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Area of Expertise

Matthias Finger is a Partner with Swiss Economics and full professor for the management in network industries at the Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne. He specializes in the regulation of network industries as well as strategic issues in infrastructure sectors. He holds doctoral degrees from the University of Geneva and was professor at Syracuse University and at Columbia University in New York. He has developed the global executive master program in postal management.

Work Experience (Selection)

2010 – Director, Transportation Area, Florence School of Regulation, European, University Institute, Florence

2010 – Director, Executive Education, EPFL Middle East, Ras Al-Khaimah, United Arab Emirates

2008 – Partner, Swiss Economics SE AG

2002 – Chair, Management of Network Industries, College of Management of Technology, Ecole Polytechnique Lausanne (EPFL)

2003 – 2009 Dean, School of Continuing Education, EPFL

1997 – 1999 CEO, CreaPost Consulting, Berne

1995 – 2002 Director, Management of Public Enterprises Unit, Swiss Graduate Institute of Public Administration, Lausanne

Education and Training (Selection)

1986 Ph.D. in Education, University of Geneva

1985 M.A. in Education, University of Geneva

1984 Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Geneva

1982 M.A. in Political Science, University of Geneva

Skills and Competences

Languages

German	Mother tongue
English	Fluent in speech and writing
French	Fluent in speech and writing
Spanish	Fluent in speech
Italian	Fluent in speech
Finnish	Fluent in speech
Turkish	Actively learning

Social

Team working and leadership in multidisciplinary and multicultural environments. Consulting of government departments, regulatory bodies and corporations. Participation and presentations at large numbers of international conferences and workshops worldwide. Teaching and supervision of international students. Working in Boards, Advisory Boards, Federal Commissions and evaluation committees and Editorial Boards.

Organizational

Project management and leadership, organization of workshops and annual conferences, management of seminars and courses.

Technical

Market modelling, institutional analysis and modelling, programme analysis and evaluation.

Computer

Wide-ranging computer competence: Office applications, econometric estimation packages, programming.

Publications (Selection)

Books

"International Handbook on the Liberalization of Infrastructures" (co-edited with Rolf Künneke). In catalogue, forthcoming 2011.

"Water and liberalization: European Water Scenarios" (co-edited with Jeremy Allouche and Patricia Manso). London: IWA Publishing, 2006.

"Limits to Privatization: Too much of a good thing" (co-edited with Ernst U. von Weizsäcker and Oran Young). Report to the Club of Rome. London: Earthscan, 2005. Translations into: German, Spanish, Chinese, and many other languages.

"Du Monopole à la Concurrence: Analyse Critique de l'Évolution de 6 Entreprises Suisses" [From Monopoly to

Competition: a Critical Analysis of the Transformation of 6 Swiss Public Enterprises] (co-edited with Serge Pravato and Jean-Noël Rey). Lausanne: L.E.P., 1997. No English translation.

"Pour une Nouvelle Approche du Management Public. Réflexions Autour de Michel Crozier [Toward a New Approach to Public Management" Reflections about Michel Crozier] (co-edited with Bélangère Ruchat). Paris: Seli Arslan, 1997. No English translation.

"Les Défis de la Poste" [The challenges to the Swiss Postal Service] (co-authored with Jean-Noel Rey). Lausanne: L.E.P., 1994; German edition: Die Zukunft der Post - Die Post der Zukunft. Zürich: Orell & Füssli, 1994. No English translation

Book Chapters

"Towards an European model of regulatory governance?" In: Levi-Faur, D. (ed.). Handbook on the Politics of Regulation. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, forthcoming Fall 2011.

"The future of e-governance in the information age." In: Manohoran, A. & M. Holzer (eds.). Handbook on electronic democracy. IGI Publishing, forthcoming Fall 2011

"Exploring wireless futures" (with Pierre Rossel). In: Lemstra W. (ed.). The genesis of Wi-Fi and the road toward global success. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming, Fall 2010.

„De- und Re-Regulierung der Netzwerkindustrien: Wohin geht die Reise?“ [De- and reregulating the network industries: how does the future look like?] In: Schaffhauer, R., Locher, H. & T. Poledna (eds.) (2006). Das Gesundheitswesen – Motor von Wohlbefinden und Wohlstand. University of St. Gallen, Schriftenreihe des Instituts für Rechtswissenschaft und Rechtspraxis, Band 37, pp.75-78.

