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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2024-present	Associate Professor (tenured) of Sustainability Research Department of Social Sciences, University of Basel, Switzerland
2021-2024	Assistant Professor (tenure-track) of Business and Society Department of Society, Politics and Sustainability, ESADE Business School, Spain
2019-2021	Postdoctoral Researcher Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences, ETH Zürich, Switzerland

EDUCATION

2018	Ph.D. in Political Science (summa cum laude), University of Münster, Germany
2014	M.Sc. in Agricultural and Food Economics, University of Bonn, Germany M.Sc. in Business and Economics, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
2012	B.A. (First Class Honors) in Political Science, McGill University, Canada

MAJOR GRANTS AND AWARDS

2024	SNF Starting Grant “EXPECT-AGRI: The political economy of expectations in agri-food sustainability transformations” (2025-2030, CHF 1'733'686), Swiss National Science Foundation (Principal Investigator [PI])
2024	SSHRC Insight Grant “Canada's global food footprint: Reducing imported deforestation” (2024-2029, Can\$ 272,766), Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council (co-investigator, PI: Sophia Carodenuto)
2022	Lynton Keith Caldwell Award for the best book on environmental politics and policy published in the past three years, American Political Science Association
2021	SNIS International Geneva Award, given to the three papers most useful to international organizations, Swiss Network for International Studies (CHF 5,000)
2021	ONE Book Award for the best book published in the previous three years in the area of organizations and the natural environment, Academy of Management (USD 500)
2021	Project grant “The paradoxes of climate-smart coffee” (2021-2025, DKK 11,993,426), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (co-investigator, PI: Kristjan Jespersen)
2020	Project grant “Assessing the effectiveness and equity of zero-deforestation commitment implementation in the palm oil sector” (2020-2025; CHF 785,128), Swiss National Science Foundation (co-investigator, PI: Rachael Garrett)
2020	SSHRC Connection Grant “Traders as agents of sustainability governance in global food supply chains: Initiating a research agenda” (2020-2022, Can\$ 24,915), Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council (co-PI, with Sophia Carodenuto)
2019	Virginia Walsh Award for the best dissertation in environmental politics, American Political Science Association
2019	Oran R. Young Prize for the best early-career paper of the 2019 Mexico Conference, Earth System Governance Network
2018	Giandomenico Majone Prize for the best paper presented at the 2018 Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance by an early career researcher, European Consortium on Political Research

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed books

1. **Grabs, J.** (2020). *Selling sustainability short? The private governance of labor and the environment in the coffee sector*. Cambridge University Press.
 - Winner of the 2021 ONE Book Award, Academy of Management
 - Winner of the 2022 Lynton Keith Caldwell Award, American Political Science Association
 - Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics, Governance, and Global Justice and Human Rights Journal Review*

Refereed journal articles

33. **Grabs, J.** (2025). The construction of compliance with the EU Deforestation Regulation in global coffee value chains. *Regulation & Governance*, early view. DOI: 10.1111/regg.70103
32. Ponte, S., Silvano, P., Kasongi, N., **Grabs, J.**, & Mwalutolo, D. (2025). Power and governance in value chains: How climate change and domestic regulation are reshaping the Tanzanian coffee industry. *European Journal of Development Research*, in press.
31. Cantwell-Chavez, D., Lecavalier, E., Papin, M., Jayaram, D., Ribeiro, D., **Grabs, J.**, Alger, J. (2025). Supporting the next generation of Global Environmental Politics research: A call to dialogue and action. *Global Environmental Politics*, early view.
30. Regasa Megerssa, G., Garedew, W., Jespersen, K. **Grabs, J.**, Eneyew Bekele, A. (2025). The impact of climate change on Ethiopian Arabica coffee production and current challenges it poses to the coffee value chain. *Sustainable Futures*, 10, 101459.
29. Regasa Megerssa, G., Eneyew Bekele, A., **Grabs, J.**, Garedew, W., Jespersen, K. (2025). How do institutions reshape the resilience of the Ethiopian coffee sector amidst the pressures of climate change? *Sustainable Development*, early view.
28. Lyons-White, J., Spencer, M., Arif, J., Balmford, A., Barlow, J., Brandão, J., Börner, J., Camara, G., Chandra, A., Cleary, D., Colchester, M., Dharmawan, A., Ekaputri, A., **Grabs, J.**, Hecht, S., Idris, N., Juniyaniti, L., Kumaran, S., Lasmana, F., Macedo, M., McGrath, T., Nawawi, Nussbaum, R., Paranhos, M., Pollard, E., Porro, R., dos Reis, J., Smith, R., Struebig, M., Turner, E., Utamiputri, P., Valentim, J., & Garrett, R. (2025). Political will has been critical for protecting forests in the Brazilian Amazon and Indonesia. *Conservation Letters*, 18(4), e13120.
27. Gallemore, C., Berecha, G., Eneyew, A., **Grabs, J.**, Jespersen, K., Kasongi, N., Mamuye, M., Mathe, A., Maskell, G., Mwalutolo, D., Niehues, I., Terry, S., Yamungu, N. (2025). Avoiding access inequity due to classification errors in zero-deforestation value chains: Coffee and the European Union Deforestation Regulation. *Land Use Policy*, 157, 107609.
26. Bennett, E., & **Grabs, J.** (2025). How can sustainable business models address poverty and inequality in global value chains? An introduction to “value chain profit sharing” as an alternative to fair trade, direct trade, or solidarity trade. *Business Ethics, the Environment & Responsibility*, 34(2), 581-601.
25. Macdonald, K., Diprose, R., **Grabs, J.**, Schleifer, P., Alger J., Bahrudin, Brandao, J., Cashore, B., Chandra, A., Cisneros P., Delgado, D., Garrett, R., & Hopkinson, W. (2024). Jurisdictional approaches to sustainable agro-commodity governance: The state of knowledge and future research directions. *Earth System Governance*, 22, 100227.
24. Marx, A., Depoorter, C., Fernandez de Cordoba, S., Verma, R., Auld, G., Bemelmans, J., Bennett, E., Boonaert, E., Brandi, C., Dietz, T., Fernandez Araoz, M., **Grabs, J.**, Gulbrandsen, L., Heilmayr, R., Hernandez, A., Hoekman, B., Lambert, S.R., Lambin, E., Li, L., Maertens, M., Mortara Batistic, P., Michida, E., Nakagawa, J., Negi, A., Pérez-Pineda, J.A., Rueda, X., Schleifer, P., van der Ven, H., Harrison, J., Thorstensen, V., Ponte, S., Foulleux, E. (2024). Global governance through Voluntary Sustainability Standards: Developments, trends and challenges. *Global Policy*, 15(4), 708-728.
23. Jespersen, K., **Grabs, J.**, & Gallemore, C. (2024). Ratcheting up multistakeholder standards by exploiting coopetition: The curious case of RSPO’s adoption of zero-deforestation criteria. *Ecological Economics*, 223, 108229.
22. Eggen, M., Heilmayr, R., Anderson P., Armson, R., Austin K., Azmi R., Bayliss P., Burns, D., Erbaugh, J.T., Ekaputri, A.D., Gaveau, D., **Grabs, J.**, Greenbury, A., Gulagnar, I., Hanu, M.A., Hill, T., Leegwater, M., Limberg, G., Opal, C.,

