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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, Project “Operationalizing Hegemony: How Economic Ideas Shape Attitudes about Growth Models,” Research Group on “The Political Economy of Growth Models,” Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG), Cologne, Germany.
- April 2020 – Present: Associate Researcher, Institute of Sociological Research, University of Geneva.
- January 2020 – February 2020: Postdoctoral Researcher, Teaching Assistant, and Coordinator of the Master in “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 Master in “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) in 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.” Mandate Given to the Institute of Demographic and Life-Course Studies of the University of Geneva by the “Cour des comptes de la République et canton de Genève,” under the Supervision of Professors Matthias Studer and Gilbert Ritschard.

Education

- August 2015 – December 2019: PhD Candidate, Department of Sociology, University of Geneva. Title: “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 Defense 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

- December 2018: *Credit Suisse Award* for Best Teaching 2018.
- November 2018: Doc.Mobility Fellowship of the Swiss National Science Foundation.
- June 2016: *Universal Prize* for the Best Master Thesis in the Social Sciences.
- November 2015: Award for the Best Master in Sociology.
- November 2013: Award for the Best Bachelor in Sociology.

Publications

Hadziabdic Sinisa (2021), Institutionally Embedded Democratic Equalizers: Differential Political Involvement Effects of Voluntary Associations across Language Regions in Switzerland, *Swiss Political Science Review*, forthcoming.

Hadziabdic Sinisa and Sebastian Kohl (2021), Is the Left Right? The Creeping Embourgeoisement of Social Democracy through Homeownership, *European Journal of Political Research*, forthcoming.

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. 831-58, <https://doi.org/10.1111/bjir.12248>.

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>.

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>.

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, <http://www.cdc-ge.ch/Htdocs/Files/v/6428.pdf/Rapportsdaudit/2015/rapportfinalUni09.04.2015.pdf?download=1>.

Selected Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

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, 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

June 2021 – Present: Co-Chair of the Library Committee, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG).

August 2015 – February 2020: Member of the Scientific Committee and Coordinator of the Master in “Standardization, Social Regulation and Sustainable Development,” Department of Sociology and Institute of Sociological Research, University of Geneva.

Teaching Activities and Supervision of Students

September 2017 – February 2020: Seminar of introduction to sociology (BA).

September 2017 – February 2020: Quantitative methods seminar (MA).

February 2016 – September 2016: Seminar of introduction to quantitative methods (BA).

August 2015 – February 2020: Continuous supervision of the students of the Master in “Standardization, Social Regulation and Sustainable Development”: application-admission phase, counseling in courses’ schedule, internship, and thesis writing.

Punctual Appointments: Second reader in theses defenses, mainly BA and MA in “Sociology,” MA in “Standardization, Social Regulation and Sustainable Development.” Member of jury in oral exams.

Affiliation with Scientific Societies

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

Languages

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

Computer and Programming Skills

Operating Systems: Linux and Microsoft Windows.

Writing Tools: LibreOffice, Microsoft Office, and LaTeX.

Statistical Software: R, Stata, SPSS, and MATLAB.

Programming: C++, Python.

Personal Information

Place of Origin (Canton): Chiasso (Ticino).

Birthplace: Sarajevo.

Citizenship: Croatian and Swiss.