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- **Teaching in private and public universities continuously for 20 years**
- **Teaching experience in Switzerland, Japan, and France**
- **Fluent in English (C1) and French (native speaker)**
- **PhD in Economic Philosophy and Political Science (2021)**
- **Experience in designing courses from scratch, collecting feedback from students and updating the curriculum**

Teaching Experience

2022 – current: **Lecturer**, European Institute of Journalism, Paris, France. Full remote.

- Teaching the following courses: *French institutions* (BA 1st year, 1 semester, 3 groups of 40 students each), *International history* (BA 2nd year, 1 semester, 3 groups), *Culture Générale* (BA 1st year, 2 semesters, 3 groups).
- The course was designed from scratch, according to the immediate needs for the programme curriculum (e.g. integrating AI into the course learning objectives, creating formative assessments around it).
- Conducting written and oral exams.

2021 – 2022: **Lecturer**, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

- Teaching the following courses: *Epistemology*, fully designed, (MA 2nd year, 1 semester, 1 seminar of 20 students); *History of Economic Ideas*, seminars, (BA, HEC Lausanne, 1 semester, 40 students).
- Grading written assignments and oral exams.

2015 – 2020: **Teaching Assistant**, University de Lausanne, IEP, Centre Walras-Pareto, Lausanne.

- Teaching the following courses: *History of Political Thought* (2 semesters, 200 students), *History of Political Thought* (2 semesters, 80 students), *Contemporary Political Thought* (1 semester, 40 students).
- Giving seminars and part of the plenary lectures.
- Grading written exams (essays) and oral exams.
- Assisting at oral exams of other courses when needed, both on BA and MA level.

2011 – 2015: **Lecturer**, EuroComSchool (private university), Paris, France.

- Teaching *French institutions* (1 semester, 3 groups of 30 students each)
- The course was designed from scratch, according to the immediate needs for the programme curriculum; it was also updated yearly, according to the changes in French institutional framework.
- Grading written and oral exams.

2011 – 2015: **Lecturer**, Institut Européen de Journalisme, Paris, France.

- Teaching *Culture générale* (Introduction to history, Introduction to geopolitics and philosophy; 2 semesters, 3x40 students).
- The course was designed from scratch.
- Graded weekly assignments, written and oral exams.

2008: **Director of the pedagogic mission**, Eurasiam, 4 months, Tokyo, Japan.

- Responsible for representing the university in Tokyo: hiring teachers, negotiating with partners, managing the activities of students, including extra curriculum ones.

2006 – 2015: **Lecturer**, Eurasiam, Paris, France.

- Teaching the following courses: *Culture générale, Management, Creative writing* (2 semesters, 2 groups of 20 students each).
- Grading written and oral exams.

Education

2015 – 2021: PhD degree in Philosophy and Political Science. Double PhD, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, and University of Paris-I – Pantheon-Sorbonne.

Name of the PhD Thesis: *Norms and Values of the debt: a French crisis in debate (1787-1791)* (date of the defence: 02/05/2021); Received the Prize of the Faculty 2021, published as a book on 23/02/2022 as “Normes et valeurs de la dette publique (1787-1791)”, [Editions Classiques-Garnier](#). [Norms and Values of Debt (1787-1791)].

Supervisors: Prof. Biancamaria Fontana (University of Lausanne) and Prof. Emmanuel Picavet (University Paris-I Panthéon-Sorbonne). **Members of the committee:** Prof. Thomas Bouchet (University of Lausanne), Prof. Delphine Dulong (University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne) and Prof. Michael Sonenscher (Cambridge).

2013 – 2015: MA *Recherche, Philosophie et Société* (Research, Philosophy, and Society), Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne. [Master thesis](#)

2005 – 2007: MA in Intercultural Management (Japan), Eurasiam, Paris, France.

2002 – 2005: Maîtrise (+4) in Political Science, Major in Economics and Finances, IEP, Aix-en-Provence, France.

2001 – 2002: Bachelor in Philosophy, Université d'Aix-Marseille, Aix-en-Provence, France.

Languages

French: native, excellent oral and written expression

English: C1, teaching and lecturing

Dutch: currently learning (A2)

Japanese and Spanish: forgetting everything (A2)

Publications

Articles

- *How the debate about the ECB debt cancellation differs from older (and way older) ones* ([full text in English](#)), European Journal of Social Science, 60-1, 2022.
- [The Liberty of the Modern, an issue of capacity or an issue of interest?] *La liberté des Modernes, un problème de compétence ou d'intérêt ?*, Annales Benjamin Constant, 2020.
- [The Lawyer, the Banker and the Bankruptcy : debating on public debt in France between 1787 and 1789] *L'Avocat, le Banquier et la Banqueroute : la dette publique en débat en France entre 1787 et 1789* (full text in French). OEconomia 9-4 pp. 727-761, 2019.

