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Dr. Sc. ETH Zürich
M.Sc./MPP Hertie School of Governance
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German (Native); English (C2); Spanish (B2),
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Education

05/2016-05/2020
(04.05.2020 defense) ETH Zurich/University of Zurich, Center for Comparative and International Studies and International Political Economy and Environmental Politics group, Prof. Dr. Thomas Bernauer, **ETH Doctor of Sciences** in International Environmental Politics (**summa cum laude**)
Supervisor: Prof. Thomas Bernauer; Co-Referees: Prof. Linda Steg, Prof. Tobias Schmidt
PhD thesis title: "The Political Feasibility of Transformative Climate Policy – Public Opinion about Transforming Food and Transport Systems"; Courses in computational social science, survey and experimental research design, political psychology, and gamification for innovative teaching

09/2012-06/2015
09/2013-08/2014 Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, **Master of Public Policy**, focus on Policy Analysis (Top 10%)
Humboldt-Viadrina School of Governance, Berlin, certified advanced training in **Political and Social Entrepreneurship** during Professional Year at Hertie School of Governance

09/2012-08/2013 **Studienkolleg zu Berlin**, research program by German National Academic Foundation

01/2011-07/2011 Universidad de Sevilla, Spain, Law & Geography department (Top 1%)

09/2009-08/2012 University College of Maastricht (Honours Programme), **Bachelor in Liberal Arts and Sciences** with focus on Law, International Relations and Political Economy (Top 5%)

Professional Experience

10/2020 - **University of Bern/Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research/EAWAG**, Senior researcher at Policy Analysis and Environmental Governance group, Prof. Dr. Karin Ingold

10/2020 - **ETH Zurich**, Lecturer at D-GESS (course on survey experiments)

06/2020-08/2020 **ETH Zurich**, Postdoc Energy Politics group, Prof. Dr. Tobias Schmidt

05/2016-05/2020 **ETH Zurich**, PhD researcher at Center for Comparative and International Studies and International Political Economy and Environmental Politics group, Prof. Dr. Thomas Bernauer

07/2015-04/2016 **Hertie School of Governance & Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change**, Research associate at Climate Governance group, Prof. Dr. Flachsland, at Applied Sustainability Science group, Prof. Dr. Minx

06/2013-09/2013 **Hertie School of Governance**, Research assistant to Prof. Dr. Krisch, International Law

07/2013-06/2016 **NAHhaft Institute for Sustainable Food Strategies**, Founder and managing director

09/2012-04/2016 **Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy**, Research associate at Sustainable Production and Consumption group

09/2013-12/2013 **GLS Social and Ecological Bank**, Research associate, Bochum and Berlin, Germany

01/2011-02/2011 **United Nations**, Research assistant to Prof. Dr. Krappmann, Committee on the Rights of the Child

08/2008-08/2009 **Terre des Homes, ARSP and IRTF on Central America**, Cleveland, US, Civil Service

Institutional Responsibilities

2021- Chair **SDSN Expert Panel Swiss Food System Transformation**

2021- Co-founder and chair **Expert Panel 1Punkt5 Climate Communication**

2018- Advisory Board **Urban Food Policy Council Zurich**

2017-2020 Responsible **UN climate conference focal point** at ETH

2016- Advisory Board **NAHhaft Institute**

2013-2018 Advisory Board **Jörg Weise Association** (scholarship program for disadvantaged children)

Obtained Research and Project Grants (overall 1'304'286)

SNIS, The Political Economy of Meat System Transformation (2021-2023, PI, CHF 252'000 + CHF 526'825.97 in-kind)

SDSN, Swiss Food System Transformation Expert Panel (2021-2022, PI, CHF 20'000)

SNF, Flexibility Grant (2020-2022, Main applicant, CHF 57'274)

Harvard University, Closing the Gap Between Public Concern and Climate Action (2020, Co-PI, CHF 6'500)

German Environmental Agency, TransfErn: Transformation of Food Systems (2017-2020, Co-PI, CHF 242'000)

German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, KERNIG: Urban Food Systems Governance (2016-2019, Proposal co-coordinator for NAHhaft Institute, CHF 93'240 for relevant work-package, total funding CHF 1'290'000)

