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Research Interests

Political Institutions, Parties, European Union, Candidate Selection, (European) Elections, Political Careers, Public Opinion, Representation, International Political Economy, Survey Research and Experiments.

Academic Positions

9/2016–present **Post-doctoral Researcher** in the "Parliamentary Careers in Comparison" project at the Department of Political Science and International Relations, *University of Geneva, Switzerland*.

On maternity leave in 2017

5/2010–8/2016 **Doctoral Researcher** at the Collaborative Research Center SFB 884 "Political Economy of Reforms", *University of Mannheim, Germany*, in project C6: "The domestic foundation of governmental preferences over European politics".

Education

9/2010–8/2016 **Doctor of Social Science** in Political Science at the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences of the *University of Mannheim, Germany*.
Thesis: "Re-Selecting MEPs: Candidate Selection, Party Goals, and Re-election Probabilities".
Committee: Supervisor: Prof. Dr. T. König (University of Mannheim), Co-supervisor: Prof. Dr. N. Yordanova (University of Mannheim), Chair and Referee: Prof. Dr. W. Müller (University of Vienna)

9/2007–8/2008 **Master of Science** in Political Science in International Relations (cum laude/with honor) at the *University of Amsterdam (UvA), Netherlands*.

10/2003–03/2007 **Bachelor of Arts** in Political and Administrative Science at the *University of Konstanz, Germany*. Department of International Relations.

Publications

In peer-reviewed Journals

Frech, Elena, Niels Goet and Simon Hug. 2020. "Shirking and Slacking in Parliament", *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (Conditionally accepted).

Euchner, Eva-Maria and Elena Frech. 2020. "Candidate Selection and Parliamentary Activity in the EU's Multi-Level System: Opening a Black-Box", *Politics and Governance* 8 (1).

Hahm, Hyeonho, Thomas König, Moritz Osnabrügge and Elena Frech. 2019. "Who Settles Disputes? Treaty Design and Trade Attitudes toward the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)", *International Organization* 72 (4): 881 - 900.

Frech, Elena. 2016. "Re-electing MEPs: The factors determining re-election probabilities", *European Union Politics* 17 (1): 69 - 90.

Frech, Elena, Thomas König, and Moritz Osnabrügge. 2015. "Öffentliche Unterstützung von Reformen und ihre Stabilität in Zeiten der Eurokrise – eine experimentelle Untersuchung der Wirksamkeit von Gegenargumenten", *Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft* 25 (2): 191 - 217.

Books

Frech, Elena. 2018. "Re-Selecting Members of the European Parliament: Candidate Selection, Party Goals, and Re-Election Probabilities". Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Frech, Elena, Goet, Niels and Hug, Simon (2020). "The Politics of Legislative Debate in Switzerland". In: Hanna Bäck, Marc Debus, and Jorge M. Fernandes (eds) *The Politics of Legislative Debate Around the World*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (under contract).

Book Reviews

Frech, Elena. 2019. "Europe at the Crossroads: Confronting Populist, Nationalist, and Global Challenges, Bevelander, Pieter and Wodak, Ruth (Eds.), Lund, Nordic Academic Press (2019), 284p., ISBN 978-91-88909-18-3", *Swiss Political Science Review*.

Other Publications

Frech, Elena. 2016. "Jostling for position: What determines where candidates are placed on electoral lists during European elections?", Article on LSEs European Politics and Policy Blog (EUROPP Blog), published on May 23rd, 2016, available at:<http://bit.ly/1TQ9JBI>.

Grants and Research Projects

09/2018 - 08/2019

"Candidate Selection in Swiss Parties": Project (co)financed by the Swiss Parliamentary Services (20.000 CHF). Drafted application with Prof. S. Hug, PhD and Prof. Dr. S. Bailer.

Teaching Experience

Spring 2016	Quantitative Methods of International Relations (Undergraduate)
Spring 2018 Spring 2020	The European Parliament: its election, its actors, and its powers (Undergraduate)
2015–present	Freelance collaborator of the State Agency for Political Education Baden-Württemberg. Member of the junior expert team on Europe. Lectures and simulation of political decision making processes with teenagers and young adults.

Practical Experiences

5/2009 – 4/2010	Prva Stavebna Sporitel'na , Bratislava, Slovakia. Analyses of EU legislation and other strategic analyses.
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Training

2016	Baden-Württemberg Certificate for Didactic Skill Enhancement (Hochschuldidaktikzentrum BW) Module I
2011	Qualitative Interview Research (FU Berlin) Workshop on Interview Research taught by Prof. Jan Kruse.
2011	ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques (Ljubljana) Course on Political Game Theory taught by Prof. Kristopher Ramsay.
2011	CDSS Winter School (University of Mannheim) Workshop on Bayesian Analysis taught by Prof. Susumu Shikano.
2010, 2011 and 2012	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Europe (University of Mannheim) Theoretical and Methodological Foundations (R. Calvert and A. Martin), Random Utility Models (M. Fey), Experimental Applications (R. Wilson and C. Eckel), Agent Based Modelling (M. Laver), Quantitative Analysis of Political Texts (W. Lowe and S. Proksch), QRE and Experiments (M. Fey).

International Conference Participation

- 2020 Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference, Lucerne, February 2020. (*Discussant, Presentation*)
10th Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union, Rome, June 2020. (*Presentation*)
- 2019 9th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Belfast, June 2019. (*Presentation*)
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Wroclav, August 2019. (*Panel Chair, Presentation*)
- 2018 Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference, Geneva, February 2018. (*Presentation*)
8th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Vienna, June 2018. (*Discussant, Presentation*)
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Hamburg, August 2018. (*Panel Co-Chair, Presentation*)
- 2017 10th Annual Conference on the Political Economy of International Organizations (PEIO), Bern, January 2017.
7th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Milan, June 2017. (*Panel Chair, Discussant, Presentation*)
- 2016 6th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Brussels, June 2016. (*Presentation*)
3rd General Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments, Munich, June, July 2016. (*Panel Chair, Presentation*)
"3-Ländertagung" of the German, Austrian and Swiss Political Science Associations, Heidelberg, September 2016.
- 2015 5th Annual General Conference of the EPSA, Vienna, June 2015. (*Presentation, Discussant*)
- 2014 4th Annual General Conference of the EPSA, Edinburgh, June 2014. (*Presentation*)
- 2013 7th European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Bordeaux, September 2013. (*Presentation*)

Professional Activities

- Organizer: SFB 884 Conference "Quantifying Europe"(co-organizer), 2010, Mannheim, Germany.
Parliamentary Careers in Comparison Workshop, June 2019, The Hague, Netherlands.
- Journal Referee for: *European Union Politics, Party Politics.*
- Member of: *American Political Science Association (APSA), European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), European Political Science Association (EPSA), Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (German Political Science Association, DVPW).*

Language Skills

German	Native
English	Fluent (speaking, reading, writing)
Italian, Slovak	Good (speaking, reading, writing: satisfactory)
Dutch, French, Russian	Basic (speaking, reading, writing)
Chinese	Basic (spoken only)

Computer Skills

Statistical Packages and Languages (STATA, R,
Python (basic))
L^AT_EX, SQL.

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