *SocArXiv*, <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/zha8f>.

Policy Reports

Studer, Matthias, Sinisa Hadziabdic, and Gilbert Ritschard (2015), *Analyse des trajectoires des chômeurs en fin de droits dans le canton de Genève. Volet quantitatif de l'évaluation de la politique de réinsertion professionnelle des chômeurs en fin de droits*, Geneva: Université de Genève and Cour des comptes de la République et canton de Genève, <https://archive-ouverte.unige.ch/unige:78577>.

Non-Academic Publications

Hadziabdic, Sinisa (2021), Wie freiwillige Vereine das politische Engagement zwischen Sprachregionen angleichen, *DeFacto (6.10.2021)*, <https://www.defacto.expert/2021/10/06/wie-freiwillige-vereine-das-politische-engagement-zwischen-sprachregionen-angleichen/>.

Selected Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

September 2025, “One Currency, Different Paths: The Euro’s Differentiated Impact on Regional Growth Models (2000-2007)”, with Lucio Baccaro and Donato Di Carlo, Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association, Naples, Italy.

August 2025, “Measuring and Defining Green and Legacy Growth Models”, with Lucio Baccaro, Greening Growth Models Workshop, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG), Cologne, Germany.

July 2025, “Trade Unions as Members’ Third Way? A Comparative Analysis of Union Members’ Partisan Passion and Its Contextual and Individual-Level Moderating Factors”, with Lorenzo Frangi, 37th Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Palais des Congrès, Montréal, Québec, Canada.

June 2025, “Putnam Goes to Switzerland: A Longitudinal Analysis of the Generational Decline in Associational Involvement”, 25 Years of Longitudinal Surveys in Switzerland, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Mai 2025, “Dependency or Subsidisation? An Input-Output Analysis of Regional Growth Models’ Interconnectedness in Italy”, with Donato Di Carlo and Lucio Baccaro, Hierarchies and Fragilities in Growth Models: Finance, Gender and Business Strategies, King’s College, London, United Kingdom.

Mai 2025, “One Size Fits All? The Link between Firm Size, Job Outcomes, and Political Attitudes”, with Sebastian Kohl, European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions of Workshops, Bringing Politics Back to Work, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic.

November 2024, “One Size Fits All? The Link between Firm Size, Job Outcomes, and Political Attitudes”, with Sebastian Kohl, Congress of the Economic Sociology Section of the German Sociological Association, Hamburg Institute for Social Research, Germany.

September 2024, “Measuring and Defining Green and Legacy GMs”, with Lucio Baccaro, Greening Growth Models Workshop, Brown University, Providence, United States.

August 2024, “One Size Fits All? The Link between Firm Size, Job Outcomes, and Political Attitudes”, with Sebastian Kohl, 16th Conference of the European Sociological Association, University of Porto, Portugal.

July 2024, “Growth Strategies and the Welfare State”, with Lucio Baccaro, Anke Hassel, and Bruno Palier, 30th International Conference of Europeanists, Council for European Studies, Sciences Po Lyon and Université Lyon 2, France.

June 2024, “Gramsci Meets Bossi in Rome: An Input-Output Analysis of Regional Growth Models’ Interconnectedness in Italy”, with Donato Di Carlo and Lucio Baccaro, 36th Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, University of Limerick, Ireland.

February 2024, “Is the Left Right? The Creeping Embourgeoisement of Social Democracy through Homeownership”, with Sebastian Kohl, Political Engagement in Britain: Taking Back Control? Understanding Society Insights 2024 Policy Conference, Broadway House, London, United Kingdom.

December 2023, “The Strength of Strong Weak Ties: A Longitudinal Analysis of the Influence of Social Integration on Associational Involvement”, GREC and InCité Conference Series, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, virtual event.

July 2023, “Souls on the Market: Paradigm Shifts and Organic Normal Science among Economists”, Institute Seminar, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG), Cologne, Germany.

June 2023, “Growth Models and Key Sectors”, with Lucio Baccaro, 20th Conference of the Italian Association for the History of Political Economy, University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy.