- Putri, V., Rodrigues, J., Rosoman, G., Satar, M., Sheun, S.S., Rafik, R., Walen, S., & Carlson, K. (2024). Smallholder participation in zero deforestation supply chain initiatives in the Indonesian oil palm sector: Challenges, opportunities, and limitations. *Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene*, 12(1), 00099.
21. Chandra, A., Garrett, R., Carlson, K., Heilmayr, R., & **Grabs, J.** (2024). How well does the implementation of corporate zero-deforestation commitments in Indonesia align with aims to halt deforestation and include smallholders? *Environmental Research Letters*, 19(4), 044054.
 20. **Grabs, J.**, Carodenuto, S., Jespersen, K., Adams, M., Camacho, M.A., Celi, G., Chandra, A., Dufour, J., zu Ermgassen, E., Garrett, R., Lyons-White, J., McLeish, M., Niehues, I., Silverman, S., Stone, E. (2024). The role of midstream actors in advancing the sustainability of agri-food supply chains. *Nature Sustainability*, 7, 527–535.
 19. **Grabs, J.** (2023). Business accountability in the Anthropocene. *Environmental Policy and Governance*, 33(6), 615-630.
 18. **Grabs, J.** (2023). A theory of credible cross-temporal corporate commitments as goal-based private sustainability governance. *Business Strategy and the Environment*, 33(8), 5146-5160.
 17. **Grabs, J.** & Garrett, R. (2023). Goal-based private sustainability governance and its paradoxes in the Indonesian palm oil sector. *Journal of Business Ethics*, 188, 467-507.
 16. Garrett, R., **Grabs, J.**, Cammelli, F., Gollnow, F. & Levy, S. (2022). Should Payments for Ecosystem Services be used to implement zero-deforestation supply chain policies? The case of soy in the Brazilian Cerrado. *World Development*, 152, 105814.
 15. Cammelli, F., Levy, S., **Grabs, J.**, Valentim, J., & Garrett, R. (2022). Effectiveness-equity tradeoffs in enforcing exclusionary supply chain policies: lessons from the Amazonian cattle sector. *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 332, 130031.
 14. Dietz, T., & **Grabs, J.** (2022). Additionality and implementation gaps in Voluntary Sustainability Standards. *New Political Economy*, 27(2), 203-224. (equal authors)
 13. **Grabs, J.**, Cammelli, F., Levy, S., & Garrett, R. (2021). Designing effective and equitable zero-deforestation supply chain policies. *Global Environmental Change*, 70, 102357
- Winner of 2021 SNIS International Geneva Award, Swiss Network for International Studies
 12. **Grabs, J.** & Carodenuto, S. (2021). Traders as sustainability governance actors in global food supply chains. A research agenda. *Business Strategy and the Environment*, 30(2), 1314-1332.
 11. **Grabs, J.** (2021). Signaling Southern sustainability: When do actors use private or public regulatory authority to market tropical commodities? *Journal of Environmental Management*, 285, 112053.
 10. Dietz, T., **Grabs, J.**, & Estrella Chong, A. (2021). Mainstreamed voluntary sustainability standards and their effectiveness: Evidence from the Honduran coffee sector. *Regulation & Governance*, 15(2), 333-355.
 9. **Grabs, J.**, Auld, G., & Cashore, B. (2021). Private regulation, public policy, and the perils of adverse ontological selection. *Regulation & Governance*, 15(4), 1183-1208.
 8. **Grabs, J.** (2020). Assessing the institutionalization of private sustainability governance in a changing coffee sector. *Regulation & Governance*, 14(2), 362-387.
 7. Dietz, T., Estrella Chong, A., **Grabs, J.**, Kilian, B. (2020). How effective is multiple certification in improving the economic conditions of smallholder farmers? Evidence from an impact evaluation in Colombia's coffee belt. *Journal of Development Studies*, 56(6), 1141-1160.
 6. **Grabs, J.**, & Ponte, S. (2019). The evolution of power in the global coffee value chain and production network. *Journal of Economic Geography*, 19(4), 803-828.
 5. Dietz, T., Auffenberg, J., **Grabs, J.**, Estrella Chong, A., & Kilian, B. (2018). The Voluntary Coffee Standard Index (VOCSI). Developing a composite index to assess and compare the strength of Mainstream Voluntary Sustainability Standards in the global coffee industry. *Ecological Economics*, 150, 72-87.
 4. Dietz, T., Estrella Chong, A., Font Gilabert, P., & Grabs, J. (2018). Women's empowerment in rural Honduras and its determinants: insights from coffee communities in Ocotepeque and Copan. *Development in Practice*, 28(1), 33-50. (equal authors)

3. **Grabs, J.**, Kilian, B., Hernández, D. C., & Dietz, T. (2016). Understanding coffee certification dynamics: A spatial analysis of voluntary sustainability standard proliferation. *International Food & Agribusiness Management Review*, 19, 31-55.
- Winner of 2016 Best Paper Award in category “Relevance to managers”, IFAMA World Conference
2. **Grabs, J.**, Langen, N., Maschkowski, G., & Schöpke, N. (2016). Understanding role models for change: a multilevel analysis of success factors of grassroots initiatives for sustainable consumption. *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 134, 98-111.
1. **Grabs, J.** (2015). The rebound effects of switching to vegetarianism. A microeconomic analysis of Swedish consumption behavior. *Ecological Economics*, 116, 270-279.

