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EXPERIENCE

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| 2025– | Postdoctoral Scholar, UCLA Luskin School of Public Policy
Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, Los Angeles. Principal investigator of the SNSF-funded project <i>Institutional Influences on Upzoning Efficiency: A Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Population Density Gain</i> . |
| 2024–25 | Postdoctoral Researcher, IGN France · Visiting Scholar, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Comparative study of redevelopment patterns and regulatory frameworks across France, Germany and England. |
| 2020–24 | Doctoral Researcher, University of Bern
Institute of Geography. Densification patterns and land-policy effects in Utrecht and Bern. |
| 2020–21 | Illustrator, MUST Urban Design, Amsterdam |

EDUCATION

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| 2024 | Ph.D., Human Geography, University of Bern
<i>Capturing land policy effects with spatial analysis: a comparison of densification patterns in Utrecht and Bern</i> |
| 2020 | M.Sc., Spatial Planning, Wageningen University |
| 2018 | B.Sc., Urban, Energy and Environmental Planning, Aalborg University Copenhagen |

PUBLICATIONS

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| 2026 | Jehling, M., Götze, V., Raimbault, J., Perret, J., Olteanu-Raimond, A.-M., Dembski, S., Hartmann, T., & Ehrhardt, D. Densification in European city-regions: From observed patterns to actors and policy constellations. <i>Landscape and Urban Planning</i> , 272, 105646. |
| 2026 | Monkkonen, P., Marantz, N., & Götze, V. What do standard measures of rental affordability reveal? A longitudinal analysis from 1960–2024. <i>Working paper, SSRN</i> . |
| 2025 | Gerber, J.-D., Ay, D., Bouwmeester, J., Götze, V., Hartmann, T., Jehling, M., Nahrath, S., & Verheij, J. Why urban densification ignores the social dimension of sustainability. <i>Urban Studies (online first)</i> . |
| 2025 | Ay, D., & Götze, V. Housing for “ageing in place”: Urban densification projects and the provision of age-appropriate housing in Switzerland. <i>Cities</i> , 167, 106304. |
| 2025 | Büchler, S., Götze, V., Hauck, L., & Stalder, N. The amplifying effect of spatial planning restrictions on house prices and rents. <i>Journal of Housing Economics</i> , 69, 102085. |
| 2024 | Götze, V., Gerber, J.-D., & Jehling, M. Mapping municipal land policies: Applications of flexible zoning for densification. <i>Buildings & Cities</i> , 5(1). |
| 2024 | Götze, V., Bouwmeester, J., & Jehling, M. For whom do we densify? Explaining income variation across densification projects in the region of Utrecht, the Netherlands. <i>Urban Studies</i> , 61(7), 1273–1290. |

	2024	Götze, V. Capturing land policy effects with spatial analysis: A comparison of densification patterns in Utrecht and Bern. <i>PhD dissertation, University of Bern</i> .
	2023	Hengstermann, A., & Götze, V. Planning-related land value changes for explaining instruments of compensation and value capture in Switzerland. <i>Land Use Policy</i> , 132, 106826.
	2023	Götze, V., & Jehling, M. Comparing types and patterns: A context-oriented approach to densification in Switzerland and the Netherlands. <i>Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science</i> , 50(6), 1645–1659.
	2023	Verheij, J., & Götze, V. Yearly conference of the International Academic Association on Planning, Law, and Property Rights (PLPR), Ann Arbor, 1–5 May 2023. <i>Town Planning Review</i> , 95(1), 109–112 (conference report).
	2021	Götze, V., & Hartmann, T. Why municipalities grow: The influence of fiscal incentives on municipal land policies in Germany and the Netherlands. <i>Land Use Policy</i> , 109, 105681.
GRANTS & AWARDS	2025–27	Swiss National Science Foundation grant, principal investigator <i>Institutional Influences on Upzoning Efficiency</i>
	2022	Excellent Video award, Buildings & Cities PhD Video Challenge <i>Why It Matters: Comparing Patterns of Densification</i>
TEACHING	2020–24	University of Bern Designed and led a ten-day field course in Copenhagen for master’s students; weekly tutorials for 120 bachelor’s students; thesis supervision. Course development Syllabus on land-policy instruments; spatial and quantitative analysis; urban data science.
SERVICE & LANGUAGES		Service Guest reviewer for international journals; organizer and mentor of two PhD workshops at international conferences; doctoral representation and faculty review committee, University of Bern; reviewer of the Swiss high-school geography textbook. Languages English, German, Danish, Dutch (fluent); French, Russian (conversational).