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Academic professional experience

- 12/2017 – Research Fellow, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Institute of Latin American Studies, Hamburg, Germany
- 10/2017 – 11/2017 Lecturer at the Department of Political Science, University of Zurich, Switzerland
- 10/2013 – 09/2017 Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Political Science NCCR Democracy, University of Zurich, Switzerland
- 11/2015 – 12/2015 Field research stay, FLACSO Mexico City, Mexico
- 09/2015 Guest Researcher, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, Germany
- 04/2008 – 09/2013 Research Associate and Lecturer at the Chair of Comparative Politics of Prof André Kaiser, Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne, Germany

Education

- 04/2008 – 09/2013 Dr. rer. pol. (magna cum laude), University of Cologne, Germany
Supervisors: Prof Dr André Kaiser and Prof Dr Ingo Rohlfing
Thesis: The Quality of Representation in Latin America: Linking Citizens with Political Parties
- 10/2001 – 01/2008 Diploma in Latin American Area Studies, University of Cologne, Germany
Thesis: Structural Problems of Fiscal Federalism in Argentina
- 03/2005 – 10/2005 Visiting graduate student, Universidad Nacional de Tucumán, San Miguel de Tucumán, Argentina
DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) ISAP Program
- 09/1999 – 07/2001 High school (Abitur), Eberhard-Gothein Schule, Mannheim, Germany

Publications in peer reviewed journals

- Bolleyer, Nicole and Saskia P. Ruth (2018): “Elite Investments in Party Institutionalization in New Democracies: A Two-Dimensional Approach”, *The Journal of Politics* 80(1): 288-302.
- Giebler, Heiko, Saskia P. Ruth, and Dag Tanneberg (2018): Why Choice Matters? Revisiting and Comparing Measures of Democracy. *Politics and Governance*, 6(1). doi: 10.17645/pag.v6i1.1428.
- Huber, Robert and Saskia P. Ruth (2017): “Mind the Gap! Populism, Representation, and Participation in Europe”, *Swiss Political Science Review*, 58(1): 72-97.
- Ruth, Saskia P. (2017): "Populism and the Erosion of Horizontal Accountability in Latin America", online first in *Political Studies*, doi 10.1177/0032321717723511.
- Ruth, Saskia P. (2016): “Clientelism and the Utility of the Left-Right Dimension in Latin America” *Latin American Politics and Society* 58 (1): 72-97.

Under review in peer reviewed journals

- Bolleyer, Nicole and Saskia P. Ruth “Party Institutionalization a Multilevel Concept: Base- and Elite-level Routinization”, *under review*.

Publications in edited volumes

- Andreadis, Ioannis and Saskia P. Ruth (forthcoming) “Using Surveys to Measure Populist Attitudes of Political Elites”, in Kirk Hawkins, Ryan Carlin, Levente Littvay and Cristobal Rovira Kaltwasser (Eds.): *The Ideational Approach to Populism: Concept, Theory, and Method*, London: Routledge.
- Castanho Silva, Bruno, Ioannis Andreadis, Eva Anduiza, Nebojša Blanuša, Yazmin Morlet Corti, Gisela Delfino, Guillem Rico, Saskia Ruth, Bram Spruyt, Marco Steenbergen, and Levente Littvay (forthcoming) “Public Opinion Surveys: a New Scale”, in Kirk Hawkins, Ryan Carlin, Levente Littvay and Cristobal Rovira Kaltwasser (Eds.): *The Ideational Approach to Populism: Concept, Theory, and Method*, London: Routledge.
- Ruth, Saskia P., and Kirk A. Hawkins (2017) “Populism and Democratic Representation in Latin America” in in Christina Holtz-Bacha, Oscar Mazzoleni, and Reinhard Heinisch (Eds.): *Handbook on Political Populism*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 255-273.
- Ruth, Saskia P., Yanina Welp, and Laurence Whitehead (Eds.) (2017) “Let the People Rule? Direct Democracy in the Twenty-first Century”, Colchester: ECPR Press.
- Ruth, Saskia P., Yanina Welp, and Laurence Whitehead (2017): “Direct Democracy in the Twenty-First Century” in Saskia P. Ruth, Yanina Welp, and Laurence Whitehead (Eds.) “*Let the People Rule? Direct Democracy in the Twenty-first Century*”, Colchester: ECPR Press, 1-6.
- Welp, Yanina, and Saskia P. Ruth (2017) “The motivations behind the use of direct democratic mechanisms”, in Saskia P. Ruth, Yanina Welp, and Laurence Whitehead (Eds.) “*Let the People Rule? Direct Democracy in the Twenty-first Century*”, Colchester: ECPR Press, 99-120.
- Welp, Yanina, and Saskia P. Ruth (2017): “Presidentas Twitteras: The Social Media Use of Cristina Fernández de Kirchner and Dilma Rousseff”. In Tomáš Došek, Flavia Freidenberg, Mariana Caminotti, and Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian (Eds.): *Women, Politics, and Democracy in Latin America*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 131-149.

