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Current Position

09/2015 - Swiss National Science Foundation Professor
Department of Geography and Environment
Institute of Environmental Governance and Territorial Development
University of Geneva

Education

PhD University of California, Berkeley – 12/2007
Environmental Science, Policy & Management
Dissertation: “Uphill Struggle: The Politics of Sustainable Mountain
Development in the Swiss Alps and California’s Sierra Nevada”
Main advisor: Prof. Kate O’Neill

MSFS Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service – 05/1996
International Relations (*academic excellence*)
Specialization: International development, international environmental politics
Main advisor: Prof. Richard Matthew

BA Holy Names University – 12/1993
International Affairs (*summa cum laude*) & History (*summa cum laude*)

Matura C Realgymnasium Bern-Neufeld, Switzerland – 09/1989

Research Experience

01/2010 - Senior Research Associate and Lecturer
08-2015 University of Geneva

01/2013 - GEC-Asia Platform Special Research Fellow
02/2013 Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Kyoto, Japan

05/2008 - Senior Researcher and Lecturer
12/2012 Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zürich

09/2010 - Lead author (governance chapter in 2010 UNEP Yearbook)
01/2011 United Nations Environment Programme

09/2007 - Max Weber Fellow
08/2008 European University Institute

08/2001 - Graduate Student Researcher
05/2006 University of California, Berkeley

02/1999 - Forest Policy and Institutions Specialist
05/1999 Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Bangkok

11/1998 - Research Editor and Capacity Building Advisor
01/1999 Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Beijing

04/1997 - Forest Policy and Institutions Specialist
08/1998 Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome

01/1993 - Intern and Consultant
11/1997 National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, World Wildlife Fund,
Private Agencies Collaborating Together, World Resources Institute,
Oakland, California, and Washington, D.C.
Assistant Editor
Development Connections, Newsletter of the Washington D.C. Chapter of
the Society for International Development

Teaching & Supervising Experience / Professional Development
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Teaching

02/2016 Main instructor
University of Geneva, Institute for Environmental Sciences
Course: Sustainable Development (graduate, taught in French)

09/2015 - Main instructor
University of Geneva, Institute for Environmental Sciences
Course: Interdisciplinarity (graduate, taught in French)

09/2014 - Co-instructor
University of Geneva, Department of Geography and Environment
Course: Sustainability – Transdisciplinarity (graduate, taught in French)

08/2013 - Main Instructor
University of Geneva, Department of Geography and Environment
Course: Political Geography (undergraduate, taught in French)

02/2011 - Course Co-Supervisor
06/2011 ETH Zurich, Institute for Environmental Decisions
Course: Transdisciplinary Case Study (tdCS) “Sustainable Water
Management” (graduate, taught in English)

09/2008 - Co-instructor
12/2012 ETH Zurich, Institute for Environmental Decisions
Course: Concepts and Assessments of Sustainable Development (graduate,
taught in English)

01/2008 - Co-instructor
05/2008 European University Institute
Course: Federalism and Democracy (PhD, taught in English)

08/2002 - Co-instructor
12/2002 University of California, Berkeley
Course: International Environmental Politics (undergraduate, taught in English)

03/2009 - Various guest lectures in English, German, and French
University of California, Berkeley, European University Institute Florence, ETH
Zurich, University of Geneva, Institut Universitaire Kurt Boesch

Supervising

2008 - Thesis (Co-)Supervisor
Bachelor, Master and Doctoral theses at ETH Zurich, Oxford University,
University Bayreuth, University of Geneva, University of Ferrara, Graduate
Institute for International and Development Studies Geneva, and Central
European University

Professional development

- 08/2003 - Professional Development: "Orientation for Graduate Student Instructors,"
05/2005 "Using Group Work and Other Active Learning," and "Creating Ground Rules
for Discussion Sections," Teaching and Resource Center, UC Berkeley

Other Professional Experience

- 09/2000 - Team Leader and Special Adviser, Hanoi, Vietnam
05/2001 Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
- 09/2000 - Policy and Institutions Specialist, Hanoi, Vietnam
10/2000 World Bank, Rural Development Section
- 06/1999 - Forest Policy, Planning and Institutions Specialist, Hanoi and four rural
08/2000 provinces, Vietnam
German Technical Cooperation Agency
- 04/1999 - Forest Policy and Institutions Specialist, Hanoi
05/1999 Chemonics International
- 06/1998 Forest Policy and Institutions Specialist, Zambia
International Fund for Agricultural Development
- 07/1996 - Forest Policy and Institutions Specialist, Congo and Gabon
08/1996 World Resources Institute

