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Current position

Professor at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland, School of Social Work, **since May 2015**.

Education and scientific stays

- January-February 2014 Scientific stay, University of Antwerp (Belgium), Herman Deleeck Centre for Social Policy.
- 23 July-3 August 2012 Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis: *Panel Data Analysis for Comparative Research*, Prof. Chris Adolph, University of Washington.
- June 2006-
November 2010 **PhD in public administration**, Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration IDHEAP (University of Lausanne, Switzerland), Chair of Social Policy (Supervisor: Prof. G. Bonoli):
'Alleviating Working Poverty in Postindustrial Economies'.
- April-May 2009 Short-term scientific mission at the University of Oviedo, Spain, Department of Sociology, granted by the Network of Excellence RECWOWE, European Commission, FP6.
- 8-18 July 2008 Summer School *New Risks and New Governance in Europe*, University of Utrecht, the Netherlands - Network of Excellence RECWOWE.
- 1995-1998 University of Lausanne, School of Social and Political Sciences,
Master of Arts in Social Sciences.
- 1992-1994 Swiss Institute of Technology (EPFL), Lausanne, Switzerland.
I left in the 2nd year, with a reorientation towards social sciences.

Previous positions

- Lecturer at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland, Geneva, School of Social Work, September 2013 – April 2015.
- Lecturer at the University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland), Faculty of Humanities, Centre for the Understanding of Social Processes, November 2010 – August 2013.
- Scientific collaborator at the University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland), Faculty of Humanities, Centre for the Understanding of Social Processes, December 2009 - October 2010.
- Lecturer at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland), Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, October 2003 - June 2009.
- Scientific collaborator at the Swiss Federal Statistical Office, April 2002 - November 2009. Statistics on working poverty and welfare recipients: Quality control, data analysis and reporting, up-to-date

knowledge of poverty research, information management (including contacts with the media and officials).

- Project manager for MIS Trend (Lausanne, Switzerland), an institute for marketing and social research, March 1999 – March 2002. My responsibilities were: writing questionnaires, supervising fieldwork quality, survey data analysis and reporting; carrying out qualitative interviews, focus groups and content analysis.

Research projects by topic

Topic 1: Social policies and the quality of life of elderly people/pensioners

- **2018-2022** NCCR On the Move. Leader of the Individual Project (IP) “*Transnational Ageing: post-retirement mobilities, transnational lifestyles and care configurations*”, together with Prof. Mihaela Nedelcu (University of Neuchâtel). The goal is to understand patterns of mobility among Swiss pensioners living abroad and non-Swiss pensioners living in Switzerland, and the determinants of mobility decisions, in particular the role of social policy.

- **2016**: Head of the research project «*Situations et qualité de vie selon les phases de vie des personnes âgées de 60 ans et plus*» (Situations and quality of life in various life stages among persons aged 60 and over in Switzerland), carried out for the Leenaards Foundation. The project's goal was to identify transitions and life stages, in terms of quality of life, among today's Swiss pensioners.

- **2015-2016**: Researcher on a project dealing with the consequences of part-time employment on future retirement benefits, and the risk of being poor in old age, carried out for the *Conférence suisse des délégué-e-s à l'égalité* (Swiss conference on gender equality). Head of project: Prof. Giuliano Bonoli (University of Lausanne).

- **2015-2016**: Main applicant of the research project «*Vers un monitoring de la qualité de vie des "personnes âgées" en Suisse : exploration des possibilités de mettre sur pied un tableau de bord en utilisant les bases de données existantes*» (Monitoring pensioners' quality of life in Switzerland, and production of a dashboard on the basis of existing databases), funded by the Leenaards Foundation.

Topic 2: Social policies, economic inequalities and poverty

- Submitted to the University of Applied Sciences' Scientific Commission: Main applicant of the research project «*Mesurer le non-recours aux prestations sociales pour mieux le comprendre: ampleur du phénomène pour diverses prestations sous conditions de ressources sur la base de données fiscales et sociales*» (Measuring the non-take-up of means-tested benefits on the basis of fiscal and social policy data, in order to better understand this phenomenon). Decision will be taken in December 2016.

- **2013-2016**: Co-applicant of the Swiss National Science Foundation's project «*Income and wealth inequality, deprivation and wellbeing in Switzerland 1990-2013*». Other applicants: Prof. C. Suter (University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland) and Prof. M. Budowski (University of Fribourg, Switzerland).

