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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Income and Wealth Inequality, Taxation, Intergenerational Mobility

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC

since JUNE 2023	Head of Research Section (<i>non-tenured</i>) Inequality and Public Economics, KOF, ETH Zurich Development of research agenda, establishment and management of research group, securing of funding Responsible for quarterly KOF forecasts of government consumption and public finances
APR 2020–MAY 2023	Senior Researcher (<i>non-tenured</i>) KOF, ETH Zurich Responsible for quarterly KOF forecasts of government consumption and public finances Sick-leave: Dec 2022–Feb 2023
AUG 2021 – JAN 2022	Visiting Scholar Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality, CUNY, New York
NOV 2017 – MAR 2020	Postdoc (<i>part-time: 40 %</i>) University of St. Gallen
SEP 2016 – SEP 2017	Postdoc LISER, Luxembourg
FEB 2012 – AUG 2016	Research and Teaching Assistant University of St. Gallen

NON-ACADEMIC

since JAN 2018	Member of the Swiss Competition Commission WEKO (elected by the Federal Council)
JUNE 2020 – DEC 2022	Columnist Handelszeitung (monthly)
NOV 2017 – MAR 2020	Economist (<i>part-time: 60%</i>) Swiss Federation of Trade Unions (SGB/USS)
FEB 2009 – JUN 2011	Research Assistant Swiss Federation of Trade Unions (SGB/USS)
OCT 2007 – AUG 2008	Editorial assistant “Bild.de” (“Bild Zeitung” online editorial), Berlin

EDUCATION

APR 2016	Ph.D. in Economics , University of St. Gallen (Grade: 5.75/6) Committee: Reto Föllmi, Monika Bütler, Emmanuel Saez (UC Berkeley)
JAN 2015 – APR 2016	Visiting Student Researcher, University of California, Berkeley, USA (Host: Emmanuel Saez)
SEP 2011	M.Sc. in Economics , University of Bern (Grade: 5.56/6) Thesis: “Top Income Shares in Switzerland” (Grade: 6/6, awarded the VBW Excellence Award)
SEP 2009	B.Sc. in Economics and Political Science , University of Bern (Grade: 5.26/6)
SEP 2007 – AUG	Erasmus Exchange Year, Free University Berlin, Germany

RESEARCH VISITS

AUG 2021–JAN 2022	Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality, The Graduate Center, City University New York (hosts: Janet Gornick / Miles Corak)
DEC 2019	IPEA, Brasília (host: Pedro Souza)
APR 2018	Universitat de Barcelona, Spain (host: Dirk Foremny)
JUL/AUG 2017	University of Bern, Switzerland (host: Michael Gerfin)
MAR/APR 2017	University of California, Berkeley, USA (host: Emmanuel Saez)
JAN 2015–APR 2016	University of California, Berkeley, USA (host: Emmanuel Saez)

AFFILIATIONS

- since JUNE 2022 [CESifo](#), Research Affiliate
since JAN 2021 [CEPR](#), Research Affiliate
since APR 2020 [SIAW University of St. Gallen](#), Research Associate
since DEC 2016 [WID.World Project](#), Research Fellow

