

# Gesine Fuchs

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## Research Interests

Gender equality policies, political participation and representation, social movements, law and society, policy analysis, transformation studies.

## Education

- 2017 German postdoctorate lecture qualifications (Habilitation) at the University of Münster „Perspectives of substantial democracy“
- 2004 Certificate of Academic Teaching, University of Basel
- 2002 Ph. D., Political Science, University of Hannover „Polnische Frauenorganisationen in der Demokratisierung – Strategien und Erfolgsfaktoren“ (*Polish women’s organisations during democratisation – strategies and elements of success*)
- 1996 Advanced training course qualitative and quantitative methods, University of Berne
- 1994 Diploma, Political Science, University of Hamburg “Partizipation und Durchsetzungschancen von Frauen im Parlament am Beispiel des Kantonsparlaments von Basel-Land” (*Participation and political success of female MPs – the example of the cantonal parliament of Basel-Country*), published 1996.

## Academic Positions and Relevant Professional Experience

- 2019 – Professor, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Department of Social Work
- 2016 - 2019 Lecturer and project leader, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Department of Social Work
- 2010 – 2013 Post-doc, University of Zurich, “Development and steering of gender equality policy at work”, research project leader of two sub-projects
- 2008 – 2010 Guest Researcher, NCCR Democracy University of Zurich, project leader „Pay Equity by Law?“
- Since 2003 Independent researcher and expert (literature reviews, expertises, qualitative social research (key areas: education and gender equality policies)
- 2002 – 2005 Academic assistant, Equal Opportunity Office, canton Basel-Country
- 2000 – 2005 Scientific assistant, Office of Equal Opportunities, University of Basel (Mentoring, web administration)
- 1997 – 2001 Research assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Hannover (Prof. Dr. Christiane Lemke).
- 1994/95 Team member „Book of the Dead“, Memorial Neuengamme ([www.kz-gedenkstaette-neuengamme.de](http://www.kz-gedenkstaette-neuengamme.de))

## Research Funding and Research Projects

- 2019 – 2020 “Legal aid and legal protection for people experiencing poverty” (commissioned by the Federal Social Insurance Office), CHF 106'000
- 2017 - 2018 “Reduction and (re)-production of social inequalities in the Swiss unemployment insurance and in regional employment agencies” (internal research grant Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts) CHF 40'000.
- 2016 – 2020 „Working under the conditions of social welfare“ (concept and fundraising with project leader Prof. Dr. Kurt Pärli, University of Basel), Swiss National Science Foundation, CHF 493'000
- 2015 – 2017 “Situation of working women in the environmental field – taking stock and developing initiatives” (commissioned by *FachFrauen Umwelt* – professionnelles en environnement, [www.ffu-pee.ch](http://www.ffu-pee.ch)), CHF 162'000
- 2011 – 2013 „Knowledge and knowledge transfer of equal opportunity officers in Switzerland“ (pilot study commissioned by three cantonal offices of equal opportunities) (Pilot-Studie), CHF 15'000
- 2011 Country Expert Switzerland for „The Role of Men in Gender Equality Policies“ (European Commission)
- 2010 – 2013 “Development and steering of gender equality policy at work”, University of Zurich Zürich (concept and fundraising with Prof. Dr. Thomas Widmer), Swiss National Science Foundation, National Research Programme 60 “Gender Equality” (No. 129 317), CHF 303'000
- 2008 – 2010 „Pay Equity by Law? Legal and discursive mobilization by social movements in Europe, 1996-2006“, Swiss National Science Foundation (No. 118 224), project leader, CHF 259'000
- 1999 Field work for Ph.D. in Warsaw, German Academic Exchange Service (€ 1500).

