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Yvonne Riaño is a social geographer specialising in *Geographies of Inequality*. She is an Associate Professor at the Geography Institute of the University of Neuchâtel, the President of the Swiss Association of Geographers (ASG), the Vice-President of the Swiss Federal Commission on Migration (EKM), and the President of the Swiss National Committee of the International Geographical Union (IGU). Furthermore, she is an Associate Fellow at the Institute of Geography, University of Bern. Yvonne Riaño obtained her PhD in Geography in 1996 from the University of Ottawa (Canada) and has since taught at Canadian, Austrian, Spanish, and Swiss universities. Using a feminist and post-colonial perspective, as well as her participatory *Minga* methodology, she contributes to advancing our understanding of: (a) The social inclusion and social exclusion of highly skilled migrants in Switzerland, particularly women; (b) The critical places and moments that influence the unequal participation of migrant and non-migrant men and women in the Swiss labour market; c) The role of Swiss state policies in international mobility and the social integration of migrants, especially foreign students and spouses, d) The survival strategies of migrants returning to Colombia and Ecuador, (e) The transnational mobility strategies of displaced migrants amidst geopolitical violence at the Colombia-Venezuela border, (f) The self-governance strategies of low-income populations in Latin American *barrios*. She actively combines academic research with socially engaged filmmaking practices. Her documentary « Weaving Threads Across Borders » (2022) gives voice to migrant women in the Colombia-Venezuela border zone, and seeks a research practice based on reciprocity. Yvonne Riaño has published 71 peer-reviewed articles in international journals and books.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

2014 Appointment as Associate Professor at the Institute of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of the University of Neuchâtel, by the Council of State of Canton Neuchâtel.

2008 *Venia Docendi* ("Privatdozentin") entitling Yvonne Riaño to lecture in Human Geography at the Institute of Geography, Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Bern.

1996 PhD degree in Geography, University of Ottawa (Canada). Thesis: "Mapping the Social Networks of *Barrio* Residents: Weaving Solidarity and Self-Management" (Quito, Ecuador) (nominated for the Governor General's Medal Prize and the School of Graduate Studies and Research Prize)

1985 Master of Advanced Studies in Spatial Planning, Institute for Spatial and Landscape Development, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich (ETH). Project: "Socio-spatial impacts brought about by the Guavio Hydroelectric Power Scheme" (Colombia).

1982 Master of Advanced Studies in Environmental Protection, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL). Project: "Environmental Cartography in Tre Valli, Ticino" (Switzerland).

1978 Architecture degree, Xaveriana University, Bogota, Colombia.

Since 2014	Associate Professor, Institute of Geography and nccr - <i>on the move</i> , University of Neuchâtel.
1998 – 2020	Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Geography, University of Bern.
2009 – 2012	Senior Researcher at the <i>Maison d'Analyse des Processus Sociaux</i> , University of Neuchâtel.
2000 – 2002	Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Geography, University of Graz, Austria.
1990 – 1995	Teaching Associate at the Department of Geography, University of Ottawa, Canada.
1988 – 1990	Project Officer for the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Urban Development Programme, Social Sciences Division, Ottawa, Canada.
1986 – 1987	Project Assistant for Dr Ernst A. Brugger, Fundes Project, Consultant for Sustainable Development in South America, Switzerland.
1978 – 1981	Urban Planner for the State Planning Department of Bogotá, Colombia.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1996 Nominated for the Governor General Medal at the University of Ottawa for Best PhD thesis (among three finalists).
- 1991 Young Canadian Researcher's Award, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada.
- 1989 Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Province of Ontario, Canada.
- 1988 Bourse d'Excellence de l'Université d'Ottawa, Canada.
- 1982 Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship (ESKAS)

