

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

SEP 2018 – NOV 2022	Ph.D. in political science, Doctoral Program Democracy Studies (DPDS), University of Zurich (UZH)
MAY 2016 – DEC 2016	Capstone course, UZH & Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
AUG 2015 – JUL 2018	Master of arts in social sciences, Political Economy and Philosophy (PPE), UZH
AUG 2011 – JUL 2014	Bachelor of arts in social sciences, UZH

EMPLOYMENT

JUL 2025 – JUN 2027	Postdoctoral researcher (100%, SNF Project “Open Constitutional Democracy”), University of Lausanne (UNIL), Center for Public Law
FALL 2025, FALL 2024	External lecturer (service contract), University of Lucerne (UNILU), Department of Political Science
JUL 2023 – JUN 2025	Postdoctoral researcher (100%, third-party funding) UCD, School of Politics and International Relations (SPIRe)
JAN 2023 – JUN 2023	Postdoctoral researcher (100%, third-party funding) UZH, Institute of Political Science (IPZ)
MAR 2020 – AUG 2022	Ph.D. candidate (100%, third-party funding) UZH, IPZ, Chair of political philosophy
DEC 2019 – FEB 2020	Project assistant (60%) Library for the Research Institutes (Lib4RI) within ETH Domain: Eawag, Empa, PSI & WSL
MAR – AUG 2019	Research assistant (20%) UZH, IPZ, Chair of political philosophy
SEP 2018– FEB 2019	Research assistant (10%) UZH, IPZ, Chair of comparative politics and empirical democracy research
SEP – DEC 2018	Tutor (service contract) UZH, IPZ, Chair of political philosophy
JAN – JUL 2018	Research assistant (50-80%) UZH, IPZ, Chair of comparative politics
FEB – AUG 2017	Research assistant (80%) UZH, IPZ, Chair of policy analysis
JAN – FEB 2017	Research assistant (hourly wage, ca. 20%) UZH, IPZ, Chair of policy analysis
JAN – JUL 2015	Marketing trainee (100%) Bank Julius Baer , Zurich
JUL – AUG 2013	Office assistant (100%) Colombo Wealth SA , Lugano
JAN – FEB 2013	Translation assistant (service contract) Bank Aquila , Zurich
JUL – AUG 2012	Journalism intern (100%) Corriere del Ticino , Chiasso
2011 – 2015	Various part time jobs

VISITING POSITIONS

APR – JUL 2024	Visiting postdoctoral researcher, University of Konstanz (Uni-Konstanz), Department of Politics and Public Administration
SEP 2021 – FEB 2022	Visiting doctoral student, University College Dublin (UCD), School of Politics and International Relations

PUBLICATIONS

JUL 2026	Chiara Valsangiacomo-Balmelli, and Christina Isabel Zuber (2026): Liquid Assemblies: An Institutional Design for Liquid Democracy. <i>Constellations</i> . DOI: 10.1111/1467-8675.70061
MAR 2025	Valsangiacomo, Chiara (2025): Six Democratic Arguments in Favor of Liquid Assemblies. <i>Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy</i> . DOI: 10.1080/13698230.2025.2478729
NOV 2024	Valsangiacomo, Chiara and Christina Isabel Zuber (2024). Why a European Citizens' Assembly Should Replace Sortition with Liquid Democracy. EUI Global Citizenship Observatory
JAN 2024	Valsangiacomo, Chiara (2024): Fighting Political Corruption with the Citizens. <i>Res Publica</i> . DOI: 10.1007/s11158-024-09659-x
FEB 2023	Valsangiacomo, Chiara (2023): Liquid Assemblies: A Theoretical Inquiry into the Use of Liquid-Democratic Principles for Legislative Decision-Making. Doctoral dissertation. University of Zurich. DOI: 10.5167/uzh-231727
MAR 2022	Valsangiacomo, Chiara (2022): Clarifying and Defining the Concept of Liquid Democracy. <i>Swiss Political Science Review</i> . 28(1), 61-80. DOI: 10.1111/spsr.12486
25 MAR 2021	Valsangiacomo, Chiara (2021): Political Representation in Liquid Democracy. <i>Frontiers in Political Science</i> 3, 591853. DOI: 10.3389/fpos.2021.591853

