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Experience

- since 09/21 **PhD Candidate at the Center for Comparative and International Studies & the Institute of Science, Technology and Policy, ETH Zürich.**
Prof. Thomas Bernauer
- 05/22-08/22 **Research Intern at Sahel & West Africa Club, OECD.**
Dr. Brilé Anderson
- 10/20-06/21 **Research Assistant at the Horizon 2020 Project "*Populism and Civic Engagement*", University of Salzburg.**
Prof. Reinhard Heinisch
- 10/19-06/20 **Research Assistant at the Department of Political Science, University of Salzburg.**
Prof. Reinhard Heinisch
- 01/18-09/19 **Research Assistant at the Horizon 2020 Project "*The Choice for Europe since Maastricht*", University of Salzburg.**
Prof. Fabio Wasserfallen/Prof. Sonja Puntcher Riekman

Education

- since 09/21 **RESPONSE Doctoral Program "Science & Policy".**
ETH Zürich
- 10/19-09/21 **MA "Political Science",**
Completed with distinction at University of Salzburg.
- 10/16-10/19 **BA "Political Science",**
Completed with distinction at University of Salzburg.
- 09/08-05/16 **Higher education entrance qualification,**
St. Marien Gymnasium Regensburg.

Research Interests

Long-term policy investments
Energy and climate policy
(Experimental) survey research
Political behavior
Comparative political economy

Publications

- Journal Articles **Do Policy Packages that Mitigate Uncertainty over Long-term Policy Benefits Increase Support for Prospective Policies?**, Journal of European Public Policy, Susanne Rhein & Thomas Bernauer (2025).
- Does drought exposure erode trust in the political system in Sub-Saharan Africa?**, Climatic Change, Susanne Rhein & Viktoria Jansesberger (2024).
- Different Perspectives on Democracy as an Explanation for the "Populist Radical Right Gender Gap"**, Politics and Governance, Viktoria Jansesberger & Susanne Rhein (2024).
- When Winners Win and Losers Lose: Are Altruistic Views on Immigration always Affordable?**, International Politics, Susanne Rhein & Gabriele Spilker (2022).
- Under Review **Trading Carbon: The Political Feasibility of Waste Exports from a Public Perspective**, Susanne Rhein & Thomas Bernauer.
- Who Supports Costly Policies Now, To Avoid Higher Costs Later? Insights From Climate Policy**, Susanne Rhein & Thomas Bernauer.
- Book Chapters **The Social Democratic Dilemma Between EU Rules and Supporters' Preferences**, The Handbook on Migration and Welfare, Edward Elgar, Zoe Lefkofridi & Susanne Rhein (2021).
- Populismus, Pandemie und subjektive Betroffenheit in Österreich: Ergebnisse einer Umfrage**, Österreichisches Jahrbuch für Politik, Reinhard Heinisch & Susanne Rhein (2021).
- Work in Progress **From Design to Implementation: Actor Coalitions to Mitigate Public Opposition to Prospective Policies**, Susanne Rhein.
- Challenging the Status Quo: The Effect of Radical Agenda-setters on Climate Policy Preferences**, Susanne Rhein.

Teaching

- 2024 **Political Science: Fundamentals**, lecture, co-taught, BA Public Policy/ BA Environmental Sciences, ETH Zürich.
- Political Science: Fundamentals**, tutorial, co-taught, BA Public Policy/ BA Environmental Sciences, ETH Zürich.
- 2023 **Proseminar I: Political Methodology**, seminar, co-taught, BA Public Policy, ETH Zürich.
- Proseminar II: Advanced Introduction to Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods**, seminar, co-taught, BA Public Policy, ETH Zürich.
- 2022 **Proseminar I: Political Methodology**, seminar, co-taught, BA Public Policy, ETH Zürich.
- 2020 **Scientific Working Techniques and Research Design in Political Science**, tutorial, BA Political Science, University of Salzburg.

Service for the Discipline

- Organization PhD Retreats at Center for Comparative and International Studies (2023, 2024)
PhD Lunch Workshops at Center for Comparative and International Studies
- Reviewer Environmental Politics

Conferences & Workshops

- 2025 [SPSA](#)
- 2024 [EPSA](#), [SPSA](#), [EPG Online](#), [ZPESS](#)
- 2023 [EPSA](#), [EPG Grad Workshop](#), [ZPESS](#), [IED Seminar](#)
- 2022 [SPSA](#)
- 2021 [CES](#)

Grants & Scholarships

- 2022 Prolongation Fellowship RESPONSE Doctoral Program funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Grant Agreement No 847585
- 2021 Merit-based scholarship for BA studies by University of Salzburg
- 2019 Merit-based scholarship for MA studies by University of Salzburg

Public Outreach Activity

- Reports **Public Opinion on CO2 Removal in Swiss Climate Policy**, ETH Zurich, Susanne Rhein, Clara Brügge, Sarah Gomm, Patricia Wäger, Stefan Wehrli, Amélia Graber, Lukas Walker, Thomas Bernauer (2025).
- West Africa and the global climate agenda**, OECD West African Papers, Brilé Anderson, Susanne Rhein, Daniel Acosta (2022).
- Blog Articles **Cross-border Cooperation on Carbon Capture and Storage: Why Public Opinion Matters?**, Science and Policy Blog, Susanne Rhein (2025).
- Expensive but effective: Why citizens support costly but durable carbon removal practices**, Energy Blog, Susanne Rhein (2024).

Skills

- Computing R, Qualtrics, Stata, L^AT_EX, SPSS
- Language German (native), English (fluent)

References

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