

# Curriculum Vitae // Christian Suter

## 1. Personal information/address:

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## 2. Education and language skills:

### Education

1998 Habilitation, University of Zurich, Switzerland  
1988 Dr. phil. (Ph.D.), University of Zurich, Switzerland  
1982 Lic. phil. (M.A.), University of Zurich, Switzerland

### Language skills

German Mother tongue  
French Writing and speaking (fluent)  
English Writing and speaking (fluent)  
Spanish Speaking (fluent)  
Italian Speaking (passive knowledge)

## 3. Employment history and present position:

since 2022 Professor Emeritus of Sociology, University of Neuchâtel  
2003-2022 Full Professor of Sociology, University of Neuchâtel  
1996-2002 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETHZ), Zurich  
1994-1996 Fellowship University of Zurich (Promotion of Young Academics) and Visiting Scholar, Centro de Estudios Internacionales, El Colegio de México, Mexico City  
1986-1994 Lecturer of Sociology, University of Zurich  
1988-1994 Senior Researcher, Abteilung für Psychosoziale Medizin, University Hospital Zurich  
1982-1990 Research Assistant at the Sociological Institute, University of Zurich

## 4. Institutional responsibilities (since 2000):

2012-2021 Director of the Institute of Sociology of the University of Neuchâtel  
2004-2005 Vice-Dean, Faculty of Economics, University of Neuchâtel  
since 2008 President of the World Society Foundation (WSF), Zurich (<http://www.worldsociety.ch>).

## 5. Approved research projects and research grants:

2020-2022 "Regional gender Equality Measurement in the EU (ReGEM)", in collaboration with Enrico die Bella (PI, University of Genoa), Pedro López-Roldán (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) and Sandra Fachelli (Universidad Pablo de Olavide); financed by the European Commission (Jean Monnet Action; EUR 49'000).  
2019-2020 "Panorama of Swiss Society/Panorama Gesellschaft Schweiz/Panorama Société Suisse" (=Social Report of Switzerland 2020) (PI, in collaboration with G. D'Amato, M. Budowski and the Swiss Federal Office of Statistics; financed by the Swiss Federal Office of Statistics and the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences)  
2018-2019 "L'apport des sciences humaines et sociales à l'innovation en Suisse" (PI, in collaboration with O. Crevoisier, funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI, CHF 64'676).  
2017-2019 "Wealth distribution in Switzerland and Germany: Evidence from Survey Data" (PI, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 10001AL\_166319, CHF 241'240)  
2017 "Rethinking solidarities in modern societies: Switzerland in a comparative perspective" (in collab. with Prof. Serge Paugam, EHESS Paris; funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant IZK0Z1\_174531, CHF 3'250)  
2015-2017 "Multidimensional Well-being: Conceptual, Methodological, and Analytical Perspectives Multidimensional Well-being" (PI, in collab. with Prof S. Madheswaran, ISEC, Bangalore; funded within the Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme in the Social Sciences, CHF 29'900)  
2013-2016 "Les maladies rhumatismales inflammatoires et l'insuffisance rénale chronique - une étude qualitative longitudinale de leur impact sur la trajectoire professionnelle du malade" (PI, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 100017\_146053, CHF 173'830)