MANUSCRIPTS IN PEER REVIEW AND WORKING PAPERS

2026	Liquid Democracy. <i>Book manuscript in progress</i>
2026	Valsangiacomo-Balmelli, Chiara and Sara Amighetti (2026): <i>Innovative legislatures and the saliency bias</i> . Working paper.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

JUN 29 – JUL 1 2026	Panel organizer and speaker, International Society of Public Law (ICON•S) Annual Congress, UCD
15-16 JAN 2026	Speaker, Swiss Political Science Association's (SVPW) Annual Conference, University of Zürich, Switzerland
5-8 SEPT 2024	Speaker, Annual Conference American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, United States
12-15 AUG 2024	Speaker, Annual Conference European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), UCD
19 JUL 2024	Organizer and speaker, Democratic Theory Day Workshop, Uni-

	Konstanz
3 JUN 2024	Speaker Comparative Politics & Political Economy (CPPE) Colloquium, Uni-Konstanz
7 FEB 2024, 29 SEP 2021	Speaker SPIRe Seminar Series, UCD
29 MAR 2023	Paper discussant, Geneva Colloquium in Political Theory (GECOPOL), University of Geneva (UNIGE), Switzerland
16 MAR 2023	Invited panel discussant, DSI conference 'Digital Democracy: Still Loading,' UZH
2-3 FEB 2023	Speaker, Swiss Political Science Association's (SVPW) Annual Conference, University of Basel, Switzerland
5-7 JAN 2023	Speaker, Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought's Annual Conference, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, United Kingdom
20-22 JUN 2022	Speaker, Summer school 'Deliberative Democracy & Public Opinion,' University of Turku, Finland
7-8 JUN 2022	Invited speaker, conference 'Ideals and institutions,' University of Lausanne, Switzerland
27 APR 2022	Speaker, IPZ pre-publication seminar, UZH
6 APR 2022, 21 APR 2021, 19 SEP 2020	Speaker, Kolloquium Politische Philosophie, UZH
17-18 MAR 2022	Invited speaker, GECOPOL Workshop 'Institutional Trustworthiness,' UNIGE
17 DEC 2021	Speaker, QUB Political Theory Seminar, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland
24 SEP 2021	Speaker, PSAI Political Theory Seminar Series (online)
07-10 SEP 2021	Speaker, MANCEPT Workshops 'Inclusive Democracies,' University of Manchester, United Kingdom
04-05 FEB 2021	Speaker, SVPW Annual Conference 'Climate Change Politics in Times of Crisis,' University of Berne, Switzerland
13-14 FEB 2020	Panel chair, GECOPOL Graduate Conference 'Innovations in Political Theory,' UNIGE
30 JUN – 5 JUL 2019	Speaker, Summer School 'Political Authority,' UZH
24-28 JUN 2019	Speaker, DPDS Summer School 'Politics and Democracy in the Digital Age,' UNILU
17-18 MAY 2019	Poster presentation, GECOPOL Conference 'Democratie directe vs populisme,' UNIGE
21-23 MAR 2019	Speaker, German Political Science Association's Annual Conference 'Governance of Big Transformations,' Technical University of Munich, Germany

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

FALL 2025, FALL 2024	Main lecturer 'Democratic theory: essential contemporary readings,' MA-level, UNILU, Department of Political Science
FALL 2025	Supervision of 1 MA-level term paper and 1 BA-level term paper
FALL 2024	Supervision of 9 MA-level term papers and 1 BA-level term paper

24 APR 2020	Guest lecturer 'New democracy: Principles and Institutions,' BA-level, online, UCD, lecture by Dr. Joseph Lacey
30 OCT 2019	Certificate Start! Teaching assistant qualification program, UZH, Center for University Teaching and Learning
FALL 2018	Tutor 'Kernkompetenzen politische Philosophie,' BA-level, UZH, lecture by Prof. Dr. Francis Cheneval