Whitehead, Laurence, Yanina Welp, and Saskia P. Ruth (2017): “Let the People Rule?” in Saskia P. Ruth, Yanina Welp, and Laurence Whitehead (Eds.) “*Let the People Rule? Direct Democracy in the Twenty-first Century*”, Colchester: ECPR Press, 207-220.

Under review in edited volumes

Berens, Sarah, and Saskia P. Ruth (forthcoming) “Universal Social Policies and Clientelistic Party Strategies in Latin America” in Saskia P. Ruth and Maria Spirova (Eds.): *Clientelism and Democratic Governance in Comparative Perspective*, Colchester: ECPR Press.

Ruth, Saskia P. (forthcoming) “Introduction” in Saskia P. Ruth and Maria Spirova (Eds.): *Clientelism and Democratic Governance in Comparative Perspective*, Colchester: ECPR Press.

Ruth, Saskia P. (forthcoming) “Linkage Strategies and Policy Congruence in Latin American Democracies”. In Saskia P. Ruth and Maria Spirova (Eds.): *Clientelism and Democratic Governance in Comparative Perspective*, Colchester: ECPR Press.

Ruth, Saskia P., and Maria Spirova (forthcoming) (Eds.): *Clientelism and Democratic Governance in Comparative Perspective*, Colchester: ECPR Press.

Book Reviews

Ruth, Saskia P. (2017): “Review: Barry Cannon, *The Right in Latin America: Elite Power, Hegemony and the Struggle for the State*. New York: Routledge, 2016.” *Latin American Politics and Society* 59(3).

Hennl, Annika, and Saskia P. Ruth (2010): “Review: Parlamente als Wahlorgane. Parlamentarische Wahlbefugnisse und ihre Nutzung in 25 europäischen Demokratien, Ulrich Sieberer” *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 51(4): 768-770.

Work in progress

“Populism and Direct Democracy in Latin America” (with Yanina Welp), to be submitted.

“Las motivaciones políticas del referéndum en América Latina” (with Yanina Welp), to be submitted.

“Does Clientelism Hinder Progressive Social Policy in Latin America?” (with Sarah Berens), to be submitted.

“The Impact of Populism on Democracy” (with Kirk A. Hawkins and Nathaniel Allred), to be submitted.

“Designing Loopholes: Clientelism and Social Policy in Mexico” (with Rodrigo Salazar Elena), to be submitted.

“Midiendo las actitudes populistas en las élites parlamentarias de América Latina” (with Adriana Marcela Ramírez Baracaldo), to be submitted.

“The Relationship between Electoral Malpractice and Democratic Quality”, manuscript in preparation.

Grants and awards

Kompetitiver Lehrkredit (Teaching Grant), University of Zurich, Project “Brettspiele in der Lehre - Das Forschungsthema Demokratie als Bildungsspiel”, CHF 39.983,38.

Cooperation and Development Center (CODEV), École Polytechnique Fédéral de Lausanne (EPFL), Seed Money Grant for Latin America, “Consequences of Clientelism for Policy Design in Mexico”, 2015-2016, Principal Investigator, Co-Applicant: Dr. Rodrigo Salazar Elena, CHF 20.050,00.

Schweizerische Akademie der Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften (SAGW) travel grant for the 17th International Latin American Studies Association Congress, Chicago, USA (2014), CHF 1000,00.

ECPR Workshop Director’s Grant for the Joint Sessions of Workshops, Salamanca, Spain (2014), € 500,00.

DAAD travel grants for the ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Ljubljana, Slovenia (2010) and the IPSA-ECPR Joint Conference, Sao Paulo, Brazil (2011), € 1.000,00.

ECPR Mobility Fund for the Joint Sessions of Workshops, Lisbon, Portugal (2009), € 500,00.