- **2010-2012**: collaboration with the research network Younex: *Youth, Unemployment, and Exclusion in Europe: A multidimensional approach to understanding the conditions and prospects for social and political integration of young unemployed*, EU Framework Programme 7, the University of Geneva being the coordinator of this network (Prof. Marco Giugni). The collaboration with the Swiss team has led to the publication of an article in a special issue of the Swiss Journal of Social Work in 2012.

- **2006-2011**: Network of Excellence *Reconciling Work and Welfare in Europe* (RECWOWE), Framework Programme 6: Member of the task T03.31: *Working poor in the European Union, a comparative approach*, led by Rodolfo Gutierrez (Professor, University of Oviedo), Neil Fraser (Honorary fellow, University of Edinburgh) and Ramon Peña-Casas (Senior researcher, European Social Observatory, Brussels).

Main applicants of RECWOWE: Prof. Denis Bouget, University of Nantes (France) and Prof. Bruno Palier, Sciences Po, Paris.

Other topics

- **2011:** Researcher on the project *Wirksame Hilfe für die Betroffenen bei Zwangsheirat* (Efficient Help for Victims of Forced Marriage in Switzerland), carried out for the Swiss Federal Office for Migrations. Applicant: Prof. Janine Dahinden, University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland).
- **2013:** Main applicant of the follow-up study entitled *Machbarkeitsstudie Monitoring Zwangsheirat* (Feasibility study: monitoring forced marriages), for the same Federal Office.

Reviewing activities

Books and articles in social science journals:

- Research in Social Stratification and Mobility
- Journal of European Social Policy
- Social Indicators Research
- Edward Elgar Publishing
- Swiss Journal of Sociology
- Swiss Journal of Social Work
- Polish Sociological Review

Scientific assessment of funding requests:

- Swiss National Science Foundation
- Agence nationale de la recherche, France
- Fonds de recherche du Québec sur la société et culture, Canada
- Research Foundation – Flanders, Belgium (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Vlaanderen)

Teaching

University of Applied Sciences, Geneva, since 2013

- *Modules TB1 and TB2:* research methods and processes in social sciences.
- *Module D2 "Poverty and precarious living conditions"*

University of Neuchâtel: 2009-2013

- *Introduction to Statistics:* sampling methods and weighting, descriptive statistics, statistical tests, confidence intervals, regression and correlations, introduction to SPSS.
- *Multivariate Statistics for Social Sciences:* OLS and logistic regression, PCA and factor analysis, correspondence analysis, multivariate analysis of survey data with SPSS.
- (in 2011): *Social Inequalities, Poverty and the Welfare State:* the founding fathers of poverty research, defining and measuring poverty, working poverty in post-industrial economies, defining social inequalities, class analysis and social inequalities, defining the welfare state and analysing its impact on social inequalities, the main challenges of welfare states.

Swiss graduate school of public administration, University of Lausanne: 2011-2013

- International Master in Public Administration (iMPA), Module *The European social model between tradition and reform:* social policies in capitalist societies, the development of a "European social model", welfare regimes, key challenges to welfare states, anti-poverty policies in post-industrial and in emerging economies.

University of Fribourg: 2003-2009

- *Statistics for Social Sciences* Descriptive statistics, sampling methods, quality control, non-response and weighting, variables distribution, statistical tests, correlations and linear regressions.
- *Methodology in Social Sciences:* How to use survey data and official statistics in social sciences, writing survey questions, quantitative analysis and sampling methods for mass-media research, regressions and correspondence analysis with SPSS.

Publications (EC = Eric Crettaz)

Lohmann, H. and EC (forthcoming). Explaining Cross-Country Differences in In-work Poverty. In H. Lohmann and I. Marx (Eds). *Handbook of Research on In-work Poverty*. Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, USA: Edward Elgar.

EC (forthcoming). In-work Poverty among Migrants: Is it a Matter of Social Class, or Rather a Matter of Discrimination? In H. Lohmann and I. Marx (Eds). *Handbook of Research on In-work Poverty*. Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, USA: Edward Elgar.

Gazareth, P., Iglesias, K., and EC (forthcoming). Between social structure inertia and changing biographies: trajectories of material deprivation in Switzerland. In R. Tillmann, M. Voorpostel and P. Farago (Eds). *Change and Inertia in Contemporary Switzerland. Understanding Swiss Society over Time*. Berlin: Springer.

