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## Current Position

09/2019-today Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) of Spatial Development and Urban Policy, ETH Zürich  
09/2019-today Deputy Director, Institute for Spatial and Landscape Development, ETH Zürich  
09/2023-today Director, Network City and Landscape, ETH Zürich

## Areas of specialization

planning, urban studies, public policy, migration studies

## Education

2013-2016 Ph.D. in public administration  
University of Bern, Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences  
Ph.D.-Thesis: Varieties of Capital Cities: Explaining locational policies in four secondary capital cities.  
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Fritz Sager; External evaluator: Prof. Dr. Daniel Kübler

2010-2012 Master of Arts in Political Science (major), Cultural and Social Anthropology (minor)  
University of Zürich

2006-2009 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (major), Cultural and Social Anthropology (minor)  
University of Zürich and University of Lund

2005-2006 Higher education entrance qualification for adults (*Passarelle*)  
Cantonal High School for Adults, Zürich

2001-2004 Commercial apprenticeship with vocational maturity  
Vocational Business School, Wetzikon / Belimo Automation AG, Hinwil

## Memberships in academic boards and organizations (selection)

Since 2021 *urban publics Zürich*, co-founder, a public forum that connects urbanists in and beyond Zurich, linking to urban research and practices worldwide. Around 2-3 events per year.

Since 2020 Editorial board member, *Urban Affairs Review*

Since 2020 Co-Convenor, *Federalism and Territorial Politics working group*, Swiss Political Science Association

Since 2020 Beiratsmitglied, *Langfristige Raumentwicklungsstrategie Kanton Zürich*

Since 2019 Member of the ETH Zürich Networks: Network City and Landscape; Institute of Science, Technology and Policy; Center for Comparative and International Studies; ETH for Development (ETH4D).

2020-2022 Executive Council, *Urban and Local Politics section*, American Political Science Association

## International Academic Experience

06/2019- 07/2019	University of Toronto, School of Cities Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow
03/2015- 05/2015	Ottawa University, Center on Governance Guest Researcher
12/2014- 02/2015	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, National Capital Region Guest Researcher
09/2014- 11/2014	Leiden University, Campus The Hague Guest Researcher
09/2008- 06/2009	Lund University Erasmus exchange year (two terms)

## Relevant Employment

01/2017- 08/2019	University of Bern, KPM Center for Public Management Postdoctoral researcher
05/2013- 12/2016	University of Bern, KPM Center for Public Management Research and teaching assistant
07/2015- 02/2016	<i>foraus</i> - Swiss think tank on foreign policy Senior Policy Fellow Migration (part-time)
08/2012- 01/2013	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Geneva Bureau for Switzerland and Liechtenstein, Protection Unit, Internship and project assistant
11/2009- 04/2013	Caritas Switzerland and VSJF Zürich (refugee NGOs) Delegate to monitor asylum interviews (part-time)

## Awards

2021	<i>Best Paper Award in Urban or Regional Politics</i> awarded for best paper in urban or regional politics presented at the 2021 American Political Science Association conference, awarded by the American Political Science Association section “Urban and Local Politics” (together with Dr. Raffaele Bazarli)
2020	<i>Clarence Stone Scholar Award</i> awarded by the American Political Science Association section “Urban and Local Politics”. The award is given up to two post-PhD scholars who are in their career (pre-tenure, or recently advanced within the last 3 years).
2018	<i>Kommunalwissenschaftlicher Preis der Carl und Anneliese Goerdeler-Stiftung</i> Best Ph.D. thesis about local governance or local administration in business, law, social sciences or humanities in German speaking countries.
2017	<i>Susan Clarke Young Scholars’ Award</i> awarded by the American Political Science Association section “Urban and Local Politics”. The award recognizes scholars who completed their Ph.D. within the last three years (or are ABDs).
2017	<i>Best Comparative Policy Paper Award</i> awarded by the “Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis” and the “International Political

Science Association Research Committee on Comparative Studies on Local Governments and Politics”.

## Scientific publications

### Books

- Kaufmann, David and Mara Sidney. Forthcoming. *Global Urban Policy*. [under contract with University of Michigan Press].
- Kaufmann, David. 2018. *Varieties of Capital Cities: The Competitiveness Challenge for Secondary Capital Cities*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. Published in *Cities* series.
- Mayer, Heike, Fritz Sager, David Kaufmann and Martin Warland. 2018. *The Political Economy of Capital Cities*. London: Routledge. Published in *Regions and Cities* series.