RESEARCH GRANTS

1. 11.2018 - 10.2022: "Migrant Entrepreneurship: Mapping Cross- Border Mobilities and Exploring the Role of Spatial Mobility Capital" (SNF, Grant 51NF40_182897, CHF 800'000).
2. 01.12.2010 - 30.11.2013: "Understanding Inequalities of Access to the Labour Market: The Intersection of Gender and Ethnicity" (SNF, NFP 60, Grant 406040_129293/1, CHF 318'863).
3. 01.11.2010 - 01.08.2011: "Socio-Economic Impact of Cantonal Aid Programmes for the Return of Ecuadorian *Sans-Papiers* Migrants" (Canton de Vaud, CHF 40'000)
4. 01.10.2009 - 30.09.2012: "Bridging Places across Borders: SNF, Grant 100015_124983/1, CHF 406'347).
5. 01.11.2006 - 31.01.2007: "Labour Market Integration of Skilled Migrants: A Comparison between Switzerland and New Zealand" (SNF, Grant PIO11-115231, CHF 15'000)
6. 01.11.2003 - 31.05.2008: "The Social Integration and Exclusion of Immigrant Women in the Swiss Labour Market" (SNF, NFP 51, Grant 4051-69125, CHF 336'707)
7. 01.10.1998 - 30.09.2001: "Mapping Social Networks: A Cross-Cultural Enquiry into Urban Liveability" (Swiss National Research Foundation (SNF), Grant PIO11-115231, CHF 15'000)

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

1. Riaño, Y. «Bin Ökonomin, arbeite aber als Putzfrau» Wie lässt sich Brain-Waste in der Schweiz vermeiden? ("I'm an economist, but I work as a cleaner" How can brain waste be avoided in Switzerland?) *Terra Cognita, Swiss Journal of Integration and Migration*, Nr. 41. 101-103. https://www.terra-cognita.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/terracognita/documents/terra_cognita_41_bf.pdf
2. Aliaga-Sáez, F., García-Arango, D., Riaño, Y. Sepúlveda-Aguirre, J., Betancur-Betancur, D. (2025): **"Migrant Entrepreneurs between Colombia and Germany: Return, Strategies and Expectations"**. *Social Sciences*. 14(5), 305; <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci14050305>.
3. Riaño, Yvonne (2025): **"Transnational migrant entrepreneurs"**. In: *Elgar Encyclopedia of Global Migration, New Mobilities and Activism*. Eds: Oso, L., Ribas-Mateos, N., Moralli, M. Elgar Encyclopedias in the Social Sciences Series. 558-561 pp. ISBN 978 1 03530 032.
4. Netz, Nicolai, Van Mol, Christoph., Riaño, Yvonne, & Raghuram, Parvati (2024). **"The Role of Place in International Student Mobility"**. *Globalisation, Societies and Education*, 1–11. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14767724.2024.2414036>.
5. Izaguirre, Lorena, & Riaño, Yvonne (2024): **"Weaving transnational spaces: Peruvian and Colombian suitcase traders moving across South American borders"**. *Geografiska Annaler: Series B, Human Geography*, 1–22. <https://doi.org/10.1080/04353684.2024.2322747>
6. Riaño, Yvonne; Webster, Natasha; Sandoz, Laure; Solano, Giacomo, Yamamura, Sakura (2024): **"Globalizations from Below: Understanding the Spatialities, Mobilities and Resources of Transnational Migrant Entrepreneurs across the Globe"**, *Globalizations*, DOI: 10.1080/14747731.2024.2305994.
7. Riaño, Yvonne & Aliaga, Felipe (2024). **"Colombians Returning from Venezuela: The Role of Social Networks and Cross-Border Mobilities in their Business Ventures"**. *Migraciones Internacionales*. Vol. 15, Art. 01, 2024. e-ISSN 2594-0279 <https://doi.org/10.33679/rmi.v1i1.2706>
8. Riaño, Yvonne (2023). « Recherche sur une population quelconque ou avec celle-ci ? Efforts de démocratisation des pratiques de recherche en prenant pour exemple la méthode Minga ». In : Kloetzer, Laure; Deshayes, Thierry et Dos Santos Mamed, Marcello (eds). *La fabrique de demain à la MAPS : Essais de transformation sociale critique*, E-BOOK 1 – 2023, pp. 12-25. https://www.unine.ch/files/live/sites/maps/files/shared/documents/E-books/MAPS_EB_2023.pdf
9. Riaño, Y. (2023) **Kleinunternehmer im Grenzgebiet Kolumbien-Venezuela — ein Beitrag zur lokalen Entwicklung?** *Almanach Entwicklungspolitik 2024. Gehen müssen, bleiben können*. Lucerne: Caritas Verlag, pp.179-190.
10. Riaño, Y. (2023) **"Participatory Methodologies in Switzerland and the Americas: An Introduction"**. *GeoAgenda*, Nr. 2023/3, pp. 4 - 7.