Awards

Project grants

- 03/2015 Swiss National Science Foundation / Swiss Agency for Development and
Cooperation (SDC) funded project "Supporting Sustainable Mountain
Development in the Caucasus" (Main applicant); additional funding mobilized
from Academic Swisws Caucasus Net and SDC
- 02/2015 Swiss National Science Foundation Professorship, Department of Geography
and Environment, and Institute for Environmental Sciences, University of
Geneva, Project "Regional orders in international environmental politics
(REORIENT)" (Main applicant)
- 05/2014 Swiss University Conference project "Swiss Platform for Sustainable
Development Research (Swiss SDR)" (Co-applicant)
- 10/2013 Swiss Academies Award for Transdisciplinary Research (Project "Mountland")
- 09/2013 Swiss National Science Foundation funding for project "Environmental
Governance and European Macro-regions" (Team Member)
- 05/2013 Swiss University Conference funding for project "Creating Spaces for
Transdisciplinary Learning (CreST)" to create a new Master's course (Co-
applicant)
- 08/2012 Swiss National Science Foundation funding for the international exploratory
workshop "Comparing Regional Environmental Governance in East Asia and
Europe (EE-REG)" (Main applicant)
- 09/2011 Swiss National Science Foundation funding for interdisciplinary project
"European Regional Mountain Initiatives: From Pyrenees to Caucasus" (Team
Member)

- 07/2011 Swiss Network for International Studies funding for project “Mountlennium: Reaching Millennium Development Goals through Regional Mountain Governance” (Principal Member)
- 09/2009 European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) funding for project “Ecoregional Territoriality: Rescaling Environmental Governance (Eco-TREG)” (Co-applicant)
- 07/2009 Swiss Network for International Studies funding for an international workshop “Regional Environmental Governance: Interdisciplinary Approaches, Theoretical Perspectives, Comparative Designs (REGov)” (Co-applicant); additional funding granted from Swiss National Science Foundation, University of Geneva, Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Sciences and Technology, and Mountain Research Initiative
- 11/2009 Swiss National Science Foundation NFP 61 funding for project “Integrated Water Governance with Adaptive Capacity (IWAGO)” (Team member)

Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowships

- 01/2013 - 02/2013 GEC-Asia Platform Special Research Fellow, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature
- 09/2007 - 08/2008 Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship, European University Institute
- 08/2004 - 05/2005 W.S. Rosecrans Fellowship; Division Conference Travel Award
- 08/2003 - 05/2004 John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies; Hannah M. & Frank Schwabacher Memorial Scholarship; Frank Myers Scholarship in Forestry
- 08/2002 - 05/2003 Edward A. Coleman Fellowship in Watershed Management; Graduate Assembly Conference Travel Award
- 08/2001 - 05/2002 U.C. Berkeley ESPM Departmental Fellowship

Professional Affiliations & Academic Service

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| Affiliations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Studies Association (ISA), Environmental Studies Section (ESS) • Swiss Academic Society for Environmental Research and Ecology • Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society of the Social Sciences |
| Service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the Editorial Board of <i>Global Environmental Politics</i> • Member of the Editorial Board of <i>Journal of Alpine Research</i> • Member of the Editorial Board of <i>Asian Social Science</i> • Director of the Certificate of Advanced Studies in Sustainable Development, University of Geneva • Member of the Management Committee of the Certificate of Advanced Studies in Energy Management • Member of the Scientific Steering Committee of the Continued Education Programme “Développement Durable et Grand Genève” |

- Member of the Interacademic Commission for Alpine Studies (ICAS)
- Member of the Science Leadership Council, Mountain Research Initiative
- Member of the Scientific Committee, University of Reims Summer School of Sustainability
- Member of the International Advisory Board, Zentrum für Europawissenschaften und Internationale Beziehungen
- Member of the Working Group “Education for Sustainable Development” of the Swiss Academic Society for Environmental Research and Ecology
- Member of the Board of Contributors, International Environmental Agreements Database
- Chair of the ISA Margaret & Harold Sprout Award Committee, 2010-2012
- Member of the ISA ESS Nominations Committee, 2013-2015
- Reviewer for 19 scientific journals: *Global Environmental Politics*; *International Environmental Agreements*; *Global Environmental Change*; *Environmental Politics*; *Environment and Planning C*; *Journal of Environmental Planning & Policy*; *Environmental Science & Policy*; *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*; *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*; *Mountain Research and Development*; *Journal of Alpine Research/Revue de géographie alpine*; *Climate Policy*; *Land Use Policy*; *Futures*; *Science, Technology, and Human Values*; *European Journal of Forest Research*; *Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Forstwesen*; *Brazilian Journal of Urban Management (urbe)*; *Géo-Regards*
- Book proposal reviewer for Springer
- Research grant proposal reviewer for the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft DFG), French National Research Agency (Agence Nationale de la Recherche), and Swiss National Science Foundation

Languages

German/Swiss German	Mother tongue
English	Near-Native speaking, reading and writing
French	Fluent speaking, reading and writing
Italian	Fluent reading, fair speaking
Spanish	Fluent reading, fair speaking