Mai 2023, “Is the Left Right? The Creeping Embourgeoisement of Social Democracy through Homeownership”, with Sebastian Kohl, Workshop Social Cohesion in Europe, Hertie School, Berlin, Germany.

September 2022, “Operationalizing Hegemony: Linking Economists’ Public Discourse and Citizens’ Economic Beliefs”, Cologne Political Science Workshop, University of Cologne, Germany.

July 2022, “Sticking to Your Guns vs. Adapting to Your Interests: Paradigm Shifts among Post-War Economists”, 34th Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.

December 2021, “Private Spanner in Public Works? The Corrosive Effects of Private Insurance on Public Life”, with Sebastian Kohl, Sociology Colloquium, Free University of Berlin, Germany, virtual event.

September 2021, “Operationalizing Hegemony: Linking Economists’ Public Discourse and Citizens’ Economic Beliefs”, 15th Conference of the European Sociological Association, Barcelona, Spain, virtual conference.

August 2021, “Operationalizing Hegemony: Linking Economists’ Public Discourse and Citizens’ Economic Beliefs”, and “In the Interest of Everyone? A Mixed-Method Study of the Micro-Foundations of Social Movement Unionism in Quebec”, with Lorenzo Frangi and Anthony Masi, 116th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, United States, virtual conference.

July 2021, “In the Interest of Everyone? A Mixed-Method Study of the Micro-Foundations of Social Movement Unionism in Quebec”, with Lorenzo Frangi and Anthony Masi, 33rd Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, virtual conference.

June 2021, “Living and Dying with Your Own Ideas? Generational Replacement vs. Within-Individual Paradigm Change among Economists”, Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association 2021, University of Geneva, Switzerland, virtual conference.

March 2021, “Operationalizing Hegemony: How Economic Ideas Shape Attitudes about Growth Models”, Whither Democratic Capitalism? Transformations, Struggles, and Imaginaries of the Future Economy in Europe and Latin America, Kick-Off Workshop, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG), Cologne, Germany, virtual workshop.

November 2020, “Blowing Where the Wind Already Blows: The Link between Union Membership and Partisan Preferences”, Working-Class Politics in the 21st Century, University of Geneva, Switzerland, virtual workshop.

August 2020, “Institutionally Embedded Democratic Equalizers: The Political Effects of Voluntary Associations across Swiss Cantons”, 115th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, United States, virtual conference.

July 2020, “Blowing Where the Wind Already Blows: Union Effects on Left-Wing Political Views and Attitudinal Heterogeneity”, 32nd Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Amsterdam, Netherlands, virtual conference.

August 2019, “Bounded Attitudinal Trajectories: A Longitudinal Analysis of the Political Effects of Bonding and Bridging Associations”, 114th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Hilton Midtown Manhattan Hotel and Sheraton Times Square Hotel, New York, United States.

June 2019, “The Individual Origins of Civil Society Unionism”, with Lorenzo Frangi, 31st Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, The New School, New York, United States.

August 2018, “Going Rogue: The Political Consequences of Apolitical Associational Membership”, 113th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Pennsylvania Convention Center and Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Philadelphia, United States.

June 2018, “Are We Still Who We Are? Identity Shifts among Federations and Local Unions over a Merger”, with Lorenzo Frangi and Tingting Zhang, 30th Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan.

April 2018, “Selection, Anticipation, or Molding? Union Effects on Political Attitudes”, with Lucio Baccaro, Workshop Unions and the Politics of Inequality, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

March 2018, “Going Rogue: The Political Consequences of Apolitical Associational Membership”, Déjeuner Sociologique, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

September 2017, “Pathways to Right-Populism in Switzerland: A Longitudinal Analysis”, with Lucio Baccaro, 11th General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Science, University of Oslo, Norway.

August 2017, “Top Italian Economists as Opinion-Makers: Analysis of a Dominant Discourse”, with Lucio Baccaro, 13th Conference of the European Sociological Association, University of Athens, Greece.

August 2017, “What Do Unions Really Do to Politics? A Panel Analysis Based on Swiss and British Data”, with Lucio Baccaro, 112th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Palais des Congrès, Montréal, Québec, Canada.