Book chapters and cases

4. **Grabs, J.** (2026). Value chain governance, from plantation to consumer: The examples of tropical commodities. In Mena, S., Inoue, C.Y.A., Amaeshi, K. & Jayaram, D. (eds), *Handbook of Research on Sustainability and Governance*, Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, USA: Edward Elgar Publishing, forthcoming.
3. **Grabs, J.** (2025). Public-private governance interactions. In Maguire, M. & Wilson, G. (eds), *Encyclopedia of Business and Government*, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, forthcoming.
2. Silverman, S., Carodenuto, S., & **Grabs, J.** (2023). *Adventures in Transdisciplinary Translation: Co-creating and Vetting a Novel Research Agenda on Trading Companies as Sustainability Governance Actors*. Sage Research Methods: Business, SAGE Publications Inc. <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781529628371>
1. Maschkowski, G., Schöpke, N., **Grabs, J.**, & Langen, N. (2016). Learning from co-founders of grassroots initiatives: personal resilience, transition, and behavioral change – a salutogenic approach. In: Henfrey T., & Maschkowski G. (eds.) *Resilience, Community Action and Societal Transformation*. East Meon: Permanent Publications and Bristol: Good Works.

Book reviews and book review responses

2. **Grabs, J.** (2021). Moving Forward on the Point of Voluntary Sustainability Certifications. AN INVITED RESPONSE TO Bennett, E. A. 2021. Voluntary Sustainability Certifications: What is the Point? *Global Justice and Human Rights Journal Review* 1(4), 18-23. *Global Justice and Human Rights Journal Review*, 1(5), 24-30.
1. **Grabs, J.** (2021). Private Governance and Public Authority: Regulating Sustainability in a Global Economy. By Stefan Renckens. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020. 314p. \$99.99 cloth. *Perspectives on Politics*, 19(1), 324-326.

Work under review

8. Pacheco, P., Contreras del Valle, M.F., **Grabs, J.**, Toppinen, A., Camilher Camargo, M. Governing global supply chains and financial systems for nature and people. Book chapter. R&R.
7. Chandra, A., **Grabs, J.**, Meemken, E., Hidayat, N.K., Dharmawan, A.H., Mardiyarningsih, D.I., & Garrett, R. Zero-deforestation commitment implementation in the Indonesian palm oil sector does not reach smallholders. R&R.
6. Stigler, M., **Grabs, J.**, Heilmayr, R., Carlson, K., Chandra, A., Benedict, J., & Garrett, R. Zero-deforestation commitments in Indonesia's palm oil sector achieve high compliance but no additionality. R&R.
5. **Grabs, J.**, Berecha Yadessa, G., Castellón Durán, M., Eneyew Bekele, A., Gallemore, C., Garedew Terefe, W., Gure Lemessa, S., Hailemariam Mamo, M., Kasongi, N.D., Mamuye Kebede, M., Mwalutolo, D.A., Niehues, I., Noe, C., Ponte, S., Regasa Megerssa, G., Silvano, P., Yamungu, N., & Jespersen, K. Resilience of what and for whom? Climate change mitigation and adaptation in the global, Ethiopian, and Tanzanian coffee sectors. R&R.
4. Chandra, A., **Grabs, J.**, Meemken, E., & Garrett, R. Relational aspects and care-based support in Zero-Deforestation Commitments. R&R.
3. **Grabs, J.**, Ponte, S., & Castellón Durán, M. The business of climate change. R&R.
2. Eberlein, B., & **Grabs, J.** Rethinking Corporate Political Activity (CPA) for governing sustainability: An institutionally embedded CPA framework to investigate the three decisions business firms need to make when engaging with governments. R&R.

1. Heldt, L., **Grabs, J.**, & Arenas Alonso, J. Supply chain bricolage for supply chain resilience? A longitudinal process study of palm oil supply chains and the EU Deforestation Regulation. In preparation.

Other publications

9. UNCTAD/UNFSS (2025). *The future of sustainable trade: Due diligence initiatives, voluntary sustainability standards and developing countries* (United Nations). 6th UNFSS Flagship Report (contributing author).
8. Strasser, J., Garcia, B., Grüning, C., Tran, C., Martin, K., Hannak, J., Jüde, J., Becker, M., **Grabs, J.** & Hofstetter, J. (2024). *Cost allocation and incentive mechanisms for environmental, climate protection and resource conservation along global supply chains. Analysis of the cotton, tin, natural rubber, coffee and iron ore supply chains*. Dessau-Roßlau: Umweltbundesamt (UBA).
7. Macdonald, K., Diprose, R., **Grabs, J.**, Schleifer, P., Alger J., Bahrudin, Cashore, B., Cisneros P., Delgado, D., Garrett, R., & Hopkinson, W. (2023). *Jurisdictional Approaches to Sustainable Commodity Governance*. Sustainable Global Supply Chains Discussion Papers Number 4. Research Network Sustainable Global Supply Chains. <https://doi.org/10.57671/sgcdp-2304>
6. Fesenfeld, L., Mann, S., Meier, M., Nemecek, T., Scharrer, B., Bornemann, B., Brombach, C., Beretta, C., Bürgi, E., **Grabs, J.**, Ingold, K., Jeanneret, P., Kislig, S., Lieberherr, E., Müller, A., Pfister, S., Schader, C., Schönberg, S., Sonneveld, M., Barjolle, D., Boivin, P., Brunner, T., Contzen, S., Espa, I., Estève, M., Forney, J., Häberli C., Hediger, W., Hilbeck, A., Kopainsky, B., Lehmann, B., Mack, G., Markoni, E., Meier, B., Paccaud, F., Rohrmann, S., Schindler, M., Schwab, C., Tribaldos, T., Waibel, P., Zähringer, J. (2023). *Wege in die Ernährungszukunft der Schweiz: Leitfaden zu den grössten Hebeln und politischen Pfaden für ein nachhaltiges Ernährungssystem*. SDSN Schweiz.
5. Bennett, E., & **Grabs, J.** (2021). *Rethinking the “necessary” trade-offs of distributing value to suppliers: An analysis of the profit-sharing model*. Carr Center Discussion Paper. Harvard Kennedy School Carr Center for Human Rights Policy.
4. IPES-Food (2018). *Breaking away from industrial food and farming systems - seven case studies of agroecological transition*. Louvain-la-Neuve: International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (research lead).
3. IPES-Food (2017). *Unravelling the Food–Health Nexus: Addressing practices, political economy, and power relations to build healthier food systems*. Louvain-la-Neuve: International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (contributing researcher).
2. **Grabs, J.** (2017). The rise of buyer-driven sustainability governance: Emerging trends in the global coffee sector. *ZenTra Working Paper in Transnational Studies* No. 73/2017.
1. **Grabs, J.** (2015). *Value-adding strategies for low-emission coffee: An overview*. San Jose, Costa Rica: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

