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Agriculture and food, Environment, policies and governance, transdisciplinary action research

Current research activities

Since 01.01.2023, participation to the project “Résulterre” coordinated by Agrigenève (Federal Office of Agriculture resources projects)

Since 01.11.2021, participation to the project “SYNAGRI: Developing synergies between the bioeconomy and regional food systems for a sustainable future”, coordinated by Ruralis, Trondheim, Norway (Norwegian Research Council)

Since 01.01.2020, participation to the project “Agroforesterie” coordinated by Agridea (Federal Office of Agriculture resources projects)

Since 01.01.2019, participation to the project “Terres Vivantes” coordinated by the Fondation Rurale Interjurassienne (Federal Office of Agriculture resources projects)

Teaching

Co-director of the Interdisciplinary Master in Biodiversity Conservation, University of Neuchâtel

Courses for the Bachelor of social anthropology, the Master in Social Sciences, Master in Biodiversity Conservation, University of Neuchâtel: Introduction to social anthropology, Research Seminar Agriculture, Climate, and Transdisciplinarity, Science and Technology Studies.

Current scientific commitments

Member of the Swiss Anthropological Association (SAA-SEG-SSE)

Member of the Platform for rural sociology of the Swiss Society for Rural Economics and Sociology (SGA-SSE)

Member of the Plenum of the Swiss Biodiversity Forum (SCNAT)

Research grants

As main applicant and project leader

01.10.2023-31.07.2024, Mandate : *Indicateurs sociaux et situation des femmes – Agriculture durable*, Etat de Fribourg ; CEDD-Agro-Eco-Clim, University of Neuchâtel, CHF 20'000, 9 months

01.06.2019-28.02.2022, SNF-Professorship follow-up project: *New directions in agri-environmental governance: Everyday digitalization in agri-environmental governance*; funded by the Swiss

- National Science Foundation (PP00P1_183710); hosted by University of Neuchâtel, Anthropology Institute, CHF 735'833, 24 months
- 01.06.2015-31.05.2019, SNF-Professorship: *New directions in agri-environmental governance: re-assembling food, knowledge and autonomy*; funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (PP00P1_157414); hosted by University of Neuchâtel, Anthropology Institute, CHF 1'570'979.00, 48 months
- 01.12.2017-30.10.2018, Mandate: *Etude DIAF-DSAS sur les risques psychosociaux chez les agriculteurs du canton de Fribourg : Mandat pour une étude qualitative* ; funded by Dep. of agriculture and dep. of public health of the Canton of Fribourg; hosted by the University of Neuchâtel, CHF 20'000.00, 12 months
- 01.12.2016-31.12.2017, *Initiating a research collaboration on agri-environmental governance in Switzerland and Indonesia: University of Neuchâtel-Institut Teknologi Bandung*; funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI); hosted by the University of Neuchâtel, CHF 10'000.00, 12 months.
- 01.01.2013-31.12.2014, Ambizione : *Alternatives in the Swiss dairy industry: reconfiguring networks and producers empowerment*; funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (PZ00P1_142481); hosted by Bern University for Applied Sciences, School for Agricultural, Forest and Food sciences, CHF 383'510.00, 24 months
- 01.09.2010-29.02.2012, Fellowship for prospective researchers: *Agriculture familiale et libération: processus d'adaptation chez les agriculteurs néozélandais (Otago)*; funded by the SNF Research Commission University of Neuchâtel (PBNEP1-129464); hosted by the University of Otago, Centre for Sustainability, New Zealand, CHF 78'750.00, 18 months
- 01.04.2006-31.03.2007, Fellowship for prospective researchers: *Rester paysan. Reformulation sociales et identitaires chez les paysans romands* ; funded by the SNF Research Commission University of Neuchâtel (PBNE1-110372); hosted by INRA, LISTO-D, Dijon, France, CHF 50'000.00, 12 months

