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Nationality: Swiss

Date of Birth: December 13, 1985

Languages: German (native), English (native-level), Japanese (business), French (business), Italian (business)

Research: Neutrality Studies, International Relations, Diplomacy Studies, WWII History

Academic Positions and Appointments

2023 – Present Associate Professor, Kyoto University, Faculty of Law and Hakubi Center.

- Full-time researcher for “Neutrality in International Relations”
- Establishment of [Neutrality Studies](#) Research Group and [Conference](#).

2022 – 2023 Adjunct Researcher, Waseda Institute for Advanced Studies (WIAS)

- Researcher for Kakenhi Project “Switzerland and Japan during the Long Second World War: A Diplomatic History” (Grant [Nr.21K13087](#)).

2019 – 2022 Assistant Professor, Waseda Institute for Advanced Studies (WIAS)

- Published three books, several academic articles, and chapters, among others in Oxford University Press journals.
- Designed and taught two 15-week courses:
 - “Topics in Politics and Economics” (2 semesters, 20 students).
 - “Neutrality in International Relations” (3 semesters, 35 students).
- Organized 2 international conferences in Tokyo and Vienna.
- Archival research work in Switzerland and Japan.
- Public speaking engagements in Japan, Taiwan, the US, and Europe.

2017 – 2022 Adjunct Professor, Temple University Japan Campus

- Designed and taught two 15-week lectures:
 - “Contemporary Politics of Europe” (since 2017, up to 35 students)
 - “World Affairs” (since 2022, up to 35 students)
- Organized 2 international conferences in Madrid and Washington DC.

2019 – 2023 Diplomatic Study Section of the International Studies Association (ISA)
Secretary, Section Program Co-Chair (pro bono)

- Organized over 30 academic panels each year for annual convention.

2020 – Now Advisory Board of the International Institute for Peace (Vienna, Austria)
Board Member (pro bono)
• Consulting on peace activism.

Education

2014 – 2018 PhD in International Relations, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo (MEXT Scholarship).

2011 – 2012 Master of Arts in Public Policy, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo.

2007 – 2011 Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and History, University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

2003 – 2007 Swiss National High School Certification “Matura,” Collège St. Croix, Fribourg, Switzerland.
—2004 One year exchange to Hashimoto High School, Wakayama, Japan.

Professional Positions

2012 – 2018 Consultant: Timesensor AG, Switzerland (part-time remote 2014–18)

2009 – 2010 Internship: Minato City Office, Tokyo, Japan.

Volunteer Positions

2020 – Present Board of Directors, *Verein zur Vermittlung von Hilfsdiensten* (Healthcare NGO), Fribourg, Switzerland

2012 – 2014 Representative of the *Social Democratic Party in the Culture Commission of the Commune of Schmitten*, Switzerland.

2009 – 2014 Workshop Instructor for Violence Prevention at the *Verein Friedensdorf* (Association “Peace Village”), Switzerland.

2007 – 2014 Board of Directors, Verein zur Vermittlung von Hilfsdiensten (Healthcare NGO), Fribourg, Switzerland.

External Funding: KAKENHI Grant (Early Career, [Nr.21K13087](#)) for the project “Switzerland, Japan, and the Long Second World War, 1931–1945.” Grant Period: 3 years (2021–24).

Research Group: Neutrality Studies (neutralitystudies.com)

Publications

Monographs

[M1] Lottaz Pascal, and Ingemar Ottosson. *Sweden, Japan, and the Long Second World War 1931–1945*. London: Routledge, 2021. ([Link](#))

Edited Books

[EB6] Lottaz, Pascal and Yoko Iwama, eds. *Neutral Europe and the Creation of the Nonproliferation Regime: 1958–1968*. London: Routledge, 2023. ([Link](#))

[EB5] Lottaz, Pascal, Heinz Gärtner, and Herbert Reginbogen, eds. *Neutral Beyond the Cold: Neutral States and the Post-Cold War International System*. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2022 ([Link](#))