OTHER AWARDS AND HONORS

2022	Accreditation ‘RECERCA’ (certifies eligibility for a tenured associate professorship) by the Catalan university system quality agency AQU
2019	WWU Dissertationspreis 2019, awarded for the best dissertation of the Department of Social and Educational Sciences of the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster (€3,500)
2019	Admission to Robert Bosch Postdoc Academy for Transformational Leadership (2019-2021)
2018-2019	Visiting Researcher School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University, USA
2018	Admission to the Earth System Governance Research Fellow Network
2016	Best Paper Award in category “Relevance to managers”, IFAMA World Conference
2012	Allen Oliver Gold Medal, McGill University Dean of Arts Convocation Prize, McGill University

OTHER GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2026	Forum Basiliense host for Senior Research Fellow Natalie Langford (competitive application), University of Basel
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2025	Forum Basiliense host for Senior Research Fellow Elizabeth Bennett (competitive application), University of Basel
2022	Project grant “Exploring ‘jurisdictional’ approaches to sustainable commodity governance” (2022-2023, Au\$15,679), University of Melbourne Arts Collaborative Research Seed Funding (co-investigator, PI: Kate Macdonald)
2020	Faculty Exchange Grant to support ETH visit of Indonesian collaborator Dr. Nia Kurniawati Hidayat (CHF 8,500), ETH for Development (ETH4D)
2019	Project grant from <i>Fonds Welternährungssystem</i> (CHF 8,900), ETH World Food System Center (co-PI, with Federico Cammelli)
2019	2019 University of Toronto Scarborough Postdoctoral Fellowship (Can\$ 90,000), declined
2019	Gender Equity Grant for International Conference Visits (€400), University of Münster
2018	IPID4All Travel Grant for International Research Exchanges (€5,000), German Academic Exchange Service
2018	DAAD International Conference Travel Grant (€600), German Academic Exchange Service
2017	IPID4All Travel Grant for International Research Exchanges (€5,000), German Academic Exchange Service
2017	Gender Equity Grant for International Conference Visits (€500), University of Münster
2014 – 2015	Mercator Fellowship on International Affairs (€20,000), Mercator Foundation/German National Academic Foundation
2012 – 2014	Erasmus Mundus Scholarship (€12,000), European Union

TEACHING

University of Basel

Sustainability governance in international value chains (graduate, 2024)
 Sustainable development: Introduction into topics and approaches (graduate, 2024; co-taught)
 Sustainability: A new societal paradigm (graduate, 2025)
 Social science perspectives on sustainability (graduate, 2025)
 Climate justice: Basel in the world (graduate, 2025)
 Research design Master’s thesis (graduate, 2024, 2025; co-taught)
 Critical political Economy: Growth, inequality and planetary boundaries (graduate, 2024)

Guest lectures in:

Tools and methods for interdisciplinary research (graduate, 2025)

ESADE Business School

Sociology (undergraduate, 2021, 2022, 2023)
 Business in society (graduate, 2021, 2022, 2023)
 Critical political economy: Growth, inequality and planetary boundaries (undergraduate, 2022, 2023, 2024)
 New trends in sustainable and regenerative business (MBA, 2023, 2024)
 Science of sustainability (graduate, 2023; co-taught)
 Social, legal, and political trends, challenges, and proposals (graduate, 2023; co-taught)
 Globalization: Economics and politics (undergraduate, 2023; co-taught)

University of Münster

Ethics and sustainability governance of international value chains (undergraduate, 2017, 2018 & 2019)
 Methods: Policy analysis and impact evaluation (undergraduate, 2018 & 2019)
 Introduction to international organizations (undergraduate, 2018)
 Critical political economy: Growth, inequality and planetary boundaries (undergraduate, 2018)

Yale University

Problem solving in the global era: Social science contributions to forward looking environmental management (lead Teaching Fellow, graduate, 2018)

Global environmental governance (lead Teaching Fellow, graduate, 2019)

THESIS SUPERVISION AND MENTORSHIP

PhD thesis supervision

Lucia Casalegno, 2025-2029, University of Basel (primary supervisor)

Lesly Nassila, 2025-2029, University of Basel (primary supervisor)

Gianna Angermayr, 2024-2028, University of Basel, title: Connecting the transition towards renewable energy sources with wellbeing: a mixed-methods approach for selected case studies (second supervisor)

Philipp Dunker, 2024-2028, University of Basel, title: The social acceptance of sustainable and synthetic fuels (primary supervisor)

Emma Bowick, 2023-2026, University of Victoria (committee member)