- 2013-2016 "A Comparative Perspective on Precarious Prosperity and Household Strategies in Romania and Switzerland in Times of Economic Strain," (PI, Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant IZERZO\_141975; CHF 373'200)
- 2013-2016 "Income and Wealth Inequality, Deprivation and Wellbeing in Switzerland, 1990-2013" (PI, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 100017\_143320, CHF 321'764)
- 2014 "Transmission intergénérationnelle des désavantages sociaux, SILC 2011," (PI, funded by the Swiss Federal Office of Statistics, CHF 16'016)
- 2013 "The Operationalization of Monetary Poverty in High-Income Countries" (in collaboration with Salvatore Babones, University of Sydney; funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant IZK0Z1\_148822, CHF 7'050)
- 2006-2009 "Utopia in action: From social representations on sustainability to their material expressions through planning and management of built environment" (PI, Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 405440-107055; CHF 310'000)
- 2006-2008 "Social Report of Switzerland 2008" (PI, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 10FI13-111478, CHF 186'000)
- 2003-2006 "The Way to Integration? The Role of Self-employment in Integration Processes of Migrants in Switzerland (EthnicBusiness)" (PI, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 4051-690898, CHF 250'000)
- 2002-2004 "Social Report of Switzerland 2004" (PI, Swiss National Science Foundation, SPP Switzerland towards the future, CHF 123'148)
- 2002-2004 "Precarious Living Conditions and the Non-Take-Up of Welfare Aid" (PI, funded by the Swiss Federal Office of Social Security, CHF 380'000)
- 2000-2004 "Comparative and Dynamic Perspectives on Inequality" and "Living Conditions and Social Inequality: Switzerland in Comparative Perspective" (PI, Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 5004-058474/1, CHF 164'413).
- 1998-2001 "Technology and Communication: The Communication of Biotechnology from Experts to the Public" (PI, funded by Federal Institute of Technology, Grant 0-20482-98, CHF 140'000)
- 1998-2001 "Risk Behaviour of Young Adult Males: Sexuality, Violence and Discrimination" (PI, funded by the Swiss Federal Commission of aids-research, Grant 97-7356B and the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 3346-62668.00, CHF 211'000)
- 1998-2001 "Towards a European System of Social Reporting and Welfare Measurement - EUREPORTING" (PI of Swiss part, funded by the Targeted Socio-Economic Research Programme of the European Community, Grant BBW Nr. 97.0135, CHF 75'000)
- 1999-2000 "Cumulative Disadvantages, Poverty Indicators and International Comparison: Methodological Reanalysis of the Swiss National Poverty Study" (PI, funded by Federal Office of Statistics, CHF 30'000)
- 1999-2000 "Social Report of Switzerland 2000" (PI, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, SPP Demain La Suisse)
- 1993-1996 "State and Polity in Latin America between Global Economy and National Society" (funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Grant 4028-35399; CHF 90'000)

*6. Supervision of junior researchers at graduate/postgraduate level (since 2003/University of Neuchâtel):*

- Supervision of 80 master's theses in sociology (of which 35 as principal supervisor; 45 as co-supervisor)
- Supervision of 5 theses of post-graduate programme (DEA in sociology)
- Supervision of 15 PhD theses (of which 3 are ongoing)

*7. Teaching activities (BA and MA, selection):*

- University of Neuchâtel (since 2003): Introduction à la sociologie, Introduction aux méthodes, Indicateurs sociaux, Le pouvoir en question, Inégalités sociales et pauvreté, Mondialisation et relations Nord-Sud, Analyse comparative, Séminaire d'introduction à la recherche quantitative
- University of Fribourg (2012): Soziale Ungleichheiten.
- Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena (2000): Europäischer Gesellschaftsvergleich, Soziale Indikatoren, Einführung in die Soziologie für Nichtfachstudenten.
- Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (1996-2003): Soziale Kommunikation und Soziologie, Seminar Mensch-Technik-Umwelt, Einführung in die Soziologie für Ingenieure
- University of Zurich (1986-2003): Entwicklungsländer in der Weltgesellschaft, Staat und Politik in der Dritten Welt, Soziale Ungleichheit, Armut und Sozialpolitik, Gesellschaftliche Technikkontroversen, Gesellschaftliche Nachhaltigkeit, Sozialberichterstattung und soziale Indikatoren, Soziologie der Macht.

*8. Memberships in panels, boards and individual scientific reviewing activities (since 2000, selection):*

*8.1 Memberships in panels and boards:*

- Member of the Scientific Board of the Swiss Foundation for Research in Social Sciences (FORS, University of Lausanne), 2010-2020.