Heinrich Böll Foundation, The Political Feasibility of Transformative Climate Policy (2016-2020, PI, CHF 82'000)

Mercator Foundation, Scientific Expertise for Zurich Urban Food Policy Council (2018-2019, PI, CHF 7'000)

German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Nearby/Direkt Leben – A Digital Platform for Regional Food Supply (2016-2020, Proposal co-coordinator for NAHhaft Institute, CHF 211'331)

German Federal Environmental Foundation, Food System Change Network and Research Online Platform (2017-2018, Proposal co-coordinator for NAHhaft Institute, CHF 189'988)

Berlin Senate, Scientific Expertise for Berlin Urban Food Policy Council & Urban Food Policy Strategy (2016-2018, Co-PI and proposal coordinator for NAHhaft Institute, CHF 149'453)

Selected supervision of junior researchers

2021-2025	Maiken Maier, PhD thesis co-supervision at University of Bern (together with Prof. Ingold), Proposed title “The political economy of meat system transformation”
2020-2024	Simon Montfort, PhD thesis co-supervision at University of Bern (together with Prof. Ingold), Proposed title “Pathways to Intensive Cross-Sectoral Climate Policy”
2021	Aldo Hall, Master thesis co-supervision at ETH (together with Prof. Schmidt), Thesis title “What are the effects of disincentivizing meat versus incentivizing meat alternatives?”
2020/2021	Maiken Maier, Master thesis co-supervision at University of Basel (together with Prof. Kachi), Thesis title: “Promoting the transition towards more plant-based diets by replacing meat with plant-based meat substitutes”, summa cum laude
2020	Lennart Kuntze, Master research project supervision at Harvard University, Title “Climate Politics”
2016-2020	Several bachelor theses co-supervisions and second-readerships for master theses at ETH Zurich

Teaching Activities

Food Policy, Hertie School of Governance

- 2021: Guest-Lecturer (Master-level course)

Politics of Food System Transformation and Introduction to Survey Research, University of Bern

- 2021: Lecturer (Master-level course; new course development)

Designing Public Opinion Surveys and Experiments, ETH Zurich

- 2020, 2021: Lecturer (Master- and PhD-level course; new course development)

Methods for Empirical Social Sciences

- 2018, 2019: Lecturer and Tutor (Bachelor-level course)

Introduction to Political Science, ETH Zurich

- 2016, 2017, 2018: Lecturer and Tutor (Bachelor-level course)

International Environmental Politics, ETH Zurich

- 2016: Guest lecturer (Master-level course)

Advanced Econometrics (Statistics II), Hertie School of Governance

- 2015: Teaching assistant (Master-level course)

Memberships and review activities

- Member of Swiss Political Science Association, European Political Science Association, Network for Interdisciplinary Climate Research (ETH Zurich/University of Zurich), Expert Panel “Together for Carbon Labeling”, Expert Panel 1Punkt5
- Referee for UNEP Emissions Gap Report
- Referee for peer-reviewed journals (e.g., Nature Climate Change, Climatic Change, British Journal of Political Science, Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability)

Awards and Scholarships (Total Amount: EUR 48,507)

2021	SNIS Award for International Studies for the best PhD thesis received with summa cum laude at a Swiss University on a subject related to International Studies (CHF 5000)
2016	GAIA Master thesis award
2013-2014	Scholarship award Humboldt-Viadrina School of Governance (EUR 7'471)
2012-2015	Scholarship award Hertie School of Governance (EUR 14'407)
2012	Best paper award for Bachelor thesis at World Youth Leader Forum, Hong Kong
2011-2016	Scholarship award German Academic Foundation (EUR 32'000)

Career Breaks: Parental Leave and Part-time Work

05/2018-present	Part-time work (80%, 05/2018-05/2021; 90%; 06/2021-present) to fulfill parental responsibilities
09/2020	Parental leave (third part, 2 nd baby was born 03/2020)
03/2020-05/2020	Parental leave (second part, 2 nd baby was born 03/2020)
09/2018-12/2018	Parental leave (first part, 1 st baby was born 05/2018)