

Curriculum Vitae
Steven Eichenberger

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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2. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

02.2019 – Lecturer: Swiss Politics and Public Policy, **University of Geneva**

09.2021 – 02.2023 Guest researcher, **University of Montreal**
Financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation, SNF, Grant Number: [199266](#)

08.2019 – 01.2021 Executive Secretary, **Swiss Political Science Association**

01.2018 – 01.2019 Junior Lecturer: Swiss politics, Interest groups, Public policy, **University of Lausanne**

02.2014 – 12.2017 Teaching and research assistant, **University of Lausanne**
Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Lausanne
Dissertation title: “Interest Groups’ Access to Policy Venues. The Rise of Citizen Groups in Switzerland?”
Committee: André Mach (Lausanne, supervisor), Frédéric Varone (Geneva, co-supervisor), Anne Binderkrantz (Aarhus), Ioannis Papadopoulos (Lausanne), Pascal Sciarini (Geneva)
Dissertation was awarded the faculty prize (1'000 CHF)

09.2008 – 09.2010 MA in International Studies (Political Science), **Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID)**

10.2005 – 07.2008 BA in International Relations (Political Science, Economy), **University of Geneva**

3. EMPLOYMENT

08.2011 – 01.2014 Director Organizational Development, Europeans United for Informed Action, Geneva
Operational responsibility for the planning and execution of educational projects with up to 800 participants supported by over 50 organizations.

11.2010 – 07.2011 Research assistant, Tax Justice Network, London, UK
Data collection, input and extraction; statistical analyses and writing of reports.

08.2010 – 07.2011 Database developer. MAVA Foundation, Gland, CH
Development of an MS Access relational database for centralized management of funding requests.

4. INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Co-organization of the staff seminar of the Département de science politique et des relations internationales, 2023-, University of Geneva

Member of the scientific committee of the Maîtrise en Management Public (MAP), 2019-2021, University of Geneva

Organization of the 2018 autumn term conference cycle “Current developments in policy theory” of the Laboratoire d’analyse de la gouvernance et de l’action publique en Europe (LAGAPE, University of Lausanne)

5. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

AT = autumn term; ST = spring term; all titles in language in which the course was held

Applied Methods; MA-lecture on quantitative methods; AT 2023

Actors in the Policy Process: Resources, Strategies and Success; MA-lecture; AT 2019, 2020, 2023

Stratégies politiques des groupes d’intérêt en Suisse; BA-seminar; AT 2019, 2020, 2023

Complément d’études: Politique Suisse; BA-tutorial (220 students); ST 2020, 2021, 2023 with Prof. Pascal Sciarini

Groupes d’intérêt et stratégies politiques; BA-seminar; AT 2014, 2015, ST 2017, AT 2018 with Prof. André Mach

Les groupes d’intérêt et leurs dirigeants: rapports au politique et carrière associative; BA-seminar; ST 2018, with Prof. André Mach

Approches empiriques des politiques urbaines; BA-seminar; AT 2018, with Dr. Julie Pollard

Groupes d’intérêt, lobbying et stratégies politiques; CAS Public Affairs & Lobbying, Berne University of Applied Sciences, 27.10.2016, 26.10.2019, 24.10.2020

6. MEMBERSHIPS IN PANELS, BOARDS, AND INDIVIDUAL SCIENTIFIC REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

Reviewer for *The Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Political Science*, *Party Politics*, the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), and the Dutch Research Council (NWO).

Chair, ECPR General Conference, Prague, 2023, Panel: “From Local to Global: Understanding the Multilevel Strategies of Interest Groups in Policy-Making”.

Chair and discussant of the “Regulation and Interests” panel at the 2018 REGGOV conference.

Discussant, ECPR General Conference, Hamburg, 2018, Panel: “Institutional Venues, Policy Issues and Interest Group Strategies: Patterns and Explanations”.

7. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

Member of the Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA)

Member of the ECPR Standing Group on Interest Groups

8. ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

Co-organizer of the AI & Democracy track at the 2021 EPFL Applied Machine Learning Days (AMLD), 25.01.2021, together with Dr. Victor Kristof (EPFL) and Prof. Roy Gava (UNISG)

9. PERSONAL SKILLS

Databases: FileMaker Pro, Microsoft Access: advanced knowledge
Statistics: R: advanced knowledge, multi-level OLS and GLM, survival models, data transformation and visualization in the tidyverse
German: mother tongue
English: mother tongue
French: fluent

10. REFERENCES

- Prof. André Mach, Université de Lausanne, andre.mach@unil.ch, +41 21 692 31 36
- Prof. Frédéric Varone, Université de Genève, frederic.varone@unige.ch, +41 22 379 83 82
- Prof. Pascal Sciarini, Université de Genève, pascal.sciarini@unige.ch, +41 22 379 83 86

11. CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONFERENCES

- Eichenberger, Steven. 'Interest Groups' Access to the Swiss Parliament: A Comparison across Policy Domains', *ECPR General Conference*, Prague, 2023.
- Eichenberger, Steven, Frédéric Varone, Pascal Sciarini, Robin Stähli, and Jessica Proulx. 'Le (vague) recours à l'expertise scientifique par le gouvernement suisse lors de la crise de la COVID-19', *90th Congress of the Association canadienne-française pour l'avancement des sciences (ACFAS)*, Montreal, 2023.
- Eichenberger, Steven, Andrea Pilotti, and Diane Porcellana. 'Committee Proposals' Floor Success during Legislative Periods: Evidence from Switzerland', *Conference on Political Careers*, Basle, 2022.
- Eichenberger, Steven, Frédéric Varone, and Evelien Willems. 'How interest groups and parties affect MPs' perceptual accuracy', *ECPR General Conference*, virtual, 2021.
- Eichenberger, Steven, Frédéric Varone, and Luzia Helfer. 'Do interest groups bias MPs' perception of party voters' preferences?', *Annual Congress of the Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW-ASSP)*, Lucerne, 2020.
- Eichenberger, Steven. 'The Rise of Citizen Groups within the Administration and Parliament in Switzerland', *Annual Congress of the Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW-ASSP)*, Zurich, 2019.
- Varone, Frédéric, Steven Eichenberger, Roy Gava, Charlotte Jourdain, and André Mach. 'Business Groups and Advocacy Success: Insights from a Multi-Venue Approach', *ECPR General Conference*, Hamburg, 2018.
- Eichenberger, Steven. 'Assessing Interest Groups' Tactical Focus on Inside and/or Outside Lobbying in the Context of Concrete Policy Processes', *ECPR General Conference*, Oslo, 2017.
- Eichenberger, Steven, Florian Weiler, André Mach, and Frédéric Varone. 'More Equal than Others: Assessing Economic and Citizen Groups' Access across Policymaking Venues', *Annual Congress of the Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW-ASSP)*, St. Gallen, 2017.
- Varone, Frédéric, Steven Eichenberger, Charlotte Jourdain, and André Mach. 'Policy Advocacy by Interest Groups: Do Policy Issues and Institutions Matter?', *ECPR General Conference*, Prague, 2016.
- Eichenberger, Steven. 'Winning the Away Game: Business Interest Groups in the Media Arena', *HKU-USC-IPPA Conference on Public Policy*, Hong Kong, 2016.
- Eichenberger, Steven, André Mach, and Frédéric Varone. 'Corporatist stability or pluralization of interest groups? Tracing interest groups in policy processes', *Annual Congress of the Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW-ASSP)*, Basel, 2016.
- Eichenberger, Steven. 'Media Strategies of Public Interest Groups: A Threat to Corporatist Bargaining? Evidence from the Swiss Case', *ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops*, Warsaw, 2015.
- Eichenberger, Steven, Andrea Pilotti, André Mach, and Frédéric Varone. 'Parlement de milice et groupes d'intérêt (1970-2010): professionnalisation et diversification des liens d'intérêt?', *Annual Congress of the Swiss Society of Economic and Social History (SGWSG-SSHES)*, 2014.

12. PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

- Eichenberger, Steven, Frédéric Varone, Pascal Sciarini, Robin Stähli, and Jessica Proulx. 2023. “When Do Decision Makers Listen (Less) to Experts? The Swiss Government’s Implementation of Scientific Advice during the COVID-19 Crisis.” *Policy Studies Journal* 51 (3): 587–605. <https://doi.org/10.1111/psj.12494>.
- Eichenberger, Steven, Frédéric Varone, and Luzia Helfer. 2022. ‘Do Interest Groups Bias MPs’ Perception of Party Voters’ Preferences?’ *Party Politics* 28 (3): 567–79. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068821997079>.
- Eichenberger, Steven. 2020. ‘The Rise of Citizen Groups within the Administration and Parliament in Switzerland’. *Swiss Political Science Review* 26 (2): 206–27. <https://doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12394>.
- Varone, Frédéric, Steven Eichenberger, Roy Gava, Charlotte Jourdain, and André Mach. 2021. ‘Business Groups and Advocacy Success: Insights from a Multi-Venue Approach.’ *Acta Politica* 56 (3): 477–99. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41269-020-00162-8>.
- Weiler, Florian, Steven Eichenberger, André Mach, and Frédéric Varone. 2019. ‘More Equal than Others: Assessing Economic and Citizen Groups’ Access across Policymaking Venues’. *Governance* 32 (2): 277–93. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12372>.
- Varone, Frédéric, Roy Gava, Charlotte Jourdain, Steven Eichenberger, and André Mach. 2018. ‘Interest Groups as Multi-Venue Players’. *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 7 (2): 173–95. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41309-018-0036-2>.
- Eichenberger, Steven, and André Mach. 2017. ‘Formal Ties between Interest Groups and Members of Parliament: Gaining Allies in Legislative Committees’. *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 6 (1): 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41309-017-0012-2>.
- Gava, Roy, Frédéric Varone, André Mach, Steven Eichenberger, Julien Christe, and Corinne Chao-Blanco. 2017. ‘Interests Groups in Parliament: Exploring MPs’ Interest Affiliations (2000-2011)’. *Swiss Political Science Review* 23 (1): 77–94. <https://doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12224>.

Book chapters

- Mach, André, and Steven Eichenberger. 2024. ‘Interest Groups.’ In *The Oxford Handbook of Swiss Politics*, edited by Patrick Emmenegger, Flavia Fossati, Silja Häusermann, Yannis Papadopoulos, Pascal Sciarini, and Adrian Vatter, 337-354. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Varone, Frédéric, and Steven Eichenberger. 2023. ‘Interest Groups in Public Policy.’ In *Encyclopedia of Public Policy*, edited by Minna van Gerven, Christine Rothmayr Allison, and Klaus Schubert, 1–7. Cham: Springer International Publishing. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-90434-0_53-1.
- Mach, André, and Steven Eichenberger. 2022. ‘Associations d’intérêt.’ In *Manuel de la politique suisse*, edited by Patrick Emmenegger, Flavia Fossati, Silja Häusermann, Yannis Papadopoulos, Pascal Sciarini, and Adrian Vatter, 439-464. Basel: NZZ Libro.
- Eichenberger, Steven, Julien Matthieu Jaquet, and Frédéric Varone. 2022. ‘Groupes d’intérêt et démocratie directe.’ In *Démocraties directes*, edited by Raul Magni-Berton and Laurence Morel, 341. Larcier. <https://archive-ouverte.unige.ch/unige:162551>.
- Varone, Frédéric, and Steven Eichenberger. 2021. ‘Groupes d’intérêt’. In *Politiques Publiques: Fondements et prospective pour l’analyse de l’action publique*, edited by Steve Jacob and Nathalie Schiffino, 471–510. Bruxelles: Bruylant.

Eichenberger, Steven, and Frédéric Varone. 2020. 'Interest Groups and Direct Democracy'. In *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Interest Groups, Lobbying and Public Affairs*, edited by Phil Harris, Alberto Bitonti, Craig S. Fleisher, and Anne Skorkjær Binderkrantz, 1–8. Cham: Springer International Publishing. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-13895-0_86-1.

Mach, André, Frédéric Varone, and Steven Eichenberger. 2020. 'Transformations of Swiss Neo-Corporatism: From Pre-Parliamentary Negotiations towards Privileged Pluralism in the Parliamentary Venue'. In *The European Social Model under Pressure: Liber Amicorum in Honour of Klaus Armingeon*, edited by Romana Careja, Patrick Emmenegger, and Nathalie Giger, 51–68. Wiesbaden: Springer Fachmedien. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-27043-8_4.

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Book review

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