"Limits to Privatization" (with E.-U. Von Weizsäcker and O. Young). In: von Weizsäcker, E., Young, O. & M. Finger (eds.) (2005). Limits to Privatization. How to avoid too much of a good thing. London: Earthscan, pp. 3-14.

"Pricing the last mile in the postal sector" (with Cátia Felisberto, Beat Friedli, Daniel Krähenbühl and Urs Trinkner) (2005). In: Crew, M.A. & P.R. Kleindorfer (eds.). Progress toward Liberalization of the Postal and Delivery Sector. New York: Springer, pp.227-248.

"Regulation in liberalized energy sectors: introduction and concepts" (with C. Genoud and M. Aarentsen). In: Finon, D. & A. Midttun (eds.) (2004). Reshaping European Gas and Electricity Industries: Regulation, Markets, and Business Strategies. Amsterdam: Elsevier, pp. 13-28.

"Saudi Post innovative address system: integrating electronic and physical platforms" (with Farah Abdallah). In: UPU/ITU (eds.) (2010). ICTs, new services and transformation of the Post. Berne: Universal Postal Union, pp. 101-116.

"Regulatory practices and the role of technology in network industries: the case of Europe" (2009) (with Frédéric Varone). In: Künneke, R. et al. (eds.). The governance of network industries. London: Edward Elgar, pp.90-105.

Reviewed Articles

"What role for government in e-government?" Journal of e-governance, accepted, forthcoming 2011.

"Regulatory Governance Costs in Network Industries: Observations in Postal Regulation" (with Martin Mägli &

Christian Jaag). Competition and Regulation in Network Industries, Vol.11, No.2, pp. 207-237.

"Worksharing and Innovation in the American Postal Sector" (2008) (with Cátia Felisberto). Competition and Regulation in Network Industries, Vol.9, No.4, pp. 319-340.

"The effect of entry regulation on process innovation in the Swiss mail sector" (2008) (with Helmut Dietl, Cátia Felisberto, Andreas Grütter, Martin Lutzenberger). Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics, Vol. 144 (1), pp.37-55.

"Technology matters: the cases of the liberalization of electricity and railways" (2007) (with Rolf Künneke). Competition and Regulation in Network Industries, Volume 8, No.3, pp.301-333.

"Mobile e-government options: between technology-driven and user centric" (with Pierre Rossel and Gianluca Misuraca) (2007). The Electronic Journal of e-Government, Vol.4, Issue 2, pp.79-86.

"A fuzzy-based approach for strategic choices in energy supply. The case of a Swiss power provider on the eve of electricity market opening" (2007) (with Gustave Nguene). Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence, Vol.20, Issue No.1, pp.37-48.

"The postal network between competition and Universal Service provision: possible scenarios for its evolution" (2006). Competition and Regulation in Network Industries, Vol.1, No.1, pp. 29-48.

"The quest for coherence between institutions and technologies in infrastructures" [with John Groenewegen & Rolf Künneke] (2005). Journal of Network Industries, Vol.6, No.4, pp.227-260.

"Air transport regulation under transformation: the case of Switzerland" (with Michel Piers) (2005), Journal of Air Transportation, Vol.10, No.2, pp.20-32.

Other

"E-Gov and Public Sector Reform: what roles for government in e-government?" Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance, edited by T. Janowski and J. Davies. New York: The American Association for Computing Machinery, 2009, pp. 1-4.

"Etendu et possibilité de financement du Service Universel postal en cas d'ouverture totale du marché", La Vie Economique, No.5, 2007, pp. 14-16 ; German version, pp. 14-16.

"The Universal Postal Service in the Communications Era. Adapting to changing Markets and Customer Behavior" (with Ismail Alyanak and Pierre Rossel), EPFL-CdM Working paper, 2005, 44 pages.

"Competitive Analysis of Incumbant Postal Operators in Europe" (with Patrick Mollet), EPFL-CdM Working Paper, 2005, 24 pages.

"Postal regulation: principles and orientation" Edited by the Universal Postal Union, Berne, Switzerland, 2004, 29 pages.