- Member of the Committee on Finance and Budgeting of the Humanities Faculty 2012-2018 (President of the committee 2015-18)
- Member of the National Research Council of the SNSF, Division IV, Targeted Research, 2001-2010.
- Member of the Gender and Excellence Expert Group of the European Commission, 2008.
- Chair of the International Scientific Board of the "Swiss Household Panel," 2000-2008.
- Member of the Gender Equality Commission of the SNSF, 2001-2007.
- Member of the Foundation Board of the Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies, 2003-2007
- Member of the Scientific Board for the evaluation of the "Institut für Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik", University of Hamburg (by the Wissenschaftsrat, Köln), 2001.
- Member of the Scientific Evaluation Board of the "Volkswagen Foundation" for the Research Program "Global Structures and Governance," 2000.

## 8.2 Scientific reviewing activities regarding research projects:

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), Agence National de la Recherche (ANR, France), Austrian Science Fund (FWF, Austria), EU 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme (FP7-SSH-2009), EU Framework Programme Horizon 2020 (Societal Challenge 2016, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Individual Fellowships programme 2016, 2018), Fondation Leenards (Switzerland), Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding UEFISCDI (Romania), Volkswagen Foundation (Germany).

## 8.3 Scientific reviewing activities regarding articles in social science journals:

European Journal of Development Research, European Journal of Psychological Assessment, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Sociology, Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies, Journal of World System Research, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Social and Economic Development, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Revista Mexicana de Ciencias Políticas y Sociales, Social Forces, Social Indicators Research, Social and Preventive Medicine, Sociologia Ruralis, Sociological Forum, Statistics in Transition, Swiss Political Science Review, Swiss Journal of Sociology, disP-The Planning Review.

## 9. Active memberships in scientific societies (selection):

- Swiss Sociological Association (SSA): Member of the council of the Swiss Sociological Association (2005-2020)
- International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS): Member of the Board of Directors (2013-2020).
- International Sociological Association: President of the Board of Research Committee 55 "Social Indicators" (2018-2023).

## 10. Organization of conferences (selection):

- "Demographic Challenges and Opportunities and their Impact on Individual and Societal Well-being," 19<sup>th</sup> Social Monitoring & Reporting in Europe Conf., Villa Vigoni, Loven di Menaggio, October 6-8, 2025.
- "The Impact of the 2020-2022 Pandemic on World Society," WSF-ISA-RC55 pre-conference, University of Melbourne, June 23-24, 2023.
- "The Future of Work," Bi-annual congress of the Swiss Sociological Association, University of Neuchâtel, September 10-12, 2019.
- "The Past, Present and Future of African-Asian Relations," University of Neuchâtel, April 25-27, 2019.
- "The Middle Class in World Society," Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore, India, December 16-17, 2016.
- "The Return of Geopolitics," University of Arizona, April 4-5, 2016.
- "The Evolution of Economic and Social Inequalities in Switzerland (and Beyond): Exactly How and Why Inequality has Changed and with What Impacts," University of Neuchâtel, October 23.-25, 2014.
- "Structure of the World Political Economy," University of California, Riverside, April 12-13, 2013.
- "The Global Economic Crisis: Perceptions and Impacts," University of Zurich, September 10-11, 2010.
- ISA-RC02 Midterm Conference on "Inequality Beyond Globalization: Economic Changes and the Dynamics of Inequality – iNEquality08," University of Neuchâtel June 26-28, 2008.

## 11. Prizes, awards and fellowships:

- Research Fellow Award 2020 of the *International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies* for substantial contribution to quality-of-life research
- *Prix Fondation Leenards* 2014 (with Eric Crettaz, for projects on quality of life of the elderly)
- Visiting Professor (invited) 2000, Department of Sociology, Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena, Germany.
- Award of the *Fritz Thyssen Foundation* for articles in social science journals 1998
- Visiting Scholar, Centro de Estudios Internacionales, El Colegio de México, Mexico City, 1995-1996.
- Fellowship, Committee for the Promotion of Young Academics, University of Zurich, 1994-1995.
- Book Award of the *American Sociological Association*, Political Economy of the World-System Section, 1993 (for *Debt Cycles in the World-Economy*, Westview, 1992).