### Special Issues

- Debrunner, Gabriela, David Kaufmann, and Justin Kadi. Forthcoming. “The Business of Densification: Institutions, Actors, and Outcomes in the Transformation of Urban Settlements”, *Urban Studies*.
- Kaufmann, David and Mara Sidney. 2020. “Towards an urban policy analysis”, *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 53(1): 1–32.

### Journal Articles (double-blind peer review)

- Kaufmann, David, Michael Wicki, Stefan Wittwer, and Jake Stephan. 2024. Democratic discrepancies in urban sustainable development. *Nature Sustainability*. Early Online.
- Palacios, Nicolás, and David Kaufmann. Forthcoming. Strategies and Tactics in Platform Urbanism: Contested Spatial Production through Quick Delivery Platforms in Berlin and Barcelona. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. Early Online.
- Lutz, Elena, Michael Wicki, David Kaufmann. 2024. Creating inequality in access to public transit? Densification, gentrification, and displacement. *Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science*. Early Online.
- Debrunner, Gabriela, Katrin Hofer, Michael Wicki, Fiona Kauer, and David Kaufmann. 2024. Housing Precarity in Six European and North American Cities: Threatened by the Loss of a Safe, Stable, and Affordable Home. *Journal of the American Planning Association*. Early Online.
- Hofer, Katrin, Michael Wicki, and David Kaufmann. 2024. Public support for participation in local development. *World Development* 178: 106569.
- Wicki, Michael, Sophie Hauller, Thomas Bernauer, and David Kaufmann. 2024. Beyond a transport node? What residents want from transforming railway stations. *European Planning Studies* 32(1): 1–23.
- Hofer, Katrin, and David Kaufmann. 2023. Actors, Arenas and Aims: A Conceptual Framework for Public Participation. *Planning Theory* 22(4): 357-464.
- Wittwer, Stefan, Katrin Hofer, and David Kaufmann. 2023. An urban take on sustainable development policies and corresponding positioning strategies. *npj Urban Sustainability* 3, 1.
- Debrunner, Gabriela, and David Kaufmann. 2023. Land valuation in densifying cities: The negotiation process between institutional landowners and municipal planning authorities. *Land Use Policy* 132: 106813.
- Perić, Ana, Sophie Hauller, and David Kaufmann. 2023. Cooperative planning under pro-development urban agenda? A collage of densification practices in Zurich, Switzerland. *Habitat International* 140: 102922.

- Kaufmann, David, and Mala Walz. 2023. Irregular Migration and the City. In *Oxford Bibliographies in Urban Studies* (Online Bibliography). New York: Oxford University Press
- Kaufmann, David, and Laurent Bernhard. 2023. The Use of the Abuse Policy Narrative in Asylum Debates and its Effects on Citizens' Opinion Formation. *Journal of Public Policy* 43(2): 307-325.
- Bazurli, Raffaele, and David Kaufmann. 2023. Insurgent Asylum Policies in European Cities: A Multi-Level Governance Perspective. *Urban Affairs Review* 59(4): 1129-1159.
- Wicki, Michael, Katrin Hofer, and David Kaufmann. 2022. Planning instruments enhance the acceptance of urban densification. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (PNAS). 119 (38) e2201780119.
- Wicki, Michael, and David Kaufmann. 2022. Accepting and resisting densification: The importance of project-related factors and the contextualizing role of neighbourhoods. *Landscape and Urban Planning* 22: 104350.
- Hinterleitner, Markus, David Kaufmann, and Eva Thomann. 2022. The fit between regulatory instruments and targets: Regulating the economic integration of migrants *Regulation & Governance* 16: 892–909.
- Kaufmann, David, Nora Räss, Dominique Strelbel and Fritz Sager. 2021. Sanctuary Cities in Europe? A Policy Survey of Urban Policies in Support of Irregular Migrants. *British Journal of Political Science* 52(4): 1954–1963.
- Kaufmann, David, and Dominique Strelbel. 2021. Urbanizing Migration Policy-Making: Urban Policies in Support of Irregular Migrants in Geneva and Zürich. *Urban Studies* 58(4): 2991-3008.
- Kaufmann, David. 2021. Debating responsibility-sharing: An analysis of the European Parliament's debates on the Common European Asylum System. *European Policy Analysis* 7(1): 207-225.
- Kaufmann, David, and Mara Sidney. 2020. Toward an urban policy analysis: Linking urban politics and public policy, *PS: Political Science & Politics* 53(1): 1-5.
- Sager, Fritz, Céline Mavrot, Markus Hinterleitner, David Kaufmann, Martin Grosjean and Thomas Stocker. 2020. Utilization-focused scientific policy advice: A six-point checklist, *Climate Policy* 20(10): 1336-1343.
- Kaufmann, David, Johanna Künzler and Fritz Sager. 2020. How (Not) to Design and Implement a Large-Scale, Interdisciplinary Research Infrastructure, *Science and Public Policy* 20(10): 1336-1343.
- Kaufmann, David. 2020. Capital cities in interurban competition: Local autonomy, urban governance and locational-policy making, *Urban Affairs Review* 56(4): 1168–1205.
- Lutz, Philipp, David Kaufmann, and Anna Stünzi. 2020. Humanitarian protection as a European public good: The strategic role of states and refugees, *Journal of Common Market Studies*. 58(3): 757–775.
- Kaufmann, David, and Rahel Meili. 2019. Leaves in the wind? Local policies of small and medium-sized towns in metropolitan regions, *European Planning Studies* 27(1), 21–41.
- Kaufmann, David, and Stefan Wittwer. 2019. “Business centre or bedroom community? The development of employment in small and medium-sized towns”, *Regional Studies* 53(10): 1483–1493.
- Kaufmann, David. 2019. Comparing Urban Citizenship, Sanctuary Cities, Local Bureaucratic Membership, and Regularizations, *Public Administration Review* 79(3): 443–446.
- Kaufmann, David, and Fritz Sager. 2019. How to organize secondary capital city regions: Institutional drivers of locational policy coordination, *Governance* 32(1): 63–81
- Kaufmann, David, and Tobias Arnold. 2018. Strategies of cities in globalized interurban competition: The locational policies framework, *Urban Studies* 55: 2703–2720.
- Bernhard, Laurent, and David Kaufmann. 2018. Coping with the asylum challenge: Tightening and streamlining policies in Western Europe, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 44(15): 2506–2523.
- Kaufmann, David, Martin Warland, Heike Mayer, and Fritz Sager. 2016. Bern's positioning strategy: Escaping the fate of a secondary capital city?, *Cities* 53: 206–215.