As co-applicant

- Since 01.01.2019, Projet ressources "Agroforesterie"; funded by the Swiss Federal Office of Agriculture; coordinated by Agridea; co-leading the anthropological contribution (CHF 104'000), 72 months.
- Since 01.01.2019, Projet ressources "Terres Vivantes"; funded by the Swiss Federal Office of Agriculture; coordinated by the Fondation Rurale Interjurassienne; leading the anthropological contribution (CHF 104'000), 72 months.
- 01.01.2014-31.07.2017, NRP 69 "Healthy Nutrition and Sustainable Food Production": *Alternative agro-food networks: innovative integration of sustainable eating habits and food production?*, Project leader Prof. Marion Fresia; funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (406940_145163); hosted by University of Neuchâtel, Anthropology Institute, CHF 188'797.00, 43 months.
- 01.10.2013-30.04.2017, *Lebensbedingungen und Handlungsansätze von Bauernhaushalten in schwierigen Situationen*, Project leader Sandra Contzen (BFH-HAFL): Funded by the Federal Office for Agriculture, hosted by Bern University for Applied Sciences.

PhD Theses supervision and examination

A supervisor or co-supervisor, completed

Thomas Vetter: The Art of Governing through Multiplicity. Everyday practices and transitions in UK Agri-Environmental Governance. Université de Neuchâtel, 2023, <https://libra.unine.ch/entities/publication/ce1e2843-85a3-4092-8428-704461032985/details>

Alexandre Savioz (Co-direction Christophe Clivaz, Université de Lausanne) : De gaz et de particules. Ethnographie de la construction sociale et politique des problèmes publics de la pollution de l'air et des changements climatiques dans la haute Vallée de l'Arvean. Université de Lausanne, 2022. https://serval.unil.ch/fr/notice/serval:BIB_6B3EFF5251D1

A supervisor or co-supervisor, on-going

Lorry Bruttin (Co-direction Caroline Henchoz, HETS Lausanne) : Le passage à la retraite dans le contexte de l'agriculture de montagne en Valais : un laboratoire des vulnérabilités pour le travail social.

Yann Cerf (Co-direction Marlyn Sahakian, Université de Genève) : Des inégalités durables ? Anthropologie politique des pratiques écologiques dans la haute cuisine européenne.

Marie Eich (Co-direction Viviane Cretton, HETS-Valais) : Cultiver, les liens : Une ethnographie des relations d'entraide en milieu agricole montagnard valaisan.

Anna Geiser (Co-direction Olivier Ejderyan, FIBI): Exploring Swiss organic farmers' engagement with a digital advisory platform: An assemblage perspective on farmer practices and project impact.

Robin Jaslet (Co-direction Michael Herzfeld, Harvard Department of Anthropology): On disquieting ground : narrating soil, erosion and identity on Samothraki, Greece.

Amanda Jousset : Transmission ou création des savoir-faire agricoles? le cas du cacao fin et aromatique cultivé en systèmes agroforestiers dans le département de San Martin, Pérou.

Louisa Malatesta : La production de viande en circuits courts sur le territoire jurassien : la mise en lumière des abattoirs régionaux.

Albert Wawina Matongo : S'adapter aux changements environnementaux et climatiques dans le contexte de la conservation de la biodiversité : étude de cas des ménages ruraux de la province de Tshopo (RDC).

Ismaël Tall: En eaux troubles : tensions et réappropriations autour des politiques agro-environnementales publiques dans le Southland, Nouvelle-Zélande.

As member of the jury

Nicolas Derungs : La gestion durable des sols agricoles : sécuriser les démarches ou légitimer les controverses ?, (octobre 2018), supervision Ellen Hertz, Co-direction Edward Mitchell, Université de Neuchâtel.

Hélène Weber : Instaurer l'élevage ovin en Suisse, avec ou sans moutons, (février 2020), supervision Christian Kull, Université de Lausanne.

Ottavia Cima: Rethinking agricultural cooperatives in Kyrgyzstan. Towards a postcapitalist approach to cooperation in postsocialism (and beyond), (avril 2020), supervision Christine Bichsel, Université de Fribourg.