[EB4] Reginbogen, Herbert, and Pascal Lottaz, eds. *Permanent Neutrality: A Model for Peace, Security, and Justice*. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2020. ([Link](#))

[EB3] Lottaz, Pascal, and Herbert Reginbogen, eds. *Notions of Neutralities*. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2019. ([Link](#))

[EB2] Donzé, Pierre Yves, Claude Hauser, Pascal Lottaz, and Andy Maître, eds. *Journal D'un Témoin: Camille Gorgé, Diplomat Suisse Dans Le Japon En Guerre 1940–1945*. In French [Journal of a Witness: Camille Gorgé, Swiss Diplomat in Wartime Japan]. In Series: *Quaderni di Dodis*, Vol. 10. Berne: Diplomatic Documents of Switzerland, 2018. ([Link](#))

[EB1]* Müller, Xenia, Rahel Steger, Bruno Grünenfelder, and Pascal Lottaz, eds. *Konflikte Wagen, Frieden Leben: Ein Manual Zur Gewaltprävention Bei Jugendlichen*. In German [Daring Conflicts, Living Peace: A Manual for Violence Prevention]. Norderstedt: BoD, 2012.

Journal Articles

[J7] Lottaz, Pascal. "Taiwan and the Necessity of Imagining Peace". *F1000Research*, 2025, 14:246 DOI: doi.org/10.12688/f1000research.161050.1.

[J6] Lottaz, Pascal. "The Future of Neutrality". *Geneva Center for Security Policy, Policy Briefs*, no.4, 2023. [ISBN: 978-2-88947-407-3](#).

[J5] Lottaz, Pascal and Heinz Gärtner. "Dual-Neutrality for the Koreas: A Two-Pronged Approach toward Reunification." *Defense & Security Analysis*, 38, no.3, 284–295 2022. [DOI: 10.1080/14751798.2022.2085109](#).

[J4] Lottaz, Pascal. "The Politics and Diplomacy of Neutrality." *Oxford Bibliographies in International Relations*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2022. ([DOI: 10.1093/obo/9780199743292-0307](#)).

[J3] Lottaz, Pascal. "Neutrality Studies." *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2022. ([DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190846626.013.680](#)).

[J2] Lottaz, Pascal. "Going East: Switzerland's Early Consular Diplomacy toward East and Southeast Asia." *Traverse: Zeitschrift für Geschichte* 27 no. 1, 23–34, 2020. ([DOI: 10.5169/seals-881084](https://doi.org/10.5169/seals-881084)).

[J1] Lottaz, Pascal "Violent Conflicts and Neutral Legations: A Case Study of the Spanish and Swiss Legations in Wartime Japan." *New Global Studies* 11, no.2, 85–100, 2017. ([DOI: 10.1515/ngs-2017-0018](https://doi.org/10.1515/ngs-2017-0018))

Book Chapters

[BC13] Lottaz, Pascal. "The Neutralities of Austria and Switzerland: Akin but Not Alike." In *Neutrality after 1989: New Paths in the Post-Cold War World*, edited by Naman Karl-Thomas Habtom. Bristol: E-International Relations, 2024.

[BC12] Lottaz, Pascal. "Neutrality, Neutralism, and Nonalignment in the Early Cold War." In *Neutral Europe and the Creation of the Nonproliferation Regime: 1958–1968*, edited by Pascal Lottaz and Yoko Iwama. London: Routledge, 2023.

[BC11] Lottaz, Pascal. "The Russo-Ukrainian war, propaganda and the end of neutrality?" In *Propaganda and Neutrality: Global Case Studies in the 20th Century*, edited by Edward Corse and Marta García Cabrera. London: Bloomsbury, 2023. ([Link](#))

[BC10] Lottaz, Pascal. "Zum Ewigen Krieg: Von der Notwendigkeit der Deeskalation." In German [On Perpetual War: The Necessity of Deescalation], In *Die Ukraine im Krieg: Ist Frieden Möglich?*, edited by Heinz Gärtner. Berlin: Lit, 2022.