Guta Regasa Megeressa, 2021-2025, Jimma University, title: Climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies and their impacts along the coffee value chain in Ethiopia (co-supervisor)

Daniel Mwalutolo, 2021-2025, University of Dar es Salaam, title: Climate change adaptation and livelihood upgrading potentials along the coffee value chain in Tanzania (co-supervisor)

Adelina Chandra, 2020-2024, ETH Zurich, title: The effectiveness and equity of zero deforestation commitments in the Indonesian palm oil sector (co-supervisor, successfully defended on 16.10.24)

MS thesis supervision [P = primary supervisor, S = second supervisor, C = co-supervisor]

University of Basel

Nazanin Asbaghipour, 2025: Navigating legal and sociological challenges of cultured meat promotion and acceptance in Europe: The case of Switzerland (P)

Mariya Mervenetska, 2025: Analyzing sustainability practices in second-party coffee schemes (P)

Urvashi Nagar, 2025: Climate impacts and adaptation among farmers in Auroville, India (P)

Patricia Martins Rodrigues, 2024-25: The Swiss due diligence and reporting obligations in relation to child labour: An analysis of their potential to foster foreign corporate accountability in the cocoa sector (P)

Nicolas Staehelin, 2024-25, Analysing actions and cooperations to reduce food waste in Switzerland (P)

Sarah Blümli, 2024-25, Discourses in the voting campaigns for the biodiversity initiative (S)

Wonkyung Lee, 2024-25, Religious identity and human rights-based approach adoption in international NGOs (S)

Laura Angst, 2024-25, Die Klima-Schicht: Geschlechterrollen, Fürsorgearbeit und Klimawandel (S)

Joint International Masters in Sustainable Development

Greta Hausbeck, 2024-25, University of Leipzig: Modelling power: Assumptions and choices in energy modelling and their political dimension (S)

Delia Doujenis, 2024-25, University of Graz: Housing as a basic need vs. housing as a financial asset: Vacancies in newly built housing in Graz and implications for the housing market and housing policy (S)

Other

Luca Windolph, 2024-25, University of Leuphana: Die europäische Verordnung für entwaldungsfreie Lieferketten (EUDR) und ihre Auswirkungen auf kleine und mittlere Unternehmen der deutschen Kaffeeindustrie - Eine Analyse des Status quo und Handlungsempfehlungen aus Sicht des Nachhaltigkeitsmanagements (S)

Siri Juvonen, 2022-23, University of Helsinki: Voluntary sustainability standards and legitimacy trade-offs in the Finnish coffee value chain (S)

Sofia Silverman, 2022-23, University of Victoria: Traders as potential agents of change (C)

Yan Pavillard, 2020-21, ETH Zurich: The potential effectiveness of corporate grievance procedures for the implementation of zero-deforestation commitments (P)

Longzhun Lin, 2020-21, ETH Zurich: Assessing the potential effectiveness and equity of cocoa traders' zero-deforestation commitments (C)

LEADERSHIP IN SERVICE

Service in professional organizations

2024 – present	Member of Editorial Board, Regulation & Governance journal
2024 – 2025	Book Review Editor, Regulation & Governance journal
2023 – 2025	Chair, Harold and Margaret Sprout Book Award committee, International Studies Association Environmental Studies Section
2022 – 2023	Chair, Lynton Keith Caldwell Book Award committee, APSA STEP (Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics) Section
2022	Chair, AOM ONE Book Award committee
2021 – 2024	Book Review Editor, Earth System Governance journal
2021 – 2025	Steering Committee member, ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance
2021 – 2023	Outreach committee officer, International Studies Association Environmental Studies Section
2020 – 2023	Organizing committee member, ECPR RegGov Early Career Network
2020	Committee member, Virginia M. Walsh Dissertation Award committee, APSA STEP (Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics) Section

Conference and panel organization

2025	Workshop organization, Early Career Researcher Workshop ‘Research in/of the Anthropocene’, with Ricarda Winkelmann, University of Basel, July 9.–12.
2025	Panel organization, 2025 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics conference, Montreal, July 9.–12.
2025	Panel organization, ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance 10 th Biennial Conference, Berlin, June 11.–13.
2024	Pre-conference workshop organization “Blurring the Lines”, Limerick, June 26.
2024	Panel organization, 2024 International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 3.–6.
2023	Roundtable and Early Career Researcher Session organizer, ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance 9 th Biennial Conference, Antwerp, July 12.–14.
2023	Panel organization, 2023 International Studies Association, Montreal, March 15.–18.
2022	Co-organizer of workshop “Traders as Sustainability Governance Actors – Initiating a research agenda”, University of Victoria, June 27-29.
2022	Panel organization, 2022 International Studies Association, Nashville/online, March 28. – April 2.
2021– 2022	Organization of private sustainability governance reading group and seminar series, online.
2021	Panel organization, 2021 ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance 8 th Biennial Conference, online, June 23–25.
2021	Organization of First Swiss Knowledge Exchange on Research on Agriculture, Conservation, and Development Issues in Forest-Risk Supply Chains, online, May 27-28.
2021	Panel and roundtable organization, 2021 International Studies Association, online, April 6-9.
2019	Panel organization, 2019 Mexico Conference of the Earth System Governance Network, Oaxaca, November 6–8.
2019	Panel organization, 2019 International Studies Association, Toronto, March 27–30.