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

8. Baselgia, Enea, and Isabel Z. Martínez (2024). "Using Rich Lists to Study the Super-Rich and Top Wealth Inequality: Insights from Switzerland." Previously in [CESifo Working Paper](#) No. 9778 (February 2023). Accepted at *The Review of Economics and Statistics* (February 2024).
7. Marti, Samira, Isabel Z. Martínez, and Florian Scheuer (2023). "Does A Progressive Wealth Tax Reduce Top Wealth Inequality? Evidence from Switzerland." *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 39(3): 513–529.
6. Baselgia, Enea, and Isabel Z. Martínez (2023). "Wealth-Income Ratios in Free Market Capitalism: Switzerland, 1900-2020" [CESifo Working Paper](#) No. 9976 (September 2022). (Former title: "A Safe Harbor: Wealth-Income Ratios in Switzerland over the 20th Century and the Role of Housing Prices."). Forthcoming in *The Review of Economics and Statistics* (online first: March 15, 2023).
5. Martínez, Isabel Z. (2022). "Mobility Responses to the Establishment of a Residential Tax Haven: Evidence From Switzerland." *Journal of Urban Economics*, 129, 103441.
4. Eichenauer, Vera, Ronald Indergand, Isabel Z. Martínez, and Christoph Sax (2022). "Constructing Daily Economic Sentiment Indices Based on Google Trends." *Economic Inquiry*, 60(2), 694–705.
1. Martínez, I. Z. (2022). "Evidence from Unique Swiss Tax Data on the Composition and Joint Distribution of Income and Wealth". Chapter 4 in: *NBER Studies in Income and Wealth*, Vol. 80: *Measuring Distribution and Mobility of Income and Wealth*. Edited by Raj Chetty, John N. Friedman, Janet C. Gornick, Barry Johnson, and Arthur Kennickell. NBER Conference held March 5–6, 2020. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
2. Martínez, Isabel Z., Emmanuel Saez, and Michael Siegenthaler (2021). "Intertemporal Labor Supply Substitution? Evidence from the Swiss Income Tax Holiday." *American Economic Review*, 111(2), 506–546.
1. Föllmi, Reto, and Isabel Z. Martínez (2017). "Volatile Top Income Shares in Switzerland? Reassessing the Evolution Between 1981 and 2010." *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 99(5), pp.793–809.

WORKING PAPERS

2. Baselgia, Enea, and Isabel Z. Martínez (2023). "Behavioral Responses to Special Tax Regimes for the Super-Rich: Evidence from Switzerland." Previously in [CESifo Working Paper](#) No. 9778 (February 2023). RR requested at *The Economic Journal*.
1. Martínez, Isabel Z. (2019). "The Composition and Mobility of Top Earners - Evidence from Switzerland." [Mimeo](#) (February 2019).

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

4. Martínez, Isabel Z. "Intergenerational Mobility in Multiple Dimensions."
3. Martínez, Isabel Z. "Wealth and Income Mobility over the Life-Cycle - Evidence from Swiss Tax Data."
2. Martínez, Isabel Z, and Hannes Schwandt. "Mortality Inequality in Switzerland"
1. Ghisletta, Andrea, Isabel Z. Martínez, and Kurt Schmidheiny. "Top Income Shares in Switzerland under the Influence of Marriage Rates and Missing Values."

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2024 **RePEc Top 4% Female Economists** out of over 18,000 listed female economists in the global RePEc database (based on last 10 years publications).
- 2024 **Keynote Speaker**, Fachkonferenz Wealth Planning, ZHAW Wintherthur
- 2023 **RePEc Top 5% Female Economists** out of over 17,000 listed female economists in the global RePEc database (based on last 10 years publications).
- 2022 **Impulsgeberin**, Europa Forum Luzern
- 2022 **Keynote Speaker**, Statistisch-Volkswirtschaftliche Gesellschaft Basel
- 2022 **SNF Starting Grant**, finalist

- 2021 **NZZ Ökonomenranking**: listed among the **top 10 most influential economists** in Switzerland (rank 8)
- 2021 **ARC Distinguished Visiting Scholar**, Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality, City University New York
- 2020 **NZZ Ökonomenranking**: listed among the **top 20 most influential economists** in Switzerland (rank 19)
- 2020 **Keynote Speaker**, AK Young Economists Conference, Vienna
- 2016 **WinE Mentoring Retreat**, Geneva
- 2014 **SNSF Academic Mentoring Program Deutschschweiz** (CHF 1,000)
- 2012 **VBW Excellence Award** 2012 for the Master Thesis: “Top Income Shares in Switzerland Assessing the Evolution Between 1985 and 2007 Based on Tax Data” (CHF 600)

RESEARCH GRANTS AND THIRD PARTY FUNDING

- 2024 **Netzwerk Steuergerchtigkeit** “Superreiche (wieder) angemessen besteuern. Eine Analyse der effektiven Steuerbelastung von Superreichen in der Schweiz, Österreich und Deutschland” (contracted study)
- 2023 **SNSF Project Grant (PI)** 2024 - 2028 “Intergenerational Mobility: Multi-Dimensional Patterns, Determinants, and Effects on Beliefs” (CHF 555,853)
- 2021 **SNSF Scientific Exchanges Fellowship** “Intergenerational Mobility along Multiple Dimensions” (CHF 16,600)
- 2017 **SNSF Project Grant (Co-PI)** “The influence of Taxation on Wealth and Income Inequality – Long-Run Evidence from the Swiss Cantons” (with Reto Föllmi) (CHF 301,720)
- 2016 **Presentation Grant**, Verein für Socialpolitik (EUR 500)
- 2015 **SNSF Doc.Mobility Fellowship** for a research stay abroad at the University of California, Berkeley (CHF 55,000)
- 2012 **FORS Scholarship** for the LIS-Stata Summer Workshop 2012 at the Luxembourg Income Studies Data Centre, Luxembourg (CHF 2,000)

