

Curriculum Vitae

Frank Schimmelfennig

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Born 1963 in Marienberg, Germany

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Bio paragraph

Frank Schimmelfennig is Professor of European Politics and a member of the Center for Comparative and International Studies at ETH Zurich. He is also a member of the Research Council of the Swiss National Science Foundation, an Associate of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute, and Chairman of the Scientific Board of *Institut für Europäische Politik* Berlin. His research focuses on European integration and, more specifically, integration theory, EU enlargement and Europeanization, differentiated integration, democracy promotion and democratization. In 2021, he won an ERC Advanced Grant for a project on "Bordering Europe: Boundary Formation in European Integration" (EUROBORD). His most recent books are *Ever Looser Union? Differentiated European Integration* (Oxford University Press, 2020, with Thomas Winzen), *The Rise of International Parliaments. Strategic Legitimation in International Organizations* (Oxford University Press, 2020, with Thomas Winzen, Tobias Lenz, Jofre Rocabert, Lorian Crasnic, Cristina Gherasimov, Jana Lipps and Densua Mumford) and *Integration and Differentiation in the European Union. Theory and Policies* (Palgrave, 2022, with Dirk Leuffen and Berthold Rittberger). In 2024, the University of Aalborg awarded him a honorary degree for his work on European integration.

Full Professor of European Politics, Center for Comparative and International Studies, ETH Zurich (since 2005)

2009-2012 Head, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

2007-2009 Deputy Head, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

2016-2019 Director, Center for Comparative and International Studies (CIS), ETH Zurich and
2025- Institute of Political Science, University of Zurich

2014-2016 Associate Director, CIS

2023-2025

2018- Director of Studies, BA in Public Policy/DAS in Military Sciences

2014-2018 Director of Studies, Master of Arts in Comparative and International Studies

2006-2009

2014-2020 Member, ETH Committee on Excellence Scholarship Awards

2016-2020 Member, ETH Strategy Commission

2022- Member, GESS Help!Point, professorial member of departmental contact point

Previous Appointments

2002-2005 Fellow, Mannheim Center for European Social Research, University of Mannheim

1998-2002 Research Fellow, Institute of Political Science, Darmstadt University of Technology

1995-1998 Postdoctoral researcher, University of Tübingen

1991-1995 Research Fellow, Institute of Political Science, University of Tübingen
1991 Research Fellow, Institute of Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg

Declined Offers

2005 University of Bremen, Chair in International Relations
2013 European University Institute, Chair in International Relations

Visiting Fellowships and Professorships

2025 Visiting Professor, College of Europe, Bruges
2020-2021 Michael Endres Visiting Professor, Jacques Delors Centre, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin
2020 Mercator-IPC Senior Fellow, Istanbul Policy Centre, Sabanci University
2017-2019 Robert Schuman Fellow, Robert Schuman Institute of Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence
2014 Senior Fellow, Research College "The Transformative Power of Europe", FU Berlin
2013-2014 Academic guest, University of Konstanz
2003-2004 Visiting Professor of International Politics, University of Munich
2001-2002 Jean Monnet Fellow, Robert Schuman Center of Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence
2001 Visiting Professor of International and European Politics, University of Düsseldorf
1997-1998 Visiting Professor of International Politics, University of Konstanz

Academic Degrees

2024 Honorary Doctor of Political Science, University of Aalborg
2004 Habilitation in Political Science, University of Mannheim
2001 Habilitation in Political Science, Darmstadt University of Technology
1995 Doctor of Social Sciences, University of Tübingen ("summa cum laude")
1989 Magister Artium in Political Science and East European History, University of Tübingen ("with distinction")

University Education

1981-1983 Modern and East European History, Political Science, University of Mainz
1983-1984 History and French Studies, Université de Dijon
1984-1989 Political Science, Modern and East European History, University of Tübingen
1986-1987 Peace and Justice Studies, International Security Studies, Tufts University and Fletcher School for Law and Diplomacy, Medford, Mass.

Awards

2025 *Best Conference Paper Award, Honorable Mention* (2025) of the European Union Studies Association (EUSA), EUSA Biennial Conference 2023, for "Rebordering and Political Development: The European Reconfiguration of Boundaries for the Movement of Persons"; co-authored with Buket Buse Demirci and Christian Freudlsperger.
2021 *Journal of European Public Policy, Editors' Special Prize* for contribution to the journal.
2020 *Michael Endres Prize*, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin.
2018 *International Geneva Award*, Swiss Network of International Studies, for *The Rise of International Parliamentary Institutions: Purpose and Legitimation* (Review of International Organizations 2019; co-authored with Jofre Rocabert, Loriana Crasnic and Thomas Winzen).
2016 *Emerald Citations of Excellence* for *The Case for Democracy in the European Union* (Journal of Common Market Studies 2013; co-authored with Francis Cheneval).

- 2012 *Best Paper Award* of the American Political Science Association, European Politics and Society Section, APSA Convention 2011, for "Bringing Codecision to Agriculture: a Hard Case of Parliamentarization", published in *Journal of European Public Policy* 2012 with Christilla Roederer-Rynning.
Journal of European Public Policy, *Special Issue Prize for EU External Governance*, (16: 6, 2009), co-edited with Sandra Lavenex.
Journal of European Public Policy, *Prize for most downloaded special issue article for EU Rules Beyond EU Borders: Theorizing External Governance in European Politics (Journal of European Public Policy 16:6, 2009, 791-812)*, co-authored with Sandra Lavenex.
- 2011 *International Geneva Award*, Swiss Network of International Studies, for *EU Promotion of Democratic Governance in the Neighborhood* (Democratization 18:4, 2011, 1026-1054; co-authored with Tina Freyburg, Sandra Lavenex, Tatiana Skripka, and Anne Wetzel)
Journal of European Public Policy, *Prize 2008 for most downloaded special issue article for EU Political Conditionality After the 2004 Enlargement: Consistency and Effectiveness* (Journal of European Public Policy 15:6, 2008, 918-937).
Golden Owl Teaching Award, ETH Zurich, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (awarded by the students to distinguish lecturers whose classes in the past academic year stood out for their quality)
- 2007 Journal of European Public Policy, *Special Issue Prize 2004 for External Governance in the European Union* (co-edited with Wolfgang Wagner)
- 2005 *Best Book Award 2003/2004* of the European Union Studies Association for *The EU, NATO, and European Integration: Rules and Rhetoric* (Cambridge University Press 2003)

Major Research Grants

- 2024- *Reconfiguring EU External Boundaries*, Research Unit "Reconfiguring Europe: Between Competence and Control", German Research Foundation and Swiss National Science Foundation.
- 2024- *Invigorating Enlargement and Neighborhood Policy for a Resilient Europe (InvigoratEU)*, European Union Horizon Collaborative Research Project (work package leader)
- 2021- *Bordering Europe: Boundary Formation in European Integration (EUROBORD)*, European Research Council (ERC Advanced Grant).
- 2019-2021 *Integrating Diversity in the European Union (InDivEU)*, European Union Horizon 2020 Collaborative Research Project (scientific co-coordinator, with Brigid Laffan, EUI)
- 2017-2021 *Constructing Europe's Borders: Membership Discourses and European Integration*, Swiss National Science Foundation.
- 2014-2017 *EU Enlargement Strategy in the Western Balkans: Effects on the Rule of Law*, Swiss National Science Foundation, SCOPES
- 2013-2017 *Internationalization and Representative Democracy*, Swiss National Science Foundation, NCCR Democracy (with Francis Cheneval and Thomas Winzen)
- 2013-2017 *Reputation-seeking and Capacity-building? Compliance with EU Rules in Western and CEE Member States across Different Policy Areas*, Swiss National Science Foundation (with Asya Zhelyazkova)
- 2013-2016 *Maximizing the Integration Capacity of the European Union (MAXCAP)*, European Union FP7 Collaborative Research Project (work package leader)
- 2010-2013 *Differentiated Integration in Europe*, Swiss National Science Foundation and German Research Foundation (with Katharina Holzinger)
- 2009-2013 *Designing "Democracy" in the European Union*, Swiss National Science Foundation, NCCR Democracy (with Francis Cheneval and Sandra Lavenex)
- 2008-2011 *The Adoption, Implementation, and Sustainability of Minority Protection Rules in the Context of EU Conditionality. A Comparative Analysis of Ten New Member States in*

- Central and Eastern Europe*, Swiss National Science Foundation (with Guido Schwellnus)
- 2008-2011 *Does Group Size Matter? European Governance after Enlargement*, Swiss National Science Foundation (with Dirk Leuffen)
- 2005-2009 *Democracy Promotion in the European Neighborhood*, Swiss National Science Foundation, NCCR Democracy (with Sandra Lavenex)
- 2004-2006 *The Constitutionalization of the European Union*, Thyssen Foundation (with Berthold Rittberger)
- 1998-2003 *The Expansion of the Western International Community. A Test of Rationalist and Constructivist Hypotheses*, German Research Foundation (with Klaus-Dieter Wolf)

Professional Service

American Political Science Association (APSA)

- 2018 Committee on Franklin L. Burdette/Pi Sigma Alpha prize for Best Paper 2017
- 2014 Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section, Giovanni Sartori Book Award Committee
- 2012 European Politics and Society Section, Best Paper Committee
- 2006 European Politics and Society Section, Best Book Prize Committee

European Community Studies Association Switzerland (ECSA Suisse)

- 2014-2016 President
- 2012-2014 Vice-President
- 2006- Executive Committee

European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR)

- 2025 Workshop Director, Joint Sessions of Workshops, Prague
- 2020-2022 Member, Program Committee, Standing Group on the European Union, Rome Conference
- 2016 Member, Program Committee, Standing Group on the European Union, Trento Conference
- 2011 Workshop Director, Joint Sessions of Workshops, St. Gallen
- 2007-2009 Member, Executive Committee, Standing Group on the European Union
- 2007 Member, Prize Committee, European Journal of International Relations, Best Article in 2006
- 2006 Program Chair, 3rd Pan-European Conference, Standing Group on the European Union, Istanbul
- 2004 Section Chair "Integration Theory", 2nd Pan-European Conference, Standing Group on the European Union, Bologna
- 2003 Symposium Director "EU Governance and Enlargement", 2nd General Conference, Marburg
- 2002 Workshop Director, Joint Sessions of Workshops, Turin

European Political Science Association (EPSA)

- 2015 Section Chair "International Organization", 5th Annual Conference, Vienna
- 2011 Section Chair "International Organization", 1st Annual Conference, Dublin

European Union Studies Association (EUSA)

- 2022 Member, Program Committee, 17th Biennial Conference, Miami
- 2009 Chair, Program Committee, 11th Biennial Conference, Los Angeles

2007 Chair, Best Book Prize Committee
2005-2009 Member, Executive Committee
2005 Member, Program Committee, Ninth Biennial Conference, Austin

German Political Science Association (DVPW)

2006-2009 Member, Executive Committee
2005-2015 Chair, Editorial Board, "International Relations" Series, Nomos Verlag
2005-2015 Member, Editorial Board, "World Politics in the 21st Century" Series, Nomos Verlag
(Chair, 2007-2015)
2003-2009 Member, Executive Committee of International Relations Section

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

2021- Member of National Research Council
2025- Member, Programme Committee Projects
Chair, Project Evaluation Panel Social Sciences
2022-2025 Co-Chair, Project Evaluation Panel Social Sciences
2022-2025 Member, Steering Committee, Research Infrastructures
2021- Panel Member, Ambizione Fellowships

Swiss Political Science Association (SVPW)

2015-2019 Member, Executive Committee
2025-

Trans-European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA)

2016-2022 Member, Board

Editor

2008-2014 Living Reviews in Democracy
2018- integration, Chairman of Editorial Committee
2020- EU Series, Palgrave Macmillan and Bloomsbury (co-editor)

Member of Editorial/Advisory Board (past and current)

American Political Science Review, Cooperation and Conflict, European Journal of International Relations, Integration (chair), International Affairs, International Organization, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of International Relations and Development, Palgrave Studies in European Union Politics, Perspective: the Review of International Affairs, Political Science Research and Methods, Swiss Journal of Political Science

Scientific Advisory Boards

2021- Europa-Institut an der Universität Zürich, Member of Executive Committee
2018- Eupinions, Bertelsmann Foundation, Berlin
2017- Politics, Administration and International Relations Program, Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen
2014- Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin
2018- Chairman of the Scientific Board
2011-2023 Centre for Governance and Culture in Europe, University of St. Gallen

Reviewing Activities for Research Foundations (outside Switzerland)

European Research Council (starting grants)

German Research Foundation DFG (grants, SFB, Excellence Initiative, Leibniz Award, Research Units)

Norwegian Research Council NRC (Social Science panel 2020-2021, Norwegian Centres of Excellence, Scientific Selection Committee 2022, Europe panel 2024)

National science foundations of Austria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Flanders, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Netherlands, Poland, Wallonia

German Peace Foundation, Thyssen Foundation

Evaluation

2024 Portuguese Research and Development Units in Political Science

2023 European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

2022 Jacques Delors Centre, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany

2020 Political Science Departments of Free University of Amsterdam, University of Amsterdam, University of Leiden, the Netherlands

2008/2016 Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Teaching

ETH Zurich

International Relations (Bachelor)

European Integration (Bachelor)

Democracy (Master)

Methods I: Qualitative Research Design and Data Collection (Master)

Comparative and European Politics (Master)

Public Institutions and Policy-Making Process (Master, CAS Science, Technology and Policy)

European and Global Governance (CAS in Technology and Public Policy)

Multinational Governance: the EU case (CAS in Public Governance and Administration)

Global Business (EmbaX, Master of Business Administration, ETH Zurich and University of St. Gallen)

Other

2025 Differentiated Integration (College of Europe, Bruges)

2022/23 Integration and Differentiation in the European Union (MAS in European and International Governance, University of Geneva)

2016 European Governance (Andrassy University, Budapest)

2015 European Integration Theory (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

2015/17 European Integration (Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Yerevan)

2015 Crisis and European Integration (Summer School of the ECPR Standing Group on the EU, University of Trento)

2013/16/20/22 Differentiated Integration/Process-Tracing Analysis (European Integration Summer School, University of Agder, Kristiansand)

2013-2015 Process-tracing Analysis (Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis)

2004 Theories of European Integration (Institute of Advanced Studies, Vienna)

Supervision and mentoring of junior researchers

30 PhD students (main supervisor)

Tina Freyburg, Robin Hertz, Flavia Jurje, Anne Wetzel (2010), Danijela Dolenc, Liudmila Mikalayeva, Tatiana Skripka (2011), Lilla Balazs, Thomas Jensen (2012), Edina Szöcsik, Rebecca Welge, Thomas Winzen (2013), Sabine Jenni (2014), Christoph Elhardt (2015), Thomas Schäubli (2016), Cansarp Kaya, Christian Frommelt, Reini Schrama (2017), Jofre Rocabert (2018), Felix Karstens (2019), Julian Dederke, Lina Liu (2020), Jana Lipps (2021), Nicole Olszewska, Alper Baysan, Ronja Sczepanski (2022), Marc Jacob, Ioannis Vergioglou (2023), Sven Hegewald, Massimo Troncone (2024)

21 Postdoctoral research fellows

Dirk Leuffen, Guido Schwellnus, Tina Freyburg, Jørgen Bølstad, James Cross, Asya Zhelyazkova, Thomas Winzen, Dominik Schraff, Marie-Eve Bélanger, Natasha Wunsch, Jana Lipps, Christian Freudsperger, Mohamed Nasr, Aydin Yildirim, Ronja Sczepanski, Alina Nychyk, Giorgio Malet, Levan Kakhishvili, Sven Hegewald, Marius Ghincea, Alessia Invernizzi

Former PhD students and postdocs with professorial positions

Jørgen Bølstad, Associate Professor, University of Oslo, Norway, Postdoc 2011-2016.
James Cross, Associate Professor, University College Dublin, Ireland, Postdoc 2011-2012.
Danijela Dolenc, Associate Professor, University of Zagreb, Croatia, PhD 2011.
Christian Freudsperger, Assistant Professor, ETH Zurich, Switzerland, Postdoc 2021-2024
Tina Freyburg, Professor, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, PhD 2011, Postdoc 2011-2013.
Christian Frommelt, Rector, University of Liechtenstein, PhD 2017.
Marc Jacob, Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame, PhD 2023.
Dirk Leuffen, Professor, University of Konstanz, Germany, Postdoc 2005-2010.
Anne Pintsch (née Wetzel), Associate Professor, University of Agder, Norway, PhD 2010.
Dominik Schraff, Associate Professor, University of Aalborg, Denmark, Postdoc 2016-2021.
Reini Schrama, Assistant Professor, Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands, PhD 2017.
Ronja Sczepanski, Assistant Professor, Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris, France, PhD 2022, Postdoc 2022-2023.
Thomas Winzen, Professor, Heinrich-Heine University of Düsseldorf, Germany, PhD 2013, Postdoc 2013-2017.
Natasha Wunsch, Professor, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, Postdoc 2017-2023.
Asya Zhelyazkova, Associate Professor, University of Rotterdam, The Netherlands, Postdoc 2011-2016.