Shantonu Abe : Assembling Organic in India, (septembre 2020), supervision Boris Braun et Amelie Bernzen, University of Cologne.

Anne Philipona : Une histoire laitière du canton de Fribourg : aspects économiques et sociaux, 1880-1960, (décembre 2020), supervision Laurent Tissot, Université de Neuchâtel.

- Emilie Richard Freve : Du bâton de berger à la souris d'ordinateur. Les bergers ovins transhumants du sud-est de la France aux prises avec la bureaucratisation d'un métier-passion (2000-2020), (déc. 2020), co-supervision P. Lavigne Delville et Y. Droz, EHESS Paris, IHEID Genève.
- Huber Julia : thèse sur article, titre non communiqué, (juin 2022), supervision Marlyne Sahakian, Université de Genève
- Leila Chakroun : En quête d'autres milieux. La permaculture au prisme de la mésologie en Suisse et au Japon, (sept. 2023), supervision Christian Arnsperger, Université de Lausanne.
- Lucile Wittersheim : FAIRE CORPS AVEC SES SOLS. Être maraîcher biologique ou l'art de percevoir et de composer avec une multitude d'entités, (dec.2024), co-supervision Frédérique Chlous and Joanne Clavel, Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris.
- Thuan Thi Phuong Huynh: The Determinants of Farmers' Involvement in Farm Tourism: Insights from Lam Dong Province, Vietnam (Jan.2025), supervision Chris Rosin, Lincoln University (NZ)
- Nicolas Loodts : Une ferme maraîchère coopérative. Entre marronage et engagement, (mars 2025), co-supervision Julie Hermesse and Pierre-Joseph Laurent, UCLouvain.

Education

12.05.2010: **PhD in Human Sciences, (Social Anthropology)**, University of Neuchâtel.

Summa Cum Laude

Title : "*Produire du lait, créer du sens. Adaptations et résistances quotidiennes chez les producteurs de lait suisses romands*".

Advisors : Yvan Droz (IHEID, Geneva) and Christian Ghasarian (Anthropology Institute, Neuchâtel)

2005-2006: Fellow of the Swiss Postgraduate Programme in Ethnology/Anthropology

1997-2002: Licence (equivalent MA). Ethnology, History and Hermeneutic

Award : Prix Werner Günter, University of Neuchâtel

MA thesis: "*Des paysans, il en faudra toujours... La reprise de l'exploitation familiale et les perspectives d'avenir de jeunes agriculteurs fribourgeois*"

Academic Work experience

01.06.2015-28.02.2022: **Assistant professor**, SNF-Professorship, at the Anthropology Institute, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland

01.2013-04.2015: **Research Associate, project leader**, at Bern University of Applied Sciences, School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences, Switzerland

SNF Ambizione, project PZ00P1_142481

09.2012-02.2013: **Lecturer (20%)** at the Anthropology Institute, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland

08.-12.2012: **Post-doctoral Fellow (90%)** at IHEID, Geneva, Switzerland
SNF NRP 60

09.2010-02.2012: **Post-doctoral Fellow** at CSAFE, University of Otago, **New Zealand**,

www.csafe.org.nz

SNF Fellowships for prospective researchers, collaboration with the [Rural Futures project](#)

02.2005-07.2010: **Teaching assistant** at the Anthropology Institute, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland

04.2006-03.2007: **Visiting researcher** at LISTO-D (INRA-SAD) in Dijon, **France**.