ORAL CONTRIBUTIONS AT CONFERENCES

incl. scheduled

- 2024 AEA Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX • Taxation and Inequality Conference, UZH (*on invitation only*) • Fachkonferenz Wealth Planning, ZHAW, Zurich (*Keynote*) • IIPF, Prague
- 2023 III/LIS Comparative Economic Inequality Conference at LSE, London • Swiss Network on Public Economics, Zürich • III Opportunity and Mobility Workshop at LSE, London* • LMU Munich Public Econ Week (*on invitation only*)
- 2022 AEA Annual Meeting, Boston • Swiss Network on Public Economics, Zürich • CESifo Area Conference on Public Economics, Munich • LMU Munich Public Econ Week (*on invitation only*) *• Journées LAGV, Marseille • Società Italiana di Economia Pubblica SIEP, L'Aquila*
- 2021 Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics Conference, Zürich • Swiss Network on Public Economics, Zürich • Journées LAGV, Marseille (presented by co-author) • ifo Conference on Genes, Social Mobility, and Inequalities, Munich • IIPF Annual Meeting, Reykjavik (*online*) • CEPR-AMSE-Banque de France Conference on Social Mobility (presented by co-author)
- 2020 NBER Conference on Research in Income and Wealth, Washington, DC • IIPF Annual Meeting, Reykjavik (*online*) • Wealth Taxation Online Workshops, University of St. Gallen • **Arbeiterkammer AK Young Economists Conference**, Vienna (*Keynote, online*) • International Workshop on Determinants of Wealth Inequality, University of St. Gallen (*online*)
- 2019 **Avenir Suisse Think Thank Summit**, Zürich (*invited*) • Schweizer Geschichtstage, Zürich (*invited*) • NBER Summer Institute, Boston • IIPF Annual Meeting, Glasgow
- 2018 LIS, Luxembourg • Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics Conference, St. Gallen • Dondenda Workshop on Public Policy, Bocconi University
- 2017 Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics Conference, Lausanne • IIPF Annual Meeting, Tokyo • EALE Annual Meeting, St.Gallen • WID.world Conference, Paris
- 2016 AEA Annual Meeting, San Francisco • Western Regional Science Association WSRA, Hawaii • Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics Conference, Lugano • EEA Annual Meeting, Geneva • Vfs Jahrestreffen, Augsburg • NTA Annual Meeting, Baltimore • Swiss Economists Abroad Annual Meeting, Bern
- 2015 NARSC Annual Meeting, Portland • Workshop on: Social and Labour Market Policy Evaluation with Administrative Data, LISER Luxembourg

- 2014 International Conference on: The Evolution of Economic and Social Inequalities in Switzerland, University of Neuchâtel • SNF Sinergia Seminar, University of Zurich • Conference on Crises and the Distribution, Berlin • SNF Sinergia Workshop, ETH Zurich • Warsaw International Economic Meeting • Joint SNF Sinergia / CEPR Conference, Ascona
- 2013 SNF Sinergia Workshop, Diessenhofen • Conference on: Power and Justice in the World-System, New York City • Barcelona GSE Summer School on Labor Economics • Congress of the Swiss Sociological Society, Bern • Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics Conference, Neuchâtel

ORAL CONTRIBUTIONS AT INVITED SEMINARS

incl. scheduled

- 2024 University of Lausanne • EU Tax Observatory, Paris • University of Salzburg • WU Vienna • **AK Wien** • Universidad Carlos III Madrid • NHH Bergen • IFAU Uppsala
- 2023 University of Stavanger • Trondheim University • **Swiss National Bank SNB** • Toulouse School of Economics • CUNEF Universidad Madrid • ETH Zürich • University of Zurich
- 2022 **Liechtenstein Institut** (*online*) • University of Lucerne • Stockholm University • LMU Munich • **W@Competition Network Switzerland** • **Statistische Gesellschaft Basel** (*Keynote*) • WU Vienna • **Austrian National Bank ÖNB** • University of Bern • WATT-Workshop on Inequality and Taxation, Berlin • ETH Zürich • University of Lausanne
- 2021 **Federal Office of Public Health** • (*online*) University of Fribourg • (*online*) ETH Zurich • University of Konstanz • (*online*) City University New York (CUNY)
- 2020 LMU Munich (*online*)
- 2019 University of St. Gallen • **Federal Tax Administration, Bern** • ENS, Lyon • IPEA, Brasília
- 2018 IEB, Barcelona • University of Bern
- 2017 LISER, Luxembourg • KOF, ETH Zürich • University of Neuchâtel • University of Lausanne
- 2016 University of Lausanne • University of Bern • Strathclyde University • University of Luxembourg • Paris School of Economics • UC Berkeley • LISER, Luxembourg
- 2015 IRLE research seminar, UC Berkeley
- 2014 University of St. Gallen

In **bold**: invited talks at public institutions, think tanks, and network groups. * Unable to attend.

POLICY REPORTS AND REVIEWS

14. Abberger et al. (2023). “Konjunkturanalyse: Prognose 2024 / 2025. Schweizer Konjunktur: Binnenwirtschaft stützt – Aussenhandel schwächelt.” *KOF Analysen*, No. 2023(3).
13. Abberger et al. (2023). “Konjunkturanalyse: Prognose 2023 / 2024 Starke Beschäftigung trifft auf stockende Wirtschaft.” *KOF Analysen*, No. 2023(2).
12. Martínez, I.Z. (2023). “Within-country tax competition for top earners: how big is the prize?” *IEB Report*, No. II/2023.
11. Abberger et al. (2023). “Konjunkturanalyse: Prognose 2023 / 2024. Milder Winter dämpft Rezessionsängste.” *KOF Analysen*, No. 2023(1).
10. Abberger et al. (2022). “Konjunkturanalyse: Prognose 2023 / 2024. Energiekrise belastet die Schweizer Wirtschaft weiterhin.” *KOF Analysen*, No. 2022(4).
9. Plening, R. and I.Z. Martínez (2021). “Vermögen und Einkommen über den Lebenszyklus.” *KOF Analysen*, No. 2021(3).
8. Martínez, I. Z., D. Kopp, R. Lalive, S. Pichler, and M. Siegenthaler (2021). “Corona und Ungleichheit in der Schweiz – Eine erste Analyse der Verteilungswirkungen der Covid-19-Pandemie.” *KOF Studien*, No. 161.
7. Föllmi, R. and I. Z. Martínez (2018). “Inequality in Switzerland: A Haven of Stability?” *CESifo Forum*, Vol. 19. No. 2.
6. Föllmi, R. and I. Z. Martínez (2017). “Die Verteilung von Einkommen und Vermögen in der Schweiz.” *UBS International Center of Economics in Society Public Paper*, 2017, No. 6.
5. Martínez, I. Z. (2017). “Die Topeinkommen in der Schweiz seit 1980: Verteilung und Mobilität.” *Social Change in Switzerland*, 2017, No. 11.

4. Gerritzen, B. I. Z. Martínez, and A. Ramsden (2014). “Cantonal Differences in Health Care Premium Subsidies in Switzerland.” *University of St. Gallen SEPS Working Paper*, 2014, No.14-20.
3. Martínez, I. Z. (2014). “Bookreview on: ‘Methods for Quantitative Macro-Comparative Research’ by Salvatore Babones.” *Journal of World-Systems Research*, 2014, 20(1).
2. Bianchi, D., D. Lampart, I. Z. Martínez, and G. Medici (2011). *Mindestlöhne – Situation und Handlungsbedarf. Bericht der SGB-Expertengruppe Mindestlohn*. Zürich: Editions à la Carte. ISBN: 978-3-905708-80-6.
1. Lampart, D. and I. Z. Martínez (2009). “Mit Konjunkturstabilisierung längerfristige Wachstumschancen sichern”. *SGB-Dossier*, No. 65.

POPULAR WRITINGS AND MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

The comprehensive list of my work, including extensive media contributions and interviews, can be found [here](#).