[BC9] Lottaz, Pascal and Tumurjin Ganbaatar. "Mongolia: Neutrality as a Nice Horse." In *Neutral Beyond the Cold: Neutral States and the Post-Cold War International System*, edited by Pascal Lottaz, Heinz Gärtner, and Herbert Reginbogen. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2022.

[BC8] Preiherman, Yauheni and Pascal Lottaz. "Belarus: Between Alliance and Neutralism." In *Neutral Beyond the Cold: Neutral States and the Post-Cold War International System*, edited by Pascal Lottaz, Heinz Gärtner, and Herbert Reginbogen. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2022.

[BC7] Lottaz, Pascal. "Vatican Diplomacy and Church Realities in the Philippines during World War II." In *The Vatican and Permanent Neutrality*, edited by Marshal Breger and Herbert Reginbogen. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2022.

[BC6] Lottaz, Pascal. "The Logic of Neutrality." In *Permanent Neutrality: A Model for Peace, Security, and Justice*, edited by Herbert Reginbogen and Pascal Lottaz Lanham: Lexington Books, 2020.

[BC5] Lottaz, Pascal and Herbert Reginbogen. "Taiwanese Neutrality: Solving the Conundrum." In *Permanent Neutrality: A Model for Peace, Security, and Justice*, edited by Herbert Reginbogen and Pascal Lottaz. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2020.

[BC4] Reginbogen, Herbert and Pascal Lottaz. "The Nomos of Neutrality in East Asia." In *Permanent Neutrality: A Model for Peace, Security, and Justice*, edited by Herbert Reginbogen and Pascal Lottaz, Lanham: Lexington Books, 2020.

[BC3] Lottaz, Pascal "Neutrality and Wartime Japan." In *Notions of Neutralities*, edited by Pascal Lottaz and Herbert Reginbogen. Lanham: Lexington, 2019.

[BC2] Lottaz, Pascal and Herbert Reginbogen. "'Private Neutrality' – The Bank for International Settlements." In *Notions of Neutralities*, edited by Pascal Lottaz and Herbert Reginbogen. Lanham: Lexington, 2019.

[BC1] Lottaz Pascal and Florentino Rodao. "The Vatican, WWII, and Asia: Lessons of Neutral Diplomacy." In *Notions of Neutralities*, edited by Pascal Lottaz and Herbert Reginbogen. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2019.

Magazine & Newspaper Articles

[MN18]* Lottaz, Pascal. "Japan's New Security Strategy, Part 3: The View From Japan's Neighbors." *The Diplomat*, June 8, 2023. ([Link](#))

[MN17]* Lottaz, Pascal. "Japan's New Security Strategy, Part 2: The Ongoing Debates." *The Diplomat*, June 10, 2023. ([Link](#))

[MN16]* Lottaz, Pascal. "Japan's New Security Strategy, Part 1: The Historical Context." *The Diplomat*, June 8, 2023. ([Link](#))

[MN15]* Lottaz, Pascal. "In Defense of Neutrals: Why they're more than just fence sitters." *Foreign Policy*, June 6, 2023. ([Link](#))

[MN14]* Lottaz, Pascal. "Japan's neue Sicherheitsstrategie." [In German] *International*, no. 3, 2023. ([Link](#))

[MN13]* Lottaz, Pascal. "Neutralität als Garant der Besonnenheit." [In German] *International*, no. 1, 2023. ([Link](#))

[MN13]* Lottaz, Pascal. "Bündnisallianzen versus Neutralität - Paradigmen für eine friedlichere Welt." [In German] *The Defence Hoirzon Journal*, no. 1, January 2023. ([Link](#))

[MN12]* Lottaz, Pascal. "Im neuen Kalten Krieg ist die Schweiz Konfliktpartei." [In German] *Schweizer Monat*, December 2022. ([Link](#))

[MN11]* Lottaz, Pascal. "Kooperation vor Neutralität: Die Neue Sicherheitsdoktrin der Schweiz." [In German] *The Defence Hoirzon Journal*, no. 4, December 2022. ([Link](#))