Academic service and administrative duties

Principal investigator EPFL CODEV Project *Consequences of Clientelism for Policy Design in Mexico*, University of Zurich, October 2015 – September 2016.

Project management assistance to Prof Daniel Bochsler (principal investigator) *Democracy Barometer Project*, NCCR Democracy, University of Zurich, October 2013 – September 2017.

Director of the female peer group “Women in Democracy Studies”, NCCR Democracy, University of Zurich, January 2014-June 2016.

Representative of Ph.Ds. and Postdocs in the selection committee for a faculty position at the Department of Political Science, University of Zurich.

Director of the workshop “Politics in Mexico and Beyond”, University of Zurich, Zurich (Switzerland), 17 February 2016.

Co-director of the workshop “Political Clientelism and the Quality of Public Policy”, ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Salamanca (Spain), 21-26 April 2014 (with Prof Dr Maria Spirova).

Co-director of the workshop “Democratization and its Enemies”, 1st Swiss Summer School in Democracy Studies, University of Lucerne (Switzerland), 23-27 June 2014 (with Prof Dr Daniel Bochsler).

Co-director of the workshop “Effective and democratic? Assessing the input and output legitimacy of democratization”, University of Zurich and Centre for Democracy Studies Aarau, Zurich and Aarau (Switzerland), 6-7 March 2014 (with Dr Yanina Welp).

Article manuscript referee for *America Latina Hoy*, *European Political Science Review*, *Information Communication and Society*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Party Politics*.

Project manuscript referee for *EPFL Leading House – Swiss Bilateral Programmes*.

Knowledge transfer and popular press

- “Do populist presidents always pose a threat to liberal democratic institutions?”, 30 October 2017, presidential-power.com.
- “Populism in Latin America” (with Bruno Castanho Silva), 15 June 2017, populismobserver.com.
- “Populist leaders undermine democracy in these 4 ways. Would a President Trump?” (with Paul Kenny and Kirk Hawkins), 18 August 2016, The Monkey Cage/ Washington Post.
- “Demokratie spielend gestalten - Ein Fall für das Demokratiebarometer”, 14 July 2016, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB) Democracy Blog.
- “The UK has just held a General Election - but how democratic are we as a country” (with Karima Bousbah, Miriam Hänni, Lea Heyne, and Lisa Müller), 10 May 2015, Democratic Audit UK.
- “Democracy Barometer: a new approach to evaluating the quality of democratic systems” (with Marc Bühlmann, Lea Heyne, Wolfgang Merkel, Lisa Müller, and Bernhard Weßels), 9 April 2015, Democratic Audit UK.
- “Políticas sociales progresistas y estrategicas partidarias clientelares” (with Sarah Berens), 11 March 2015, condistintosacentos.com.

Methods training

- “Concepts, Measurement and Data”, method seminar organized by the Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Science, University of Zurich, spring term 2012.
- “Introduction to Structural Equation Modelling with Focus on Cross-cultural Comparisons”, workshop organized by the Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Science, 4-7 October 2011.
- “Event History Analysis”, workshop organized by the Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Science, University of Zurich, 26-28 September 2011.
- “Advanced Econometrics”, method seminar organized by the Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Science, University of Zurich, winter term 2010.
- „Multivariate Statistical Analysis and Comparative Crossnational Survey Data”, ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), 30 July-14 August 2010.
- “General Linear Regression”, ZHSF-Method Seminar, GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences Cologne, 21 August-2 September 2009.

Teaching experience at the University of Zurich

Title	Level	Abstract
“We the People”: Designing Democracy (with Dr Rebecca Welge) Spring term 2016, 2017	Master and PhD Seminar (approx. 20 students)	In this course we approached the study of democracy from a new perspective. The goal of the seminar was to develop and design an <i>educational board game</i> that illustrates both the core elements of democracy as well as the trade-off involved in designing democratic systems.
Clientelism and Democracy around the World Spring term 2015	Master Seminar (approx. 10 students)	This course provided an introduction to the implications of political clientelism for the quality of democracy. We analysed the phenomena in comparative perspective with an emphasis on democratic systems in Latin America, Western Europe, as well as Central and Eastern Europe.
Presidentialism and Democracy in Latin America Spring term 2014, 2015	Bachelor Seminar (approx. 15 students)	This course provided an introduction to the differences between parliamentary and presidential regimes from a neo-institutionalist perspective. We analysed the democratic performance of these regimes with a special focus on their relationship with democratic consolidation.