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

PHD	“Economics of Inequality”, ETH Zürich (Fall 2022, 2023) “Causal Inference”, ETH Zürich (Spring 2023) Second PhD Supervisor: Giovanni Di Meo, ETH Zürich (2022–)
MASTER	“Philosophy and Economics of Inequality”, University of St. Gallen (Fall 2020, 2021) Seminar: “Empirical Political Economy”, University of St. Gallen (Fall 2013) TA: “Advanced Macroeconomics I”, University of St. Gallen (Fall 2012, 2013) Thesis supervision: University of St. Gallen (Spring 2014, 2018), ETH Zürich (Fall 2022), UZH (Spring 2022, Fall 2023)
BACHELOR	“Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Data Science”, University of St. Gallen (Spring 2019, 2020) Thesis supervision: University of St. Gallen (Spring 2013, 2014, 2019; Fall 2013)
SUPERVISION	Research assistants: Swiss Federation of Trade Unions, University of St. Gallen, KOF ETH Zürich Interns: University of St. Gallen (Lena Ajdacic, Winter 2016/2017)
MENTORING	KOF PhD Mentoring Program The Women in Economics Initiative

SCIENTIFIC REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

EXPERT PANELS & POLICY BRIEFINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the Expert Group on Poverty Monitoring, Federal Office of Statistics, 2022–2024 • Annual Steuerhearing Kanton Zürich, since 2023 • Müller-Möhl Foundation taskforce4women, March 2024 • Spitzentreffen KOF-ETHZ Eidgenössische Finanzverwaltung, March 2024 • Panel on women’s financial independence, International Women’s Day at the Federal Parliament, upon invitation by the President of the Council of States Eva Herzog, March 2024 • Roundtable “Inequality and Intergenerational Mobility” with Prof. John Friedman (Brown Univ.), organized by Studienzentrum Gerzensee, June 2023 • Seminar to the Welsh Government “Tax Competition and Taxpayer Mobility”, July 2022 • Member of the Scientific Committee for the IIPF Annual Congress, 2021 • Roundtable “Poverty measures accounting for assets”, Federal Office of Statistics, October 2019 • Seminar to the Canadian Embassy “Income and Wealth Inequality in Switzerland”, May 2019
DISCUSSANT	University of Zurich - UBS Center Forum for Economic Dialogue • CESifo Area Conference on Public Economics • IIPF, Reykjavik • SNoPE • IIPF, Reykjavik • IIPF, Glasgow • IIPF, Tokyo • CESifo Summer Institute, Venice • NARSC Annual Meeting, Portland
JOURNAL REFEREE	American Economic Journal: Applied Economics • American Economic Journal: Economic Policy • American Economic Review • American Economic Review: Insights • Contemporary Economic Policy • Eastern Economic Journal • Economic History Review • Economic Inquiry • Economic Systems • Empirical Economics • European Journal of Political Economy • Fiscal Studies • International Tax and Public Finance • Journal of Economic Inequality • Journal of Human Resources • Journal of Political Economy • Journal of Public Economics • Journal of Urban Economics • Portuguese Economic Journal • Quarterly Journal of Economics • Review of Income and Wealth • Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics
GRANT REVIEWER	Polish National Science Center • U.S. National Science Foundation

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS

- MAR 2024 5th Workshop of the “Swiss Network on Public Economics”, Fribourg
- JAN 2024 Session on “Intergenerational Wealth Transmission”, AEA Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX
- JAN 2022 – “KOF Research Seminar”, weekly
- DEC 2023 “Joint KOF-ETH-UZH International Economic Policy Seminar”, weekly
- FALL 2021 “Seminars and Conversations on Inequality and Social Mobility”, biweekly
Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality (online)
- AUG 2021 Invited session on “Capturing the Super-Rich: What Can We Learn From Rich Lists Data?”
IIPF Annual Congress (online)
- OCT 2020 “International Workshop on Determinants of Wealth Inequality”
University of St. Gallen (online)
- NOV 2016/ “Praxisworkshop Ökonomie”
2018/2019 (workshop for academics and policy makers), Bern

LANGUAGES

German (native), Spanish (native), English (proficient), French (good), Portuguese (basic), Italian (passive)

REFERENCES

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