Policy advice and expert opinions

Janina Grabs

2025 – present	Member of Scientific Council, Questionmark (think tank dedicated to creating a healthier, more sustainable, and fair food system across Europe)
2024	Editorial reviewer for the Specialty Coffee Association's Coffee Sustainability Program
2022 – present	Member of United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards Academic Advisory Council, UNCTAD
2022 – 2024	Academic consultant on project “Cost allocation and incentive mechanisms for environmental, climate protection and resource conservation along global supply chains”, financed by the German Environment Agency
2021 – present	Member of International Technical Advisory Panel for the Transparency at Origin Program, International Coffee Organization
2017 – 2020	Co-chair of EKLIPSE Expert Working Group on business activities' impacts on biodiversity

INVITED TALKS

2025	Invited speaker, Sustainability Science Forum 2025, Swiss Academy of Sciences, November 26.
2025	Invited speaker, Career Talk, University of Basel Career Day for Postdocs, November 14.
2025	Panelist, Forum Basiliense Keynote Lecture ‘Kipppunkte im Klimasystem. Vorboten aus dem polaren Eis’ (by Ricarda Winkelmann), October 31.
2025	Panelist, CoffeeXchange Expert Series - Trading Paths: Direct Trade vs. Commercial Coffee Models, virtual, October 10.
2025	Presenter, FiBL seminar series, Frick, May 22.
2025	Panelist, round table “Interdisciplinary thinking in the age of the Anthropocene”, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, April 14.
2025	Presenter, webinar “Jurisdictional approaches: how can they contribute to achieving sustainability objectives?”, Evidensia, online, April 3.
2025	Keynote speaker, international student conference “Let’s think beyond the bin: Reimagining consumption for a sustainable future”, University of Basel, Basel, March 27.
2025	Presenter, inaugural lecture “A new era of sustainability governance? Due diligence legislations and their transformative potential”, University of Basel, Basel, March 18.
2024	Presenter, webinar “EUDR compliance in the coffee industry: Legislation and compliance preparations”, Inclusive Business, online, Nov 21.
2024	Presenter, CDE Brownbag Seminar, Center for Development and Environment, University of Bern, Bern, Nov 14.
2024	Moderator, side event “The Grounds for Sharing: Improving Procurement Practices in Coffee”, Swiss Coffee Traders’ Association annual meeting, Basel, Oct. 3.
2024	Presenter, Sustainable Futures lunch seminar, University of Basel, Basel, Sept. 27.
2024	Presenter, webinar “The EU’s new supply chain regulations: progress and peril in promoting global sustainability”, Stockholm Environment Institute, online, Sept. 4.
2024	Panelist, conference “Tackling the Shift to a Regenerative Economy”, SDSN Switzerland/University of St. Gallen, Aarau, June 19.
2024	Panelist, ISEAL Global Sustainability Symposium, Baden, June 13.
2024	Presenter, workshop “Implementing the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)”, European University Institute, Florence, June 6-7.
2024	Presenter, Constitutionalizing in the Anthropocene fika talks, Tilburg University, online, April 20.

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- 2024 Keynote speaker, online symposium “It's Bean Too Hot: The Reality of Coffee Farming in the Era of Climate Change”, coffee&climate initiative, Feb. 21.
- 2024 Guest lecturer, seminar “Responsible and Sustainable Food Business in Global Context” by Professor Bettina König, University of Kassel, online, Jan 10.
- 2023 Presenter, Specialty Coffee Association Green Coffee Summit, online, Dec. 6.
- 2023 Presenter, HSG Sustainability Brownbag Seminar, St. Gallen University, Nov. 30.
- 2023 Presenter, TRASE research dialogue, online, May 24.
- 2023 Presenter, INA Coffee Sustainability Dialogue event, GIZ, Berlin, May 4-5.
- 2023 Presenter, webinar “SCTA Next Gen - EU Regulation: What you need to know”, Swiss Coffee Traders Association, online, April 18.
- 2023 Presenter, webinar “Supporting compliance with the EU Regulation on Deforestation-free Products”, UNDP, online, March 22.
- 2023 Presenter, panel “Small producers and upcoming EU regulations on deforestation and due diligence: Opportunities or challenges?”, BioFach 2023, online, Feb. 16.
- 2022 Presenter, webinar “Soziale Nachhaltigkeit im heutigen Ernährungssystem—wünschenswert oder unverzichtbar?”, ETH Zürich World Food System Centre/Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Agrarwirtschaft und Agrarsoziologie (SGA), online, Dec. 15.
- 2022 Presenter, webinar “Deforestation due diligence regulations: what does effective implementation look like?”, Evidensia, online, Dec. 14.
- 2022 Keynote speaker, Critical and Alternative Thinking in Governance workshop, Barcelona, June 21.
- 2022 Presenter, webinar series “Online Nur Kännchen“, GIZ, online, April 27.
- 2022 Seminar speaker, KTI seminar, KTI seminar, Wageningen University, online, Jan. 11.
- 2021 Guest lecturer, class “International Environmental Policy” by Prof. Jessica Green, University of Toronto, online, Nov. 23.
- 2021 Presenter, webinar “Sustainable food value chain management: beyond standardized frames of sustainability”, University of Helsinki, online, Oct. 21.
- 2021 Guest lecturer, International Summer Course SKPM, IPB University, online, Aug. 13.
- 2021 Presenter, 59th SOBER (Sociedade Brasileira de Economia, Administração e Sociologia Rural) Congress, online, Aug. 3rd.
- 2021 Panelist, Re:Co (Regarding: Coffee) Symposium panelist, Specialty Coffee Association, online, May 12.
- 2021 Presenter, internal seminar at JDE (second-largest global coffee roaster), online, Feb. 24.
- 2020 Presenter, Global Land Programme (GLP) webinar, online, Dec. 8.
- 2020 Presenter, SINTERCAFE (Semana Internacional del Café) 2020, online, Nov. 13.
- 2020 Panelist, Closing Plenary, 2020 Virtual Forum of the Earth System Governance Network, online, Sept. 17.
- 2020 Presenter, Deutscher Kaffeeverband (German Coffee Association) online seminar “Nachhaltigkeits-News im Kaffee in 7 Speed Speeches“, online, Aug. 26.
- 2020 Presenter and panelist, Tropical Forest Alliance Soy Dialogue on “Payments for Environmental Services: a Game-Changer for Brazil and Beyond?”, online, July 30.
- 2020 Panelist, ISEAL Alliance webinar “Why system credibility matters for impacts: how the Credibility Principles can support effectiveness and impacts“, online, July 21.