Suter, C., Kuhn, U., Gazareth, P., EC and Ravazzini, L. (2016). Considering the various data sources, survey types and indicators: To what extent do conclusions regarding changing income inequality in Switzerland since the early 1990s converge? In A. Franzen, B. Jann, C. Joppke and E. Widmer (Eds, 153-183). *Essays on Inequality and Integration*. Zurich: Seismo.

EC (2015). Poverty and material deprivation among European workers in times of crisis. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 24(4): 312-323.

EC and Jacot, C. (2014). Do Family Policies Matter for Educational Outcomes? Patterns of Educational Mobility and Family Services in Europe. *European Societies*, 16(5): 645-665.

EC (2014). Working Poor. In A.C. Michalos (ed., 7226-7230). *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life and Subjective Well-Being Research*. New York: Springer.

EC and Suter, C. (2013). The impact of adaptive preferences on subjective indicators: an analysis of poverty indicators. *Social Indicators Research*, 114(1): 139-152.

EC (2013). A State-of-the-Art Review of Working Poverty in Advanced Economies: Theoretical Models, Measurement Issues, and Risk Groups. *Journal of European Social Policy*, 23(4): 347-362.

EC (2012). Social Indicators and Adaptive Preferences: What is the Impact of Income Poverty on Indicators of Material Deprivation and on the Minimum Income Question?" *Swiss Journal of Sociology*, 38(3): 421-440.

EC (2011). Precarious Employment and Working Poverty among Youth: Conceptual Reflections and Empirical Evidence from Switzerland in the late 2000s. *Swiss Journal of Social Work*, 11(2): 7-26.

EC (2011). *Fighting Working Poverty in Postindustrial Economies: Causes, Trade-Offs and Policy Solutions*. Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, USA: Edward Elgar.

EC and Bonoli, G. (2011) Worlds of Working Poverty. Cross-National Variation in Mechanisms. In N. Fraser, R. Gutiérrez and R. Peña-Casas (Eds, 46-69). *Working Poverty in Europe. A Comparative Approach*. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan.

EC (2011). Working Poverty among Immigrants and "Ethnic Minorities": Theoretical Framework and Empirical Evidence across Welfare Regimes". *University of Neuchâtel, MAPS Working Papers Series 3/2011*.

EC and Forney, J. (2010). Situation financière des agriculteurs : mieux comprendre en croisant les perspectives. *Yearbook of Socioeconomics in Agriculture*: 255-284.

EC and Bonoli, G. (2010). Why Are Some Workers Poor? The Mechanisms that Produce Working Poverty in a Comparative Perspective. *REC-WP 12/2010, RECOWE Publication, Dissemination and Dialogue Centre, Edinburgh*.

EC and Farine, A. (2009). Salari bassi e working poor. *Dati: statistiche e società 1-2009*, Ufficio de statistica del Cantone Ticino.

EC (2008). Book review: Marc Barbut (2007), *La mesure des inégalités. Ambiguïtés et paradoxes*, Genève-Paris: Droz. *Swiss Journal of Sociology*, 34 (3): 434-436.

EC (2007). Armut von Personen im Erwerbsalter in der Schweiz. *Die Volkswirtschaft 12-2007*, Staatssekretariat für Wirtschaft SECO.

Reports published by the Swiss Federal Statistical Office, in Neuchâtel (all publications also in French):

EC, Priester, T., Ruch, T. and Schweizer, L. (2009). Sozialhilfe- und Armutsstatistik im Vergleich. Konzepte und Ergebnisse. (A comparison of welfare recipients and the income poor)

EC and Farine, A. (2008). Tiefelöhne und Working Poor in der Schweiz. Ausmass und Risikogruppen auf der Basis der Lohnstrukturerhebung 2006 und der Schweizerischen Arbeitskräfteerhebung 2006. (Low wages and working poverty in Switzerland).

EC (2007). Armut von Personen im Erwerbsalter. Armutsquote und Working-Poor-Quote der 20- bis 59-Jährigen in der Schweiz zwischen 2000 und 2005. (Poverty among the working-age population).

EC (2003 & 2004). Working Poor in der Schweiz: Ausmass und Risikogruppen auf der Basis der Schweizerischen Arbeitskräfteerhebung 2003 / 2002. (Working poverty in Switzerland).

EC (2002, 2003, 2004 and 2008). Ausländerinnen und Ausländer in der Schweiz (Chapters pertaining to poverty among the foreign population in Switzerland).