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PhD (Université de Lausanne)

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APPOINTMENTS

2019 – present **Junior Lecturer, University of Lausanne**

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Specialties

Urban and political geography | Mega-events | Post-Soviet cities, cultures

Topics

Urban Development | Geopolitics | Digital resistance and protest

Concepts

Soft Power | Potemkinism | Minor theory, micropolitics | Multiplicities

Regions

Russia | Eastern Europe | Mega-event host cities worldwide

EDUCATION

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| 2019 | University of Lausanne Switzerland
PhD Geography |
| 2014-2016 | University of Zurich Switzerland
MSc Geography
Geographies of Global Change: Resources, Markets and Development |
| 2013-2014 | European University St. Petersburg Russia
MA Political Science, Russian and Eurasian Studies,
with distinction |
| 1995-1999 | Grinnell College United States of America
BA Russian Language, Literature, Culture, with honors |

PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 Sven Daniel Wolfe. "Between the minor and the micro: Working with the authoritarian (extra)ordinary. *Currently under review*.
- 2021 Sven Daniel Wolfe. "Blogging the virtual: New geographies of domination and resistance in and beyond Russia." *Antipode*, 0,0: 1-19.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/anti.12709>
- 2021 Sven Daniel Wolfe, David Gogishvili, Jean-Loup Chappelet, Martin Müller. "The urban and economic impacts of mega-events: mechanisms of change in global games." *Sport in Society*, 0,0: 1-9.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17430437.2021.1903438>
- 2021 Martin Müller, Sven Daniel Wolfe, Christopher Gaffney, David Gogishvili, Miriam Hug, Annick Leick. "An evaluation of the sustainability of the Olympic Games." *Nature Sustainability*, 4,4: 340-348.
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41893-021-00696-5>
- 2021 Sven Daniel Wolfe. "Policy mobilities and mutations in cities of the post-Socialist Global East." *Currently under review*.
- 2020 Sven Daniel Wolfe. "'For the benefit of our nation': unstable soft power in the 2018 men's World Cup in Russia." *International Journal of Sport Policy and Politics*, 12,4: 545-561.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/19406940.2020.1839532>
- 2020 Sven Daniel Wolfe. "Potemkinism Neoliberalism: Developing Volgograd through the 2018 Men's Football World Cup in Russia." *Sport in Society*, 0,0: 1-19.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17430437.2020.1825382>
- 2020 Sven Daniel Wolfe. "The great pause: a minor theory exploration of COVID-19 response in Switzerland." *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, 0,0: 1-14.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15387216.2020.1779104>
- 2020 Oleg Golubchikov and Sven Daniel Wolfe. "Russia and the politics of extraverted urbanism in the 2014 Winter Olympics and the 2018 FIFA World Cup." *In Sport, Statehood and Transition in Europe: Comparative perspectives from post-Soviet and post-socialist societies*, edited by Rojo-Labaien, Díaz, and Rookwood, 214-232. London: Routledge.

- 2020 Sven Daniel Wolfe and Julio Paulos. "Locating urban research in Switzerland." *In Building Urban Studies in Switzerland, edited by Wolfe and Paulos, 6-8. Association Suisse de Géographie.*
- 2020 Sven Daniel Wolfe, David Gogishvili, Jean-Loup Chappelet, Martin Müller. "The urban and economic impacts of mega-events: Mechanisms of change in global games." *Sport in Society, 0,0: 1-9.*
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17430437.2021.1903438>
- 2019 Sven Daniel Wolfe. "Urban development through the 2018 FIFA Men's Football World Cup: Mutated mobile policies in the peripheries." *Gorodskie Issledovanie i Praktiki [Urban Studies and Practices Journal, Moscow School of Higher Economics], 4,3: 23-41.*
<https://doi.org/10.17323/usp43201923-41>
- 2019 Sven Daniel Wolfe. "A New Road and Rail Link from the Mountains to the Coast: The Mixed Legacy of Sochi's Most Expensive Project." *In Mega-Events: Placemaking, Regeneration and City-Regional Development, edited by Graeme Evans, 106-124. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge.*
- 2019 Sven Daniel Wolfe. "Fanatic Energy in the Wrong Places": Potemkin Neoliberalism and Domestic Soft Power in the 2018 Men's Football World Cup in Russia. *PhD Dissertation, University of Lausanne.*
https://serval.unil.ch/en/notice/serval:BIB_8C1DB62BE2B5
- 2019 Sven Daniel Wolfe. Book review: Handbook on the geographies of corruption [ed. by Barney Warf]. *Eurasian Geography and Economics, vol.60, no.5: 636-639.*
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15387216.2019.1642117>
- 2018 Sven Daniel Wolfe and Martin Müller. 2018. "Crisis Neopatrimonialism: Russia's New Political Economy and the 2018 World Cup." *Problems of Post-Communism 65 (2): 101-14.* <https://doi.org/10.1080/10758216.2018.1429934>.
- 2018 Christopher Gaffney, Sven Daniel Wolfe, and Martin Müller. "Scrutinizing Global Mega-Events." *In Doing Global Urban Research, edited by John Harrison and Michael Hoyler, 125-37. London ; Thousand Oaks: SAGE.*