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- 2020 Presenter and panelist (with Samuel Levy), ICLR 2020 Workshop Tackling Climate Change with Machine Learning, online, April 28.
- 2020 Presenter and panelist, UNCTAD-ICO workshop “Fostering sustainable development in coffee-exporting countries”, Geneva, Feb. 18.
- 2019 Guest lecturer in seminar “Governing through Markets: Sustainability and Fairness in the Global Economy” by Professor Tim Bartley, University of St. Gallen, Sept. 16.
- 2019 Panelist, event “Sustainability – A transatlantic conversation”, organized by the California Wine Institute and Harpers Magazine, London, July 11.
- 2019 University of Massachusetts Boston Organizations and Social Change (OSC) Research Seminar, Boston, May 1.
- 2019 Presenter, Re:Co (Regarding: Coffee) Symposium, Specialty Coffee Association, Boston, April 10. – 11.
- 2019 Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies Research Luncheon, New Haven, March 4.
- 2018 Panelist, Specialty Coffee Association Sustainability Webinar “Coffee Prices and Farm Profitability“, online, Sept. 25.

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS AND MENTIONS

Radio and podcasts

- 2024 EUDR - Das EU-Gesetz, das die Kaffeewelt verändern wird. *Coffea Futurica podcast*, May 5.
- 2021 Coffee. *Sweaty Penguin podcast*, Nov. 19.
- 2021 Nachhaltigkeitssiegel im Kaffee – Fairtrade, Bio und Standards. *Kaffeemacher podcast*, June 8.
- 2021 Environmental regulation, business and biodiversity. *Eklipse podcast*, May 5.
- 2020 How traders can be the facilitators for brand sustainability goals. *Innovation Forum podcast*, Oct. 9.
- 2020 Selling sustainability short? The private governance of labour and the environment in the coffee sector (Podcast). *Evidensia podcast*, July 30.
- 2019 Sofía. *Filter Stories podcast*, March 10.

Written media

- 2025 Interview: ‘Coffee connects us with the whole world’. *Uni Nova Magazine* (02/25), *University of Basel*.
- 2024 Grabs, J., & Carodenuto, S. Don’t cut out the middlemen! Food system sustainability might depend on them. *Do Better blog, ESADE Business School*, June 14.
- 2024 Kerkow, U. Resilience in coffee farming: Balancing basic needs and economic realities. *Coffee & Climate*, April 19.
- 2023 Grabs, J. Climate change progress demands greater business accountability. *Do Better blog, ESADE Business School*, Dec. 5.
- 2023 Grabs, J. Short case studies of legislation and regulation: European Union Deforestation Regulation. *25 Magazine*, issue 20, Oct. 23.
- 2023 Grabs, J. The paradoxes that prevent companies from achieving their sustainability goals. *Do Better blog, ESADE Business School*, May 25.
- 2023 Garrett, R., Grabs, J., & Lyons-White, J. Deforestation: proposed EU import ban may fail to protect tropical rainforests and farmers – here’s how it should work. *The Conversation*, Jan. 6.

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- 2022 Auld, G. & Grabs, J. Has Patagonia defined a new gold standard for business responsibility? *The Conversation*, Oct. 5.
- 2022 Grabs, J. Seven policy principles to prevent deforestation in the food supply chain. *Do Better blog, ESADE Business School*, June 3.
- 2022 Askew, K. How to bring smallholders on the journey to zero-deforestation food systems. *Food Navigator*, May 12.
- 2022 Grabs, J., Cammelli, F., Levy, S., & Garrett, R. How to find synergies between effectiveness and equity when designing supply chain sustainability policies. *Research Network Sustainable Global Supply Chains website*, March 25.
- 2021 Grabs, J., & Bennett, B. Profit Sharing: Towards a Just and Stable Future for Coffee Growers. *25 Magazine*, April 13.
- 2021 Müller-Jung, J. Rettungsversuche für die Regenwälder. *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, March 29.
- 2021 Cammelli, F., Levy, S., & Grabs, J. Tracing food supply chains in challenging times (and places). *Food System Stories website*, March 18.
- 2020 Grabs, J. How effective is private regulation in incentivizing more sustainable production practices in the coffee sector?. *Evidensia website*, Oct. 16.
- 2020 Brown, N. A Chat with Janina Grabs on the New Book ‘Selling Sustainability Short’. *Daily Coffee News*, May 29.
- 2020 Grabs, J. Kaffeeproduktion braucht klare Regeln. *Wissen/Leben (WWU alumni magazine)*, May 13.
- 2019 Grabs, J. Coffee certifications: Selling sustainability short?. *Coffee & Cocoa International Magazine*, Oct. 11.
- 2019 Levin, M. Crisis forces Colombia’s coffee farmers fight for a living wage. *Fresh Cup Magazine*, June 7.
- 2019 Grabs, J. Farm Profitability Q&A — Janina Grabs. *Specialty Coffee Association News*, Jan. 8.
- 2018 Grabs, J. The Coffee Price Crisis and Price Volatility: Can We Tame the C Market?. *25 Magazine*, Dec. 14.
- 2018 Greenwood, V. Swapping t-bone for tofu - but does it add up?. *BBC.com*, Nov. 12.
- 2018 Brown, N. Ranking Certifications: German Researchers Create VSS Index for Coffee. *Daily Coffee News*, June 20.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 2024 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics conference, Limerick, June 27.-29.
- 2024 Practitioner-academic workshop “Implementing the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)”, European University Institute, Florence, June 6-7.
- 2024 2024 International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 3.-6.
- 2023 ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance 9th Biennial Conference, Antwerp, July 12.-14.
- 2023 European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes conference, Lisbon/online, July 10.-13.
- 2023 European Group for Organizational Studies conference, Cagliari, July 6.-8.
- 2023 Oxford Comparative Political Economy of Global Business conference, Oxford, May 22.-23.
- 2023 2023 International Studies Association, Montreal, March 15.-18.
- 2022 Workshop ‘The blurring of lines between public and private governance in global value chains’, Bard College Berlin, Dec. 6.