11. Riaño, Y. (2023) **"Recherche sur une population quelconque où avec celle-ci ? Minga, une méthodologie participative"** *GeoAgenda*, Nr. 2023/3, pp. 8 – 13.
12. Riaño, Y. (2023) **"Documentaries as Means for Empowerment and Knowledge Transfer: Experiences from "Weaving Threads Across Borders"**. *GeoAgenda*, Nr. 2023/2, pp. 36 – 39.
13. Mittmasser, C., Sandoz, L. Riaño, Y. Leveugle Jean (2022). **"Living the Dream? The Odyssey of a Migrant Entrepreneur"**. Scientific Comic. National Center of Competence in Research – The Migration-Mobility Nexus. <https://nccr-onthemove.ch/scientific-comic-living-the-dream-the-odyssey-of-a-migrant-entrepreneur/>
14. Sandoz, L., Mittmasser, C., Riaño, Y., Izaguirre, L. (2022) **"Transnational migrant entrepreneurs: understanding their dependencies, fragilities, and alternatives"**, *Globalizations*, DOI: 10.1080/14747731.2022.2157149
15. Riaño, Yvonne; Mittmasser, Christina; Sandoz, Laure (2022). **"Spatial Mobility Capital: A Valuable Resource for the Social Mobility of Border-Crossing Migrant Entrepreneurs?"** *Societies*, 12, 77. <https://doi.org/10.3390/soc12030077>.
16. Riaño, Yvonne (2022). **"Migrant Entrepreneurs as Agents of Development? Geopolitical Context and Transmobility Strategies of Colombian Migrants Returning from Venezuela"**. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*. 12(3):77. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12134-022-00959-w>
17. Riaño, Yvonne (2022). **"«Ganancia» o «desperdicio de cerebros» en la migración de universitarios españoles e italianos a Suiza? La falta de oportunidades tiene un rostro femenino"**. *Aulamediterránea*. IEMed, Nr. 123, pp.1-6, https://www.iemed.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Article-123_Yvonne-Riano.pdf
18. Riaño, Yvonne (2021). **"Inégalité des chances entre femmes et hommes, entre migrants et non-migrants. Une perspective intersectionnelle"**. Terra Cognita, *Swiss Journal of Integration and Migration* Nr. 38: 28-31.
19. Sandoz, Laure; Mittmasser, Christina; Riaño, Yvonne, Pigué, Etienne (2021). **"A Review of transnational migrant entrepreneurship: Perspectives on unequal spatialities"**. *Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftsgeographie: The German Journal of Economic Geography*. <https://doi.org/10.1515/zfw-2021-0004>.
20. Komposch, Nora; Pohl, Nicholas; Riaño, Yvonne (2021). **"Worker cooperatives' Potential for migrant women's self-empowerment. Insights from a case study in New York City"**. nccr - on the move, *Working Paper nr. 29*. University of Neuchâtel. <https://nccr-onthemove.ch/publications/worker-cooperatives-potential-for-migrant-womens-self-empowerment/>
21. Riaño, Yvonne (2021) **"Understanding brain waste: Unequal opportunities for skills development between highly skilled women and men, migrants and non-migrants"**. *Population, Space and Place*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.2456>.
22. Riaño, Yvonne (2021). **"Highly skilled migrant and non-migrant women and men: How do differences in quality of employment arise?"**. *Administrative Sciences* 11: 5. <https://doi.org/10.3390/admsci11010005>.
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25. Riaño, Yvonne, Annique Lombard, Etienne Pigué (2018). **"How to explain migration policy openness in times of closure"? The case of international students in Switzerland"**. *Globalisation, Societies and Education*, 16:3, p. 295-307. DOI: 10.1080/14767724.2017.1412823
26. Riaño, Yvonne & Etienne Pigué (2018). **"Etudiants étrangers diplômés d'une haute école suisse : migrants idéals pour la Suisse ?"** National Center of Competence in Research – The Migration-Mobility Nexus. <https://libra.unine.ch/server/api/core/bitstreams/35dd8f99-4a98-4d40-9db2-aa98e64fb40b/content>
27. Renggli, Christina & Yvonne Riaño (2017). **"Mobilité étudiante internationale: raisons d'étudier en Suisse, stratégies, expériences et projets d'avenir"**. *Géo-Regards* 10: 71-91. <https://www.alphil.com/index.php/alphil-revues/geo-regards-1/geo-regards-n-10-2017.html>
28. Gillabert, Matthieu & Yvonne Riaño (2017). **"Les étudiant.e.s extra-européen.ne.s dans le discours politique suisse (1900-2015): garantie de compétitivité internationale ou concurrence à refréner?"** *Géo-Regards* 10: 11-29. <https://www.alphil.com/index.php/alphil-revues/geo-regards-1/geo-regards-n-10-2017.html>