SNF Fellowships for prospective researchers

10.2003-01.2005: **Research scientist** at the Anthropology Institute, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland

SNF NRP 48

10.2002-04.2003: **Research assistant** at the Anthropology Institute, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Selected publications list

Peer-reviewed articles

- Forney, Jérémie** & Dwiartama, A. 2022 "The project, the everyday, and reflexivity in sociotechnical agri-food assemblages: proposing a conceptual model of digitalization". *Agriculture and Human Values*. doi:10.1007/s10460-022-10385-4
- Forney, Jérémie**, Dwiartama, A., Bentia D. 2022 "Everyday digitalization in food and agriculture: Introduction to the symposium", *Agriculture and Human Values*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10460-022-10382-7>
- Forney, Jérémie**, & Epiney, L. 2022 "Governing Farmers through data? Digitization and the Question of Autonomy in Agri-environmental governance". *Journal of Rural Studies*, 95, 173-182.
- Forney Jérémie** 2021. "Farmers' empowerment and learning processes in accountability practices: An assemblage perspective", *Journal of Rural Studies* 86: 673-683
- Vuilleumier Julien, **Forney Jérémie** & Fresia Marion 2020, « La contrainte et l'alimentation comme vecteurs d'autonomisation dans des réseaux agroalimentaires alternatifs », *Anthropology of food* [Online], <http://journals.openedition.org/aof/10501>
- Emery Steven B., **Forney Jérémie** & Wynne-Jones, Sophie 2017 (editorial of the Special Issue, with S. Wynne-Jones & S. Emery), "The more-than-economic dimensions of co-operation in food production", *Journal of Rural Studies* 53: 229-235.
- Forney Jérémie** & Häberli Isabel 2017, "Cooperative values and hybridity of farmers' organisations in the Swiss dairy sector", *Journal of Rural Studies* 53: 236-246.
- Contzen Sandra & **Forney Jérémie** 2017, "Family farming and gendered division of labour on the move: a typology of farming family configurations", *Agriculture and Human Values*, 34(1): 27-40.
- Forney Jérémie** 2016, "Blind spots in agri-environmental governance: some reflections and suggestions from Switzerland", *Review of Agricultural and Environmental Studies* 97(1): 1-13.
- Forney Jérémie** & Häberli Isabel 2016, "Introducing 'seeds of change' into the food system? Localisation strategies in the Swiss dairy industry", *Sociologia Ruralis* 56 (2): 135-156.
- Stock Paul, **Forney Jérémie**, Steven Emery, Wittman Hannah 2014, "Neoliberal Natures on the Farm: Farmer Autonomy and Cooperation in Comparative Perspective", *Journal of Rural Studies* 36, special issue on *Neoliberal Natures*: 411-422.
- Stock Paul & **Forney Jérémie** 2014, "Farmer Autonomy and the Farming Self", *Journal of Rural Studies* 36: 160-171.
- Forney Jérémie** & Häberli Isabel 2014, "Is 'local' enough? New localised food networks in the Swiss dairy industry", *Farming systems facing global challenges: Capacities and strategies, 11th European IFSA Symposium, 1-4 April 2014, online proceedings*, http://project2.zalf.de/IFSA_2014
- Forney Jérémie** & Stock Paul, "Family Farms' Conversions and Resilience in Southland", New Zealand, *International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food*, 21(1): 7-29.
- Forney Jérémie** 2013 "Social sciences and farmers in Switzerland: the story of a strange absence", *Geography Compass* 7(12): 843-852.

Books

- Forney Jérémie**, Dana Bentia & Angga Dwiartama 2025. *Everyday Agri-Environmental Governance The Emergence of Sustainability through Assemblage Thinking*, Routledge
- Forney Jérémie** & Matasci Lena 2022. *Enraciner l'agronomie en terre romande : 100 ans d'AIASR*, Château & Attinger.
- Burton Rob, **Forney Jérémie**, Stock Paul & Sutherland Lee-Ann 2021. *The Good Farmer. Culture and identity in food and agriculture*, Earthscan Food and Agriculture/Routledge.
- Forney Jérémie**, Rosin Chris & Campbell Hugh, 2018 (eds). *Agri-environmental Governance as an Assemblage: Multiplicity, power, and transformation*. Earthscan/Routledge, 236 p.
- Forney Jérémie** 2012 *Les éleveurs laitiers dans le 21^{ème} siècle*. Coll. Le Savoir Suisse, Lausanne : PPUR. 128 p.
- Droz Yvan, Miéville-Ott Valérie, **Forney Jérémie** & Spichiger Rachel 2009, *Anthropologie politique du paysage. Valeurs et postures paysagères des montagnes suisses*. Paris: Karthala. 172 p.
- Droz Yvan & **Forney Jérémie** 2007, *Un métier sans avenir? La Grande Transformation de l'agriculture suisse romande*. Paris/Genève: Karthala/IUED. 186 p.