July 2017, “Making Sense of the Dissatisfaction of Union Members” and “The Language of Economists: A Quantitative Textual Analysis of Top Italian Economists Newspaper Articles in the Crisis Years”, with Lucio Baccaro, 29th Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, University of Lyon, France.

June 2017, “Blurry Social Lenses: The Attitudinal Effect(s) of Associational Membership”, 9th International Conference of Panel Data Users in Switzerland, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

December 2016, “What Do Unions Really Do to Politics? A Panel Analysis Based on Swiss and British Data”, with Lucio Baccaro, Déjeuner Sociologique, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

June 2016, “Rationalizing the Irrational: Inconsistencies among Union Members and Non-Members”, with Lorenzo Frangi, 28th Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, University of California, Berkeley, United States.

February 2016, “Malleable Minds? Teasing Out the Causal Effect(s) of Union Membership on Job Attitudes and Political Outcome”, Research Seminar, Institute of Demography and Socio-Economics, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

October 2015, “Observing the Unobservable in a Stepwise Approach: Teasing Out Causal Effects through Panel Data”, Methods and Research Meetings, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

July 2015, “Malleable Minds? Unraveling the Causal Effect of Union Membership on Job and Political Attitudes”, 27th Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom.

June 2015, “Analyse des trajectoires des chômeurs en fin de droits entre emploi et prise en charge institutionnelle dans le canton de Genève entre 2007 et 2012”, with Matthias Studer and Eric Moachon, Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association 2015, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

June 2015, “Malleable Minds: The Causal Effect of Union Membership on Job and Political Attitudes”, 8th International Conference of Panel Data Users in Switzerland, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Institutional Responsibilities and Service to the Community

June 2021 – Present:	Co-chair of the Library Committee, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG).
October 2020 – Present:	Supervision of research assistants and interns, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG).
August 2015 – February 2020:	Member of the Scientific Committee and coordinator of the MA “Standardization, Social Regulation and Sustainable Development”, Department of Sociology and Institute of Sociological Research, University of Geneva.

Teaching Activities and Supervision of Students

November 2025:	Causal Inference and Regression Analysis Using R (MA and PhD), Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) and University of Cologne.
April 2025 – Present:	Ideas and Belief Systems in the Social Sciences (BA), University of Cologne.
October 2023 – March 2025:	Comparative Political Economy and Economic Sociology (MA), University of Duisburg-Essen.
September 2017 – February 2020:	Introduction to Sociology (BA, French), University of Geneva.
September 2017 – February 2020:	Quantitative Methods (MA), University of Geneva.
February 2016 – September 2016:	Introduction to Quantitative Methods (BA, French), University of Geneva.
August 2015 – February 2020:	Continuous supervision of students in the MA “Standardization, Social Regulation and Sustainable Development”: application and admission phase, advice on study plan, internships, and thesis writing. Occasional appointments: second reader in thesis defences, mainly BA and MA “Sociology” and MA “Standardization,

Social Regulation and Sustainable Development". Jury member in oral exams.

Affiliation with Scientific Societies (Current and Past) and Professional Service

American Sociological Association (ASA); European Sociological Association (ESA); Swiss Sociological Association (SSA); Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE); European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR); Council for European Studies (CES).

Reviewer for: *American Sociological Review*; *British Journal of Industrial Relations*; *British Journal of Sociology*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Competition & Change*; *European Journal of Industrial Relations*; *European Journal of Political Research*; *Journal of Public Policy*; *Journal of Sustainable Tourism*; *Qeios*; *Quality & Quantity*; *Social Forces*; *Sociology Compass*; *West European Politics*.

Co-organiser of the “Max Planck Online Workshop in Comparative Political Economy (MAX CPE)” (2023-2024, 2024-2025).

Computer and Programming Skills

Operating systems: Linux; Microsoft Windows.

Writing tools: LibreOffice; Microsoft Office; LaTeX.

Statistical software: R; Stata; SPSS; MATLAB.

Programming: C++; Python.

Languages

Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (native); Italian (native); English (C2); French (C2); German (C1).

Personal Information

Place of origin (canton): Chiasso (Ticino).

Birthplace: Sarajevo.

Citizenship: Croatian, Swiss.