Book chapters

- “*On the dangers of Public Credit for France’s monarchy: how an old warning sheds a certain light on 1789*”, RHETM, [vol. 38C 2020](#).
- [Political Economy : between normative, normator and positive practices] « L’économie politique entre pratiques normatives, normatrices et positives », in [Le positif, le normatif et la philosophie économique](#), Badiei, Campanoglo and Grivaux (eds), Editions Matériologiques, 2022.
- [First French life insurance and public credit: a historical, ethical, and financial link] “*Première assurance-vie française et crédit public : un lien historique, principiel et financier.*” ed. R. Darteville (forthcoming 2026).

Special issues

- « Annuler la dette publique ? » [[Cancelling public debt?](#)]: introduction + 1 article, European Social Science Review, 60-1, 2022.

Other academic engagements

Member of the board of editors of the [European Review of Social Sciences](#) (2023 - 2025)

Book reviews

- Pierre Lascoumes, *L’économie morale des élites dirigeante*, 2024 (<https://shs.cairn.info/revue-europeenne-des-sciences-sociales-2024-2-page-242?lang=fr>)
- Benjamin Lemoine, *La démocratie disciplinée par la dette*, 2022, [<https://journals.openedition.org/ress/8988>]
- Semion Anissimovitch FAL’KNER, *Le Papier-monnaie dans la Révolution française, une analyse en termes d’économie d’émission* », [Paper-money during the French Revolution, An analysis in terms of emission economy]. *Revue européenne des sciences sociales*, 59-2 | 2021, 343-347. [<https://doi.org/10.4000/ress.7704>]
- Sebastian EDWARDS, *American Default: The Untold Story of FDR, the Supreme Court, and the Battle over Gold*, 2019. [[serval:BIB_23F3F0FD24BB](#)]
- Benjamin Lemoine, *L’Ordre de la dette [the Order of Debt]*. *Revue Européenne des Sciences Sociales*, 2 (54) pp. 298-301, 2016. [[serval:BIB_0F884E799C82](#)]

Think tanks

- *La confiance ne se conquiert pas*, in “[Confiance et dette globale](#)” [Trust can’t be conquered], Institut de l’Entreprise, Edition Sociétal, 2021.

Organised academic events

- 17/09/2021: *Rigidity and Plasticity of public debt*, International online conference, University of Lausanne.
- 10-11/11/2017: *Discipliner par la dette : une histoire longue*. International seminar, conceived and organised with C. Chassonery-Zaïgouche and F. Allisson.

Conferences

15/03/2025, **Institut Français**, Université de Groningen, *L'ambition française dans le monde, une histoire de la francophonie*.

13/02/2024, **Institut Français**, Université de Groningen, *The traces of 1789 in the 2024 French society*.

14/07/2022, **Ethics of Debt Workshop**, University of Maastricht, Bruxelles, *Towards the Study of Public Borrowing Ethics*.

31/05/2022, **Recent Shifts in the Boundaries of Economics: Philosophy and History** (International conference), Maison des Sciences Economiques, Paris, Université Paris-I Panthéon-Sorbonne, CNRS. *How the Debate on the ECB Debt Cancellation Differs from Older (and much Older) Ones?*

26/01/2022, International Workshop **Justice & Interest/Judicialization**, [online](#), French Institute of Research on Japan (Institut français de recherche sur le Japon, UMIFRE 19, CNRS, MEAE) at the Maison franco-japonaise). *Between Knowledge and Rhetoric, Political Economy as an Argumentative Arsenal: a Study of the Debate on the Cancellation of European Public Debt in 2020 and 2021*.

16/12/2020, Conférence internationale **The Positive and the Normative in Economic Thought** 16-18/12/2020 (online), Université de Paris, Paris. *La normativité entre positif, normatif et normateur*.

13/07/2020, **Social Ontology 2020**, Neuchâtel, University of Neuchâtel ([online](#)). *The social ontology of public borrowing*

11/04/2019, **DebtCon 3**, at Washington D.C. Georgetown University: ([Link](#)). *Debt against democracy? How recent controversies may threaten an old connection*.

03/07/2019, **15th Congress of French Political Science Association (AFSP)**, *Debt against democracy? How recent controversies may threaten an old connection*.

18/05/2018, **Debt in History**, University of Toronto Scarborough, *French Pamphlets on Public Debts Just Before 1789: E. Clavière Vs S. Linguet*

28/06/2018, **4th International Conference Economics and Philosophy**, “Norms and normativity”, ENS Lyon ([Link](#)). *Le "crédit public", une matrice normative selon James Steuart ?*

Summer Schools

12-17/05/2017 **Economy + Society Summer School** in Waterford (Ireland), organised by T. Boland and R. Griffin (Waterford Institute of Technology).

11-13/ 07/2016 **18th INEM/CHESS, Summer School in Economy and Philosophy** in San Sebastian (Spain), organised by Julian Reiss (Durham University).

Secured Funding

2021: University of Lausanne, Prize of the Faculty, 1000 CHF

2017: SEFRI (Swiss fund for PhD joint supervision expenses), 5000 CHF.

University responsibilities

2017– 2019: Teaching commission of the Institute. Elected representative for doctoral assistants.

2018: Evaluation committee for teaching mission, University of Lausanne, participant, philosophy section.

Miscellaneous

Hobbies: history, science fiction, politics, TIC

Winner of the debating contest of *Faculté de Droit d'Aix-en-Provence* in 2003