[MN10]* Lottaz, Pascal. "Neutrale sind nicht unsolidarisch." [In German] *Wiener Zeitung*, June 22, 2022. ([Link](#))

[MN9]* Lottaz, Pascal. "Neutralitätspolitik in Eurasien." [In German] *Welt Trends*, no. 187, May 2022. ([Link](#))

[MN8]* Lottaz, Pascal. "Ukrainian Neutrality is a Three-Way Game." *Smerconish*, March 31, 2022. ([Link](#))

[MN7]* Lottaz, Pascal. "Ukraine will either be Permanently Neutral or Permanently Divided." *Modern Diplomacy*, March 9, 2022. ([Link](#))

[MN6]* Lottaz, Pascal and Nasir A. Andisha. "Why permanent neutrality is right for Ukraine." *TRT*, March 7, 2022. ([Link](#))

[MN5]* Lottaz, Pascal. "EU-Neutrale als 'strategische Schnorrer'? Von der Notwendigkeit eines erweiterten Sicherheitsbegriffes." [In German] *Wiener Zeitung*, August 1, 2021. ([Link](#))

[MN4]* Lottaz, Pascal. "Die Neutralität der Mongolei: Ein Schönes Pferd," [In German] *International*, no. 4, 2021, 40–43.

[MN3]* Lottaz, Pascal. "Eine internationalistische Neutralität im Dienste Europas" [In German] *International*, no. 3, 2021, 7–9. ([Link](#))

[MN2]* Lottaz, Pascal, and Asanka Prabodani Jayathilake. "Sri Lanka Discovers Neutrality: Strategy or Excuse?" *The Diplomat*, March 19, 2021. ([Link](#))

[MN1]* Lottaz, Pascal and Herbert Reginbogen. "A Solution to the Ukrainian Quagmire." *The Washington Times*, December 6, 2018. ([Link](#))

Various commentaries in online portals: [International Institute for Peace](#), [NDS](#), [Nau.ch](#).

Thesis

[T2] Lottaz, Pascal. *Neutral States and Wartime Japan: The Diplomacy of Sweden, Spain, and Switzerland toward the Empire*. (Ph.D. Thesis). Tokyo: National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, 2018. ([Link](#))

[T1] Lottaz, Pascal. *R2P in East and Southeast Asia*. (Master Thesis). Tokyo: National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, 2012. ([Link](#))

Academic Conferences and Panels

International Conferences organized by Pascal Lottaz

2020, March 1–3. Vienna: *Friends with Enemies: Neutrality and Nonalignment Then and Now*. Organized with Prof. Heinz Gärtner, University of Vienna. ([Link](#))

2019, December 14–15. Tokoy: *The Neutrals and the Bomb: Conference on the N+N States and Nonproliferation*, Tokyo. Organized with Prof. Yoko Iwama, GRIPS. ([Link](#))

2019, March 25. Washignton DC: *Permanent Neutrality: A Model for Peace Security and Justice*. Organized with Prof. Herbert Reginbogen, Catholic University of America. ([Link](#))

2017, October 27–28. Madrid: *Neutrality Conference: Lessons from the Past and Visions for the 21st Century*. Organized with Prof. Florentino Rodao, Complutense University. ([Link](#))

Panels at Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA) organized by Pascal Lottaz

2021, April 8. Online. *Neutral State Diplomacy in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Century*.

2018, April 4. San Francisco. *The Power of Non-Traditional Diplomacy*.

2017, February 25. Baltimore. *Changing Neutrality: New Perspectives on Norms, Strategy and Diplomacy of Neutrality in the 19th and 20th Century*.

Papers Presented at Conferences

2022, May 22. "War over Taiwan: What are the Alternatives?" Paper presented at the Tamkang School of Strategic Studies, the *18th Anniversary Memorial International Conference of Professor Niu Sien-Chong*, Tapei, Taiwan, Online.