Teaching experience at the University of Cologne

Title	Level	Abstract
Electoral and Party Systems in Comparative Perspective Spring term 2012, 2013	Bachelor Seminar (approx. 20 students)	This course provided an introduction into the comparative analysis of electoral systems and party systems. We analysed the socio-cultural causes of electoral systems as well as the consequences of different electoral system designs on party competition and voting behaviour.
The Political System of the Federal Republic of Germany Spring term 2009 Winter term 2008, 2010	Bachelor Seminar (approx. 60 students)	This course provided an introduction into the political system of the Federal Republic of Germany. We analysed the socio-cultural context, the institutional democratic design, as well as the role of Germany within the multi-level system of the European Union.
Uruguay and Switzerland in Comparative Perspective: Introduction to the Concept of Consensus Democracy Winter term 2009	Bachelor Seminar (approx. 5 students)	This course provided an introduction into the empirical study of democratic systems. We did so by applying Arend Lijphart’s concept of consensus democracy to the cases of Uruguay and Switzerland.

Teaching skills training

“Gamification: Motivating students with game elements”, workshop organized by the department of Educational Development and Technology, ETH Zurich, 6 May 2015.

“Critical thinking and arguing in the class room”, workshop organized by the Center for University Teaching and Learning, University of Zurich, 10 March 2015.

“Teaching and learning with e-learning applications”, workshop organized by the department of Educational Development and Technology, ETH Zurich, 25 November 2014.

“Basic training: teaching at the University level”, University of Cologne, spring term 2008.

Software skills

STATA, Qualtrics, fsQCA, MAXQDA, Typo3

Language skills

German	native speaker
English, Spanish	fluent
Portuguese	basic communication skills

Conference Presentations (last four years - not exhaustive)

2017

Nicole Bolleyer and Saskia P. Ruth „ Party Institutionalization a Multilevel Concept: Base- and Elite-level Routinization”, paper presented at the Workshop „Different Worlds of Political Party Development”, Universität Duisburg-Essen, 24 July.

Saskia P. Ruth und Yanina Welp “Populism and Direct Democracy in Latin America”, paper presented at the conference “Menace or Blessing? The Role of Direct Democracy in the Process of Political Representation”, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Germany, 6 April.

2016

Saskia P. Ruth and Rodrigo Salazar Elena “Consequences of Clientelism for Social Policy Design in Mexico”, paper presented at the workshop “Mexican Politics and Beyond”, University of Zurich, Switzerland, 17 February.

Ioannis Andreadis, Saskia P. Ruth and Yannis Stavrakakis “Using Surveys to Measure Populist Attitudes of Political Elites”, paper presented at the Team Populism Conference “Explaining Populism”, Brigham Young University, Provo, USA, 28-30 January.

2015

Sarah Berens and Saskia P. Ruth “Does Clientelism Hinder Progressive Social Policy in Latin America?” paper presented at the workshop “Social Policy and Clientelism”, University of Cologne, Germany, 7 November.

Saskia P. Ruth and Adriana Marcela Ramírez Baracaldo “Measuring Populist Attitudes in Latin America’s Parliamentary Elites”, paper presented at the ALACIP Annual Congress, Lima, Peru, 22-24 July.

Nathaniel Allred, Kirk A. Hawkins and Saskia P. Ruth “The Impact of Populism on Democracy”, paper presented at the ALACIP Annual Congress, Lima, Peru, 22-24 July.

Saskia P. Ruth “The Relationship Between Periodic and Permanent Democratic Control: Explaining Sustained High-Quality Elections Over Time”, paper presented at the MPSA Annual Conference, 16-19 April.

2014

Saskia P. Ruth and Yanina Welp “How Participative Are Latin American Populists in Public Office?”, paper presented at the ECPR General Conference, Glasgow, United Kingdom, 3-6 September.

Saskia P. Ruth and Daniel Bochsler “Socio-economic Requisites, Democratic Sequences, and Democratization from a Disaggregated Perspective”, paper presented at the LASA Congress, Chicago, USA, 21-24 May.

Sarah Berens and Saskia P. Ruth “Bad Bargains – Does Vote-buying Hinder Progressive Social Policy in Latin America?”, paper presented at the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Salamanca, Spain, 11-14 April.