

Curriculum Vitae / Christian Suter

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Present Academic Position:

since 2003 Professor of Sociology, University of Neuchâtel and Director of the Department of Sociology (since 2012)

Past Academic Positions:

1996-2002 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich
1986-1994 Lecturer of Sociology, University of Zurich
1988-1994 Senior Researcher at the Abteilung für Psychosoziale Medizin, University Hospital Zurich
1982-1990 Research Assistant at the Sociological Institute, University of Zurich

Education and Academic Background:

1998 Habilitation, University of Zurich, Switzerland
1988 Dr. phil. (Ph.D.), University of Zurich, Switzerland
1982 Lic. phil. (M.A.), University of Zurich, Switzerland
1976 Abitur at the Kantonsschule of Winterthur, Switzerland

Awards and Fellowships:

2000 Visiting Professor (Invited), Department of Sociology, Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena, Germany (Area: European Societies in Comparative Perspective).

1998 Award of the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung for articles in Social Science Journals of the year 1996 for "Einkommenschwäche, Unterversorgung und Mangeln bei alleinerziehenden Mütter in der Stadt Zürich: Ergebnisse einer Längsschnittstudie" ("Low Income, Deprivation and Precarious Situations of Single Mothers in Zurich: Results of a Longitudinal Survey"), *Swiss Journal of Sociology* 22: 27-57.

1995-1996 Visiting Scholar (Profesor-Investigador visitante), Centro de Estudios Internacionales, El Colegio de México, Mexico City.

1994-1995 Fellowship of the Committee for the Promotion of Young Academics, University of Zurich.

1993 Book Award of the American Sociological Association, Political Economy of the World-System Section for *Debt Cycles in the World-Economy*.

Research Projects, Research Grants:

- 2012-2015 “A Comparative Perspective on Precarious Prosperity and Household Strategies in Romania and Switzerland in Times of Economic Strain,” (in collaboration with Iuliana Precupetu, Romanian Academy Bucharest, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation in the framework of the Romanian-Swiss Research Programme, Grant IZERZO_141975)
- 2007-2011 “A Comparative Perspective of Precarious Living Conditions: Subjective Determinants of Household Strategies in Four Countries” (in collaboration with Monica Budowski, University of Fribourg (PI) and Peter Farago, FORS, Lausanne ; funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 100012-116605)
- 2006-2009 “Utopia in action: From social representations on sustainability to their material expressions through planning and management of built environment” (funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 405440-107055)
- 2006-2008 “Social Report of Switzerland 2008” (funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 10FI13-111478)
- 2003-2006 “The Way to Integration? The Role of Self-employment in Integration Processes of Migrants in Switzerland (EthnicBusiness)” (funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 4051-690898)
- 2002-2004 “Social Report of Switzerland 2004” (funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, SPP Switzerland towards the future)
- 2002-2004 “Precarious Living Conditions and the Non-Take-Up of Welfare Aid” (in collaboration with Peter Farago, Landert Farago Partner, Zürich; funded by the Federal Office of Social Security/Bundesamt für Sozialversicherung, Bern).
- 2000-2004 “Comparative and Dynamic Perspectives on Inequality” and “Living Conditions and Social Inequality: Switzerland in Comparative Perspective” (funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, SPP Switzerland towards the future, Grant 5004-058474/1, and the Zürcher Kantonalbank) (European Welfare Survey/Euromodule)
- 1999-2001 International Social Science Survey Program “Social Inequality” (in collaboration with Hanspeter Stamm, Lamprecht&Stamm, Zürich (PI) and Dominique Joye, SIDOS; funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 5004-54350)
- 1998-2001 “Technology and Communication: The Communication of Biotechnology from Experts to the Public” (GENIUS, funded by the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Grant 0-20482-98)
- 1998-2001 “Risk Behaviour of Young Adult Males: Sexuality, Violence and Discrimination” (funded by the Swiss federal commission for the administration of Aids-research, Grant 97-7356B and the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 3346-62668.00)