## Service to the profession

- 2017- Editorial Board *Strategic Litigation Book Series* (Nomos, Baden-Baden)
- 2017-2018 Program Committee Conference „Abolishing the Law?“ (University of Basel, 13-15 September 2018)
- 2009- Editorial Board *Femina Politica* – Feminist Political Science Review ([www.femina-politica.de](http://www.femina-politica.de))
- 2005- *Reviewing*: European Journal of Political Research; Gender – Zeitschrift für Geschlecht, Kultur und Gesellschaft; Gender, Place and Culture; L'Homme – Europäische Zeitschrift für Feministische Geschichtswissenschaft; Politics, Groups, Identities; Zeitschrift für Rechtssoziologie; Swiss National Science Foundation.
- 2000- *Mentoring* for students and doctoral students in formal and informal settings (mailings lists for female doctoral students 2000-2005, 2007/08 and 2012/13 „step“ programme for female students)
- 1997 – 2001 Selection committee GFPS-Polska ([www.gfps.pl](http://www.gfps.pl))

## Professional memberships

Law & Society Association  
Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW)  
German Political Science Association (DVPW)  
Working Group Politics and Gender in DVPW  
Centre for European Gender Studies, University of Muenster (associated member)

## Languages

German (native tongue), English and Polish (C1/2); French (B1).

## Selected publications (full list: [www.gesine-fuchs.net/site/assets/files/1096/fuchs-publikationen.pdf](http://www.gesine-fuchs.net/site/assets/files/1096/fuchs-publikationen.pdf))

### Monographs

- 2020 Melanie Studer, Gesine Fuchs, Anne Meier, Kurt Pärli: Working under the Conditions of Social Welfare. - University of Basel and Lucerne University of Applied Science and Arts.
- 2018 Gleichstellungspolitik in der Schweiz. Einführung in ein umstrittenes Politikfeld (*Gender Equality in Switzerland. Introduction to a contested policy*). Opladen: Barbara Budrich.
- \*2016 Gleichstellungspolitik öffentlicher Arbeitgeber. Analysen aus der Schweiz, Deutschland und Österreich (*The Governance of Equal Opportunity by Public Employers: Comparing the Federal Administrations of Switzerland, Germany and Austria*), Opladen: Barbara Budrich (first author with Silke Bothfeld, Andrea Leitner and Sophie Rouault).
- 2003 Die Zivilgesellschaft mitgestalten – Polnische Frauenorganisationen im Demokratisierungsprozess. (*Shaping the civil society - Polish women's organisations in the democratisation process*) (Politik der Geschlechterverhältnisse Bd. 21) – Frankfurt/M.: Campus.
- 1996 Frauen im Parlament - eine vergleichende Untersuchung über die Partizipation von Politikerinnen im Landrat des Kantons Basel-Landschaft. Mit einer Analyse der Landratswahlen 1995 (*Women in Parliament - A comparative study on women politicians' participation in the canton of Basel-Landschaft with an analysis of the cantonal parliament election in 1995*). (Recht und Politik Bd. 14). - Liestal: Verlag des Kantons Basel-Landschaft.

### Edited volumes and special issues

- Feministisch Wissen schaffen – Creating Knowledge the Feminist Way**, *Femina Politica* 30 (1) 2021 (edited with Patricia Graf)
- Geschlechterpolitik in Osteuropa** (*Gender politics in Eastern Europe*), *Femina Politica* 24 (2) 2015 (edited with Eva Maria Hinterhuber), English version of the introduction available: <https://gesine-fuchs.net/de/publikationen/2015-geschlechterpolitik-in-osteuropa/>
- Recht als feministische Politikstrategie?** (*Litigation as a feminist political strategy?*) Special issue of *Femina Politica* 21 (2) (co-editor with Sabine Berghahn) 2012.
- Handbuch Politische Partizipation von Frauen in Europa II – Die Beitrittsstaaten zur Europäischen Union** (*Political participation of women in Europe, Volume II - The acceding countries to the European Union*) (co-editor with Beate Hoecker), Wiesbaden: VS – Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften 2004.

### Selected articles and contributions in edited volumes since 2016

- \*2021 Rechtsmobilisierung. Ein Systematisierungsversuch (Legal Mobilization. An attempt at Classification). In: Zeitschrift für Rechtssoziologie 41 (1), S. 21–43. DOI: 10.1515/zfrs-2021-0003.
- 2021 Fuchs, Gesine; Graf, Patricia: Feministisch Wissen schaffen: Erreichtes, in Arbeit und immer noch zu tun (Einleitung) (Creating Knowledge the Feminist Way: Achievements, in Progress and Still to be Done – introduction). In: *Femina Politica* (1), S. 8-13.