- 2017 Sven Daniel Wolfe. Book review: Andrey Makarychev and Alexandra Yatsyk (eds.). *Mega-Events in Post-Soviet Eurasia: Shifting Borderlines of Inclusion and Exclusion. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, vol. 41, no.5: 862-863.*
- 2016 Sven Daniel Wolfe. A silver medal project: the partial success of Russia's soft power project in Sochi 2014. *Annals of Leisure Research 19 (4): 481-96.*
<https://doi.org/10.1080/11745398.2015.1122534>.
- 2016 Christopher Gaffney and Sven Daniel Wolfe. Sochi 2014: A BRIC on the Road to Perdition. *Advir | Associação dos Docentes da Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro. N. 36: 54-63.*
- 2015 Sven Daniel Wolfe. 2018 FIFA World Cup: isolating Russia could harm global health. *The Lancet 385 (9970): 749-750.*
- 2015 Sven Daniel Wolfe. Book review: Cities in Relations: Trajectories of Urban Development in Hanoi and Ougadougou [by Ola Söderström]. *Geographica Helvetica 70: 165-166.*
- 2014 Martin Müller and Sven Daniel Wolfe. World Cup 2018: Already the Most Expensive Ever? *Russian Analytical Digest 150: 2-6.*
- 2013 Sven Daniel Wolfe. Life on the Ground: A Comparative Analysis of Two Villages in Sochi During Olympic Transformation. *Euxeinos 12: 36-46.*
- TEACHING**
- 2021 *Sustainable Cities*. PhD level, Doctoral Research Programme in Climate Change and Human Habitat, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Nigeria. *Scheduled for autumn 2021.*
- 2020 *Thinking Cities*. PhD level, Doctoral Research Programme in Climate Change and Human Habitat, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Nigeria. Based on Martin Müller's work and co-taught with David Gogishvili.
- 2019 – 2021 *How to Build the Sustainable City*. Master's level, University of Lausanne.

- 2018 *Cities and Difference*. Bachelor level, University of Zurich,
- 2016 – 2017 *Introduction to Human Geography*. Bachelor level, University of Zurich.

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

- 2021 We Come in Peace, You Go in Pieces: Urban development, popular contestation, and a typology of mega-event-led exclusions. *City, Events, Mega-events and Tourism international conference*. Paris, France.
- 2021 Research in a minor key: Working with the (extra)ordinary in authoritarian spaces. *Dislocating Urban Studies: Rethinking Theory, Shifting Practice*. Malmö, Sweden.
- 2021 The Invisible Domestic Forgotten: Everyday Geopolitics Through the 2018 Men's Football World Cup in Russia. *American Association of Geographers annual conference*. Seattle, USA.
- 2020 Session organizer: Events, Cities, and Urbanism. *Congress of Youth and Winter Sports 2020*. Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 2019 Virtual Resistance, Material Consequences: Countering State Projects in (Semi-) Authoritarian Russia. *At the frontiers of the urban: thinking concepts and practices globally*. University College London. London, England.
- 2019 Virtual Resistance, Material Consequences: Countering State Projects in (Semi-) Authoritarian Russia. *Swiss Geosciences annual meeting*. Fribourg, Switzerland.
- 2019 Session organizer: Protest, Resistance, and the Urban. *Swiss Geosciences annual meeting*. Fribourg, Switzerland.
- 2019 Session organizer: Diverse Paths to an Uncertain Future: Career and Precarity in Human Geography. *Swiss Geosciences annual meeting*. Fribourg, Switzerland.
- 2019 We Come in Peace, You Go in Pieces: Mega-events and the Creation of Exclusion. *The 8th International Urban Geographies of Post-Communist States Conference*. Belgrade, Serbia.

