

Nathalie Giger

Work Experience

- From Aug 2014 on **Assistant professor** at the Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Geneva.
- Sept 2013-July 2014 **Senior research associate** at the Department of Political Science, University of Zürich (SNF scholarship).
- Aug 2012-Aug 2013 **Lecturer** at the chair of Prof. Bräuninger (Political Economy), University of Mannheim and **Research Fellow** at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research.
- Dec 2008-Aug 2012 **Post-doc researcher** in an ESF-project “Representation in Europe: Policy Congruence between Citizens and Elites”, University of Konstanz (until July 2009) and University of Mannheim, Prof. Thomas Bräuninger.
- Sept 2005-Nov 2008 **Academic assistant, PhD researcher** in a SNF-project “Political Consequences of Attitudes towards the Welfare State” at the Institute of Political Science, University of Bern, Prof. Klaus Armingeon.
- June 2006- June 2008 **Project Leader of Mentoring Programme** at the Institute of Political Science, University of Bern.
- March – July 2005 **Student assistant** at the Institute of Political Science, University of Bern, Switzerland, Prof. Klaus Armingeon.
- Jan - Dec 2003 **Research assistant** in a policy evaluation project on “Lehrstellenbeschluss 2” at the Centre for Continuing Education, University of Bern.

Education

- Sep 2005 – Nov 2008 **University of Bern**, Switzerland, Ph.D. student in political science.
- Oct 2000 - May 2005 **University of Bern**, Switzerland, studies in political science (major), general ecology (minor), media science and economics.
- Jan 2004 – July 2004 **University of Maastricht**, Netherlands, studies at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration under the Socrates-Erasmus programme.

Additional Education

- June 2010 Summer School “Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM Europe)”, University of Mannheim (organized by Prof. Thomas König).
- April 2006 – April 2008 Doctoral Programme in Political Science organised by the Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO) (in French).
- September 2007 Summer Academy on Political Consulting and Strategic Campaign Communication, Bruchsal, Germany.
- August 2007 Swiss Summer School on Advanced Methods in the Social Sciences, Course “Structural Equation Modeling I” (Prof. Peter Schmitt/ Eldad Davidov).
- September 2006 Summer School on “Democracy in Europe: European Politics and Multi-level Governance”, organised by the ECPR standing group on political parties (directed by Prof. Hans Keman and Peter Mair).
- August 2006 Essex Summer School on Social Science Data Analysis, Course “Models for multilevel voting behaviour” (Dr. Sarah Binzer Hobolt).
- August 2006 Swiss Summer School on Advanced Methods in the Social Sciences, Course “Multilevel Analysis” (Prof. Kelvin Jones).

Qualifications

- April 2009 **Doctor rerum socialium**, University of Bern, Switzerland
Thesis: “Risky social policy? The electoral consequences of welfare state retrenchment and social policy performance in OECD countries” (supervised by Prof. Klaus Armingeon and Prof. Marco Steenbergen)
Result: summa cum laude
- May 2005 **Licentiata rerum socialium (equivalent to a Master Degree in Political Science)**, University of Bern, Switzerland.
Thesis: The Puzzle of the Gender Gap in Europe. A Comparative Analysis of Voting Behavior in 12 Countries.
Result: magna cum laude (5.32)
- Oct 2003 **Certificate in General Ecology (equivalent to a Minor)** at the Interdisciplinary Center for General Ecology, University of Bern, Switzerland
Result: excellent.

Service to the Profession

- Journal Referee *Acta Politica, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, European Journal of Political Research, Political Research Quarterly, Scandinavian Political Studies, Political Studies, West European Politics.*
- Workshop Organizer Conference “Voters, Parties and Public Policy in European Multi-level Systems”, 22.-23. March 2012, Mannheim (together with Marc Debus and Thorsten Faas).

Conference “Policy-Making in Hard Times. Explaining the Variation in Policy Reactions to the Global Economic and Financial Crisis in Industrialized Democracies”, 4.-6. November 2010, Mannheim (together with Jan Drahekoupil, Felix Hörisch and Timo Weishaupt).

Workshop “Policy Representation in Europe”, 28.-29. May 2010, Mannheim.
- Panel/Section Organizer Section „Repräsentation regionaler Interessen in Parteien, Parlamenten und Regierungen“ at the Dreiländertagung, Basel, Januar 2011 (together with Marc Debus and Jochen Müller).
- Discussant MPSA Annual Conferences, ECPR General Conference, SVPW Annual Conferences.

Convenor Co-convenor of the ECPR Standing Group on “The Politics of Welfare State Reform” with Alexandre Afonso, (MPIfG Köln), Johan Davidsson (Lund University), Moira Nelson (Lund University), and Bruno Palier (Sciences Po, Paris).