- \*2021 Hinterhuber, Eva Maria; Fuchs, Gesine: Neoliberal Intervention: Analyzing the Drakulić-Funk-Ghodsee-Debates. In: Mara Lazda, Katalin Fábrián und Janet Elise Johnson (Hg.): The Routledge International Handbook of Gender in Central-Eastern Europe and Eurasia. London: Routledge, S. 27–37.
- 2020 Fuchs, Gesine: Politische Partizipationsforschung und Geschlecht – Eine Reflexion (Political participation research and gender. A reflection). In: Dorothee Beck und Annette Henninger (Hg.): Konkurrenz für das Alphamännchen. Politische Repräsentation und Geschlecht. Roßdorf: Ulrike Helmer Verlag, S. 250–266.
- \*Gesine Fuchs, Lucia Lanfranconi, Maria Pilotto, Annelis Bögli (2019): Persistenz des “männlichen Ernährermodells” in der Umsetzung der Schweizerischen Arbeitslosenpolitik: eine explorative Analyse auf mehreren Ebenen (The persistence of the male breadwinner model and the implementation of the Swiss unemployment insurance. An explorative multi level analysis). *Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Soziale Arbeit* 25.19, S. 52 - 70.
- Gesine Fuchs (2019). Was ist strategische Prozessführung? (What is strategic litigation?) In Graser, Alexander; Helmrich, Christian (Hrsg.), *Strategic Litigation. Begriff und Praxis* (Vol.1, S. 43-52). Baden-Baden: Nomos.
- Gesine Fuchs (2019): Rechtsmobilisierung (Legal mobilization). in: Boulanger, Christian; Rosenstock, Julika; Singelstein, Tobias (Hg.): *Interdisziplinäre Rechtsforschung: Eine Einführung in die geistes- und sozialwissenschaftliche Befassung mit dem Recht und seiner Praxis*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 243-256.
- Gesine Fuchs (2018): Wählen Frauen anders als Männer? *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte*, 68(42), 37-44.
- Agnes Blome, Gesine Fuchs (2017): Macht und substantielle Repräsentation von Frauen (Power and the substantial representation of women) In: *Femina Politica* 26 (1), 53 – 67.
- \* Gesine Fuchs, Christine Scheidegger (2017): Political Representation of Women in Europe. What Accounts for the Increase in the 2000s? In: Auth, Diana; Hergenhan, Jutta; Holland-Cunz, Barbara (eds.), *Gender and Family in European Economic Policy*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 199-225.
- \* Eva-Maria Hinterhuber, Gesine Fuchs (2016): New gender-political impulses from Eastern Europe: the case of Pussy Riot, in: Schwabenland, Christina/Lange, Chris/Onyx, Jenny/ Nakagawa, Sachiko (eds.): *Women's Emancipation and Civil Society Organisations*. Bristol: Policy Press, p. 89-111.
- \* Gesine Fuchs, Andrea Leitner and Sophie Rouault (2016): Comparing Governance Regimes for Equal Opportunities: Federal Administrations as Employers in Switzerland, Germany and Austria. In: Liebig, Brigitte, Gottschall, Karin and Sauer, Birgit. (eds.): *Gender Equality in Context: Policies and Practices in Switzerland*, Opladen: Barbara Budrich Publishers, 21-42.

### Selected research reports

- Fuchs, Gesine; Abbas, Marina; Studer, Melanie; Koschmieder, Nikola; Pärli, Kurt; Meier, Anne; Blanchet, Nathalie; Ruch, Marion (2021): **Rechtsberatung und Rechtsschutz von Armutsbetroffenen in der Sozialhilfe**. (Legal aid and legal protection for people experiencing poverty). Hg. v. Bundesamt für Sozialversicherungen. Bern (Forschungsbericht, 18/20).
- Marina Abbas, Stefanie C. Boulila, Gesine Fuchs, Nikola Koschmieder, Lucia M. Lanfranconi, Alina Schmuziger (2021): **Gleichstellungsbericht Luzern. Wissenschaftlicher Grundlagenbericht über die Gleichstellung im Kanton Luzern**. (Gender Equality Report Lucerne). Hochschule Luzern - Soziale Arbeit.
- Gesine Fuchs, Lucia Lanfranconi, Oriana Gebhard Ludwig, Franzisca Frania: **National Barometer on Equality 2018: Focus on equal pay**. Bern: Swiss Conference of Gender Equality Delegates.

