

Curriculum Vitae

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Teaching Diploma Sek II



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Current Positions

From 10/2022

Postdoctoral Researcher (80%)

ETH Zurich, Institute for Spatial and Landscape Development (IRL),
D-BAUG

Part of the Spatial Development and Urban Policy (SPUR) Group
(Prof. Dr. David Kaufmann)

Projects: Acceptance of Urban Densification («Densifying Switzerland»);
Dense and Green Cities («Future Cities Laboratory Global»)

From 11/2021

Postdoctoral Researcher (20%)

ETH Zurich, Institute for Spatial and Landscape Development (IRL),
D-BAUG

Part of the Spatial Transformation Laboratories (STL) Group
(PD Dr. Joris Van Wezemaal)

Project: Temporary Use and Strategic Planning («TIMEOUT»)

Education

10/2017 – 02/2021

PhD in Geography (grade: summa cum laude)

University of Bern, Institute of Geography, Unit of Political Urbanism
and Sustainable Spatial Development (German: Raumentwicklung und -planung)

Supervision: Prof. Dr. Jean-David Gerber

PhD Committee: Prof. Dr. Barbara Schönig, Prof. Dr. Heike Mayer

Thesis: *The Business of Densification: Coping with Social Challenges under Scarce Land Use Conditions in Swiss Cities*

Winner of the Faculty Award in Geosciences 2021

- 05/2018 – 11/2018 **Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) Urban Management**
University of Zurich, CUREM Centre for Urban and Real Estate Management
Field of specialization: Housing and real estate development
- 09/2013 – 07/2016 **Highschool Teaching Diploma in Geography, Sek II (gymnasium level)**
Bern University of Applied Sciences
- 09/2013 – 09/2015 **Master of Science in Geography**
University of Bern, Institute of Geography
Field of specialization (supervision Prof. Dr. Jean-David Gerber): Sustainable housing development and urban planning in Switzerland
- 01/2014 – 06/2014 **Erasmus Exchange Semester**
University of Stockholm, Department of Human Geography
- 09/2010 – 09/2013 **Bachelor of Science in Geography**
University of Bern, Institute of Geography
Major: Geography; Minor: Sports Science
- 08/2005 – 07/2009 **Gymnasium**
Gymnasium Frauenfeld; Major: Spanish; Minor: Sport Science

Non-Academic Positions

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| <p>IVO Innenentwicklung AG
01/2021 – 08/2022</p> | <p>Project Leader and Manager
Interdisciplinary spatial planning projects</p> |
| <p>University of Bern, Institute of Geography
10/2017 – 02/2021</p> | <p>Research Assistant
Teaching and various project collaboration</p> |
| <p>International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP), Copenhagen
01/2020 – 03/2020</p> | <p>Research Associate
Project: «Affordable Housing for all»</p> |

**Centre for Regional
Economic Development (CRED),
University of Bern**
01/2017 – 06/2017

Research Associate
Research proposal for the Swiss National
Science Foundation (SNSF)

**Regionalplanung Zürich und Umge-
bung (RZU)**
10/2015 – 09/2016

Scientific Assistant
Project: «Wohnregion Zürich 2050»

**Schweizerische Arbeitsgemein-
schaft für die Berggebiete und
ländlichen Räume (SAB)**
08/2014 – 06/2015

Research Associate
Projects: Climate adaption, Second homes,
Interalpine relations (with various Federal Offices
e.g. «ARE», «BAFU», «BFE», «BWO»)

**City of Winterthur,
Planning Department**
07/2012 – 09/2012

Internship
Supervision of special land use plans,
Monitoring, Cycling lines

**Canton Thurgau, Dept. of Migration,
Passport and ID-Card Office**
03/2010 – 06/2015

Employee
Specialization: Migration and passport
procedures

Published Work

Doctoral thesis

Debrunner, G. (2021): *The Business of Densification. Coping with Social Challenges under Scarce Land Use Conditions in Swiss Cities*, University of Bern, Bern. Access online: <https://boristheses.unibe.ch/3247/>

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

Gerber, J.D.; Debrunner, G. (2022): Planning with power. Implementing urban densification policies in Zurich, Switzerland, *Land Use Policy*, 123, 1-13, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.landusepol.2022.106400>.

Debrunner, G.; Jonkman, A.; Gerber, J.D. (2022): Planning for Social Sustainability. Mechanisms of Social Exclusion in Densification through Large-Scale Redevelopment Projects in Swiss Cities, *Housing Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/02673037.2022.2033174>.

