

CV Reiner Eichenberger

Reiner Eichenberger (*1961) is Professor for Economic and Financial Policy at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland (since 1998). He studied Economics at the University of Zurich where he also gained his PhD and Habilitation. He authored or co-authored three books and more than 140 academic articles.

He specializes in political and institutional economics as well as institutional innovations such as the deregulation of the political process. He is an expert in Swiss institutions, i.e. federalism, direct democracy, directly elected auditing commissions, and the direct election of the members of government. He sees good economists not as preachers of market efficiency but as specialists for the identification and effective treatment of market failures in economic and political markets. Therefore, he often publishes in non-academic outlets and is engaged in various ways in public decision-making, e.g., as a Member of the Swiss Federal Communication Commission, the independent regulator of the Swiss telecom sector (2006-2017).

He is an editor of *Kyklos*, an economics and social sciences general interest journal, and he is Vice President of the Senate of the University of Fribourg. In the ranking of NZZ/FAZ/Presse of Swiss economists and their societal influence he was ranked second during the last four years (2016-2019). In 2016 he was awarded the STAB prize (Stiftung für Abendländische Ethik und Kultur).

His publications can be found on

<https://www.unifr.ch/finwiss/de/forschung/>