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Academic Positions

Since 2021	Full professor of economic sociology, University of Neuchâtel, Institute of Sociology
2015-2021	Assistant Professor, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, Institute of Sociology
2014-2015	Visiting fellow, Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY), USA (Postdoc.Mobility Grant, Swiss National Science Foundation)
2013-2014	Visiting fellow, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy (Postdoc.Mobility Grant, Swiss National Science Foundation)
2012-2013	Fellow at the Max Weber Programme for Postdoctoral Studies, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy
2011-2012	Postdoctoral fellow, Max-Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG), Cologne, Germany
2005-2011	Teaching assistant, Institute of Political and International Studies (IEPI), University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Education

2011	PhD, University of Lausanne and Sciences Po Paris (joint degree). "Campaigning for Clean Clothes. The Origins and Interactions of a Social Movement Campaign Targeting Retailers in Switzerland and France"
2004	MA in political sociology, Sciences Po, Paris.
2003	Licence (Bachelor) in political science, University of Geneva, Switzerland

Teaching

At University of Neuchâtel: Courses and seminars in general sociology, economic sociology, social movement studies, queer studies, research methods
PhD courses on participant observation (COSMOS SNS Florence), practice theory (CUSO), digital economy (CUSO)

Institutional responsibilities

- Director of the institute of sociology (since 2024)
- Member of the *Décanat* of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Neuchâtel (2021-2023)
- Responsible of Master program in sociology, University of Neuchâtel (since 2015), Responsible of Bachelor program in sociology, University of Neuchâtel (2021-22)
- Member of the board of the Swiss sociological association (since 2022)
- Director of the *Programme doctoral romand en sociologie* (PDRS), CUSO (since 2020)

- Member of the Evaluation committee for the Doc.ch grant (FNS) (2020-2024)
- Member of editorial board of *Consumption & Society* and of *Bulletin de méthodologie sociologique*
- Co-convenor of the research network on economic sociology, Swiss sociological association

Research and career grants

2024	SNF research grant (division 1) "Democratizing the Economy through Consumers: Consumer-Owned Food Retailers and their Potentials for Fostering Economic Democracy" (principal investigator)
2021	Collaborative Fund (NCCR-On the Move) "Sexuality and Transnational Migration" (with Janine Dahinden, University of Neuchâtel)
2019-2023	SNF research grant (division 1) "Investing with a mission. An empirical study of the global 'Impact Investment Movement' and its morality through the case of the Geneva region" (principal investigator)
2018-2020	SNF research grant (Digital Lives) "Les organisations professionnelles face aux enjeux des plateformes : Explorer la régulation marchande et le maintien des frontières professionnelles dans l'hôtellerie" (principal investigator, with Muriel Surdez, University of Fribourg)
2016-2018	SNF research grant (division I) "Les frontières de l'Etat social" (co-applicant)
2013-2015	Postdoc.Mobility, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF)
2012-2013	Max Weber Programme for Postdoctoral Studies, European University Institute (EUI), Florence
2011-2012	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Max Planck Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung (MPIfG), Cologne
2009-2010	Young researcher grant (SNF)

Organization of workshops and conferences (selection)

2023	- Workshop "The transformation of banking", University of Lausanne, March 30-31
2022	- International conference "The Pursuit of Impact in the Specificities of Place and Time", University of Neuchâtel, September 1-2 - Sub-theme "Movements, Markets, and Morality: Common Grounds and Uncharted Territories", EGOS Colloquium, Vienna, July 7-9 (co-convenor)
2021	- Conference "Markets and Power in the Digital Age", University of Neuchâtel, September 16-17 (Midterm conference of the Economic sociology research committee of the Swiss Sociological Association)
2019	- International workshop "Moral Critique in and around Markets: Organizing (for) alternative futures", Universität Witten-Herdecke, Germany, 21-22 November - Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association "The future of work", 10-12 September, Neuchâtel (Member of the local organizing committee) - 10th <i>Université d'été Rédoc</i> (réseau des écoles doctorales), <i>Langues et langages des sciences sociales</i> , University of Neuchâtel, June 24-28 (head of local organizing committee)
earlier	Organization of numerous workshops and panels in the field of economic sociology

PhD supervisions

Noé Kabouche (2024), *De la vertu du commerce au commerce de la vertu*, Sociologie de l'impact investing à Genève et de sa moralité marchande (co-supervision with Sophie Dubuisson-Quellier, Sciences Po Paris)

Ongoing

Ophélie Bidet (since 2018), *Évolution de la pratique de jeûne et son intégration dans les styles de vie*

Mathis Schnell (since 2020) *The creation of deservingness of sexual refugees. The tension between sexual liberalism and political nationalism* (co-supervision with Janine Dahinden, University of Neuchâtel)

Daniele Bigoni (since 2023) Heteronormativität und sexuelle Gewalt im Justizvollzug und die Rolle der sozialen Arbeit

Simon Vuille (since 2023)

Memberships

European Sociological Association, Swiss Sociological Association, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), European Group of Organization Studies (EGOS), Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative (SCORAI), Centre de recherche sur l'action politique (Crapul), Center on social movement studies (COSMOS)