

# Curriculum Vitae

Prof. Dr. Alexander H. Trechsel, University of Lucerne, Switzerland (January 2022)

## 1. Personal information

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Name: Alexander H. Trechsel

Date and place of birth: 6 February 1971 in Bern (Switzerland)

Citizenship: Swiss

## 2. Education

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2015 **Habilitation** as full (ordinary) professor in Italy  
1999 **Ph.D. in Political Science** (with highest distinction), University of Geneva, Switzerland  
1994 **M.A. in Political Science**, University of Geneva, Switzerland  
1992 **B.A. in Political Science**, University of Geneva, Switzerland

## 3. Academic Career

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2016 – **Full Professor of Political Science**  
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Lucerne

2015 – **Faculty Associate**  
Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University

2005 – 16 **Full Professor of Political Science**  
Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute

2012 – 15 **Faculty Fellow**  
Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University

2002 – 03 **Part-time Professor of Political Science**  
Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute

2002 – 03 **Chargé de cours suppléant**  
Department of Political Science, University of Geneva

2001 **Professeur remplaçant de science politique (part-time Professor of Political Science)**  
Institute of Political Science and International Relations, University of Lausanne

2001 – 05 **Adjunct Professor of Political Science**  
Kent State University Geneva-Programme, Kent State University

2000 – 05 **Maître-assistant**  
Research and Documentation Center for Direct Democracy (c2d), University of Geneva

1999 – 2000 **Visiting fellow** (fellowship by the Swiss National Science Foundation)  
European University Institute

1999 **Maître-assistant**  
Research and Documentation Center for Direct Democracy (c2d), University of Geneva

1993 – 99 **Research Assistant**  
Research and Documentation Center for Direct Democracy (c2d), University of Geneva

## 4. Institutional responsibilities

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2017 – **Vice Rector for Research**  
University of Lucerne

2016 – **Official Representative of the University of Lucerne**  
European Consortium for Political Research

2013 – Member of the International Scientific Board of the ***Italian Political Science Review / IPSR (former RISP)***

2012 – Member of the Editorial Board of the ***Journal of Election Technology and Systems / JETS***

2008 – **Co-director of the book series** “Politik und Demokratie in den kleineren Ländern Europas – Politics and Governance in the Smaller European Democracies, Nomos

2007 – Member of the Editorial Board of the ***Journal of Information Technology and Politics / JITP***

2009 – 16 **Founder & Director of the European Union Democracy Observatory (EUDO)**  
European University Institute, Florence (Italy)

2013 – 16 **Head of the Department of Political and Social Sciences**  
European University Institute, Florence (Italy)

2010 – 16 **Official Representative of the European University Institute**  
European Consortium for Political Research

1999 – 05 **Vice-director**  
Research and Documentation Center for Direct Democracy (c2d), University of Geneva

## 5. Supervision

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Extensive supervision experience at the graduate level (supervisor and co-supervisor) of 35 PhD-researchers at the European University Institute, at the University of Lucerne and the University of Basel. All of them have successfully defended their doctoral theses.

## 6. Teaching

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Extensive teaching experience at all University levels at the University of Lucerne, Geneva, Lausanne, the European University Institute, Kent State University; invited lectures in classes at the University of Siena, University Pompeu Fabra Barcelona, University Carlos III Madrid, LUISS Rome, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna Pisa, University of Tartu, National University of Kaohsiung, University of Edinburgh, University of Aberdeen, MGIMO Moscow, California Institute of Technology, University of Bergen.

# Major Scientific achievements (last five years)

## Publications

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- Alexander H. Trechsel has published over ten peer-reviewed journal articles over the past five years, co-edited a book and two special issues of journals. Some of this research output was published in top journals, such as the *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *European Union Politics*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *Party Politics*, *West European Politics* or the *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*. He is the author of several books and co-editor, together with Bernard Grofman and Elizabeth Suhay, of the recently published *Oxford Handbook on Electoral Persuasion* (OUP, 2020).

## Research projects

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- Alexander H. Trechsel successfully coordinated several international research projects over the past five years. Of particular interest is the Euandi-project for the European Parliament Elections of 2014 and 2019. Trechsel had the overall project responsibility for the innovative voting advice applications. Over one hundred researchers from all over Europe collaborated in this research project – in each edition – and its output already found – and continues to find – its way into peer reviewed journals. Currently, Alexander H. Trechsel is the principal investigator of two large research projects funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation.

## Academic leadership

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- Alexander H. Trechsel serves as the University of Lucerne's Vice Rector for Research and is a member of the University leadership
- He is the President of the University of Lucerne's Research Commission.
- From 2018 to 2019 he was a member of the Foundation's Council of the Swiss National Science Foundation.
- Alexander H. Trechsel has served for a full three-year term as Head of Department of the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the European University Institute. In this role, he was responsible for a Department composed of 15 full professors, 8 staff, about 180 PhD researchers and about 30 post-doctoral researchers. He represented the Department within the EUI's Executive Committee throughout his headship.
- He has also served as Head of Department of the Department of Political Science at the University of Lucerne (2017-18).
- Alexander H. Trechsel also directed the European Union Democracy Observatory at the EUI's Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies until his move to Lucerne in 2016. EUDO has, over the years, become a very successful platform for the dissemination of research on democracy in Europe in general and of research on citizenship, under the guidance of Prof. Rainer Bauböck, in particular. It was recently transformed into the European Governance and Politics Program at the European University Institute.

## Services to the community

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- Alexander H. Trechsel regularly reviews for journals, among which: American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Political Analysis, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Political Communication, European Journal of Political Research, European Union Politics, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of Public Policy, West European Politics, European Political Science Review, Journal of Common Market Studies, Swiss Political Science Review, International Journal of Electronic Government Research.
- He has served (or is still serving) as evaluator and/or member of several scientific evaluation bodies, amongst which the European Research Council, the Eccellenza Committee of the Swiss National Science Foundation, the Belgian FNRS, the French ANR, the German DFG, the Italian MIUR, in hiring committees and promotion procedures at the European University Institute, SciencesPo Paris, University of Tartu and the Central European University.