- 1998-2001 “Towards a European System of Social Reporting and Welfare Measurement” (EUREPORTING funded by the Targeted Socio-Economic Research Programme of the European Community, Grant BBW Nr. 97.0135)
- 1999-2000 “Cumulative Disadvantages, Poverty Indicators and International Comparison: Methodological Reanalysis of the Swiss National Poverty Study” (funded by the Swiss Federal Office of Statistics)
- 1999-2000 “Social Report of Switzerland 2000” (funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, SPP Switzerland towards the future)
- 1998-1999 “Poverty and Social Policy” (funded by the City of Zurich and the Swiss Federal Office of Statistics)
- 1996-1998 “Social Reporting at the Community Level” (City of Zurich; funded by the City of Zurich)
- 1993-1996 “State and Polity in Latin America between Global Economy and National Society” (funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 4028-35399)
- 1992-1993 “Populism and Populist Regimes in Developing Countries” (funded by the World Society Foundation, Zurich)

Editorial activities:

- 2010-2012 Member of the Editorial board of the Encyclopedia of Quality of Life Research
- since 2011 Editor-in-Chief of the *Swiss Journal of Sociology*
- since 2009 Member of the Editorial board of *International Studies Quarterly*
- since 2007 Member of the Editorial board of *Social Indicators Research*
- since 2006 Member of the Editorial board of the *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*
- 2006-2010 Co-Editor of the *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*
- since 2005 Member of the Editorial board of the book series *Kompaktwissen CH*, Rüegger Verlag Zürich)
- since 2002 Member of the Scientific board of the book series *Geschichte – Entwicklung – Globalisierung* (University of Vienna, Brandes&Apsel)

Appointed member of scientific boards:

- since 2010 Member of the Scientific Board of the Swiss Foundation for Research in Social Sciences (FORS, University of Lausanne).
- since 2009 Member of the Board of the Research Committee on Social Indicators of the International Sociological Association (ISA-RC55).
- since 2005 Member of the Council of the Swiss Sociological Association.
- since 1999 Member of the Foundation Board of the “World Society Foundation (WSF)”, University of Zurich and president of the WSF (since 2008; cf. <http://www.worldsociety.ch>).
- 2001-2010 Member of the National Research Council of the Swiss National Science Foundation (Division IV, Targeted Research).
- 2008 Member of the Gender and Excellence Expert Group of the European Commission (Directorate-General for Research)
- 2000-2008 Chair of the International Scientific Board of the “Swiss Household Panel”, University of Neuchâtel.

- 2001-2007 Member of the Gender Equality Commission of the Swiss National Science Foundation.
- 2003-2007 Member of the Foundation Board of the Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies.
- 2001 Member of the Scientific Board for the evaluation of the “Institut für Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik” of the University of Hamburg (organized by the Wissenschaftsrat, Köln).
- 2000 Member of the Scientific Evaluation Board of the “Volkswagen Foundation” (Hannover, Germany) for the Research Programm “Global Structures and Governance” (“Globale Strukturen und deren Steuerung)

Reviewing activities:

Research projects: Swiss National Science Foundation, Agence National de la Recherche (France), European Commission 7th Framework Programme (FP7-SSH-2009), Volkswagen Foundation (Germany).

Articles in social science journals: International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Journal of World System Research, Journal of Peace Research, Social Forces, Social and Preventive Medicine, Swiss Political Science Review, Swiss Journal of Sociology, Social Indicators Research, The European Journal of Development Research, disP-The Planning Review.

Areas of Interest:

Social Structure and Social Change; Inequality, Poverty and Social Policy; International Political Economy, Globalization, World Society; Quality of Life, Social Indicators and Social Reporting; Environmental Sociology; Health Sociology; Comparative and Longitudinal Analysis.

Memberships in professional associations

- since 1982 Swiss Sociological Association
- since 1985 International Studies Association
- since 1988 American Sociological Association
- since 1994 Latin American Studies Association
- since 1999 European Sociological Association
- since 2004 International Sociological Association
- since 2006 International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies