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Profile

I am a political scientist with interdisciplinary expertise on global affairs, human mobilities, security studies, labor, gender/sexualities and popular cultures. I have taught at [the Geneva Graduate Institute \(IHEID\)](#) and at [the University of Lausanne \(UNIL\)](#) where I am also an associate member of the Centre of International History and Political Studies of Globalization (CRHIM). My current research explores the migration-gender-(in)security nexus from the perspective of the politics of the body. This line of inquiry has brought me to study issues as varied as gendered regimes of labor, hindered parenting, the medical gaze, urban exclusions, oral history and bodily forms of resistance in the interplay between the visible and the invisible.

I am now based at Paris Sciences Po's Center for International Studies (CERI) where I conduct a research project supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) through a Postdoc.Mobility Fellowship. The project is entitled "[Family Reunification Politics in Postwar Western Europe: Migrant Women, State Control and Reproductive Bodies.](#)"

Education

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) *Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2020*

PhD in International Relations & Political Science

PhD thesis title: "Gouvernement par la peur, insécurisation lucrative : une histoire de la Suisse moderne depuis les marges immigrées"

Committee: Keith Krause, Elisabeth Prügl and Stefano Guzzini

Distinctions: Summa Cum Laude with committee's congratulations for the defense, Summa Cum Laude for the thesis

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) *Sept. 2013 – June 2015*

MA in International Relations & Political Science

MA thesis title: "L'Union démocratique du centre et la vox populi : sécurisation processuelle de l'immigration en Suisse"

Supervision: Keith Krause and Stephanie Hofmann

Grade: 5.75 (A+)

University of Geneva (UNIGE)

Sept. 2008 – June 2011

BA in International Relations

BA thesis subject: *The strategic interests, alliances and foreign policy of the United States in the Middle East*

Supervision: Alexis Keller and Lawrence Wiget

Grade: 6.00 (A+)

Peer-reviewed publications

“Le corps immigré à l’épreuve du contrôle sanitaire de frontière en Suisse : (in)sécurité, (in)visibilité et mise au travail” (forthcoming in *Revue des Sciences Sociales*, 2024).

“Spatialités de la famille et du *care* en contexte de migration insécurisée : le cas de la parentalité entravée des saisonnières en Suisse” (forthcoming in *GéoProximitéS*, 2024).

“Soy feminista y me gusta el perreo’: les conflits de (re)signification dans les politiques sexuelles du reggaeton”, in *GLAD! Revue sur le langage, le genre, les sexualités*, No. 14, 2023.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4000/glad.6998>

“Des saisonnières aux ‘sans-papiers’: migration, genre et économie politique des corps (in)sécurisés en Suisse”, in *Géo-Regards*, No. 15, 2022, pp. 83-100.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.33055/GEOREGARDS.2022.015.83>

“Reclaiming Agency through the Politics of the In_Visible Body: Illegalized Migration and Self-Representation of Women Domestic Workers in Switzerland”, in *On_Culture – The Open Journal for the Study of Culture*, No. 13, 2022 (with co-author Maevia Griffiths).
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.22029/oc.2022.1269>

Teaching

Lecture on the case of immigrant subproletarian women in Switzerland (1946-2024) as part of the course entitled “Transnational Migrations and Gender, Race, and Class Relations” (T414059, University of Geneva, 23 April 2024)

Course entitled “International Security” (University of Lausanne, Fall 2023)

Course entitled “International Organizations: Analysis of Discourses and Practices” (University of Lausanne, Fall 2023)

Course entitled “The (In)Securitization of Migration: Governing Migrant Bodies in Switzerland and Beyond” (RI-SP119, IHEID, Spring 2021, Spring 2022; MINT312 & RI-SP119, IHEID, Spring 2023; MINT312, IHEID, Fall 2023)

Lecture on bodies, spaces and gendered experiences of migration as part of the course entitled “Political Geography” (2GG1027, University of Neuchâtel, 2 November 2022)

Lecture with Dr. Stéphanie Perazzone on research design as part of the Applied Research Workshops in the “Conflict and Security” tracks (IHEID, 13 April 2021)

Lecture on migration and security as part of the course entitled “The Politics of Immigration Control” (MINT094, IHEID, 9 December 2020)

Teaching assistance, including lectures, advising and grading (IHEID, 2015-2019)

- “Gender and International Relations”, Prof. Elisabeth Prügl (Fall 2018)
- “Feminist Theory”, Prof. Elisabeth Prügl (Spring 2018)
- “Gender Mainstreaming”, Prof. Olena Hankivsky (Fall 2017 & Spring 2019)
- “Critical Security Studies”, Prof. Keith Krause (Spring 2017, Spring 2018 & Spring 2019)
- “Identity and Violence”, Prof. Ravi Bhavnani (Spring 2017)
- “Doctoral Seminar”, Prof. Ravi Bhavnani (Fall 2016), Prof. Keith Krause (Fall 2017 & Fall 2018)
- “International Migration and the Politics of Immigration”, Prof. Melanie Kolbe (Fall 2016)
- “Violent Urban Crime”, Prof. Ravi Bhavnani (Spring 2016)
- “Civil War and Genocide in Rwanda”, Prof. Ravi Bhavnani (Spring 2016)
- “The United Nations in Development: Past, Present and Future”, Prof. Stephen Browne (Fall 2015)

- “Comparative Political Economic Thought”, Prof. Melanie Kolbe (Fall 2015)

Supervision

Academic supervision of Applied Research Projects (ARP) in the fields of Conflict, Peace and Security (IHEID, 2021-2023)

MA thesis supervision (IHEID, 2020-2022)

MA thesis second assessment (IHEID, 2020-2023)

MA thesis assessment as external expert (UNIL, 2024)

Academic events

Paper presentation at the [Reimagining EU Politics Virtual Workshop](#) hosted by FEJUST – Jean Monnet Chair on Feminist Epistemic Justice in the EU and Beyond (7 June 2024)

Organization of a [seminar session](#) on Apolline Foedit’s doctoral research, with discussant Dr. Mathilde Pette, as part of the [Migrations and Mobilities research group](#)’s seminar series at the Center for International Studies, Sciences Po Paris (Paris, 22 May 2024)

Paper presentation at the Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Congress (St.Gallen, 8-9 February 2024)

Paper presentation (with co-author Maevia Griffiths) at the NCCR on the move Graduate Conference of Migration and Mobility Studies (Neuchâtel, 11-12 July 2023)

Paper presentation at the 3rd International Congress on Gender Studies (Toulouse, 4-7 July 2023)

Paper presentation at the Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Congress (Basel, 2-3 February 2023)

Participation in a [round-table discussion](#) on contemporary crises and ways of thinking about them through the lens of bodies and spaces organized by the National Center of Competence in Research–The Migration-Mobility Nexus, the Société neuchâteloise de géographie and the University of Neuchâtel (Espace Neuchâtel, 2 November 2022)

Participation in the [2021/2022 International Political Sociology \(IPS\) Seminar Series](#) and paper presentation (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University, 16 June 2022)

Paper presentation at the Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Congress (Lausanne, 3-4 February 2022)

Invitation to the IRPS Doctoral Seminar Informal Meet for a presentation with Buğra Güngör on course selection and PhD schools (IHEID, 19 October 2021)

IRPS colloquium series coordination under the authority of the Head of Department, including selection and invitation of presenters, finding fitting discussants and moderation of scholarly exchanges (IHEID, 2016-2019)

- List of presenters: Mira Fey, William Reno, Karin Ingold, Jeffrey Chwieroth, Caroline Brandt, Francesco Strazzari, Kristen Kao, Marianne Marchand, Emanuel Adler, Peter Krause, Lorian Crasnic, Karsten Donnay, Rebecca Tapscott, Lauren Wilcox, Ellen Holtmaat, Eugénia da Conceição-Heldt, Francesco Giumelli, Katharine Millar, Simone Dietrich, Jonathan Luke Austin, Michael Loriaux, Olena Hankivsky, Ronald Deibert, Anca Paducel, Andreas Gofas, Fredrik Uggla, Sungmin Rho, Gerald McDermott, Susanne Zwingel, Miles Hewstone, Tim Reeskens, Antje Wiener and Thomas Sattler

- Geneva Distinguished Lecture Series in IRPS, jointly organized with the IRPS Department of the University of Geneva, with the following presenters: Gary Goertz, Branislav Slantchev and Christina Schneider

Invitation to the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) in Geneva for a workshop on “The Practice-Normativity Nexus in International Relations Theory” (15 June 2018)

Public events

Invitation to the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) to moderate a discussion after the screening of Maevia Griffiths’ documentary film *Elles, les (in)visibles* (3 March 2022)

Invitation to the Morges Open Air Festival to moderate a discussion organized by the City of Morges after the screening of Maevia Griffiths’ documentary film *Elles, les (in)visibles* (27 August 2021)

Invitation to the University of Geneva for a talk on immigration and discrimination (7 April 2018)

Invitation to the Alternatiba Festival for a talk on alternative media (16 September 2017)

Invitation to the University of Geneva for [a talk on alternative media](#) (4 May 2017)

Invitation to the University of Neuchâtel for a talk on the present and the future of journalism (29 April 2013)

Academic honors, awards and service

Awarded a 2-year Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Postdoc.Mobility fellowship