## **Selected conference papers since 2016**

- November 2020: Freiwillige Justizialisierung in der Schweizer Sozialhilfe (Voluntary judicialization in Swiss social assistance). Forschungskolloquium Forschungsverbund Sozialpolitik und Sozialrecht (FoSS) Universität Kassel/Fachhochschule Fulda.
- August 2020: Neoliberalism, Right-Wing Populism, and Gender in Eastern Europe: Contemporary Challenges and Debates. ECPR Virtual Conference, online (with Eva Maria Hinterhuber).
- September 2019: "Working under the conditions of social welfare. Research Project Results". Kongress der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Soziologie, Université de Neuchâtel. Kongress der Schweizerischen Gesellschaft für Soziologie in Neuchâtel (with Melanie Studer).
- September 2019. "The implicit policy making role of Swiss courts in social assistance". General Conference of the ECPR, University of Wrocław.
- April 2019: Paper "Challenging ‚work‘ for welfare recipients in Swiss Courts". International Labour Process Conference ILPC, University of Vienna.
- August 2018: Paper "Legal Mobilization of welfare recipients in Switzerland and implicit policy making of the courts", General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, University of Hamburg, 22 – 25 August 2018.
- August 2018: Paper "Downsizing, merging and closing: resistance to gender equality bodies in Switzerland" General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, University of Hamburg, 22 – 25 August 2018.
- April 2018: Paper "Legal Mobilization of Welfare Recipients in Switzerland". 8th European Conference for Social Work Research, University of Edinburgh.
- June 2017: Paper "Constructing the needy and working welfare recipient in paternalist neo-liberalism: the case of Switzerland", Labour Law Research Network Conference, University of Toronto.
- May 2017: Panel "Swiss Gender Equality Policy in Context" (Co-chair with Lea Sgier, Central European University Budapest, Paper "Women's Policy Agencies in Switzerland: institutional potential and political conflict", European Conference on Gender and Politics, University of Lausanne.
- September 2016, Armut Alleinerziehender unter Berücksichtigung struktureller Rahmenbedingungen in der Schweiz (*Poverty of single-parent households under consideration of Switzerland's structural conditions*). Conference "Reproduktion sozialer Ungleichheit in reproduktiven Biografien von Frauen Familiensoziologische, politikwissenschaftliche und gesundheitswissenschaftliche Erklärungen in einem Drei-Länder-Vergleich". Evangelische Fachhochschule Freiburg/Brsg (Protestant University of Applied Sciences Freiburg).
- January 2016, Political representation of women in Europe: What accounts for the increase in the 2000's? Annual Meeting of the Swiss Political Science Association, University of Basel. With Christine Scheidegger.

## **Recent Courses Taught**

**Languages** of instruction: German, English, Polish

- Summer 2021 Creating knowledge the feminist way (Institute of Political Science, University of Muenster)
- Spring 2021 Service Users and their Participation in Social Work (Cooperative Master in Social Work Lucerne – St. Gallen – Bern)
- Summer 2019 Legal mobilization as political participation (Institute of Political Science, University of Muenster)
- Spring 2019 Comparative social policy (Cooperative Master Studies in Social Work Berne, Lucerne, St. Gallen)

- Since 2018 Economic Development and the World of Work (Department of Social Work, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences), Co-leader of the module
- Fall 2017 Active Labour Market Policy (Institute of Political Science, University of Muenster)
- Fall 2017 Current developments in Social Work: Social Policy and Social Work (Department of Social Work, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences)
- 2016-2021 Social Policy and Organisations of Social Services (Department of Social Work, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences)