

Curriculum Vitae – Sven Daniel Wolfe

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Areas of specialization

Everyday geopolitics, urban sustainable development, mega-events, Potemkinism

Current position

Swiss National Science Foundation Ambizione Fellow
ETH Zurich, Spatial Development and Urban Policy

Employment history

07/2023-07/2027 Swiss National Science Foundation Ambizione Fellow. Spatial Development and Urban Policy group, ETH Zurich
12/2022-07/2023 Senior Scientist, Political Geography Unit. Department of Geography, University of Zurich
09/2019-11/2022 Junior Lecturer, Department of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne
2002-2012 Co-founder and Principal, LavaLingua LLC, California. Translation and consulting company, serving families with children adopted from Russia and Ukraine to the USA

Education

2019 PhD in Geography
Department of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne
2016 MSc in Geographies of Global Change: Resources, Markets and Development
Department of Geography, University of Zurich
2014 MA in Russian and Eurasian Studies, Political Science (with distinction)
European University St. Petersburg, Russia
1999 BA in Russian Language, Literature, and Culture (with honors)
Grinnell College, United States

Peer reviewed scientific publications

Journal articles (double-blind peer review) [19]

2024 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. "Geopolitics and the Geographer: Ethics and the Everyday in Times of Global Existential Crisis." *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 0, no. 0 (2024): 1–19. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15387216.2024.2387319>.
2024 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. "Mega-Events and the Minor." *Area* 56, no. 3 (2024): 1–8. <https://doi.org/10.1111/area.12956>.
2024 Silvestre, Gabriel, David Gogishvili, Sven Daniel Wolfe, and Martin Müller. "Have the Olympics Outgrown Cities? A Longitudinal Comparative Analysis of the

- Growth and Planning of the Olympics and Former Host Cities.” *Planning Perspectives*, 1–22. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02665433.2024.2334817>.
- 2023 Wolfe, Sven Daniel, Olena Denysenko, Dina Krichker, Olga Rebro, Maria Gunko. “The Intimate and Everyday Geopolitics of the Russian War Against Ukraine.” *Geopolitics*, 1-28. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2023.2222936>.
- 2023 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. “The juggernaut endures: Protest, Potemkinism, and Olympic reform.” *Leisure Studies*, 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02614367.2023.2195201>.
- 2023 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. “Between the Minor and the Intimate: Encountering the Authoritarian (Extra)Ordinary in Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine.” *Geopolitics* 28 (2): 820-845. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2021.1988930>.
- 2023 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. “Building a Better Host City? Reforming and Contesting the Olympics in Paris 2024.” *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*, 41 (2) 257-273. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23996544221129409>.
- 2023 Müller, Martin, David Gogishvili, Sven Daniel Wolfe, Christopher Gaffney, Miriam Hug, and Annick Leick. “Peak Event: The Rise, Crisis and Potential Decline of the Olympic Games and the World Cup.” *Tourism Management* 95 (April): 104657. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tourman.2022.104657>.
- 2022 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. “Potemkin Neoliberalism: Developing Volgograd through the 2018 Men’s World Cup in Russia.” *Sport in Society* 25 (10): 2088–2106. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17430437.2020.1825382>.
- 2022 Wolfe, Sven Daniel, David Gogishvili, Jean-Loup Chappelet, and Martin Müller. “The Urban and Economic Impacts of Mega-Events: Mechanisms of Change in Global Games.” *Sport in Society* 25 (10): 2079–87. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17430437.2021.1903438>.
- 2022 Müller, Martin, David Gogishvili, Sven Daniel Wolfe. “The structural deficit of the Olympics and the World Cup: Comparing costs against revenues over time.” *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space* 0 (0): 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X221098741>.
- 2022 Müller, Martin, Sven Daniel Wolfe, David Gogishvili, Christopher Gaffney, Miriam Hug, and Annick Leick. “The Mega-Events Database: Systematizing the Evidence on Mega-Event Outcomes.” *Leisure Studies* 41 (3): 437-445. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02614367.2021.1998835>.
- 2021 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. “Blogging the Virtual: New Geographies of Domination and Resistance In and Beyond Russia.” *Antipode* 53 (4): 1251–69. <https://doi.org/10.1111/anti.12709>.
- 2021 Müller, Martin, Sven Daniel Wolfe, Christopher Gaffney, David Gogishvili, Miriam Hug, and Annick Leick. “An Evaluation of the Sustainability of the Olympic Games.” *Nature Sustainability* 4 (4): 340–48. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41893-021-00696-5>.
- 2020 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. “‘For the Benefit of Our Nation’: Unstable Soft Power in the 2018 Men’s World Cup in Russia.” *International Journal of Sport Policy and Politics* 12 (4): 545–61. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19406940.2020.1839532>.

- 2020 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. 2020. "The Great Pause: A Minor Theory Exploration of COVID-19 Response in Switzerland." *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 61 (4–5): 606–19. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15387216.2020.1779104>.
- 2019 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. "Urban Development Through the 2018 FIFA Men's Football World Cup: Mutated Mobile Policies in the Peripheries." *Gorodskie Issledovaniya i Praktiki [Urban Studies and Practices]* 4 (3): 23–41. <https://doi.org/10.17323/usp43201923-41>.
- 2018 Wolfe, Sven Daniel, and Martin Müller. "Crisis Neopatrimonialism: Russia's New Political Economy and the 2018 World Cup." *Problems of Post-Communism* 65 (2): 101–14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10758216.2018.1429934>.
- 2016 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. "A Silver Medal Project: The Partial Success of Russia's Soft Power in Sochi 2014." *Annals of Leisure Research* 19 (4): 481–96. <https://doi.org/10.1080/11745398.2015.1122534>.

Books (single-blind peer review) [2]

- In press Wolfe, Sven Daniel, editor. *The Hard Edge of Soft Power: Mega-Events, Geopolitics, and Making Nations Great Again*. Palgrave Macmillan, Mega-Event Planning series. To be published in 2024.
- 2021 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. *More Than Sport: Soft Power and Potemkinism in the 2018 Men's Football World Cup in Russia*. Zürich ; Münster: LIT Verlag. <https://www.lit-verlag.de/isbn/978-3-643-80370-2>.

Book chapters (single-blind and open peer review) [10]

- In press Wolfe, Sven Daniel. "The Quarry Outside My Window: Geographies of Protest in Sochi 2014." In *Winters of Discontent: Popular Resistance to the Winter Olympics*. Russell Field editor. University of Illinois press. To be published in 2024.
- 2024 Wolfe, Sven Daniel, Cerianne Robertson. 2024. "Los Angeles 2028." In *Olympic Cities: City Agendas, Planning, and the World's Games, 4th edition*, edited by John R. Gold and Margaret M. Gold, 479-496. London: Routledge.
- 2024 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. "Exploring the (Un)sustainability of Paris 2024 and Los Angeles 2028." In *Olympic Games and Global Cities: What Future for an Olympic System in Turmoil?*, edited by Alexandre Faure, 95-115. Singapore: Springer Nature. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-99-9599-8_7.
- 2024 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. « Barcelone 1992 : inspirer le monde avec le développement urbain olympique. » In *Olympisme. Une autre histoire du monde*, edited by Pascal Blanchard, Nicolas Bancel et al. Paris: Éditions de La Martinière.
- 2024 Wolfe, Sven Daniel, David Gogishvili, and Martin Müller. "Mega-events and triple baseline (un)sustainability." In *Research Handbook on Major Sporting Events*, edited by Harry Arne Solberg, Rasmus K. Storm, and Kamilla Swart, 399-414. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
- 2023 Wolfe, Sven Daniel, David Gogishvili, and Martin Müller. « L'avenir (non)durable des Jeux Olympiques ». In *Une histoire mondiale de l'olympisme (1896-2024)*, edited by Nicolas Bancel et al., 387-395. Atlande: Neuilly-sur-Seine.
- 2022 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. 2022. "Blurry Microgeographies of the New Normal: Grappling with COVID-19 Disruptions, Disgust and Despair in Switzerland." In

- COVID-19 and a World of Ad Hoc Geographies*, edited by Stanley D. Brunn and Donna Gilbreath, 1289–1300. Cham: Springer International Publishing. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-94350-9_71.
- 2020 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. “A New Road and Rail Link from the Mountains to the Coast: The Mixed Legacy of Sochi’s Most Expensive Project.” In *Mega-Events: Placemaking, Regeneration and City-Regional Development*, edited by Evans, Graeme, 106–23. Abingdon, Oxon ; New York: Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429466595>.
- 2020 Golubchikov, Oleg, and Sven Daniel Wolfe. 2020. “Russia and the Politics of Extraverted Urbanism in the 2014 Winter Olympics and the 2018 FIFA World Cup.” In *Sport, Statehood and Transition in Europe: Comparative Perspectives from Post-Soviet and Post-Socialist Societies*, edited by Ekain Rojo-Labaien, Álvaro Rodríguez Díaz, and Joel Rookwood, 214–32. London: Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429325847-13>.
- 2018 Gaffney, Christopher, Sven Daniel Wolfe, and Martin Müller. 2018. “Scrutinizing Global Mega-Events.” In *Doing Global Urban Research*, edited by John Harrison and Michael Hoyler, 125–37. London ; Thousand Oaks: SAGE. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781526416797.n9>.

Book reviews, opinions, and general contributions (single-blind and open peer review) [22]

- 2024 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. “How Sustainable is Paris 2024? It Depends.” OlympicAnalysis.org. <https://olympicanalysis.org/paris-2024-live/how-sustainable-is-paris-2024-it-depends/>
- Forthcoming* Wolfe, Sven Daniel. “The Persistent Problems of the Olympic Games: Focus on Paris 2024.” Georgetown Journal of International Affairs.
- 2024 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. “The Olympic City Continues to Grow Beyond Planetary Boundaries.” *The Architectural Review*, 1512, June. <https://www.architectural-review.com/essays/olympic-limits-the-sporting-mega-event-comes-to-town>
- 2024 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. “How Big Things Get Done: The Surprising Factors behind Every Successful Project, from Home Renovations to Space Exploration: By Bent Flyvbjerg and Dan Gardner.” *European Planning Studies* 32, no. 4: 924–25. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09654313.2023.2240555>.
- 2023 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. “Digital Activism in Russia. The Communication Tactics of Political Outsiders: By Sofya Glazunova” *Europe-Asia Studies* 75, no. 6: 1056–57. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09668136.2023.2224191>.
- 2023 Julio Paulos and Sven Daniel Wolfe. “Introduction to Special Issue: Field Trips as Pedagogical Devices.” *GeoAgenda* 2: 4-7.
- 2023 Wolfe, Sven Daniel, and Julio Paulos. 2023. “Exploring the City Multiple: Different Perspectives on Teaching Urban Zurich.” *GeoAgenda* 2: 30-31.
- 2023 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. “Updating the Olympic Charter is a dangerous game.” Opinion piece for *Inside the Games*. <http://tinyurl.com/SDWITG>
- 2023 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. “Global Finance, Local Control: Corruption and Wealth in Contemporary Russia: By Igor O. Logvinenko.” *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 64, no. 7–8 (November 17, 2023): 970–72. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15387216.2021.2016458>.

- 2022 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. "Intervention: Trajectories of Russian Resistance to the War in Ukraine." *Antipode*. <https://antipodeonline.org/2022/06/21/trajectories-of-russian-resistance/>
- 2020 Wolfe, Sven Daniel, and Julio Paulos. "Introduction to Special Issue: Locating Urban Research in Switzerland." *GeoAgenda* 1: 4–6.
- 2019 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. "Handbook on the Geographies of Corruption: Edited by Barney Warf." *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 60, no. 5: 636–39. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15387216.2019.1642117>.
- 2018 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. "World Cup hosts, be careful what you wish for." *USA Today, Opinion*. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWUSA>
- 2018 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. 2018. "A Cautious Game: Protesting Mega-Events in Russia." *Play the Game*. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWPTG2>
- 2017 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. 2017. "Andrey Makarychev and Alexandra Yatsyk (Eds.) 2016: Mega Events in Post-Soviet Eurasia: Shifting Borderlines of Inclusion and Exclusion. New York: Palgrave Macmillan." *IJURR* 41 (5): 862–63. <https://doi.org/DOI:10.1111/1468-2427.12562>.
- 2017 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. "Chto Znachit Championat Mira Dlya Ekaterinburga i Dlya Rossii [What does the World Cup Mean for Ekaterinburg and for Russia]." *Urban Forum Ekaterinburg*.
- 2016 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. "Russia's 2018 World Cup - A Conversation Beyond Sport." *Futbolgrad*. December 22, 2016. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWFBL1>
- 2016 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. "Russia's World Cup: Stadium and Urban Development in Ekaterinburg." *Futbolgrad*. December 23, 2016. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWFBL2>
- 2016 Gaffney, Christopher, and Sven Daniel Wolfe. 2016. "Sochi 2014 - a BRIC on the Road to Perdition." *Revista Advir*, no. 35 (1): 54–63.
- 2015 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. "Cities in Relations: Trajectories of Urban Development in Hanoi and Ouagadougou: By Ola Söderström." *Geographica Helvetica*, no. 70: 165–66. <http://www.geogr-helv.net/70/165/2015/gh-70-165-2015.pdf>
- 2015 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. "2018 FIFA World Cup: Isolating Russia Could Harm Global Health." *The Lancet* 385 (9970): 749–50. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(15\)60316-6](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(15)60316-6).
- 2014 Müller, Martin, and Sven Daniel Wolfe. "World Cup 2018: Already the Most Expensive Ever?" *Russian Analytical Digest*, no. 150 (June): 2–6.
- 2013 Wolfe, Sven Daniel. "Life On The Ground: A Comparative Analysis of Two Villages in Sochi During Olympic Transformation." *Euxeinos - Online Journal of the Center for Governance and Culture in Europe*: 36–46.

Teaching

Full courses - Master

- 2024 *Urban Sustainable Development*. Seminar, ETH Zurich.
- 2024 *Building Cities*. Seminar, University of Lausanne.
- 2022,2020 *Thinking Cities*. Seminar, Federal University of Technology, Nigeria.

Full courses - Bachelor

- 2023,2017,2016 *Small Group Teaching* (Introduction to Geography). Seminar, University of Zurich.
- 2017 *Cities and Difference*. Seminar, University of Zurich.

Guest lectures

- 2024 *Mega-events and infrastructure*. Bachelor, Bartlett School of Architecture, University College London, UK.
- 2023 *Intimate and everyday geopolitics*. Bachelor, University of Zurich.
- 2023 *The Russian War Against Ukraine*. Bachelor, University of Zurich.
- 2021-2023 *Soft Power and Russia*. Bachelor, Kansas State University, USA.
- 2019-2024 *Simulation Game Day: Building Sustainable Los Angeles 2028*. Master, University of Lausanne.
- 2020, 2022 *Places of Globalization: The Stadium*. Bachelor, University of Bern.
- 2022 *Sport and Nationalism*. Master, University of Heidelberg, Germany.
- 2022 *Urban Geopolitics in Ukraine*. Master, University of Heidelberg, Germany.
- 2022 *Intimate Geopolitics and the Russian War in Ukraine*. University of Zurich.
- 2021 *Mutations Urbaines: Zurich*. Multi-day excursion, Master, University of Lausanne.
- 2021 *Cities from off the map*. Master. University of Lausanne.

Supervision

- 2024 "A sustainability evaluation of Olympic transport infrastructure." Ruth Krembel. Master, ETH Zurich.
- 2024 "Toward responsible hosting: A new conceptual framework for measuring sustainability in the Winter Olympics." Cynthia Döss. Master, ETH Zurich.
- 2023 "National identity in Ukraine - The relevance of national identities and how history has shaped the Ukrainian national identity." Linda Ann Rieder. Bachelor, University of Zurich.
- 2022 "La « Social License to Operate » du stade de la Tuilière." Lucien Müller. Master, University of Lausanne.
- 2022 "Major sporting events as laboratories for sustainable urban development. A comparison of Paris 2024 and Lausanne 2021." Lucca Reymond. Bachelor, University of Lausanne.
- 2022 "Jeux Olympiques de Paris 2024 : Analyse de la Mobilité Durable." Gilles Magnin. Master, University of Lausanne.
- 2018 "Evicted by the Olympics. Case studies on the disruptive force of the mega-event." Yves Räth. Bachelor, University of Zurich.

Approved research projects

- 2023-2027 "After the Spotlight: Sustainable urban development and geopolitical legacies in former mega-event cities." Swiss National Science Foundation Ambizione Fellowship, ETH Zurich. 685,830 CHF.
- 2022-2023 "Hardened Lines, Blended Selves: Urban Geopolitics in Kharkiv and Dnipro, Ukraine." Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Zurich, 2022-2023. 83,533 CHF

2019-2022 Paris 2024, Los Angeles 2028: A turn-around for the Olympics after the crisis?" With Martin Müller. Funded by the Interdisciplinary Center for Sports Research, University of Lausanne. 300,000 CHF.

Keynote lectures and invited talks [19]

- 6.2024 « Les défis, les opportunités et la (non)durabilité des Jeux Olympiques » Invited talk, Maison Suisse, Swiss Embassy. Paris, France.
- 5.2024 "Preparing for Olympic Los Angeles 2028: The spectacular tension between imagination and reality." Invited talk, book launch for Olympic Cities: City Agendas, Planning and the World's Games 1896 = 2032, 4th Edition. University College London. London, UK.
- 2.2024 "Sustainable mega-events? A love that cannot last." Invited talk, Play the Game 2024: Clearing sport, sparking change. Trondheim, Norway.
- 9.2023 "Geopolitics and the geographer: Ethics and the everyday in times of global existential crisis." Keynote lecture, 10th International Urban Geographies of Post-Communist States Conference. University of Latvia. Riga, Latvia.
- 7.2023 "Mega-events and marginality: Investigating the substance behind the spectacle." Keynote lecture, Marginal Urbanities: The hidden face of planetary urbanization. Università della Svizzera italiana, Mendrisio.
- 6.2023 « Les problèmes et les avantages potentiels de Paris 2024. » Invited talk, Métropole de Grand Paris. Paris, France.
- 5.2023 "Examining the persistent problems with mega-events." Invited talk, Transnational Architecture and Urbanism lab. Politecnico Milano. Milan, Italy.
- 10.2022 "The hard edge of soft power: Mega-events, geopolitics, and making nations great again." Keynote lecture, (Il)liberal Nation Projection Through Sport, Culture, Entertainment, and International Broadcasting. University of Manchester. Manchester, UK.
- 5.2022 "Investigating the (un)sustainability of the Olympic Games." Invited talk, Olympic Patterns and Mobilization Tools: Transnational Struggles and Resistance. Paris Val de Seine School of Architecture. Paris, France.
- 5.2022 « Les jeux olympiques comme mécanisme d'accumulation par excellence ». Invited talk, Intensifier les accumulations et accélérations : Jeux ou sérieux olympiques ? École des hautes études en sciences sociales. Paris, France.
- 5.2022 « La non-durabilité des jeux olympiques », « Le saccage de Sochi 2014 », « La sécurité et surveillance de Sochi 2014 ». Series of invited talks, 2nd International Anti-Olympic Summit. Université Paris 8, Saint-Denis. Paris, France.
- 4.2022 "Postcolonial Ukraine and Russia's Imperial Ambition." Invited talk, Department of Geography, University of Zurich.
- 12.2021 "Promises and problems: The legacies of mega-event sustainability and geopolitics." Invited talk, From Tokyo to Paris: The Games as an Urban Policy Tool? L'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. Paris, France.
- 6.2019 "Introducing Urban Geopolitics: Locating the Global in the Everyday." Invited talk, First International Doctoral Summer School in Urban Geopolitics: Urban Identities, Geopolitics and Urban Policy. National University of Kharkiv. Kharkiv, Ukraine.

- 4.2019 “Sem’ Smertnykh Grekhov Planirovanii Mega-Sobytii [The Seven Deadly Sins of Mega-Event Planning].” Invited talk, The Impulses of Large Sporting Events on Sustainable Urban and Regional Development. Minsk, Belarus.
- 10.2018 “Who is Left Out When the Party Comes to Town? Promises and Pitfalls of the 2018 World Cup.” Invited talk, Center for Eastern European Studies lecture series, University of Zurich.
- 12.2017 “A World-Class Party, But For Whom? Material Developments, Social Inequalities, and the 2018 World Cup in Russia.” Invited talk, Department of Sociology and Human Geography Christmas Lecture, University of Oslo. Oslo, Norway.
- 4.2017 “Sport Mega Events and Urban Development: Cases of Brazil 2014, Rio 2016, Sochi 2014, Russia 2018.” Invited talk, Smith College. Northampton, USA.
- 6.2016 Sem’ Smertnykh Grekhov Planirovanii Mega-Sobytii [The Seven Deadly Sins of Mega-Event Planning]. Invited talk, International Spatial Development Forum. St. Petersburg, Russia.

Conference presentations [17]

- 6.2022 “The hard edge of soft power: Russian mega-events as the groundwork for a great nation at war.” *Play the Game 2022: Is there a cure for sport?* Odense, Denmark.
- 2.2022 “Strip mining the intimate: Sex, platform urbanism, and rock & roll.” *American Association of Geographers annual conference*. New York, USA.
- 11.2021 “Imprisoned for a retweet: More-or-less digital contestation and repression in increasingly authoritarian Russia.” Swiss Geosciences annual meeting. Geneva.
- 9.2021 “Becoming Political: The Popular Geopolitics of Russian Instagram Influencers.” Royal Geographical Society – Institute of British Geographers Annual Conference. London, UK.
- 5.2021 “We Come in Peace, You Go in Pieces: Urban development, popular contestation, and a typology of mega-event-led exclusions.” *City, Events, Mega-Events and Tourism international conference*. Paris, France
- 4.2021 “Research in a minor key: Working with the (extra)ordinary in authoritarian spaces.” *Dislocating Urban Studies: Rethinking Theory, Shifting Practice*. Malmö, Sweden
- 4.2021 “The Invisible Domestic Forgotten: Everyday Geopolitics Through the 2018 Men’s Football World Cup in Russia.” *American Association of Geographers annual conference*. Seattle, USA.
- 11.2019 “Virtual Resistance, Material Consequences: Countering State Projects in (Semi-) Authoritarian Russia.” *At the frontiers of the urban: thinking concepts and practices globally*. University College London. London, UK.
- 9.2019 “We Come in Peace, You Go in Pieces: Mega-events and the Creation of Exclusion. The 8th International Urban Geographies of Post-Communist States Conference. Belgrade, Serbia.
- 4.2018 “Post-Olympic Sochi: Legacies of Protest in an Aspiring Consumption Paradise.” *American Association of Geographers annual conference*. New Orleans, USA.
- 9.2017 “Policy Multiplicities and the 2018 World Cup in Russia.” *The 7th International Urban Geographies of Post-Communist States Conference: A View on Cities from Elsewhere*. Kyiv, Ukraine.

- 4.2017 "Policy Multiplicities and the 2018 Football World Cup in Russia." *American Association of Geographers annual conference*. Boston, USA.
- 11.2016 "Crisis Neopatrimonialism and the 2018 Russian World Cup." Association of Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies annual conference. Washington DC.
- 11.2016 "Neoliberal Neopatrimonialism and the 2018 World Cup in Russia." *Redefining Cities in Post -Soviet Space*, Leipniz Institute for Regional Geography. Leipzig, Germany.
- 6.2015 "Materializing Networks: Moving Knowledge, Governing Mega-Events." *Sport in Transnational Contexts*, ETH Zurich. Switzerland.
- 4.2015 "Assembling the Translocal Event: Policy Mobilities in the 2018 World Cup in Russia." *American Association of Geographers annual conference*. Chicago, USA
- 7.2014 "Russia's Soft Power Project in Sochi 2014." *Leisure Studies Association annual conference*. Glasgow, Scotland.

