

RESEARCH STATEMENT

I am a passionate scholar of the origins and consequences of political identities at the intersection of comparative politics, historical political economy and international relations. I rely on novel observational data and computational methods to measure and study nationalist and ethnic processes in new settings and with innovative research designs. My other research interests concern the dynamics of public opinion and religious clientelism.

EDUCATION

- University of California Berkeley, ISEES
Visiting Scholar February 2022–August 2022
Host: John Connelly, PhD
- ETH Zurich
PhD in Political Science 2020–ca. September 2024
Main Supervisor: Prof. Lars-Erik Cederman
Committee: Prof. Daniele Caramani, Prof. Vasiliki Fouka
- ETH Zurich
M.A. in Comparative and International Studies 2018–2020
- University of St. Gallen
B.A. in International Affairs 2014–2018

WORKING PAPERS

- Massimo Troncone and Roberto Valli (2023). Minority Status and Supranational Integration. *Under review*. [To working paper](#).
- Yannick Pengl, Carl Müller-Crepon, Roberto Valli, Lars-Erik Cederman and Luc Girardin (2023). The Train Wrecks of Modernization: Railways, Nationalism and Conflict in Long Nineteenth Century Europe. *Under review*. [To working paper](#).

IN PROGRESS

- Roberto Valli (2023). Back and Forth with the Tide? Territorial Conquest, Regionalism, and the Nationalization of Elite Identities in Alsace-Lorraine. *Available upon request*.
- Lars-Erik Cederman, Luc Girardin, Maria Muñoz, Yannick Pengl, Roberto Valli and Julian Wucherpfennig (2023). Peace Through Partition? A Spatial Analysis of State Splits and Conflict. *New version coming soon*.
- Massimo Troncone and Roberto Valli (2023). Who Pays for the Church? Electoral Institutions and Religious Clientelism in Post-War Italy. *New version coming soon*.
- Roberto Valli and Massimo Troncone (2022). Shifting Partisan Attachments: The Impact of Electoral Defeat on Voter Preferences. *Available upon request*.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- **2023:** SVPW, EPSA, NEPS, ZPESS
- **2022:** SVPW, MPSA, AsN, APSA
- **2021:** PoliTics Workshop

GRANTS

- CIS Collaborative Research Grant, with Massimo Troncone (May 2022, CHF 5'000)
- ETH Mobility Travel Grant (August 2021, CHF 15'630)

TEACHING

- Partition: A solution to civil war? *Guest lecture at Konfliktforschung II* (ETH Zurich, May 2023)
- Recent Developments in Methods for Causal Inference with Cross-Sectional Time-Series data. *Workshop at CIS PhD retreat* (February 2023)

SERVICE

- Panel chair and discussant: EPSA 2023
- Member of student working group to reform PhD curriculum (ETH Zurich, 2020–2021)
- Student representative: ETH Zurich, teaching Commission and Department Conference (2020–2021); University of St. Gallen, hiring committee for assistant professorships (2016–2017)