Grants and Awards

- 2014 Young researchers prize of the Swiss Academia of Humanities and Social Sciences for the article “More money, fewer problems?” (10'00 CHF) (together with Jan Rosset and Julian Bernauer).
- 2013 Ambizione Scholarship by the Swiss National Science Foundation for the project “The politics of family policy expansion. Electoral rewards, party politics and citizens' attitudes in comparative perspective” (458'703 CHF).
- 2012 Conference funding for the conference “Wähler, Parteien und Politikergebnisse in europäischen Mehrebenensystemen”, MZES Universität Mannheim (10'000 Euro) (together with Marc Debus and Thorsten Faas)
- 2010 Conference funding for the conference “Policy making in hard times”, MZES Universität Mannheim (10'000 Euro) (together with Jan Drahoukoupil, Felix Hörisch and Timo Weishaupt)
- 2008 Prize for the best article in *West European Politics* (together with Klaus Armingeon).
- 2007 Travel grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation, Summer School in Lugano.
- Party Politics Parties Summer School Studentship Award for the paper entitled “The Role of Parties: Still Relevant in the Era of Welfare State Retrenchment?” presented in the ECPR Party Summer School.
- 2006 Travel grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation, Essex Summer School.

Publications

Book

Giger, Nathalie (2011). "The Risk of Social Policy? The electoral consequences of welfare state retrenchment and social policy performance in OECD countries", *Routledge, London*.

Special Issue

Lefkofridi, Zoe, Giger, Nathalie and Kathrin Kissau (2012). "Inequality and Representation in Europe", *Journal of Representation*, 48:1.

Journal Articles

Giger, Nathalie, Holli, Anne Marie, Lefkofridi, Zoe and Hanna Wass (2014). „The gender gap in same-gender voting. The role of context”, *Electoral Studies*, *online first available*.

Bernauer, Julian, Nathalie Giger and Jan Rosset (2014). „Mind the Gap. Do Electoral Systems Foster a More Equal Representation of Women and Men, Poor and Rich?”, *International Political Science Review*, *online first available*.

Giger, Nathalie and Zoe Lefkofridi (2014). „The Role of Personal Issue Salience in Citizens' Representation via Parties: Evidence from Switzerland”, *Swiss Political Science Review*, 20:2, 287–304.

De Vries, Catherine and Nathalie Giger (2014). „Holding Governments Accountable: Individual Heterogeneity in Performance Voting”, *European Journal of Political Research*, 53: 2, 345–362.

Lefkofridi, Zoe, Giger, Nathalie and Aina Gallego (2013). „Electoral Participation in Pursuit of Policy Representation: Ideological Congruence and Voter Turnout”, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, 24:3, 291-311.

Giger, Nathalie and Moira Nelson (2013). "The Welfare State or the Economy? Preferences, Constituencies and Strategies for Retrenchment", *European Sociological Review*, 29:5, 1083-1094.

Rosset, Jan, Giger, Nathalie and Julian Bernauer (2013). „More Money, Fewer Problems? Cross-Level Effects of Economic Deprivation on Political Representation”, *West European Politics*, 36:4, 817-835.

Giger, Nathalie (2012). „Wie reagieren Wähler auf Sparpolitik? Eine theoretische und empirische Annäherung an die elektoralen Kosten von Sparpolitik”, *der moderne staat (dms)* 2, 291-312.

Giger, Nathalie (2012). "Is social policy retrenchment unpopular? How welfare reforms affect government popularity", *European Sociological Review*, 28:5, 691-700.

Giger, Nathalie, Rosset, Jan, and Julian Bernauer (2012). *The poor Representation of the Poor in Comparative Perspective*, *Journal of Representation*: 48:1, 47-61.

Giger, Nathalie, Müller, Jochen und Marc Debus (2011). "Die Bedeutung des regionalen Kontexts für die programmatische Positionierung von Schweizer Kantonalparteien", *Swiss Political Science Review*, 17:3, 259-285.

Giger, Nathalie and Moira Nelson (2011). "The Electoral Consequences of Welfare State Reform. Blame Avoidance or Credit Claiming in the Era of Permanent Austerity?", *European Journal of Political Research*, 50:1, 1-23.

Giger, Nathalie (2010). "Do voters punish the government for welfare state retrenchment? A comparative study of electoral costs associated with social policy", *Comparative European Politics* 8: 4, 415-443.

Giger, Nathalie (2009). "Towards a Modern Gender Gap in Europe? A Comparative Analysis of Voting Behavior in 12 Countries", *Social Science Journal*, 46, 474-492.

Armingeon, Klaus and Nathalie Giger (2008). "Conditional Punishment. A comparative analysis of the electoral consequences of welfare state retrenchment in OECD nations", 1980-2003, *West European Politics*, 31:3, 558 – 580.

Giger, Nathalie and Andrea Mosimann (2008). "Zwischen Parteipolitik und gesellschaftlicher Notwendigkeit. Familienergänzende Kinderbetreuung auf kommunaler Ebene", *Soziale Welt* 59: 3, 227-246.

Conference Papers (recent only)

Bräuninger, Thomas, Giger, Nathalie and Tilko Swalve (2014). "The individual perception of political scales. A new method of scaling", presented at the EPSA Annual Conference, Edinburgh, June 19-21.