2022, March 29. "Forget Hedging: The Value of Neutrality as an Analytical Tool for Small and Middle Powers." Paper presented at the *Annual Convention of the International Studies Association*, Nashville, USA. Online

2021, April 8. "Neutrality in International Relations." Paper presented at the *Annual Convention of the International Studies Association*, Online.

2021, April 8. "Maritime Neutrality and the Contestation of Norms on the High Seas." Paper presented at the *Annual Convention of the International Studies Association*, Online.

2020, March 2. "Neutralization—A Tool Long Lost?" Paper presented at the conference *Friends with Enemies—Neutrality and Nonalignment Then and Now*, Vienna.

2020, February 11. "The Vatican and the Empire of Japan." Paper presented at the conference *The Holy See and Vatican City (State): Permanent Neutrality*, Washington DC.

2019, May 13. "Going East—Switzerland's Early Modern Merchant Diplomacy Toward East Asia." Paper presented at the conference *Colloquium at the Departement of History*, Fribourg, Switzerland.

2019, March 30. "Instances of Sports Diplomacy in the Empire of Japan: Diplomacy of Sports VS Diplomacy through Sport." Paper presented at the *Annual Convention of the International Studies Association*, Toronto.

2019, December 14. "The Neutral Idea after the Second World War." Paper presented at the conference *The Neutrals and the Bomb: Conference on the N+N States and Nonproliferation*, Tokyo.

2019, March 25. "Neutrality? What Neutrality?" Paper presented at the conference *Permanent Neutrality—A Model for Peace, Security, and Justice*, Washington D.C.

2019, July 11. "The Neutrals: Friends with Japan and her Enemies During WWII." Paper presented at the *ICAS Public Lectures Series*, Temple University, Tokyo.

2019, August 23. "The Triangular Logic of Neutrality: Conceptualizing the Impact of a Neutral Taiwan on U.S.–P.R.C. Relations." Paper presented at the *Third East Asia Peace Forum*, Taipei.

2018, August 30. "Neutrality and Wartime Japan." Paper presented at the conference *International Conference of the Institute for European Global Studies: Global Diplomacy—A Post-Institutional Approach*, Basel.

2018, April 4. "Private neutrality in WWII." Paper presented at the *Annual Convention of the International Studies Association*, San Francisco.

2017, February 25. "Neutral Diplomacy in WWII Japan." Paper presented at the *Annual Convention of the International Studies Association*, Baltimore.

2017, June 22. "The Neutrals in Wartime Japan. Papre presented at the *Annual Conference of the Second World War Research Group: When East Meets West—The Second World War in Global Perspective*, King's College, London.

2017, October 28. "The Neutrals in Wartime Japan – A Comparison of Spanish, Swedish and Swiss Involvement in the Pacific Theater." Paper presented at the conference *2017 Neutrality Conference: Lessons from the Past and Visions for the 21st Century*, Madrid.

2016, November 25. "Neutral State Diplomacy in Wartime Japan." Paper presented at the conference *New Diplomatic History: Borders, Networks, and Organisations through the 20th Century*, Copenhagen.

2016, March 19. "Norms of Neutral Diplomacy in WWII Japan: The Case of Switzerland." Paper presented at the *Annual Convention of the International Studies Association*, Atlanta.

Awards, Commendations, and Research Funding

KAKENHI Grant (Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists, [Nr. 21K13087](#)) for the project "Switzerland, Japan, and the Long Second World War, 1931–1945." Grant Period: 3 years. Awarded: April 1, 2021. Amount: 3.64 million yen.

Waseda University Competitive Grant for Conference Organization for the Conference “Friends with Enemies: Neutrality and Nonalignment Then and Now” March 1–3, 2020 in Vienna, Austria. Awarded: 2019. Amount: 2 million yen.

Awarded GBP 5'000 by *Ekman & Co. AB* and GBP 5'000 by *Gadelius Ltd* for the Open Access publication of “Sweden, Japan, and the Long Second World War: 1931–1945” (M1).