

Research Interests

Political Economics, Public Economics, Public Choice, Condition and Causes of Democratization, Suffrage Extensions, Social Policy, Direct Democracy

Education

- 2013-2018 Ph.D. studies, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Fribourg
- 2010-2013 Master of Arts in Economics (major), University of Fribourg (*summa cum laude*)
Master in Social Work and Social Policy (minor), University of Fribourg(*summa cum laude*)
- 2007-2010 Bachelor in Social Work and Social Policy (major), University of Fribourg
Bachelor of Arts in Economics (minor), University of Fribourg
- 2006-2007 General Studies, Leibniz Kolleg Tübingen, Germany

Languages

- German native speaker
- English fluent
- French fluent
- Spanish good command

Employment

- since 2013 Assistant to Prof. Dr. Reiner Eichenberger, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Fribourg
- 2010-2013 Junior Assistant to Prof. Dr. Reiner Eichenberger, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Fribourg

Awards and Scholarship

- 2013 Best master thesis award of the SAES Foundation (Fribourg, Switzerland)
- 2009-2013 Scholarship recipient Cusanuswerk (Bonn, Germany)

Work in Progress

- Explaining a Paradox of Democracy - the role of institutions in female enfranchisement (with Reiner Eichenberger)
- “The shepherd and his sheep” How Vatican II influenced the introduction of women’s suffrage in Switzerland.
- No big deal? Foreigner’s suffrage in Switzerland - revealed preferences (with Reiner Eichenberger)
- Suffrage and civic engagement? Lessons from Foreigner’s suffrage in Switzerland (with Reiner Eichenberger)

Talks at Conferences and Seminars

- 2016 4th CUSO Winter School in Behavioral Economics and Experimental Research (Champéry, Switzerland); 21nd Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Lisbon, Portugal); 2016 Meeting of the European Public Choice Society *accepted* (Freiburg, Germany); Assistentenkonferenz Politische Ökonomie 2016 (University of Fribourg, Switzerland); 72nd Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (Lake Tahoe, USA); Ph.D. Seminar Proceeding in Political Economy (University of Zürich, Switzerland); Workshop on Direct Democracy (DIW Berlin, Germany)
- 2015 Ph. D. Seminar Proceeding in Political Economy (University of Zürich, Switzerland);
- 2014 BodenSeeForum – Wissenschaft angewandt (Konstanz, Germany); Assistentenkonferenz 2014, (Walter Eucken Institut, University of Freiburg, Germany); Ph. D. Seminar Proceeding in Political Economy (University of Zürich, Switzerland)
- 2013 Ph. D. Seminar Kieser-Klosterseminar 2013 (Wislikofen, Switzerland); BodenSeeForum – Wissenschaft angewandt (Insel Reichenau, Germany)
- 2011 Ph. D. Seminar Kieser-Klosterseminar 2011 (Andechs, Germany)

Referee Activities

- 2016 Spring Meeting of young Economists

Teaching Assistance/ Co-teaching (with Prof. Dr. Reiner Eichenberger)

- HS 2016 Crime, Sex and Drugs: Borderlands of Economics (Master)
- FS 2016 Actual Problems in Economic and Fiscal Policy (Master)
- HS 2015 Public Finance II (Bachelor)
- FS 2015 Actual Problems in Economic and Fiscal Policy (Master)
- HS 2014 Borderlands of Economics (Master)
- FS 2014 Actual Problems in Economic and Fiscal Policy (Master)
- HS 2013 Reforms of Economic and Political Institutions (Master)
- FS 2013 Actual Problems in Economic and Fiscal Policy (Master)

Conference Organization

- 2016-2017 Member of the Programme Committee: 22nd Spring Meeting of Young Economists 2017 Assistentenkonferenz Politische Ökonomie 2016 (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)
- 2014 Lobbyismus in einer Demokratie – zurecht verpönt oder notwendig? (Cusanuswerk, Münsterschwarzach, Germany)

Voluntary Work

- 2016-2017 Member of the Programme Committee: 22nd Spring Meeting of Young Economists
- since 2014 CSWM board member (Collaboratuer Scientifiques), University of Fribourg
President of the non-professional teaching staff of the faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Fribourg.
Delegate in the faculty and department council
- 2009-2010 President of the student body for the department social work and social policy

Non-academic publications

- 2016 Eichenberger, Reiner and Anna Maria Koukal (2016). „En vez de renta, capital básico”. In : El Pais, 11.9.2016 : p. 4-5.
- 2015 Eichenberger, Reiner and Anna Maria Koukal (2015). „Die beste Sozialhilfe: Das Grundkapital“. In: ZESO, February 2015, p. 34.
- 2014 Eichenberger, Reiner and Anna Maria Koukal (2014). „Auf zur neuen Eidgenossenschaft“. In: Nordwestschweiz, 20.2.2014, p. 4.
- 2012 Eichenberger, Reiner and Anna Maria Koukal (2012). „Investiert in alle!“. In: Schweizer Monat, no.996 May 2012, p 48-51.
- 2012 Eichenberger, Reiner and Anna Maria Koukal (2012). „Alte an die Arbeit – Bonus für Altenarbeit“. In: Zenit, no.1, p.22-25.