Giger, Nathalie and Gijs Schumacher (2014). „Doomed to be dominated? Causes and Consequences of Party Organization Change”, presented at the EPSA Annual Conference, Edinburgh, June 19-21.

Klüver, Heike and Nathalie Giger (2013). „Voting Against Your Constituents: How Lobbying Biases Representation”, presented at the ECPR General Conference, Bordeaux, September 4.-7.

Giger, Nathalie and Catherine De Vries (2013). „Does Low Clarity of Responsibility Hamper The Political Conditioning of Economic Perceptions? Evidence from German Federal Elections, 2002-2009”, presented at the Conference of the European Political Science Association, Barcelona, June 20.-22.

Bernauer, Julian, Giger, Nathalie and Rosset, Jan (2013). "Arresting a vicious cycle? Turnout of the poor and responsiveness of left parties in Europe", presented at the Council of European Studies Conference, Amsterdam, June 25.-2.

Lefkofridi, Zoe, Nathalie Giger, and Anne Maria Holli (2013) „Stereotypes & Electoral Choice in Preferential Voting Systems: Evidence from Finland”, presented at the ECPR Joint Sessions, Mainz, March 12.-16.

Giger, Nathalie and Moira Nelson (2012). "Electoral Politics and New Social Risk Policies", paper presented at the workshop "The politics of social policy retrenchment and

its electoral consequences”, Lund, 16.-17. November.

Bräuninger, Thomas and Nathalie Giger (2012). “Intra-party effects of mean voter and party constituency representation”, paper presented at the MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, April.

Giger, Nathalie (2011). “Truly linked or totally apart? On the connection between perceived and actual representation”, paper presented at the 1st EPSA Annual Conference, Dublin.

Bräuninger, Thomas and Nathalie Giger (2011). “An Improved Method of Scaling: Taking Individual Heterogeneity into Account”, paper presented at the MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, April and the ECPR Joint Sessions, St. Gallen.

Giger, Nathalie (2010). “Do parties ensure equal representation? A longitudinal and crossnational analysis”, paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association, Geneva, January.

Giger, Nathalie (2010). “The electoral consequences of social policy. An empirical answer to the new politics literature”, paper presented at the ECPR Joint Sessions, Münster, March.

Teaching Experience

Spring Term 2013 BA Kolloquium in Comparative Politics, Universität Mannheim.

Fall Term 2012 Exercise “Methods of comparative government: Research designs and data analyses in comparative representation research“, Universität Mannheim.

Spring Term 2012 Lecture “Introduction to political science methods“, Universität Zürich.

Fall Term 2011 MA-Seminar „Political Behavior“, Universität Zürich and ETH Zürich (in English).

Fall Term 2011 Proseminar “Der Sozialstaat im Umbruch – Theorie und Praxis im internationalen Vergleich“, Universität Bern.

Spring Term 2011 Lecture and exercise: Empirisches Forschungspraktikum, Universität Bern.

Spring Term 2011 Lecture “Introduction to political science methods“, Universität Zürich.

Spring Term 2010 Lecture and exercise: Empirisches Forschungspraktikum, Universität Bern.

- Fall Term 2009 MA-Seminar “Political representation – the interplay between political elites, parties and citizens in comparative perspective”, University of Zürich and ETH Zürich (in English).
- Fall Term 2009 Proseminar “Der Sozialstaat im Umbruch – Theorie und Praxis im internationalen Vergleich”, Universität Bern.
- September 2009 Advanced multilevel modeling course, teaching assistance, Prof. M. Steenbergen, Vienna
- Spring Term 2008 Lecture and exercise: Empirisches Forschungspraktikum
Supervision of working groups and introduction to statistics (with Prof. Klaus Armingeon and Dr. Lionel Marquis), Universität Bern.
- Spring Term 2007 Lecture and exercise: Empirisches Forschungspraktikum
Supervision of working groups and introduction to statistics (with Prof. Klaus Armingeon and Dr. Lionel Marquis), Universität Bern.
- Spring Term 2006 Lecture and exercise: Empirisches Forschungspraktikum
Supervision of working groups and introduction to statistics (with Prof. Klaus Armingeon and Dr. Lionel Marquis), Universität Bern.
- Spring Term 2006 Lecture and exercise: Einführung in die Politikwissenschaft II
2006 Lecture and exercise on welfare states (with Prof. Klaus Armingeon), Universität Bern.
- Spring Term 2005 Lecture and exercise: Empirisches Forschungspraktikum
Supervision of working groups and introduction to statistics (with Prof. Klaus Armingeon and Dr. Lionel Marquis), Universität Bern.

Language Skills

German	Mother tongue
English	excellent
French	advanced
Italian	Basics
Dutch	Intermediate/advanced

Computer Programs

Statistics	Stata, R, BUGS, MLwiN, SPSS
Office	Ms Office, Latex