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Research interests: Direct Democracy, Legislative Behavior, Political Economy, Public Economics

Education

- Sep. 2023–pres. **PhD in Political Economy, University of Fribourg**
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Reiner Eichenberger; Expected completion: 2027.
- 2022–2023 **Master of Arts in Economics, University of Fribourg**
Summa cum laude.
- 2018–2021 **Bachelor of Arts in Economics, University of Fribourg**
Summa cum laude.

Academic Appointments

- Feb.–Jul. 2026 **Visiting Researcher, Queensland University of Technology**
ARC Training Centre for Behavioural Insights for Technology Adoption.
- Sep. 2023–pres. **Graduate Assistant, Chair of Public Economics, University of Fribourg**
Working with Prof. Reiner Eichenberger.
- Jan. 2023–pres. **Research Assistant, Institute for Swiss Economic Policy (IWP), Lucerne**
Working in the Institutions Division with Dr. Marco Portmann.
- 2022–2023 **Junior Assistant, Chair of Public Economics, University of Fribourg**
Working with Prof. Reiner Eichenberger.

Research

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- Kläy, Yves**, Marco Portmann, and David Stadelmann. 2026. “Representation, Party Discipline, and the Condorcet Jury Theorem.” *Public Choice*. [DOI](#).
- Kläy, Yves**, Reiner Eichenberger, Marco Portmann, and David Stadelmann. 2025. “Substantive Representation of Women: Empirical Evidence.” *British Journal of Political Science* 55(e32). [DOI](#).
- Kläy, Yves**, Reiner Eichenberger, Marco Portmann, and David Stadelmann. 2024. “Congruence of Female and Male Legislators With the Preferences of Women and Men.” *Economics Letters* 242: 111854. [DOI](#).

Working papers

- Kläy, Yves**, Reiner Eichenberger, Marco Portmann, and David Stadelmann. 2026. “The (Ir)Relevance of Demographic Characteristics for Substantive Representation.” *under review*. [Working paper](#).
- Kläy, Yves**, Reiner Eichenberger, Marco Portmann, and David Stadelmann. 2026. “Decision-Makers as Decision-Shapers: Evidence on Legislators’ Influence on Direct Democratic Votes.” [Working paper](#).

Work in progress

- Kläy, Yves**, Steve Bickley, and Benno Torgler. 2026. “Official Voter Information and Direct Democratic Outcomes: Experimental and Empirical Evidence from Swiss Federal Voting Brochures.”

Presentations

- 2026 Verein für Socialpolitik Annual Conference (Innsbruck, Austria, *upcoming*)
Australian Conference of Economists (Canberra, Australia)
ARC BITA Conference (Brisbane, Australia)
- 2025 Verein für Socialpolitik Annual Conference (Cologne, Germany)
European Public Choice Society Meeting (Riga, Latvia)
Swiss Network on Public Economics Workshop (Zürich, Switzerland)
Graduate Seminar, University of Bayreuth (Püchersreuth, Germany)
- 2024 CESifo 18th Workshop on Political Economy (Dresden, Germany)
Cookie Seminar, University of Fribourg (Fribourg, Switzerland)
B.S. Frey, PhD Conference (Fribourg, Switzerland)
European Public Choice Society Meeting (Vienna, Austria)
- 2023 European Public Choice Society Meeting (Hannover, Germany)
Verein für Socialpolitik Annual Conference (Regensburg, Germany)
PhD Seminar, University of Lucerne (Engelberg, Switzerland)
PhD Seminar, University of Fribourg (Fribourg, Switzerland)
- 2022 B.S. Frey, PhD Conference (Basel, Switzerland)

Grants

- 2025 University of Fribourg, Doc.Mobility Project and Travel Grant (CHF 28,460)
- 2025 Verein für Socialpolitik, Presentation Grant (EUR 300)

Professional Service

Memberships

- 2026-pres. Member of the Economic Society of Australia
- 2025-pres. Member of the Verein für Socialpolitik
- 2023-pres. Member of the European Public Choice Society

University service

- 2023-pres. Scientific Staff Representative in the UniFr SES Faculty Council

Refereeing

Referee for *Democratization*, *Public Choice*, and *Kyklos*.

Teaching

- 2023, 2025 **Ökonomische Reformen der wirtschaftspolitischen Institutionen**
MA seminar on political and economic institutions, University of Fribourg.
- 2024 **Aktuelle Probleme der Finanz- und Wirtschaftspolitik**
MA seminar on current challenges in public policy, University of Fribourg.
- 2024 **Crime, Sex and Drugs: Grenzbereiche der Finanzwissenschaft**
MA seminar on the economics of crime, corruption, drugs, terrorism, and prostitution, University of Fribourg.
- 2022 **Wirtschaftspolitik: Schwerpunktthemen**
BA seminar on environmental policy and international relations, University of Fribourg.

Doctoral Training

- 2025 Text Data in Economics. *University of Basel, Prof. Benjamin Arold.*
- 2025 Winter School in Data Analytics and Machine Learning. *University of Fribourg, Prof. Martin Huber.*
- 2024 Tax Systems. *Study Center Gerzensee, Prof. Joel Slemrod.*
- 2024 Empirical Public Economics. *University of Fribourg, Prof. Mark Schelker.*

Miscellaneous Writing

Book chapters

Eichenberger, Reiner, **Yves Kläy**, and David Stadelmann. 2024. “Zukunftstauglicher Föderalismus: Wie ihn die Globalisierung fordert, fördert und formt.” In *Intergouvernementale Beziehungen in Föderalen Systemen: Die Rolle von Regierungskonferenzen im Schweizerischen Föderalismus*, edited by Andreas Stöckli and Luis A. Maiorini. 1st ed. Bern: Stämpfli Verlag.

Policy reports

Eichenberger, Reiner, and **Yves Kläy**. 2024. “Schaffhausens innerkantonalen Finanzausgleich: Herausforderungen, Probleme, Perspektiven.” Report for the Government of the Canton of Schaffhausen.

Media

Kläy, Yves. 2026. “Abweichler stärken die Vertretung der Bürger.” *Luzerner Zeitung*, June 26.

Stadelmann, David, **Yves Kläy**, and Marco Portmann. 2024. “Repräsentieren weibliche oder männliche Politiker Fraueninteressen besser?” *Wirtschaftliche Freiheit*, October 15.

Kläy, Yves, and Marco Portmann. 2024. “Wie sind die Geschlechter im Parlament vertreten?” *persönlich*, February 23.

Eichenberger, Reiner, and **Yves Kläy**. 2023. “Keine Parteisoldaten in den Bundesrat: Die Bundesversammlung muss wieder selbst entscheiden.” *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, December 11.

Eichenberger, Reiner, and **Yves Kläy**. 2023. “Grand Prix der Demokratie.” *Die Weltwoche*, December 7.

Portmann, Marco, and **Yves Kläy**. 2023. “Wiedergewählt sind die Bürgernahen.” *Nebelspalter*, November 27.

Skills

Software

R, L^AT_EX, Git, SQL, Claude Code, Causal Inference, Power BI.

Languages

German (native), English (C1), French (C1).