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

01 JUL 2023 – 30 JUN 2025	Postdoc.Mobility by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF). Value: 106'700 CHF. Project # 210889
01 JAN 2023 – 30 JUN 2023	FAN-Fellowship by the Fonds zur Förderung des akademischen Nachwuchses. Value: 50'000 CHF. Project # na
01 SEP 2021 – 28 FEB 2022	Doc.CH (HSS), Additional Mobility Grant by SNF. Value: 16'000 CHF. Project # 191719
01 MAR 2020 – 31 AUG 2022	Doc.CH (HSS) by SNF. Value: 150'352 CHF. Project # 191719

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

26-27 AUG 2026	Workshop and public roundtable 'Open Constitutional Democracy' at UNIL. Funding by SNF: 40'500 CHF. Co-organizer.
20-22 OCT 2023	Author-meets-critics panel 'Keys to Democracy' (within PSAI annual conference) at the Queen's University of Belfast. Co-organizer.
15-16 DEC 2022	Workshop ' Liquid democracy ' at UZH. Funding by SNF: 3'600 CHF. Funding by Graduate Campus (GRC): 3'790 CHF. Co-organizer.
APR-MAY 2021	Colloquium series ' Approaches to political philosophy ' at UZH. Funding by GRC: 1'700 CHF. Co-organizer.
7 SEP 2020	Workshop ' DemocracyNet Members' Retreat ' at UZH. Co-organizer.
9-10 SEP 2019	Workshop ' Political representation in democratic systems ' at UZH. Funding by GRC: 3'920 CHF. Co-organizer.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS

SINCE JUN 2023	Political Studies Association of Ireland (PSAI), member
SINCE MAY 2021	European Consortium Political Research (ECPR), member
SINCE MAY 2021	Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW), member
SINCE FEB 2015	DemocracyNet , member, vice-president 2020-2024, treasurer 2024-2026

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

MAY 2024	Member of Assessment Board for Academic Staff Hiring at SPIRe, UCD
MAY 2020 – DEC 2022	Student Representative Deputy at DPDS, UZH

PEER REVIEWS

2024	American Journal of Political Science (AJPS)
2024	Swiss Political Science Review (SPSR)
2023, 2022	Journal of Politics (JOP)
2023	Ethical Theory and Moral Practice (ETTA)
2022	Partecipazione e Conflitto (PACO)
2022	Conexus

OUTREACH AND TRANSFER ACTIVITIES

26 APR 2023	Invited expert discussant at workshop on civic education and political participation organized by Campus Demokratie in Locarno, Switzerland
23 MAR 2023	Invited panel discussant ' Philosophie-Tage: Demokratie am Limit ' during the Philosophy Days at the Kantonsschule (high school) Frauenfeld
20 JUL 2022	Valsangiacomo, Chiara (2022): 'Money, money, money, must be funded?' In PhD Confessions eds. Christian Ewert and Lea Heyne (Books on Demand: Norderstedt), 63-68
20 JAN 2021	Valsangiacomo, Chiara (2021): 'Come gestiremo le crisi che verranno? Uno sguardo a soluzioni più democratiche.' In One Year with Covid-19 eds. Christian Ewert and Lea Heyne (Books on Demand: Norderstedt), 51-57
MAY – AUG 2020	Consulting for the start-up Participation.World
16 SEP 2019	Consulting for the development fund Migros Engagement
9 JUL 2019	Consulting for the magazine Beobachter
15 NOV 2018	Invited speaker at public workshop 'Karl Digital' organized by the Digital Society of Switzerland at Karl der Grösse in Zurich, Switzerland

PERSONAL SKILLS

LANGUAGES	Italian (C2: native speaker), English (C1: TOEFL exam), German (C1: self-assessed, language of BA/MA studies), French (B1: UZH & ETH language center's certificate)
IT SKILLS	R & RStudio (basics), WordPress (basics)
ELSE	GMAT (680 points, Graduate Management Admission Council)