

# Ari Ray — Curriculum Vitae

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive    Fiscal and welfare policy, Inequality, Political representation, Southern Europe  
Methods        Causal and statistical inference, Survey and archival data

## Education

- 2020    PhD in Political Science, Universität Zürich (Defense: 28.02.2020)  
Thesis title: *The Political Economy of Macroeconomic Adjustment in the Eurozone Periphery*
- 2014    MSc Political Economy of Europe, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2012    BSc Business Administration and German, Copenhagen Business School
- 2011    ERASMUS Exchange, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Department of Economics
- 2009    Swedish A-levels in Natural Sciences, Katedralskolan i Lund

## Professional experience

- 08.2020-    *PostDoc Researcher* and *Substitute Senior Lecturer*, University of Geneva  
Part of ERC project 'Unequal Democracies' (PI: Prof. Jonas Pontusson).
- 09.2019-  
08.2020    *Max Weber Fellow*, European University Institute, Florence  
Fellowship financed by the European Commission (Mentor: Prof. Elias Dinas).
- 06.2015-  
06.2019    *PhD Researcher*, University of Zurich, Zurich  
Part of SNSF project 'The Politics of Economic Adjustment' (PI: Prof. Stefanie Walter).
- 07.2017    *Visiting Scholar*, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin  
Financed by the Hertie School of Governance (Host: Prof. Hanna Schwander).
- 08.2017-  
05.2018    *SNSF DocMobility Fellow*, Stanford University, Stanford  
Awarded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (Host: Prof. Michael R. Tomz).

## Publications

### BOOKS/MONOGRAPHS

2020. 'The Politics of Bad Options: Why the Problems of the Eurozone are so Hard to Resolve', Oxford: Oxford University Press, ISBN 0-517-00393-7. With Stefanie Walter and Nils Redeker.

### MANUSCRIPTS IN SUBMISSION

2022. 'When Identity Trumps Class: Women, Workers and Statistical Representation in Legislative Politics'

2022. 'Trust in Action: Cooperation, Information and Social Policy Preferences in Italy' (with Francesco Colombo, R+R).

### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

'Electoral Formulas, Party Magnitude and Class Representation in List Systems'

'Social Class Standing and Fiscal Policy Enactment among Italian Mayors' (with Pietro Panizza)

'Trade Unions and the Electoral Decline of the Swedish Left (1986-2018)' (with Jonas Pontusson)

### OTHER

2020. 'Altered Risks or Static Divides? Labor Market Inequality during the Great Recession', Florence: [Max Weber Working Paper No. 2020/9](#). With Hanna Schwander.

2017. 'From Convergence to Crisis: Labor Markets and the Instability of the Euro by Alison Johnston' (Book Review), New York: [Europe Now No. 2017/3](#).

## Project grants

### PEER-REVIEWED PROJECT FUNDING

2020 COVID-19 Grant for 'Trust, Information and Redistribution in Pandemic Italy' (with Francesco Colombo), awarded by the European University Institute (\$ 3'100)

2019 Small Grant in Computational Social Science for 'Do Informal Connections Matter for Political Candidacy and Success?' (with William Marble), awarded by the Russell Sage Foundation (\$ 9'835)

2019 Schultz Graduate Student Seed Grant in Economic Policy for 'Do Informal Connections Matter for Political Candidacy and Success?' (with William Marble), awarded by the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (\$ 9'000)

### INTERNAL FUNDING

2022 University of Geneva, Faculty of Social Sciences Seed Grant (\$ 9'500)

- 2018 IPZ-UZH data grant (\$ 2'700)
- 2017 Funds to establish the Zurich Graduate Workshop in Political Science at Castasegna, from by the Garbald Fund, the UZH Graduate Campus and the CIS Zurich (\$ 8'500)

## Prizes, awards and fellowships

- 2021 Honorable Mention, Best Book published on European Politics for 'The Politics of Bad Options: Why the Problems of the Eurozone are so Hard to Resolve', awarded by the American Political Science Association, European Politics Section.
- 2021 Residency Award for 'Electoral Institutions and Class Representation in Contemporary Italy', awarded by the Instituto Svizzero Roma (Ten months room/board at the Villa Maraini, Rome).
- 2018 Max Weber Fellowship (Cohort 20/21), awarded by the European University Institute (\$ 30'000 — *Declined*).
- 2018 Max Weber Fellowship (Cohort 19/20), awarded by the European University Institute (\$ 30'000).
- 2017 DocMobility grant for research stay at Stanford University, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (\$ 43'000).
- 2016 Scholarship for attending University of Mannheim and GESIS Summer School, funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (\$ 1'500).

## Talks and conferences

### BY INVITATION

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| Promises and Pitfalls of Representative Democracy (Workshop), University of Mainz | 2023* |
| Practical Social Democracy (Workshop), University of Gothenburg                   | 2022  |
| GEPOP Seminar, University of Gothenburg   | 2022  |
| How Representative Democracy (Mal-)Functions (Workshop), University of Bergen     | 2021  |
| Swiss Institute in Rome   | 2021  |
| Political Behavior Seminar, European University Institute                         | 2020  |

### CONFERENCES

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|---|-------------------|
| Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW)                  | 2017, 2021, 2023* |
| American Political Science Association (APSA)               | 2017, 2022        |
| Council for European Studies (CES)                          | 2018, 2021, 2022  |
| European Political Science Association (EPSA)               | 2021              |
| 3-Länder-Tagung der Politikwissenschaft (SVPW, DVPW & ÖGPV) | 2019              |
| Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)                | 2017              |

## Memberships and services to the profession

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

- 2022 Award committee member, *American Political Science Association (European Politics Section)*  
Served on APSA section committee that selected the best book on European Politics and Society published in 2021.

### ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

American Political Science Association, Council for European Studies,  
European Political Science Association, Swiss Political Science Association

## Teaching Experience

- Fall 2022 *Comparative Political Economy*, Senior Lecturer (Chargée de cours). Compulsory module for students of the MA programmes in Political Science, Public Policy and Socio-Economics at the University of Geneva. Mean evaluation: 3.6 (4= best, 1= worst).
- Fall 2016 *Politics of the Euro Crisis*, Co-instructor (w. Nils Redeker). Advanced BA seminar, University of Zurich. Mean evaluation: 5.8 (6= best, 1= worst).

## Technical skills

Languages: English & Swedish (Mother tongues), Swiss and High German (Full fluency), Danish (Full fluency), Bengali (Spoken fluency), French (Intermediate), Italian (Beginner)

Programming languages: R, STATA,  $\LaTeX$ , html/css, Python, bash  
Softwares/applications: Qualtrics, Github

## References

*Upon request.*