Debrunner, G.; Gerber, J.D. (2021): The Commodification of Temporary Housing, *Cities*, 108, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2020.102998>.

Debrunner, G.; Hartmann, T. (2020): Strategic Use of Land Policy Instruments for Affordable Housing – Coping with Social Challenges under Scarce Land Conditions in Swiss Cities, *Land Use Policy*, 99, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.landusepol.2020.104993>.

Debrunner, G.; Hengstermann, A.; Gerber, J.D. (2020): The Business of Densification – Distribution of Power, Wealth, and Inequality in Swiss Policy Making, *Town Planning Review*, 91(3), 259-281, <https://doi.org/10.3828/tpr.2020.15>.

Debrunner, G. (2019): Conference Report. Preparing for climate change in the planned and unplanned city: the 13th Annual Conference of Planning, Law, and Property Rights, College Station, Texas, USA, 18-22 February 2019, *Town Planning Review*, 568-570, <https://doi.org/10.3828/tpr.2019.35>.

Book chapters

Debrunner, G. (2022): Gentrifizierung – eine Vertiefung, In: Hannemann, C., Hilti, N., Reutlinger, C., *Zwölf Schlüsselthemen sozialräumlicher Wohnforschung*, Stuttgart: Fraunhofer IRB Verlag, 327-339.

Debrunner, G., Hengstermann, A. & Gerber, J.-D. (2020). Die Wohnungsfrage ist eine Bodenfrage. In: Schönig, B. & Vollmer, L. (Eds.), *Wohnungsfragen ohne Ende?!* (pp. 49–68). Bielefeld: transcript-Verlag. <https://doi.org/10.14361/9783839445082-003>.

Reports, newspaper articles and non-peer reviewed articles

Debrunner, G., Blum, J., Schönborn, T. (2022): Lei(s)tbild Bahnhofsquartier Opfikon+Glattbrugg 2040, Entwicklungsplanung 2021-2022, In: Stadt Opfikon (Hrsg.), 1-22.

Debrunner, G., Iseli, L., Blum, J., Eiermann, T., Van Wezemaal, J. (2022): Nutzungsvision 2.0 «Areal St.Gallen West-Gossau Ost (ASGO) 2050», Entwicklungsplanung 2021-2023, In: *ASGO Realisierungsgemeinschaft* (Hrsg.), 1-30.

Debrunner, G. in Banz, E. (2022): «Verdichtung als Vorwand für höhere Renditen», In: *moneta – Magazin für Geld und Geist*, Ausgabe 1/2022.

Debrunner, G., Iseli, L., Blum, J., Eiermann, T., Van Wezemaal, J. (2021): Nutzungsvision 1.0 «Areal St.Gallen West-Gossau Ost (ASGO) 2050», Entwicklungsplanung 2021-2023, In: *ASGO Realisierungsgemeinschaft* (Hrsg.), 1-30.

Debrunner, G. (2020): «Wir müssen Verdichtung gezielter steuern», In: *Mieten + Wohnen*, 4(9), 10-12.

Debrunner, G. (2018): «Zwischennutzung als neue Wohnform für einkommensschwache Wohnungssuchende in Schweizer Städten», *GeoAgenda*, Ausgabe 3/2018, 23-25.

Debrunner, G. in Soukup, M. (2017): *Das Leiden der Mietnomaden*, *Tages-Anzeiger* vom 08. Juni 2017, S.9.

Widmer, B.; W. Späth; G. Debrunner (2016): *RZU- Erfahrungsaustauschprozess zur Zentrumsentwicklung*, RZU Report, 1-15.

Outreach activities and presentations to public

- Debrunner, G. (2022): «Wohnungspolitik und Planung – Wo Gemeinden und Städten in der Schweiz der Schuh drückt?», **Wohnbaugenossenschaften Schweiz - Baurechtstagung**, 30. Juni 2022, Bern.
- Debrunner, G. (2022): «Wie wohnen in der 10-Millionen-Schweiz: Was können Ökonom:innen und Raumplaner:innen voneinander lernen?», **Espace Suisse, Jubiläum der Kantonsplaner/innen Konferenz KPK**, 20. Mai 2022, Bern.
- Debrunner, G., Kaufmann, D. (2022): «Politik und Planung», **Netzwerk Stadt und Landschaft (NSL) Kolloquium**, 5. Mai 2022, Zürich.
- Debrunner, G. (2019): «Kann Verdichtung sozial sein?», **Forum Universität Bern und Gesellschaft**, Thema Verdichtung als Chance, 11. September 2019, Bern.
- Debrunner, G. (2022): «Leben am Limmat – Gentrifizierung in Zürich», Beitrag im Studienprojekt Cast / Audiovisual Media, **Zürcher Hochschule der Künste ZHDK**, see video link online.

Approved Third-Party Funded Projects and Awards

- 36-month research project «**TIMEOUT: Contribution of Temporary Uses to Sustainable Urban Transformation**» (2023 – 2025). Granted by Innosuisse – Swiss Innovation Agency. Role: Proposal author and project leader. Main applicant: PD Dr. Van Wezemael. No. 101-271 IP-SBM. CHF 607'000.
- Faculty Price for Geosciences of the University of Bern** (2021) for Gabriela Debrunner's doctoral thesis entitled «**The Business of Densification – Coping with Social Challenges under Scarce Land Use Conditions in Swiss Cities**». Supervisor: Prof. Gerber. Approved amount: CHF 3'000.
- 48-month research project «**Governing densification – The impact of performance-based planning on qualitative urban densification**» (**GoverDENSE**) (2020-2023). Granted by Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). Role: Proposal co-author, not involved in conducting the project as funding includes 3 Ph.D. students exclusively. Main applicant and project leader: Prof. Gerber. Project No. 188939. Approved amount: CHF 730'000.
- 3-month COST-Action grant for short-term scientific missions (STSM) (2020) «**Public Value Capture of Increasing Property Values**». Granted by COST action. Role: Proposal author and main applicant. No. CA171125. 3'500 Euro.

List of taught Courses, Lectures, Seminars, and Field Courses

Course	Format	Students	Role	Duration
2021 – 2022				
Spatial Planning at the Swiss Federal Level	Guest lecture ETH Zurich	100 – 120	Main responsibility for guest lecture	2.5h lecture at ETHZ
Active Land Policy in International Perspective	Guest lecture at TU Dortmund	120 – 200	Main responsibility for guest lecture	2.5h lecture at TU Dortmund
Transformation of Urban Landscapes	Guest lecture at ETH Zürich	120 – 160	Main responsibility for guest lecture	Since 2021, One-day trip, every spring semester
Spatial Planning I	Guest lecture at University of Bern	120 – 200	Main responsibility for guest lecture	Since 2022, one-day trip, every spring semester
2020				
Municipal Land Policy in Zurich and Copenhagen	Guest lecture at IFHP Copenhagen	10	Main responsibility for guest lecture	2-5h lecture
2018				
International Spatial Development Excursion	Excursion / field course	20 – 25	Supporting role	10-14 days, irregular
Spatial Planning in the City of Biel	Excursion / field course	20 – 25	Main responsibility	One-day trip
2017 – 2019				
Human Geography and Spatial Planning	Exercise	100 – 140	Main responsibility	Weekly, every fall semester
Political Ecology (Planning II)	Lecture	60 – 80	Supporting role	Weekly, every spring semester
Excursion Spatial and Regional Development in Switzerland	Excursion	90 – 100	Joint responsibility	One-day trips, 4-times yearly
MSc/BSc Research Colloquium	Seminar	2 – 15	Joint responsibility	Weekly, every semester
Since 2016				

Geography teacher at high school level (gymnasium) – on request or at interim – at different gymnasiums in Switzerland (Frauenfeld TG, Kirchenfeld BE, Hofwil b. Münchenbuchsee BE).

Reviewing Activities

Reviewer for several scientific journals, such as *Land Use Policy*, *European Planning Studies*, *Housing Studies*, *Urban Studies*, *Planning Practice and Research*, *ANTIPODE*

Active Memberships in Scientific Societies

- Academy for Territorial Development in the Leibniz Association (ARL)
- International Academic Association on Planning, Law, and Property Rights (PLPR)
- Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP)
- Swiss Spatial Planning Association (Espace Suisse)

Supervision

Supervision of 3 Master theses, 4 Bachelor theses and 3 Semester projects, 3 ongoing

Service to the Profession

06/2019 – 12/2020 Representative of Intermediate Staff Association («Mittelbauvereinigung») within the:

- Institute of Geography's council (elected main representative)
- Institute of Geography's gender commission
- Institute of Geography's study commission

Computer Skills & Languages

MaxQDA, MS Office, Adobe Illustrator und InDesign, ArcGIS (basic knowledge)

- German (mother tongue)
- English (fluent, scientific writing course for social sciences)
- French (intermediate)
- Spanish (basic)