Conference and session organization

- 11.2024,2023 Main organizer, human geography conference, Swiss Geosciences Meeting. Mendrisio.
- 10.2023 "Urban and Everyday Geopolitics in the Russian War Against Ukraine" sessions, 10th International Urban Geographies of Post-Communist States Conference. Riga, Latvia.
- 11.2022 "Cities, Regions, Economies" symposium, Swiss Geosciences Meeting. Lausanne.
- 11.2022 "Institutionalizing the City Collaboratory" event. Lausanne.
- 2.2022 "Approaches to the Intimate Geopolitical: (Geo)Politics, Inequalities, and the Urban Body" sessions, *American Association of Geographers annual conference*. New York, USA.
- 11.2021,2020 "Cities, Regions, Economies" symposium, Swiss Geosciences Meeting. Geneva.
- 5.2021 "Building the City Collaboratory" event. Zurich.
- 12.2020 "The Inaugural City Collaboratory" event. Zurich and online.
- 1.2020 "Events, Cities, and Urbanism" sessions, *Congress of Youth and Winter Sports*. Lausanne.
- 11.2019 "Protest, Resistance and the Urban" session, *Swiss Geosciences Meeting*, Fribourg.
- 11.2019 "Diverse Paths to an Uncertain Future: Career and Precarity in Human Geography" roundtable at *Swiss Geosciences Meeting*. Fribourg.
- 9.2019 "Urban Geopolitics, Individual Resistance, and the Everyday" sessions at the 8th International Urban Geographies of Post-Communist States Conference. Belgrade.
- 11.2018 "Diverse Paths to an Uncertain Future: Early Career Dilemmas in Academia" roundtable at *Swiss Geosciences Meeting*. Bern.
- 5.2018 "Flattened Scale Beyond the Second World" sessions at *American Association of Geographers annual conference*. New Orleans, USA.

Active membership in scientific societies

- 2023-2027 Vice President of the Swiss Association of Geography.
- 2021-present Co-founder of the Urban Studies thematic group in the Swiss Association of Geography.
- 2019-present Co-founder and Steering Committee of the City Collaboratory interdisciplinary urban studies network.
- 2015-present Member of the American Association of Geographers. Member of Urban Geography, Political Geography, Digital Geographies, Feminist Geographies, and Eurasian specialty groups.

Memberships and institutional activities

- 2018-2024 Advisory board, Ukrainian Geopolitical Faultline Cities project. University of Oslo, Norway.
- 2021 Working group, Tenure Track Faculty Evaluation. University of Lausanne.
- 2019-present Editorial board, Studies of Transition States and Societies journal. Tallinn, Estonia.
- 2020-X Working Group on Geography, Planning, and Urban Development. Moscow Higher School of Economics. Moscow, Russia. Currently refusing service in protest of the war.
- 2020-present Manager of the City Collaboratory mailing list
- 2019-present Social media manager of the Cities After Transition international research group
- 2017-present Manager of the Swiss Human Geography mailing list

Selected media interviews

- 8.2024 Cultural Studies Podcast, International. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWCSP>
- 8.2024 Sportschau, Germany. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWSCH4>
- 8.2024 BBC News, UK. *Live television. Link unavailable.*
- 8.2024 Brut, France. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWBRT>
- 7.2024 DW News, Germany. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWDW2>
- 7.2024 DR.DK Nyheder, Denmark. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWDR1>
- 7.2024 DRTV, Denmark. *Television broadcast. Link unavailable.*
- 7.2024 Dezeen, UK. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWDZN>
- 7.2024 Slate, USA. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWSLT>
- 7.2024 The Hollywood Reporter, USA. *Link unavailable.*
- 7.2024 Axios, USA. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWAXI>
- 7.2024 La Liberté, Switzerland. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWLBT>
- 6.2024 ARD Television documentary, Germany. *In production.*
- 6.2024 Deutschlandfunk radio, Germany. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWDLF>
- 3.2024 Stratégies, France. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWSTR>
- 2.2024 Sportschau, Germany. <https://tinyurl.com/SDWSCH3>
- 1.2024 Le Un Hebdo, France. <http://tinyurl.com/SDWLUN>
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