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## Education

### **PhD in Political Science**, University of Zurich (Switzerland)

- 03/2014 – 01/2018 (expected)
- Dissertation: Foreign Direct Investment and the Politics of Autocratic Survival
- Supervisor: Stefanie Walter
- Enrollment in the PhD program 'Political Science'

### **Master of Arts**, University of Heidelberg (Germany)

- 09/2011 – 02/2014
- Political Science (major) and Economics (minor)
- Supervisors: Stefanie Walter, Reimut Zohlnhöfer

### **Bachelor of Arts**, University of Heidelberg (Germany)

- 09/2008 – 08/2011
- Political Science (major) and Economics (minor)
- Supervisor: Manfred G. Schmidt

## Academic Positions

### **Research and Teaching Associate**, University of Zurich (Switzerland)

Since 11/2013, Chair of International Relations and Political Economy (Stefanie Walter)

### **Visiting Scholar**, University of Aarhus (Denmark)

10/2016 – 12/2016, Sponsor: Svend-Erik Skaaning

### **Student Assistant to the Department Head**, University of Heidelberg (Germany)

02/2012 – 10/2013, Department of Political Science

### **Research and Teaching Assistant**, University of Heidelberg (Germany)

09/2011 – 03/2012, Chair of Comparative Politics (Reimut Zohlnhöfer)

### **Teaching Assistant**, University of Heidelberg (Germany)

04/2010 – 08/2011, Chair of International Political Economy (Stefanie Walter)

### **Research Assistant**, University of Heidelberg (Germany)

09/2009 to 03/2010, Chair of Analytical Political Economy (Daniel Finke)

## Publications and Work in Progress

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

- Rommel, Tobias and Stefanie Walter. 2017. The Electoral Consequences of Offshoring. How the Globalization of Production Shapes Party Preferences. *Comparative Political Studies* FirstView.

## Journal Articles under Review

- Palmtag, Tabea, Tobias Rommel, and Stefanie Walter. 2017. Globalization and Protest. How Trade and Foreign Direct Investment Affect Public Protest in Russia. Under review. [dissertation chapter]
- Rommel, Tobias and Paul Schaudt. 2017. First Impressions: How Leader Changes Affect Bilateral Aid. Under review and published as *CESifo Working Paper* No. 6047.

## Book Chapters

- Rommel, Tobias. 2015. Erfahrungsbericht: Politische Regime und ausländische Direktinvestitionen. In: Hildebrandt, Achim, Sebastian Jäckle, Frieder Wolf, and Andreas Heindl (eds.). *Methodologie, Methoden, Forschungsdesign. Ein Lehrbuch für fortgeschrittene Studierende der Politikwissenschaft*. Wiesbaden. Springer: 133–137.

## Conference Papers

- Rommel, Tobias. *Societal Group Strength and Foreign Direct Investment Liberalization in Autocratic Regimes*. Presented at the Meeting of the Section ‘Comparative Politics’ of the German Political Science Association, 2017. [dissertation chapter]
- Rommel, Tobias. *Foreign Direct Investment and Citizen Support for Autocratic Rule*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2017. [dissertation chapter]
- Rommel, Tobias. *Investing in the Future. How Foreign Direct Investment Affects Autocratic Regime Survival*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2016. [dissertation chapter]
- Haffert, Lukas, Raphael Reinke, and Tobias Rommel. *‘Nothing’ is not a Control Group. On the Need for Placebo Comparisons in Survey Experiments*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association, 2017.

## Work in Progress

- Bischof, Daniel and Tobias Rommel. *The Economic Costs of Revolution*. Presented at the Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich, 2016.

## Academic and Methods Training

**Multi-Method Social Science**, taught by Jason Seawright  
Spring 2014, Doctoral Program in Political Science, University of Zurich

**Causal Inference in the Social Sciences**, taught by Dominik Hangartner  
Fall 2014, Doctoral Program in Political Science, University of Zurich

**Modern Statistical Inference**, taught by Marco Steenbergen  
Fall 2014, Doctoral Program in Political Science, University of Zurich

**Respondent-Driven Sampling**, taught by Lisa Johnston  
02/2015, ECPR Winter School, University of Bamberg

**Introduction to Programming with R**, taught by Thorsten Schnapp  
02/2015, ECPR Winter School, University of Bamberg

**Event History and Survival Analysis**, taught by Janez Stare  
08/2015, ECPR Summer School, University of Ljubljana

**Democracy – Concepts and Measurement**, Gerardo Munck and Svend-Erik Skaaning  
11/2015, NCCR Democracy, University of Zurich