Book chapters

- Forney Jérémie** 2023 « Coexistence as Assemblage: The Multiplicity of Dairy Models in Switzerland », in GASSELIN P., LARDON S., CERDAN C., LOUDIYI S., SAUTIER D. (eds), *Coexistence and Confrontation of Agricultural and Food Models A New Paradigm of Territorial Development?* Editions QUAE/Springer.
- Loodt Nicolas, Hermesse Julie, **Forney Jérémie**, Christine Frison Corentin Hecque & Scaffidi Cinzia (2024) "Résilience des systèmes alimentaires : Pistes de pour une réflexion sur pour redessiner nos territoires alimentaires en l'articulation des territoires agricoles en Europe" in J. Hermesse & O. Servais (eds) *Déconfiner l'Europe!*, Paris : Karthala, pp. 57 -98.
- Forney Jérémie** & Sutherland Lee-Ann 2021 "5. Identities on the family farm: agrarianism, materiality and the 'good farmer'" in James, H. S. (ed), *Handbook on the Human Impact of Agriculture*, Edward Elgar Publishing, pp. 65-84.
- Forney Jérémie** 2021« La coexistence comme agencement : Multiplicité des modèles laitiers en Suisse : », in GASSELIN P., LARDON S., CERDAN C., LOUDIYI S., SAUTIER D. (eds), *Coexistence des modèles agricoles et alimentaires : un nouveau paradigme du développement territorial*, collection Nature et Société, Editions QUAE.
- Forney Jérémie**, Rosin Chris & Campbell Hugh 2018, "Introduction: Agri-Environmental Governance as Assemblage", in J. Forney, C. Rosin & H. Campbell (eds), *Agri-environmental Governance as an Assemblage: Multiplicity, power, and transformation*. Earthscan/Routledge, pp. 1-16.
- Bentia Dana & **Forney Jérémie** 2018 "Beyond Soyisation – Donau Soja as Assemblage", in J. Forney, C. Rosin & H. Campbell (eds), *Agri-environmental Governance as an Assemblage: Multiplicity, power, and transformation*. Earthscan/Routledge, pp. 177-192.
- Forney Jérémie** 2016, "Enacting Swiss cheese: about the multiple ontologies of local food", in R.Le Heron, H.Campbell, N.Lewis & M. Carolan (eds), *Biological Economies: Experimentation and the politics of agrifood frontiers*, Routledge, pp. 67-81

