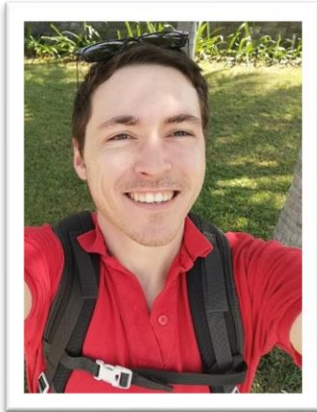




## Academia in Switzerland

Raphael DÜRR



- **In general, what was your student experience in Switzerland like?**

Studying in Switzerland, or specifically in Zurich, was an overall very pleasant experience. I enjoyed that the academic life was not so encapsulated from the rest of the society; while there are on-campus accommodations and shops, most students live in shared flats all over the city, or sometimes outside, they share the sports facilities, and studying is comparably affordable. Studying and research happens in several campuses in different neighborhoods, so often you have to take trams or busses or a bike to go to next lecture. While studying in Switzerland, you will also meet many students from other European countries, the exchange is pretty extensive. In Zurich, the main building of the UZH is just across the street of the main buildings of the University Hospital and the ETH, the polytechnical university, so you can meet students from any disciplines on a daily basis, and an academic exchange also happens on many levels. However, the costs of living in Zurich and in Switzerland in general, are very high.

- **Why did you decide to continue your studies in Hong Kong?**

For someone studying social sciences, I think Hong Kong is attractive for several reasons; it is a highly developed city with a highly diversified and industrialized economy, it is multilingual, and it combines features of eastern and western culture in a relatively small space. Of course, it is also attractive, because with English widely spoken and used here, the language barrier is small. As for someone studying social sciences in Switzerland, our studies and research are almost entirely conducted from a European perspective, concerning mostly European societies. So I was also curious to challenge my own views and my knowledge in that regard.

- **What are the main topics of interest for social scientists in Switzerland?**

I would say, they very much overlap with those of social scientists from outside Switzerland. Topics of interest include inequalities in educational outcomes, income inequality regarding gender or nationality, topics related to the labor market such as integration to it and upstream- and downstream movements or digitalization, or challenges posed by the rise of more extremist or populist parties and their voters.

[See the full interview](#)

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## PUBLICATIONS

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**Yonaha, Yvan Ysmael** and Esther Mary Calvo. 2020. "The Philippines 2020: The gamble of the populist leadership". *Asia Maior* 31: 205-221 ([Read the article](#))

## How to make your work visible

Francisco OLIVOS and Yvan Ysmael YONAHA



From my perspective, there are two main arguments for investing time and effort in visualization for career-making. First, doing science is a public exercise. The knowledge that we generate must be the basis for building up more knowledge in our discipline. That is the yardstick for measuring impact, and it requires showing what you have done. Second, the competition in the labor market is fierce. Indeed, it will be even harsher for those who will continue an international path because there will be applicants trained in academic contexts where humility and shyness are discouraged. You have to stand out for succeeding! So, open a (real) ResearchGate profile, present your work at seminars, create a personal website, and shine. Do not wait until you become a professor to visualize your work because the causal order is probably the other way around.



To make our work visible, we should make sure to keep our Google Scholar and [ORCID](#) updated. This way, we can easily share our portfolio in conferences and workshops and those interested in our publications can easily find the rest. With most conferences and workshops moving online because of the pandemic, one thing I started doing is engaging with co-participants and even plenary speakers on Twitter or Facebook. Some of my co-participants created Twitter lists that allow us to stay updated with each other's work. Once, I even had a prominent scholar follow me back because I mentioned how impressed I was during his presentation.

Another way of making our work visible is through blogging about the journal article. Blogging is a way to make our work accessible to non-specialists, those who do not have access to journal paywalls, and those just interested in a condensed version of the findings to inform policy. Patrick Dunleavy wrote a guide on how to do this in the [London School of Economics Blog](#).

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#### ✓ Call for papers and applications

- Barcelona Workshop on Global Governance 2022: Global Crises and Global Governance. Barcelona or Online. **Deadline for Title and Abstract: October 22, 2021.** [\[See the ad\]](#)
- Precarious Employment and Well-Being during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Mini Conference and Special Issue for *Work and Occupations*. **Deadline for Full Paper: November 15, 2021.** [\[See the ad\]](#)
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