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32. Riaño, Yvonne & Piguët, Etienne (2016): **"International student migration"**. In *Oxford Bibliographies in Geography*. Ed. Barney Warf. New York: Oxford University Press. pp. 1-24, doi: 10.1093/OBO/9780199874002-0141
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34. Riaño, Yvonne (2016): **"Minga participatory workshops with highly skilled migrant women: Enhancing spaces of inclusion"**. In: *Qualitative Research (QR)*, Vol. 16(3): 267-279. Sage. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1468794115614884>.
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36. Riaño Yvonne (2015): **"Latin American Women who Migrate for Love: Imagining European Men as Ideal Partners"**. In: Enguix, Begonya & Roca, Jordi (eds): *"Rethinking Romantic Love. Discussions, Mobilities and Practices"*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing: pp. 45-60. <https://www.cambridgescholars.com/resources/pdfs/978-1-4438-7645-2-sample.pdf>
37. Riaño Yvonne (2014): **"Highly Skilled Migrant Women: Dual Career Households, Family Considerations and Gender Roles"**. In: *Harnessing Knowledge on the Migration of Highly Skilled Women*, International Organization for Migration (IOM) and OECD Development Centre: pp. 78-85.
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39. Baghdadi Nadia, Riaño Yvonne (2014): **"Familie und Beruf vereinbaren? Vorstellungen und Strategien hochqualifizierter Migrant/innen"**. In: Passagen (Eds.) *Vielfältig alltäglich: Migration und Geschlecht in der Schweiz*. Pp. 36-57, Zürich: Seismo Verlag, Reihe Geschlechterfragen.
40. Riaño Yvonne, Dina Spörri, Doris Wastl-Walter (2014): **"Einkaufszentren als Fokus städtischen Lebens - Ihre Bedeutung aus der Sicht von BenutzerInnen"**. In: Bäschlin E., Meyer H., Hasler M. (Eds.): *Bern Stadt und Region. Die Entwicklung im Spiegel der Forschung, Jahrbuch Geographische Gesellschaft Bern*, Band 64: 151-186. ISBN 978-3-9520124-5-18.
41. Riaño, Yvonne (2013). **"Les expériences de retour des sans-papiers rentrés en Equateur: Ressources et défis, mesures proposées pour un retour viable ».** *Working Paper 11 - 2013/F*, Series Circulation of People. Maison d'Analyse des Processus Sociaux, University of Neuchâtel. ISSN: 1662-744X.
42. Riaño, Yvonne (2012): **"Die Produktion von Wissen als Minga: Ungleiche Arbeitsbeziehungen zwischen Forschenden und "Beforschten" überwinden?"** In: Corona Berkin, Sarah & Olaf Kaltmeier, (Eds): *Methoden dekolonialisieren. Eine Werkzeugkiste zur Demokratisierung der Sozial- und Kulturwissenschaften*. Verlag Westfälisches Dampfboot. Pp. 120-144. ISBN: 978-3-89691-912-0.
43. Riaño, Yvonne (2012): **"The Invisibility of Family in Studies of Skilled Migration and Brain Drain: Policy Implications"**. *Diversities*. UNESCO. Special Issue on Skilled Migration and the Brain Drain. Vol 14, N. 1. Pp 25-44. ISSN: 2079-6595.
44. Riaño, Yvonne (2012). **"The Production of Knowledge as a 'Minga': Challenges and Opportunities of a New Participatory Approach based on Co-determination and Reciprocity"**. *Working Paper 3 - 2012/E*, Series Circulation of Knowledge. Maison d'analyse des processus sociaux, University of Neuchâtel. ISSN: 1662-744X.
45. Bachmann, Susanne and Yvonne Riaño (2012): **"Emanzipation von oben: Symbolische Qualitäten des Schweizer Integrationsrechts"**. In: *Juridikum – Zeitschrift für Kritik, Recht, Gesellschaft*. Sonderheft 4: Die symbolische Qualität des Rechts. Vienna. pp. 496-504.
46. Riaño Yvonne (2012): **"Zwangsheirat: Generationenkonflikte und geschlechtsspezifische Handlungsspielräume"**. In: Mechthild Bereswill, Peter Rieker, Anna Schnitzer (eds.) *Migration und Geschlecht – theoretische Annäherungen und empirische Befunde*. Weinheim/München: Juventa Verlag, pp. 163-191, ISBN 978-3-7799-2305-3.
47. Riaño, Yvonne (2012): **"La producción de conocimiento como "minga" y las barreras a la equidad en el proceso investigativo"**. In: Corona Berkin, Sarah & Olaf Kaltmeier (eds): *En diálogo. Metodologías horizontales en Ciencias Sociales y Culturales*. Barcelona: Editorial Gedisa. Colección Herramientas Universitarias. Pp. 137-160. ISBN: 9788497846783.
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- Metropolitan Cultures and Ethnic Identities in the Americas*. Bilingual Review Press (Arizona State University) and Wissenschaftlicher Verlag Trier (WVT), pp. 209-226. ISBN 978-1931010818.
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DOCUMENTARY "WEAVING THREADS ACROSS BORDERS"

