

# Curriculum Vitae

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**Languages:** German (native); English (fluent); Italian (fluent); French (fluent); Spanish (fluent)

### Professional positions

- Since January 2023 **Deputy Head of Economic and Monetary Policy Division & Head of Economic and Fiscal Policy Analysis**  
*Swiss Federal Department of Finance*, Federal Finance Administration (FFA), Berne
- 2022/06- 2022/12 **Head of Economic and Fiscal Policy Analysis**  
*Swiss Federal Department of Finance*, FFA, Economic and Monetary Policy Division
- 2021/07 – 2022/05 **Economic Advisor**  
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2013/04 – 2019/10 *Swiss Federal Department of Finance*, FFA, Economic Analysis and Policy Advice Division
- 2019/11 – 2021/05 **Senior Policy Analyst**  
*Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD*, Public Governance Directorate, Budgeting and Public Expenditures Division, Paris
- 2016/03 – 2016/05 **Economist, Seconded National Expert**  
*European Commission*, DG ECFIN, Division Macroeconomy of the Euro Area & Economic and Monetary Union Deepening, Brussels
- 2012/05 – 2013/04 **Postdoctoral Visiting Researcher**  
*University Pompeu Fabra*, Department of Economics, Barcelona
- 2007/09 – 2012/04 **Research and Teaching Assistant**  
*University of Basel*, Faculty of Business and Economics, Chair for Public Choice and Public Economics

### Research stays

- Bocconi University*, Department of Economics & IGIER, Milan (01-07/2010)  
*University of Siena*, Center for the Study of Political Change (July 2010)  
*Università svizzera italiana*, Institute for Public Economics (October 2011)

## University lectureships

- since August 2022    **University Lecturer** (chargé de cours)  
*Université de Neuchâtel*, Faculty of Economics and Business, course „Social Policy”, Master in Applied Economics (in English)
- since May 2021    **University Lecturer** (chargé de cours)  
*Université de Lausanne*, Institut de hautes études en administration publique (IDHEAP), course „Economie Suisse“, Master in Public Policy and Management (in French)
- since 2015    **Regular Guest Lecturer**  
Università della Svizzera italiana, Faculty of Economics, Master in Economics

## University affiliations

- since May 2014    **Research Fellow**  
*University of Basel*, Faculty of Business and Economics, Political Economics

## Education

- April 2012    **Ph.D. in Economics**  
*University of Basel*, Faculty of Business and Economics  
Dissertation: „Selection of public servants into politics: An economic analysis of its causes and consequences“
- March 2008    **Master of Science** in Business and Economics, Major in Markets & Institutions  
*University of Basel*, Faculty of Business and Economics

- Study exchanges**    *Università della Svizzera italiana*, Lugano  
*Albert Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg* (DE)

## Publications

- Do fiscal rules matter? A survey on recent evidence, Federal Finance Administration, Working Paper No. 26, Berne, 2023. (with M. Elsener) (also published as WWZ Working Paper 2023/07, University of Basel)
- Healthcare expenditure projections up to 2050: Ageing and the COVID-19 Crisis, Federal Finance Administration, Working Paper No. 25, Berne, 2022. (with C. Colombier)
- Do the COVID-19 crisis, ageing and climate change put Swiss fiscal sustainability at risk? *Intereconomics*, 57(1), pp. 48-55, 2022. (with P.A. Bruchez, C. Colombier, M. Baur & L. Hohl)
- Balance sheet-based policies in COVID-19 fiscal packages: How to improve transparency and risk analysis? *OECD Journal on Budgeting*, 21/2, pp. 2-67, 2021. (with D. Moretti & A. Leroy)
- Budgetary targets as cost-containment measure in the Swiss healthcare system? Lessons from abroad, *Health Policy*, 124(6), pp. 605-614, 2020. (with C. Colombier)