Mayer, Heike, Fritz Sager, David Kaufmann, and Martin Warland. 2016. Capital city dynamics: Linking regional innovation systems, locational policies and policy regimes, *Cities* 51: 11–20.

### Book chapters

Kaufmann, David, and Mara Sidney. Forthcoming. “Urban Policy Process and Policy Analysis”. In Ronald K. Vogel (ed.) *Handbook of Urban Politics and Policy*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

Sager Fritz, and David Kaufmann. 2023. “Infrastructure Policy: Transport and Energy”, In: Emmenegger, Patrick, Flavia Fossati, Silja Häusermann, Yannis Papadopoulos, Pascal Sciarini, Adrian Vatter (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Swiss Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Kaufmann, David, and Stefan Wittwer. 2022. “Public policy and small and medium-sized towns”, In Mayer, Heike, and Michaela Lazzeroni (eds.) *A Research Agenda for Small and Medium-Sized Towns*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

Sager, Fritz, David Kaufmann, and Johanna Hornung. 2022. “Infrastrukturpolitik”, In: Wenzelburger, Georg, and Rainer Zohlh fer (eds.) *Handbuch Policy-Forschung*. Springer VS, Wiesbaden.

Sager, Fritz und David Kaufmann. 2022. “Infrastrukturpolitik: Verkehr, Energie und Telekommunikation”, In: Papadopoulos, Yannis, Pascal Sciarini, Adrian Vatter, Silja H usermann, Patrick Emmenegger, und Flavia Fossati (eds.) *Handbuch der Schweizer Politik / Manuel Politique de la Suisse* (Edition 7). Z rich: NZZ Libro: 757-784.

Mayer, Heike, Rahel Meili, and David Kaufmann. 2021. “Small and Medium-Sized Towns as Secondary Cities: The Case of Switzerland”, In Mark Pendras and Charles Williams (eds.) *Secondary Cities: Exploring Uneven Development in Dynamic Urban Regions*. Bristol: Policy Press.

Bernhard, Laurent, and David Kaufmann. 2020. “Die Rolle des Missbrauchsarguments im Rahmen von Abstimmungskampagnen: Eine empirische Analyse zu drei Referenden gegen  nderungen des Asylgesetzes”. In: Anne-C cile Leyvraz, Rapha l Rey, Damian Rosset and Robin St nzi (eds.) *Asyl und Missbrauch: Multidisziplin re Perspektiven auf einen vorherrschenden Diskurs*. Z rich: Seismo Verlag.