Ranked 1st student in 5 out of 6 courses, IRPS PhD program (IHEID, 2015-2020)

Appointed Head Teaching Assistant, IRPS department (IHEID, April 2018)

Served in a hiring committee tasked with recruiting a full professor in international economics (IHEID, March 2018)

Received Excellence Scholarship (as part of TA remuneration) (IHEID, 2015-2019)

MA thesis nominated for The Arditi Prize in International Relations 2015 (IHEID)

Ranked 1st student in 12 out of 15 courses, IRPS MA program (IHEID, 2013-2015)

Ranked among the top 3 best students (general average) in a cohort of over 400 students, IR BA program (UNIGE, 2008-2011)

Appointed administrative assistant to Prof. Pierre Allan after a competitive selection process (UNIGE, 2010-2011)

Dissemination of knowledge

Participation in the musicological podcast [Dans le Tempo](#) to talk about the history, sociology and cultural politics of reggaeton music (15 October 2022)

Co-writing and co-direction of [Reggaeton Théorie](#), a documentary that approaches reggaeton music from a historical, social and critical perspective (June 2022)

Designing, organization and facilitation of a [public conference](#) on squats and their social function (Uni Bastions, Geneva, 5 December 2019)

Designing and coordination of a [dossier](#) on ‘sans-papiers’ in Switzerland, including an [informational video](#) (November – December 2018)

In-depth interviews with researchers: [Paroma Ghose](#) (16.04.2021), [Yves Jackson](#) (29.11.2018), [Jonathan Luke Austin](#) (conducted w/ Miguel Iglesias, 12.07.2018), [Noémi Michel](#) (27.09.2017), [Cristina Del Biaggio](#) (04.11.2016), [Frédéric Esposito](#) (conducted w/ Stefan Renna, 29.06.2016), [Jean-François Staszak](#) (conducted w/ José Tippenhauer, 17.04.2016), [Jean-François Bayart](#) (conducted w/ Bouna Mbaye and Ueli Staeger, 06.12.2015) and [Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou](#) (conducted w/ Tristan Irschlinger, 04.10.2015)

Media appearances

Radio Télévision Suisse, RTS (06.07.2022), Le Courrier (23.09.2018, 03.12.2019 & 31.03.2020), Globe – IHEID’s bi-annual review (Spring 2019), Grand Genève TV (18.10.2018), Radio Vostok (27.09.2018), Tribune de Genève (03.10.2017 & 15.05.2018), Gauchebdo (19.10.2017), Contrepoints (10.05.2013 & 11.07.2013) and Acrimed (10.05.2013)

Languages

French (native), Spanish (native), English (proficiency level/C2 – Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English), Galician (intermediate level) and German (basic communication skills)

Additional training in teaching and research

“Getting the Writing Done” – Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO), University of Fribourg, 24 August 2018

“Abstract Writing Workshop” – Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO), University of Geneva, 13 June 2018

“Induction Workshop (Role as a Professional Academic / Information Systems (Moodle and Campus))”; “Teaching Skills”; “Research Funding Skills”; “Stress Management”; “Writing Skills” – Professional Development Program for Teaching Assistants, IHEID, 2015-2018

Professional experiences and public service

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Postdoc.Mobility Fellow || Center for International Studies (CERI), Sciences Po, Paris

March 2024 – Present

Part-Time Lecturer || Institute of Political Studies, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Lausanne

Aug. 2023 – Jan. 2024

Visiting Lecturer || Department of International Relations/Political Science & Interdisciplinary Programs, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Feb. 2021 – Feb. 2024

Academic Supervisor || Conflict, Peace and Security Track, Interdisciplinary Programs, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Feb. 2022 – Dec. 2023

Academic Coordinator || Power & Conflict and Global Security Tracks, Interdisciplinary Programs, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Feb. 2021 – Jan. 2022

Colloquium Coordinator || Department of International Relations & Political Science, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Sept. 2016 – Aug. 2019

Teaching Assistant & Head Teaching Assistant || Department of International Relations & Political Science, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Sept. 2015 – Aug. 2019

Project Administrator || International Campaign to Ban Landmines & Cluster Munition Coalition, Geneva

Jan. 2013 – Feb. 2013

Communications and Campaign Intern || International Campaign to Ban Landmines & Cluster Munition Coalition, Geneva

July 2012 – Jan. 2013

Co-Founder, President, Editor & Author || Association Jet d'Encre

Aug. 2011 – Dec. 2021

Elementary School Substitute Teacher and Social Educator || Department of Public Education, Geneva

Feb. 2009 – Feb. 2014

May 2020 – June 2023

Activity Leader to the Youth Delegation || Fondation genevoise pour l'animation socioculturelle (FASe)

Nov. 2008 – April 2010

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