- 2019 Session organizer: Urban Geopolitics, Individual Resistance, and the Everyday. *The 8th International Urban Geographies of Post-Communist States Conference*. Belgrade, Serbia.
- 2019 Introducing Urban Geopolitics: Locating the Global in the Everyday. *Invited lecture, First International Doctoral Summer School in Urban Geopolitics: Urban Identities, Geopolitics and Urban Policy*. Kharkiv, Ukraine.
- 2019 Sem' Smertnykh Grekhov Planirovanii Mega-Sobytii [The Seven Deadly Sins of Mega-Event Planning]. *Invited lecture, in Russian, The Impulses of Large Sporting Events on Sustainable Urban and Regional Development*. Minsk, Belarus.
- 2018 Session organizer: Diverse Paths to an Uncertain Future: Early Career Dilemmas in Academia. *Swiss Geosciences annual meeting*. Bern, Switzerland.
- 2018 Who is Left Out When the Party Comes to Town? Promises and Pitfalls of the 2018 World Cup. *Invited lecture, Center for Eastern European Studies lecture series*. Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2018 *Post-Olympic Sochi: Legacies of Protest in an Aspiring Consumption Paradise*. *American Association of Geographers annual conference*. New Orleans, USA.
- 2018 Session co-organizer: *Flattened Scale Beyond the Second World*. *American Association of Geographers annual conference*. New Orleans, USA.
- 2017 *A World-Class Party, But For Whom? Material Developments, Social Inequalities, and the 2018 World Cup in Russia*. *Invited lecture, University of Oslo Department of Sociology and Human Geography*. Oslo, Norway.
- 2017 Policy Multiplicities and the 2018 World Cup in Russia. *The 7th International Urban Geographies of Post-Communist States Conference: A View on Cities from Elsewhere*. Kiev and Dnipro, Ukraine.
- 2017 Sport Mega Events and Urban Development: Cases of Brazil 2014, Rio 2016, Sochi 2014, Russia 2018. *Invited lecture, Smith College*. Northampton, USA. 2017.

- 2017 Policy Multiplicities and the 2018 Football World Cup in Russia. *American Association of Geographers annual conference. Boston, USA.*
- 2016 Crisis Neopatrimonialism and the 2018 Russian World Cup. *Association of Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian annual conference. Washington DC, USA.*
- 2016 Neoliberal Neopatrimonialism and the 2018 World Cup in Russia. *Redefining Cities in Post Soviet Space, Leipzig Institute for Regional Geography, Leipzig, Germany.*
- 2016 Sem' Smertnykh Grekhov Planirovanii Mega-Sobytii [The Seven Deadly Sins of Mega-Event Planning]. *International Spatial Development Forum, St. Petersburg, Russia.*
- 2015 Materializing Networks: Moving Knowledge, Governing Mega-Events. *Sport in Transnational Contexts, ETH Zurich, Switzerland.*
- 2015 Assembling the Translocal Event: Policy Mobilities in the 2018 World Cup in Russia. *American Association of Geographers annual conference. Chicago, USA.*
- 2014 Russia's Soft Power Project in Sochi 2014. *Leisure Studies Association annual conference. Glasgow, Scotland.*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Co-founder and leader of the Urban Studies thematic group in the Swiss Association for Geography (ASG)
- Co-founder of the interdisciplinary Contemporary Cities Collaboratory
- Member of Tenure Track Faculty Working Group for the Faculty of Geosciences and the Environment, University of Lausanne
- Member of Moscow Higher School of Economics Working Group on Geography, Planning, and Urban and Regional Development
- Manager of the Swiss Human Geography mailing list
- Manager of the Urban Mega-Events mailing list
- Manager of the Cities After Transition research group social media

- Manager of the Materialities, Multiplicities, Metropolis research group social media
- Editorial board, Studies of Transition States and Societies journal
- Peer reviews for articles and book manuscripts for Taylor and Francis, SAGE, Wiley, Routledge, and Palgrave Macmillan, on average 4-6 times per year

LANGUAGES

English | Native

Russian | Fluent

French | Intermediate

Swedish | Intermediate

Swiss German | Conversational

Spanish | Conversational

ONLINE

University page: <https://igd.unil.ch/sdwolfe/>

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ResearchGate profile: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Sven_Wolfe

Blog: <https://sdwolfe.com/>

Twitter: [@sdvolk](https://twitter.com/sdvolk)

Contemporary Cities Collaboratory: <http://citycollaboratory.com/>