### Teaching

#### Bachelor and Master Courses

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| 2021-ongoing | <i>Urban Planning and Urban Policies</i> , ETH Z rich, MSc course, 4 ECTS, annually.   |
| 2020-ongoing | <i>Introduction to Spatial Development and Transformation</i> , ETH Z rich, MSc mandatory course, 3 ECTS, together with Dr. Markus Nollert, annually.                            |
| 2020-ongoing | <i>Interdisciplinary Project</i> , ETH Z rich, MSc mandatory course, 16 ECTS, co-teaching with all faculty of the master program Spatial Development and Infrastructure Systems. |
| 2023-ongoing | Basic of RE&IS, ETH Z rich, MSc mandatory course, 3 ECTS, co-teaching with other faculty of the master program Spatial Development and Infrastructure Systems.                   |

#### Continued Education

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| 2021-ongoing | <i>Citizen and Stakeholder Participation in Policy-Making</i> , ETH Z rich, 4-day course in CAS Technology and Public Policy, together with Prof. Dr. Michael Stauffacher, annually. |
| 2021-ongoing | <i>Urban Sustainable Development</i> , ETH Z rich, CAS Public Administration and Governance, one day, annually.  |
| 2020-ongoing | <i>Planning and Politics</i> , ETH Z rich, Week course in Master of Advanced Studies in Spatial Planning, together with Dr. Walter Schenkel, bi-annually.                            |

2020-ongoing *Local Government and Urban Policy*, University of Bern, One day course in Executive Master of Public Administration, bi-annually.

### Former teaching experience

2019-2021 *Sustainable Development*, University of Bern, MA and BA seminar, 4 ECTS, together with Dr. Elisabeth Bürgi Bonanomi, annually

2019 “Migration policies”, University of Bern, MA seminar, 6 ECTS.

2014-2018 “Urban politics, urban policies, and metropolitan governance”, University of Bern, MA seminar, 6 ECTS, together with Prof. Dr. Fritz Sager and alone, annually.

### Research grants

2024-2027: Swiss National Science Foundation research project. “The Responsible City: Swiss Responses to Housing in Socio-ecological Crises”. Role: Co-PI.

2024-2027: Horizon Europe. “ReHousIn: Contextualized pathways to Reduce Housing Inequalities in the green and digital transition”. Role: CO-PI.

2024-2027: Innosuisse – Swiss Innovation Agency. “SynEnergie - Verdichtung im Bestand”. Role: CO-PI.

2024-2026: Swiss Federal Office for Energy research grant. “Policy4Rebuild—Zur Reduktion von grauen Treibhausgasemissionen in der Gebäudeerstellung: Politische Instrumente zur Förderung von Umbau gegenüber Ersatzneubau.” Role: Co-PI.

2024-2025: CIFAR SNSF Catalyst grant. “Future-Proofing ‘Climate Boomtowns’: Lessons from Geneva, Zurich, Chicago and Toronto.” Role: Co-PI.

2023-2026: Swiss National Science Foundation SPIRIT grant “Sustainable Housing in Urban Humanitarian Crises”, Role: PI.

2023-2025 Swiss National Science Foundation National Research Program 80 *Covid-19 in Society* “The COVID-19 Pandemic and its Implications for Urban Essential Workers”, Role: PI.

2021-2025 Swiss National Science Foundation research project. “Densifying Switzerland: Exploring the Acceptance and Support of Densification Projects in Swiss Cities”. Role: PI.

2022-2024 ETH4D Humanitarian Action Challenge. “Building Resilience in Health Infrastructure” Role: Co-Pi.

2022-2024 ETHZ D-BAUG lighthouse project. “E-bike City”. Role: Co-Pi.

2021-2024 Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and UNHCR. “Cooperation within the *Geneva Technical Hub* for a sustainable planning of refugee camps”. Role: PI

2021-2024 ETH Zürich Future City Laboratory. “Dense and Green Cities”. Role: Co-PI.

2020-2022 Swiss Federal Railways “Co-creating Mobility Hubs”. Role: Co-PI.

2020 City of Zürich, Report “Rolle der Stadt Zürich als politische Akteurin in der nachhaltigen Entwicklung”. Role: PI.

### Research funds as a host

2025-2026: Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS), grant for Dr. Yaël Borofsky “Do Successful Infrastructure Technology Pilots Lead to Policy Change?”

2023-2026: SNSF Ambizione for Dr. Sven-Daniel Wolfe “After the spotlight: Sustainable urban development and geopolitical legacies in former mega-event cities”

2023-2024: Collegium Helveticum Junior Fellowship for Ari Ray  
2022: ETH4D Doctoral Mentorship Programme for Parviz Mosamin  
2021: ETH4D student grant for Parviz Mosamin

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