Her documentary « Weaving Threads Across Borders » (2022) gives voice to displaced migrant women in the Colombia-Venezuela border zone and seeks a democratic practice whereby academic researchers share the power of representation with the research participants. It shows the struggle of three displaced women in the Catatumbo region, where guerrillas and paramilitaries fight for control of the territory, displacing thousands of Colombians in the process. The three stories illustrate the lives of many internally displaced Colombians who, after migrating to Venezuela in 2000, were illegally deported by the Venezuelan government in 2015. Built in three chapters, the documentary gives voice to displaced women and strikingly shows how armed conflicts and state violence overlap with their resistance, perseverance and efforts for peace. The documentary raises awareness among academics, professionals and the international community, and conducts an empowering scientific practice.

PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

2019 - 2022: **Participatory Minga workshops** with Colombian women victims of forced displacement.

2014: **Participatory Minga workshops** with highly skilled professionals, both with and without migration background, to understand the challenges of reconciling family and professional life in Switzerland, and discuss strategies for facilitating women's participation in the labour market. In cooperation with the offices of Gender Equality in Bern and Basel.

2004-2005: **Participatory Minga workshops** with migrant women from the Middle East, Latin America and Southeastern Europe. Activities: collective analysis of migration histories to reinforce self-awareness and co-produce scientific knowledge on migration and exclusion. In cooperation with the cfd - the feminist peace organisation (Bern) and the MigrantInnenforum (Aarau).

2000: **Participatory memory workshops** with women from Mena del Hierro, a low-income area in the outskirts of Quito (Ecuador), created by the self-initiative of former rural migrants. Activities: reinforcing awareness of challenges in managing local resources and strategies to improve self-governance. In cooperation with neighbourhood organisations.

1990-1992: **Participatory video workshops** with youth in barrio Mena del Hierro. Activities: reinforcing self-awareness, creating knowledge on the community's history, reinforcing the community's awareness of their own strengths, and co-producing scientific knowledge on self-determination and local governance in barrio areas. In cooperation with *barrio* organisations.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2014-: "Urban Geography: Cities of the North and Cities of the South", and supervision of Masters and PhD theses, Institute of Geography of the University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland).
- 2014-2020: "Planning a Master's Research Project: From a First Idea to a Research Concept", Geography Institute of the University of Bern (Switzerland).
- 2013: "Qualitative Methods for Text and Image Analysis: Theory and Practicals", Institute of Advanced Study in the Humanities and the Social Sciences of the University of Bern (Switzerland).

- 2003-2013: "Qualitative Methods in Human Geography: Theory and Practicals"; "Geography of Latin American Urbanisation: Theory and Practicals", and supervision of Masters and PhD theses in Geography, Geography Institute of the University of Bern (Switzerland)
- 2000-2002: "Sustainable Development and Urbanisation in Countries of the South" and "Qualitative Research Methods and Communication in Geography: Theory and Practicals", Institute of Geography, Karl-Franzens University Graz (Austria).
- 1998-2000: "Qualitative Methods in Human Geography: Theory and Practice", "Social Geography Seminars" including supervision of Master students' semester projects, Geography Institute of the University of Bern (Switzerland).
- 1988-1990: "Human Geography Field Camp for Undergraduate Students", "Methods and Techniques of Geographical Research", "Data Collection Techniques in Third World Cities", and supervision of Urban Geography seminar projects, Department of Geography, University of Ottawa (Canada).