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2022	University of Birmingham Department of Management Workshop on Green and Sustainable Global Value Chains, online, June 15.
2022	Barcelona Workshop on Global Governance, May 16.-17.
2022	2022 International Studies Association, online, March 28.-April 2.
2022	Authors' Workshop 'Accountability in the Anthropocene', online, Jan. 27-28.
2021	2021 Bratislava Conference of the Earth System Governance Network, online, Sept. 7-9.
2021	2021 International Studies Association, online, April 6-9.
2020	Authors' Workshop 'Governance Netzwerke Kooperation, Konkurrenz, Konflikt', Zeppelin University, online, Oct. 1.
2020	2020 ETH Virtual Workshop 'Data Science in Climate and Climate Impact Research: Conceptual Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities', online, Aug. 20.
2019	Authors' Workshop 'Interactions between Private and Public Authority in Global (Business) Governance: comparative and inter-disciplinary perspectives', Melbourne University (online attendance), Dec. 2.
2019	Authors' Workshop 'Moral Critique in and around Markets: Organizing (for) Alternatives in Troubled Times', Witten/Herdecke University, Nov. 21.-22.
2019	2019 Mexico Conference of the Earth System Governance Network, Oaxaca, Nov. 6.-8.
2019	2019 International Studies Association, Toronto, March 27.-30.
2019	Authors' Workshop 'Beyond the government-market-communities trichotomy: Conditions and instruments for cooperative, coercive and competitive interactions in natural resource and agri-environmental governance', Duisburg, March 11.-12.
2018	2018 Annual Meeting of the International Political Economy Society, Boston, Nov. 2.-3.
2018	ECPR General Conference 2018, Hamburg, Aug. 22.-25.
2018	ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance 7 th Biennial Conference, Lausanne, July 4.-6.
2018	4 th Annual Conference on Environmental Politics and Governance, Stockholm, June 28.-30.
2018	Yale Workshop on Private Authority and Public Policy in Global Context, New Haven, Jan. 10.-11.
2017	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Aug. 31.-Sept. 3.
2017	12 th Conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics, Budapest, June 20.-23.
2017	Policy Implementation Reloaded: New Insights from Domestic, European and International Scholarship, International Conference, Münster, July 06.-07.
2016	International Food and Agribusiness Management Association World Conference, Aarhus, June 19.- 23.
2014	International Conference on Consumer Research, Bonn, Sept. 29.-30.
2014	International Society for Ecological Economics Conference, Reykjavik, Aug. 13.-15.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BASEL

2025	Member of search committee for a Professorship in Political Science with focus on Environment and Development
2024-	Member of Teaching Committee CAS Corruption, Basel Institute on Governance
2024-	Member of Sustainability Committee, University of Basel
2024-	Member of Teaching Committee Master's Degree in Sustainable Development
2024-	Member of Teaching Committee Department of Social Sciences

OTHER SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Services to other universities

- 2025 Member of search committee, Professorship in International Relations (environmental politics) and MER in International Relations (finance/digitalization), University of Lausanne

Chairing and discussant services

- 2025 Discussant, GLOBE Webinar Series on Global Governance and the European Union: Future Trends and Scenarios (GLOBE), May 8 (Jennifer Clapp's *The Titans of Industrial Agriculture*).
- 2023 Chair and discussant, 2023 International Studies Association, Montreal, March 15.–18.
- 2021 Chair, 2021 International Studies Association, online, April 6-9.
- 2020 Discussant, GLOBE Webinar Series on Global Governance and the European Union: Future Trends and Scenarios (GLOBE), December 10 (Stefan Rencken's *Private Governance and Public Authority*).
- 2020 Discussant, RegGov Early Career Network Conference, December 7.
- 2018 Discussant, ECPR General Conference 2018, Hamburg, August 22. – 25.
- 2018 Discussant, Copenhagen Business School Workshop on Private Authority and Public Policy in Global Context, March 22. – 23.
- 2017 Chair and discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Aug. 31. – Sept. 3.

Mentorship services

- 2024 Participation in ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance's mentoring program; mentoring of 2 ECRs.
- 2023 Organization and participation in ISA-ESS Mentorship week; mentoring of 2 ECRs.
- 2022 Organization and participation in ISA-ESS Mentorship week; mentoring of 1 ECR.

Conference referee services

International Review Panel for the 2022 Toronto Conference on Earth System Governance

Book referee services

Cambridge University Press, Routledge (Taylor & Francis Group), Elsevier Academic Press

Journal referee services (selected)

Business and Politics, Business Ethics Quarterly, Business Strategy and the Environment, Environmental Politics, Global Environmental Politics, Global Society, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Environment and Development, Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning, Nature Communications, Regulation & Governance, Review of Policy Research, World Development

FURTHER PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2025 Leading groups and teams successfully – for managers who lead teams, University of Basel, Basel, Oct. 16.
- 2025 Gender bias in academic recruitment training, University of Lausanne, online.
- 2025 INSIDE II – Leadership, University of Basel INSIDE training program for professors, May 5.
- 2024 INSIDE I – Practical Insights, University of Basel INSIDE training program for professors, Sept. 20.

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2024	Columbia PI Crash Course, online, Jan 08. – 09.
2021	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, Zurich, June 14. – 18.
2021	PRME UK and Ireland Business and Society Research Development Workshop, May 14.
2019	Yale Certificate of College Teaching Preparation (CCTP), Yale University Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, academic year 2018-19
2017	APSA Course Design and Pedagogy Workshop. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Aug. 31. – Sept. 3.
2017	Certificate in project management, Graduate Center of the University of Münster, April 18. – July 27.
2017	IMPACT: approaches and tools for enhancing the social and policy impact of your research. European Society for Ecological Economics Summer School, Budapest, June 18. – 20.
2017	Knowing and creatively using participatory teaching methods, Center for Academic Teaching of the University of Münster, June 12.

LANGUAGES

English (native), German (native), French (proficient), Spanish (proficient), Swedish (basic – B1), Russian (basic – B1), Catalan (beginner – A2), Indonesian (beginner – A1), Portuguese (passive – can read with dictionary), Italian (passive – can read with dictionary)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

European Consortium on Political Research, International Studies Association, Earth System Governance Project (Research Fellow), Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics

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