**Essentials of Interview-Based Qualitative Research**, taught by Liz Spencer  
Fall 2015, Doctoral Program in Political Science, University of Zurich

**Field Experiments**, taught by Donald Green  
Spring 2016, Doctoral Program in Political Science, University of Zurich

## Research Grants and Scholarships

**Research Grant** for survey project, 10,000 CHF (with Lukas Haffert and Raphael Reinke)  
Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, 2017

**Conference Travel Grant** for MPSA, 1,000 CHF  
Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2017

**Peer Mentoring Grant**, 6,150 CHF (with Nathalie Faoro and Bernhard Reinsberg)  
Graduate Campus, University of Zurich, 2016

**Research Stay Abroad Grant** for visiting scholarship in Aarhus, 2,000 CHF  
Faculty of Philosophy and Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, 2016

**Grant for Participation** in ECPR Summer School, 1,500 CHF  
Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, 2015

**Grant for Participation** in ECPR Winter School, 1,000 CHF  
Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zurich, 2015

## Conference Presentations

**General Conferences** (P = paper presentation; Co = paper presentation by co-author)

- American Political Science Association – 2014 (Co)
- European Consortium for Political Research – 2014 (P)
- European Political Science Association – 2015 (Co), 2016 (P), 2017 (P,Co)
- Midwest Political Science Association – 2016 (P,P), 2017 (P,Co)
- Political Economy of International Organizations – 2016 (Co)
- Section Comparative Politics, German Political Science Association – 2017 (P)
- Section Development Economics, German Economic Association – 2016 (Co)
- Section Political Economy, German Political Science Association – 2013 (P)
- Swiss Political Science Association – 2013 (P), 2016 (P,P), 2017 (P,Co,Co)

## Invited Workshops

- DEDERE workshop ‘Correlates of Regime Change’, University of Aarhus, 2016.
- NCCR Democracy workshop ‘Democracy – Concepts and Measurement’, University of Zurich, 2015.
- Workshop ‘Authoritarian Stability and Breakdown in Russia and its Neighbor Countries’, University of Aarhus, 2016.

## Teaching

### University of Zurich

- Supervision: 3 MA theses, 41 BA theses
- Advanced International Relations, BA lecture
  - Fall 2017, with Stefanie Walter
  - Fall 2016/spring 2017, with Thomas Malang and Stefanie Walter
  - Fall 2014/spring 2015, with Stefanie Walter
- Autocracies in International Relations, BA seminar
  - Spring 2018 (planned)
  - Fall 2015
- Bilateral Relations between Switzerland and the EU, BA thesis seminar
  - Fall 2015/spring 2016, with Ruth Beckmann, Nils Redeker, and Stefanie Walter
- Globalization, BA thesis seminar
  - Fall 2013/spring 2014, with Ruth Beckmann and Stefanie Walter
- Regionalism and Global Politics, BA thesis seminar
  - Spring 2017, with Manuela Spindler

### University of Heidelberg

- Introduction to Programming with Stata
  - Summer 2013, 1 BA tutorial
  - Summer 2011, 2 BA tutorials
  - Summer 2010, 2 BA tutorials
- Introduction to Political Science
  - Winter 2010/2011, 1 BA tutorial

## Service to the Profession

### Academic Service

- Referee: Review of International Organizations.
- Organizer of the pre-Phd colloquium, Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, fall 2015 and fall 2017.
- Head of the peer mentoring group 'poliTics' of ETH and University of Zurich, 2016.
- Roundtable organizer 'Swiss academia after the mass immigration initiative', 2015.
- Elected member of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Heidelberg, 2009-2011.
- Co-president of the Student Council and representative in the MA commission, Department of Political Science, University of Heidelberg, 2009-2012.

### Memberships

- European Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Swiss Political Science Association

## Additional Skills and Working Experience

### **Didactics Training**

- Participation in Teaching Skills Program, University of Zurich
- Coursework:
  - Introduction to university teaching.
  - Advising students writing BA and MA theses.
  - Improving exams – from theory to practice.
  - Designing multiple choice exams.
  - Motivating and activating students in lectures.

### **Computer Skills**

- Statistical programming: Stata, R
- Text processing: Latex, Microsoft Office

### **Language Skills**

- German (mother tongue)
- English (fluent)
- Swedish (beginner)

### **Internships**

- Statistical Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, Wiesbaden, 08/2010–09/2010.
- German Bundestag, Berlin, 02/2011–03/2011.

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