SUPERVISED PhD THESES

Geography Institute of the University of Bern (Switzerland):

1. Nadia Baghdadi (2008) "Und plötzlich bist du DIE Muslimin. Grenzen, Differenzen und Verortung im Kontext Arbeit: weibliche Fachleute aus Nahost, Mittlerem Osten und Südosteuropa" ("**And suddenly you are THE Muslim. Borders, Differences and Situatedness in the Context of Work: Female Specialists from the Middle East, Middle East and Southeast Europe**").
2. Daniela Reist (2011) "Einflüsse imaginativer Geographien Spaniens auf Migrationsverläufe von Migrantinnen und Migranten aus Ecuador" ("**The Influence of Imaginative Geographies of Spain in the Migration Decisions of Ecuadorians**").
3. Susanne Bachmann (2014) "Diskurse über MigrantInnen in Schweizer Integrationsprojekten. Die Normalisierung von Prekarität" ("**Discourses on Migrants in Swiss Integration Projects. The Normalization of Precarity**").
4. Melanie Würth (2016) "Representaciones mentales de los habitantes de Buenos Aires (Argentina) sobre las variaciones lingüísticas en el territorio urbano" ("**Mental Representations of the Inhabitants of Buenos Aires (Argentina) about the Linguistic Variations in the Urban Territory**") (co-supervised with Yvette Bürki, Instituto de Lengua y Literaturas Hispánicas, University of Bern).

Geography Institute of the University of Neuchatel (Switzerland)

5. Elisa Herrera Altamirano (2016) "Mapeando Continuums Cuerpo-Ciudad a través de Experiencias Deportivas: El caso de los *Runners* en Barcelona" ("**Mapping Body-City Continuums through Sports Experiences: The Case of the Runners in Barcelona**") (co-supervised with Begonya Enguix, Universidad Oberta de Catalunya, Spain).
6. Annique Lombard (2018) "**International Students in Switzerland: Trajectories, Stay Rates, and Intentions for Post-Graduate Mobility**" (co-supervised with Etienne Piguet, University of Neuchatel).
7. Amina Trevisan (2018) "Depression und Biographie. Krankheitserfahrungen migrierter Frauen in der Schweiz" ("**Depression and Biography. Experiences of Latin American Women having Migrated to Switzerland**") (co-supervised with Ueli Mäder, University of Basel).
8. Isabella Stingl (2021) "**(Im)Possible Selves. Exploring Refugees' Experiences of Work and Migration in Switzerland**" (co-supervised with Karin Schwitter, University of Zurich).
9. Marc Tadorian (2021) "**Sur la piste 'translocationnelle' des chasseurs-braconniers du rail**" *Regard (auto-)ethnographique sur la spatialité d'une pratique subculturelle hors-piste en contexte européen*. (2011-2014 co-direction with Janine Dahinden, University of Neuchatel & jury member guiding student in final year of his thesis).
10. Christina Mitmasser (2023) "**Migrant Entrepreneurship in Switzerland. Opportunities and Constraints within Transnational Mobilities**" (co-supervised with Etienne Piguet, University of Neuchatel).

SUPERVISED MSc THESES

Geography Institute of the University of Bern (Switzerland):

- Chantal Wyssmüller (2005) "Diskursive Konstruktion von 'Menschen 'aus dem Balkan' in Schweizer Printmedien und deren Bedeutung für die soziale Integration" ("**Discursive Construction of 'People from the Balkans' in Swiss Print Media: Implications for Social Integration**").
- Mirjam Zbinden (2007) "Die Bedeutung diskursiv konstruierter Räume für die Migrationsentscheidungen junger, gut ausgebildeter Bulgarinnen und Bulgaren" ("**The Importance of Discourses on Western Europe for the Migration Decisions of Young, Well-educated Bulgarians**").
- Simon Brugger (2008) "Schwimmen gegen den Strom: Wege & Strategien zum Schulerfolg bei Migrationshintergrund" ("**Swimming Against the Tide: Paths & Strategies for the School Success of Young Migrants**").
- Viktor Baumgartner (2010) "Skateboarden in Basel. Die Raumkonstitution der Basler Skateboarder" ("**Skateboarding in Basel. The Spatial Constitution of the Basel Skateboarding Scene**").
- Christian Sonderegger (2010) "Wohnen im Alter. Eine Analyse von Deutschland, Irland, Finnland und der Schweiz" ("**Living in Old Age. An analysis of Germany, Ireland, Finland and Switzerland**").
- Roger Steiner (2013) "Einfluss der Rückkehrhilfe auf die individuelle Rückkehrentscheidung von Asylsuchenden aus Nigeria in der Schweiz" ("**Influence of the Swiss Return Assistance Programmes on the Return Decisions of Asylum-seekers from Nigeria**") (co-supervised with Renate Ruhne).
- Sophie Hirsig (2013) "Raum der Aushandlung. Organisation von Familien- und Erwerbsarbeit in der Deutschschweiz" ("**Space of Negotiation. Organization of Family and Gainful employment in German-speaking Switzerland**").
- Christina Renggli (2016) "Gründe und Motivation von internationalen Studierenden die Universität Bern als Destination ihrer tertiären Ausbildung zu wählen" ("**Reasons for International Students Choosing the University of Bern as a Destination for their Tertiary Education**").

