

## CV - Simon Walo

### Academic Positions

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| 09/2026 – 08/2030 | <b>ETH Zürich</b> , SNSF Ambizione Fellow at Social Networks Lab                                   |
| 09/2025 – 07/2026 | <b>Linköping University</b> , SweCSS Fellow at Institute for Analytical Sociology                  |
| 10/2024 – 06/2025 | <b>University of Bern</b> , Postdoctoral Researcher in Computational Social Science Research Group |
| 07/2023 – 08/2025 | <b>University of Zurich</b> , Postdoctoral Researcher at Department of Sociology                   |
| 02/2020 – 03/2020 | <b>European Commission</b> , Visiting Scholar at Joint Research Center (Seville)                   |
| 10/2018 – 06/2023 | <b>University of Zurich</b> , Research Assistant at Department of Sociology                        |
| 09/2015 – 09/2018 | <b>University of Zurich</b> , Student Assistant at Department of Sociology                         |

### Education

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| 02/2019 – 06/2023 | <b>University of Zurich</b> , PhD in Sociology<br>Grade: summa cum laude (highest possible grade)                                                                      |
| 09/2020 – 06/2022 | <b>Digital Society Initiative</b> , Excellence Program for PhD Students at the University of Zurich                                                                    |
| 07/2021 – 08/2021 | <b>University of Michigan</b> , ICPSR Summer Program<br>Workshops: “Data Science and Text Analysis”, “Introduction to Python”, “Multilevel Models II: Advanced Topics” |
| 09/2015 – 09/2018 | <b>University of Zurich</b> , Master of Arts in Social Sciences<br>Grade: 5.8 (scale 1-6)                                                                              |
| 03/2017 – 08/2017 | <b>Waseda University (Tokyo)</b> , Exchange Semester<br>Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS)                                                                |
| 09/2011 – 07/2015 | <b>University of Zurich</b> , Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences<br>Grade: 5.5 (scale 1-6)                                                                            |

### Institutional Assignments

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| 10/2019 – 07/2022 | <b>Representative of Junior Researchers</b> , Department of Sociology, University of Zurich.                                                    |
| 02/2019 – 02/2020 | <b>Representative of PhD Students</b> , Committee of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Graduate School, University of Zurich |

### Awards

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| 2025 | <b>Top Viewed Article</b><br>Awarded by Wiley for my article on routine tasks and job polarization                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2024 | <b>FAN Award for outstanding scientific achievements (CHF 5000.-)</b><br>Awarded by the University of Zurich for my dissertation<br><b>SAGE Prize for Innovation and Excellence</b><br>Awarded by the British Sociological Association for article on “Bullshit Jobs” |

### Appearances in Popular Media (Selection)

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Forbes, Sky News, Psyche, U.S. News & World Report, Die Welt, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Focus, Business Insider, Frankfurter Rundschau, Scientias.nl, PsyPost, NZZ, Tages Anzeiger

## Publications (peer-reviewed)

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- Valentina Petrović, Larissa Fritsch, Simon Walo (2026): “Cultural Unity, Economic Divergence: Right-Wing Populist Voters in Croatia and Serbia”. *Europe-Asia Studies*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09668136.2026.2701276>
- Valentina Petrović, Simon Walo, Jörg Rössel, Tally Katz-Gerro, Pilar López (2025): “Perceptions of a Shared European Culture Increase the Support for the European Union”. *Journal of Common Market Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13619>
- Ossi Sirkka, Simon Walo, Semi Purhonen, Marc Verboord, Susanne Janssen, Philippe Bonnet (2024): “Understandings of Culture: A European Bottom-Up Study Using Structural Topic Modelling”. *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231241278524>
- Jordi Lopez Sintas, Jörg Rössel, Tally Katz-Gerro, Simon Walo (2024): “Geographical and aesthetic inclusiveness: a new cultural worldview? The case of nine European countries”. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijintrel.2024.102092>
- Simon Walo (2023): “The link between routine tasks and job polarization: A task measurement problem?” *LABOUR* 37(3): 437–467. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lab.12251>
- Simon Walo (2023): “‘Bullshit’ After All? Why People Consider Their Jobs Socially Useless.” *Work, Employment and Society* 37(5): 1123–1146. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09500170231175771>

## Manuscripts in Preparation or Under Review

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- Simon Walo: “Measuring Historical Changes in Capitalist Ideology with Word Embeddings”. Currently under review. Preprint available under <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/pxj7m>
- Achim Edelmann, Simon Walo, Panayiotis Smeros: “Detecting Moral Schemas in Interviews with Large Language Models”. Currently under review.
- Simon Walo, Ana Macanovic, Bas Hofstra: “Mansplaining in Science Communication”. Currently in preparation for review.

## Other Research Output

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- Cvetičanin et al. (2024): “European Inventory of Societal Values of Culture”. Available under: <https://inventory.inventculture.eu/>
- Simon Walo (2023): Webapp to visualize semantic change in diachronic word embeddings. <https://huggingface.co/spaces/simonwalo/Histwords-Webapp>
- Simon Walo (2023): “Diversity and Inclusion at the Theatre: Reflections on the Debate in Zurich”. Available under: [https://inventculture.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SWISS-Case-study\\_Diversity-at-the-Theatre\\_final.pdf](https://inventculture.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SWISS-Case-study_Diversity-at-the-Theatre_final.pdf)
- Petrić et al. (2023): Inclusive cultural policies and practices across Europe. A report on 27 case studies. Available under: <https://inventculture.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/D7.1-INVENT-Report-Casestudies.pdf>
- Yodovich et al. (2023): “Culture, politics, and the taxpayer’s money. Insights from nine case studies on online cultural debates in Europe. Invent Report D5.4”. Available under: [https://inventculture.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/D5.4\\_INVENT-report-Online-Cultural-Debates\\_v2.pdf](https://inventculture.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/D5.4_INVENT-report-Online-Cultural-Debates_v2.pdf)
- Holla et al. (2022): Advocating for culture in turbulent times: Online petitions on Facebook before and during Covid-19: Invent report D5.2. Available under: <https://inventculture.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/INVENT-REPORT-AdvocatingforCulture.pdf>

## Conference Talks

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- 2025    **11th International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)**  
*Measuring Economization with Diachronic Word Embeddings*
- 2023    **9th International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)**  
*Measuring Economization with Diachronic Word Embeddings*
- INVENT Conference 2023**  
*Diversity and Inclusion at the Theatre: Reflections on the Debate in Zurich*
- 2021    **Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting**  
*Routine Tasks and Job Polarization*
- International Network of Analytical Sociologists, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
*Socially Useless Jobs: An Occupational Perspective*
- 2019    **Conference of the Academy of Sociology**  
*Skills, Automation, and Occupational Change*

## Conference Organization

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- 2019    **Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association**  
 Workshop Organization: *Automation and Occupational Change*

## Teaching

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- Fall Semester 2023    **Bachelor's Thesis** (Seminar)  
 Department of Sociology, University of Zurich
- Utopian Societies** (Seminar)  
 Department of Sociology, University of Zurich
- Fall Semester 2022    **Social Movements** (Seminar)  
 Department of Sociology, University of Zurich
- Fall Semester 2021    **Sociology of Work and Industrial Sociology** (Seminar, with Jörg Rössel)  
 Department of Sociology, University of Zurich
- Spring Semester 2021    **Nature vs. Nurture - How to Explain Human Behaviour?** (Seminar)  
 Department of Sociology, University of Zurich
- Fall Semester 2019    **Capital in the Twenty-First Century (Piketty)** (Seminar)  
 Department of Sociology, University of Zurich
- 2015 – 2018            **Teaching Assistant** for Statistics I & II and Proseminar A & B  
 Department of Sociology, University of Zurich

## Supervision

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- 09/2026 – 01/2027    **Research Internship**
- Fall Semester 2023    **8 Bachelor's Theses**
- Spring Semester 2021    **2 Bachelor's Theses**

## Languages

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| German:  | Native speaker   | French:  | Good (CEFR B2)  |
| English: | Fluent (CEFR C2) | Spanish: | Basic (CEFR A2) |

## Links

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- Website:    <https://www.simonwalo.com/>

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Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=6AZcT4EAAAAJ&hl=de&oi=ao>

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GitHub: <https://github.com/simonwalo>