Diverse reports, Working papers, and theses

- Forney Jérémie**, Beureux Gaëlle, Schnell Mathis 2024, Mandat DIAF – Portrait social de l'agriculture fribourgeoise, Volet « Modèles familiaux », Rapport d'étude, University of neuchâtel, CEDD-Agro-Eco-Clim, 44 pp.
- Forney Jérémie**, Beureux Gaëlle, Schnell Mathis 2024, Mandat DIAF – Portrait social de l'agriculture fribourgeoise Volet « Indicateurs sociaux ». Rapport d'étude University of neuchâtel, CEDD-Agro-Eco-Clim, 135 pp.
- Forney Jérémie** & Epiney Ludivine 2022, "Gouverner les agriculteurs par les données ? Digitalisation et autonomie dans la gouvernance agro-environnementale", MAPS Working Papers 2/2022 https://www.unine.ch/files/live/sites/maps/files/shared/documents/wp/WP_2_2022_Forney_Epiney.pdf
- Forney Jérémie**, Bentia Dana, Dwiartama A. 2022, Final Scientific Report New directions in agri-environmental governance: Everyday digitalization in agri-environmental governance, University of Neuchâtel.
- Forney, Jérémie** 2020, "Interdépendances et collaborations dans les systèmes agro-alimentaires : penser l'autonomie en agriculture au-delà de l'agricole", MAPS Working Papers (1-2020), <https://doc.rero.ch/record/328046>
- Forney Jérémie**, Bentia Dana, Vetter Thomas, Tall Ismaël 2019, Final Scientific Report New directions in agri-environmental governance: re-assembling food, knowledge and autonomy, University of Neuchâtel.
- Forney Jérémie** 2018, Beyond fascinating smart tools: everyday challenges in the digitalization of agriculture. *Geoagenda* (2018/5), pp.10-11.
- Forney Jérémie** & Buxtorf, Romane 2018. Etude conjointe DSAS-DIAF sur les risques psycho-sociaux des agriculteurs et agricultrices du canton de Fribourg, University of Neuchâtel
- Forney Jérémie** & Dind Alice 2018, Risques psycho-sociaux dans l'agriculture fribourgeoise, rapport préliminaire.
- Forney Jérémie** & Bebb Heledd 2017, Changing attitudes and facilitating knowledge exchange in the Welsh agricultural sector: The historic and on-going contribution of Menter a Busnes. OB3 Research.
- Contzen Sandra, Crettaz Eric & **Forney Jérémie** 2015, Schlussbericht Projekt „Lebensbedingungen und Handlungsansätze von Bauernhaushalten in schwierigen Situationen“ BFH-HAFL/ HES-SO-HETS.
- Droz Yvan, Miéville-Ott Valérie, Reysoo Fenneke, **Forney Jérémie** & Contzen Sandra 2014, Genre, générations et égalité en agriculture ; Transformations des configurations familiales et des représentations de la masculinité et de la féminité en Suisse, Final report, SNFS-NRP 60.

- Forney Jérémie** 2012 Family farms' conversion in Southland. A case study for "RURAL FUTURES: Building adaptive management capability to deliver sustainable pastoral farm systems". CSAFE, University of Otago, New Zealand. 55 p. + appendices.
[http://www.academia.edu/4393225/THE_CONVERSION_OF_FAMILY_FARMS_IN_SOUTHLAND]
- Forney Jérémie** 2010 Produire du lait, créer du sens. Adaptations et résistances quotidiennes chez les producteurs de lait suisses romands. PhD Thesis, Faculté des lettres et sciences humaines, University of Neuchâtel, 521 p. [<http://doc.rero.ch/record/18279?ln=fr>]
- Ethical and Deontological Think Thank 2010, "Une charte éthique pour les ethnologues? Projet de prise de position de la SSE", *Tsantsa* (15), pp. 148-165.
- Droz Yvan, Miéville-Ott Valérie, **Forney Jérémie** & Spichiger Rachel 2005, *Le champ du paysage; Représentations paysagères et processus de légitimation des usages sociaux du paysage; De la Vue-des-Alpes au Pays-d'Enhaut*. Neuchâtel: Institut d'ethnologie de Neuchâtel & SNFS-NRP 48, pp. 67.
[<http://doc.rero.ch/record/5980?ln=fr>]
- Droz Yvan & **Forney Jérémie** 2004. *Les exclus du terroir*. Neuchâtel: Institut d'ethnologie de l'Université de Neuchâtel et Institut Universitaire d'Etude du Développement de Genève, pp. 85.
- Forney Jérémie** 2002. Des paysans, il en faudra toujours. La reprise de l'exploitation familiale *et les perspectives d'avenir de jeunes agriculteurs fribourgeois*. MA thesis. Anthropology Institute, University of Neuchâtel, 103p. [<http://doc.rero.ch/record/4953?ln=fr>]
- Forney Jérémie** & Hirt Caroline 2001. *Etudes en ethnologie et devenir professionnel : petite enquête*. Université de Neuchâtel, Institut d'ethnologie. 20 p.