Geography Institute of the University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland)

- Jeanne Pittet (2018) "Passer à une agriculture durable ou rester à une agriculture conventionnelle? Les perceptions des agriculteurs Burkinabés" ("**Switch to Sustainable Farming or Stay with Conventional Methods? The Perceptions of Burkina-Faso Farmers**").
- Christelle Leo (2018) "Mobilité étudiante: Les motivations et stratégies des étudiants internationaux à l'Université de Neuchâtel" ("**Motivations and Strategies of International Students**") (with Etienne Piguet).
- Nora Komposch (2019) "Worker Cooperatives' Potential to Transform Migrant Women's Social Position and Agency: A Participatory Mixed Methods Study in New York City".
- Manon Calore (2020) "La construction du chez-soi des personnes déplacées des zones rurales par la violence à San Juan de Pasto (Colombie): défis et stratégies" ("**Re-Building a Home: Challenges and Strategies of Rural Inhabitants Displaced by Armed Violence to San Juan de Pasto, Colombia**").

SUPERVISED MSc STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED PRIZES FOR THEIR THESES

- Mirjam Zbinden (2007): The Importance of Discourses on Western Europe for the Migration Decisions of Young, Well-educated Bulgarians. **Second prize, Swiss Society of Applied Geography (SGAG / SSGA)** (<https://www.sgag.ch/sgag-preis/historie>)
- Simon Brugger (2008): Swimming Against the Tide: Paths and Strategies for the School Success of Young Migrants. **First prize, Swiss Society of Applied Geography (SGAG / SSGA)** (<https://www.sgag.ch/sgag-preis/historie>)
- Jeanne Pittet (2018): Switch to Sustainable Farming or Stay with Conventional Methods? The Perceptions of Burkina-Faso Farmers. **First prize, Interdisciplinary Academic Prize for Sustainable Development** of the University of Neuchâtel. (<https://www.unine.ch/geographie/home/agenda/prix---recompenses.html>)
- Nora Komposch (2019) Worker Cooperatives' Potential to Transform Migrant Women's Social Position and Agency: A Participatory Mixed Methods Study in New York City. **Second prize, Swiss Society of Applied Geography (SGAG / SSGA)** (<https://www.sgag.ch/sgag-preis/historie>)
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

- President of the Swiss Geographical Association (ASG) (<https://swissgeography.ch/en/portrait/board>)
- Vice-President of the Swiss Federal Commission on Migration (EKM) (<https://www.ekm.admin.ch/de/mitglieder>)
- President of Switzerland's National Committee for the International Geographical Union (IGU) (<https://igu-online.org/about-us/full-members/>)
- Leader of Module III (2018-2022), "Transnational Mobilities", of the *nccr - on the move*, University of Neuchâtel.
- Leader of the former European IMISCOE Research Cluster "International Student Migration and Mobility"
- Vice-President of *Passagen* Research Network (2004-2012) "Researching the Intersections of Migration and Gender", Switzerland
- Member of the European Network of Excellence IMISCOE, "Migration and Social Cohesion"
- Member of the Gender Commission of the International Geographical Union (IGU)
- Member of the Globility – "Global Change and Human Mobility" Commission of the International Geographical Union (IGU)
- Member of the "Population Commission" of the International Geographical Union (IGU)
- Member of the Editorial Board of "Gender, Place and Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography"
- Member of the Association of Latin American Studies (LASA), USA