- Voters and representatives: How should representatives be selected? In: Congleton, R. D., Grofman, B. and S. Voigt. *Oxford Handbook of Public Choice*, Vol 2: 24-43, 2019. (with A. Stutzer)
- Ökonomische Einsichten und Empfehlungen für eine gute Finanzpolitik der Regierung. In: Ritz, A., Haldemann, T. & F. Sager (Hsg.). *Blackbox Exekutive, Regierungslehre in der Schweiz*, NZZ Libro Verlag, 2019, pp. 307-340. (with T. Haldemann & M. Baur)
- Independent fiscal councils: Neglected siblings of independent central banks? A EU-perspective. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 56(2), pp. 267–283, 2018. (with M. Larch)
- Healthcare expenditures and fiscal sustainability: Evidence from Switzerland. *Public Sector Economics*, 42(3), pp. 279-301, 2018. (with C. Colombier)
- Healthcare expenditure projections up to 2045. Federal Finance Administration Working Paper No. 21, 2017, Berne. (with C. Colombier)
- What drives public healthcare expenditure growth? Evidence from Swiss Cantons, 1970-2012. *Health Policy*, 120(9), pp. 1051-1060, 2016. (with C. Colombier).
- Selection of public servants into politics. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 44(3), pp. 696–719, 2016. (with A. Stutzer)
- Do institutions affect citizens' selection into politics? *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 30(2), pp. 205-227, 2016.
- Does remuneration affect the discipline and the selection of politicians? Evidence from pay harmonization in the European Parliament. *Public Choice*, 162 (1-2), pp. 1–24, 2015.
- Political selection of public servants and parliamentary oversight. *Economics of Governance*, 14(1), pp. 45-76, 2013. (with A. Stutzer)
- A dilemma in the separation of powers: Public servants as legislators. In: A. Peters, L. Handschin & D. Hoegger (eds.). *Conflict of interest in governance – an interdisciplinary outlook*. Cambridge University Press, pp. 177-197, 2013. (with A. Stutzer)
- Determinants of employment in the ministerial bureaucracy. WWZ Discussion Paper 01/2012.
- Selection of public servants into politics. An economic analysis of its determinants and consequences. Dissertation, University of Basel. In: C. Blankart et al. (eds.): *Neue Studien zur Politischen Ökonomie*, 12. Nomos: Baden-Baden, 2013.
- Public servants in parliament: Theory and evidence on its determinants in Germany. *Public Choice*, 145 (1-2), pp. 223-252, 2010. (with A. Stutzer)

**Contributions to the economic policy discussion** (articles in French are also available in German)

- Fiskalregeln wirken. *Die Volkswirtschaft*, 14. November 2023. (with M. Elsener and M. Baur)
- Corona-Krise und Alterung belasten Gesundheitswesen unterschiedlich. *Die Volkswirtschaft*, 28. Oktober 2022. (with C. Colombier)
- Alterung und Klimawandel belasten öffentliche Finanzen. *Die Volkswirtschaft*, 95 (1-2), pp. 54-56, 2022. (with C. Colombier & M. Baur)
- 2021 Report on the long-term sustainability of public finances in Switzerland: COVID-19 crisis, demographics and climate change. Edited by the Swiss Federal Department of Finance, November 2021, Berne. (with M. Baur, P.A. Bruchez, C. Colombier & L. Hohl)
- Budgeting in local self-government units in Poland. In: *Better governance, planning and services in local self governments in Poland*, OECD Public Governance Review, Chapter 5, pp. 183-206, OECD Publishing, Paris, July 2021.

Integrating climate into macroeconomic modelling: Drawing from the Danish experience, Note prepared for the OECD Paris Collaborative on Green Budgeting and the Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action. March 2021, OECD, Paris.

Policy experiments for evidence-based budgeting. OECD Policy report for the Korean Ministry of Economy and Finance and the Korea Development Institute, OECD, Paris, 2020.

Was zeichnet eine gute Finanzpolitik der Regierung aus? *DeFacto*, 13.September 2019. (with T. Haldemann & M. Baur)

Les objectifs budgétaires de l'assurance de base renforcent la responsabilité des coûts. *La Vie économique*, 91(8-9), pp. 41-44, 2018. (with C. Colombier & M. Baur)

Zunehmender Druck der Alterung via Gesundheitsausgaben auf die öffentlichen Finanzen, *Swissfuture*, 3/18, pp.18-22, 2018. (with C. Colombier)

Wer wird Politiker? Welchen Einfluss haben die Bezahlung und die Unvereinbarkeit von Amt und Mandat? *Ökonomenstimme* – KOF, ETH Zurich, June 2017. (with A. Stutzer)

Quels facteurs influencent la croissance des dépenses cantonales en matière de santé? *CHSS - Sécurité Sociale*, 01/2017, pp. 30-34. (with C. Colombier)

Hausse des dépenses de santé: la démographie n'est pas seule en cause. *La Vie économique*, 90(3), pp. 11-15, 2017. (with C. Colombier)

Le dispositif institutionnel agit favorablement sur la dette publique? *La Vie économique*, 89(12), pp. 22-26, 2016. (with P. A. Bruchez)

Le vieillissement croissant de la population est surtout un défi pour les cantons. *La Vie économique*, 89(5), pp. 43-45, 2016. (with C. Colombier & A. Philipona).

2016 Report on the long-term sustainability of public finances in Switzerland. Edited by the Swiss Federal Department of Finance, Berne, April 2016. (with C. Colombier & A. Philipona)

Comment les indemnités influent-elles sur la discipline et la sélection des politiciens? *La Vie économique*, 88(5), pp. 23-27, 2015.