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Academic Position

2021-2024 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, University of Bonn, University of Cambridge
Philosophy and Ethics of AI Program, Center for Science and Thought (CST), University of Bonn
Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence (CFI) and Department of Politics and International
Studies (POLIS), University of Cambridge

Research Interests

-Contemporary political theory and intellectual history: postwar history of political theory, history of
American and British liberalism, transhumanism, posthumanism, feminist theory, history of the social
sciences, political history of future ideas;
-History of science and technology: history of artificial intelligence, history of computer engineering
and technologies, science and technology studies

Education

2016-2021 **PhD in Political Science**, Sciences Po
Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies (MaxPo) and Centre for
European Studies and Comparative Politics (CEE)
Thesis Title: 'Now for the Long Term: Posthuman Futures and the Limits of the Political'
Supervisor: Jenny Andersson (CNRS, Sciences Po)
2012-2015 **MPhil in Political Theory**, Sciences Po
Dissertation Title: 'Transhumanist Discourses: A Study of Contemporary Justifications for Eugenics' (in
French)
Supervisors: Jenny Andersson (CNRS, Sciences Po) and Frédéric Gros (Sciences Po)
Received with highest honours
2009-2012 **BA in Political Science**, Sciences Po

Academic exchanges

2019 Cambridge Sciences Po PhD Exchange Programme, University of Cambridge, Department of
Politics and International Studies
2018 Fulbright Doctoral Research Fellow, University of California, Berkeley, Sociology Department
2011-2012 Undergraduate Exchange Programme, Moscow State University, Public Administration
Faculty

Publications

a) Articles in peer-reviewed journals

1. 'Lectures et langages du transhumanisme,' *Raisons Politiques*, 74, no. 2, *Special Issue on 'Political theories of transhumanism,'* (June 2019) 73-81. DOI: [10.3917/rai.074.0073](https://doi.org/10.3917/rai.074.0073)
2. With Théo Bourgeron (interview) 'Entretien avec Marion Fourcade. "La classification, c'est de la morale!";' *Revue française de socio-économie*, 22, no.1 (June 2019), 205-215.

b) Chapters in edited volumes

3. 'From Boundless Expansion to Existential Threat: Transhumanists and Posthuman Imaginaries,' in Jenny Andersson and Sandra Kemp (eds.), *Futures* (Oxford University Press, 2021), 333-348.
4. 'Le Rapport NBIC,' in Franck Damour, Stanislas Deprez and Alberto Romele (eds.), *Le transhumanisme: une anthologie* (Paris: Hermann, 2020), 171-185.

c) Book reviews

5. Susan Schneider, *Artificial You: AI and the Future of your Mind*, (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2019) *Philosophique*, (January 2020) 107-108.
6. Mathieu Hauchecorne, *La gauche américaine en France. La réception de John Rawls et des théories de la justice*, (Paris: CNRS Éditions, 2019) *Revue française de science politique*, 69 no. 5-6, (October 2019) 958- 959.

d) Articles in preparation

- 'Cosmic Narratives and Liberal Futures in Transhumanism,' *History and Theory* (accepted, under review)
- With Neil Stephens and Samantha Vanderslott, 'Philanthrocapitalism, Technoscience and the Global Future of Suffering: Three case studies of Effective Altruism' (intended for *Social Studies of Science*)

Reviewer

Raisons Politiques, Centaurus

Presentations in conferences and workshops (selected)

- 01.12.2020. 'Transhumanism and imaginaries of artificial intelligence,' (in French) Transhumanism, Capitalism and Politics Seminar, GREThA, CNRS-Université de Bordeaux
- 27.11.2020. 'Posthumanism's Liberal Languages: Transhumanism between Transgression and Enhancement,' (in French) Colloquium 'Du postmodernisme au posthumanisme. Littérature et cinéma,' Université de Paris
- 18.09.2020. 'Posthuman Futures, Cyborg Languages, and the Remaking of Postwar Liberalism,' 'Limits and Boundaries in the History of Political Thought,' 11th Annual London Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought
- 22.08.2019. 'Containing Superintelligence: Transhumanists and the Global Future of Democracy,' Research network 'Science and Technology,' 14th Conference of the European Sociological Association, University of Manchester
- 27.06.2019. 'Containing Superintelligence: Transhumanists and the Global Future of Democracy'. 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Session 'Global Futures,' The New School, New York

26.06.2019. 'Containing Superintelligence: Transhumanists and the Global Future of Democracy' Economic Sociology Summer Workshop, Columbia University Sociology Department, New York

21.06.2019. 'The Social Life of the Posthuman: Transhumanist Communities and Online Future-making,' Conference 'The Web That Was: Archives, Traces, Reflections,' Session 'Past Futures,' The Research Infrastructure for the Study of Archived Web Materials, University of Amsterdam

29.04.2019. 'The Future of Artificial Intelligence: Scientists, Markets, and the Space of Posthuman Imaginaries,' Doctoral colloquium of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne

16.05.2019. 'Futures That Matter: Transhumanist Ethics and the Limits of Justice,' (in French) Political Theory doctoral seminar, Sciences Po, Paris

15.01.2019. 'Yes, We are Worried about AI: the Technological Singularity and the Future of Humanity,' (in French) 'Digital Transitions,' Medialab seminar, Sciences Po, Paris

09.01.2019. 'The Future of Artificial Intelligence. Crisis and Responsibility in Transhumanist Imaginaries,' (in French) 'Technological Imaginaries,' Seminar of the Ethics and Transhumanism Chair, Université Catholique de Lille

12.12.2018. 'Varieties of Material Romanticism,' Workshop about Mark Coeckelbergh, Ethics and Transhumanism Chair, Université Catholique de Lille

04.05.2018. 'From Boundless Expansion to Existential Threat: Transhumanists and Posthuman Imaginaries,' Postcolonial STS Symposium, Center for Science, Technology, Medicine & Society, University of California, Berkeley

27.04.2018. 'Cyborgs, Selfish Genes, Moral machines: Posthuman Beings and Transhumanist Desires,' Posthuman Ethics Global Symposium, New York University

22.11.2017. 'Cyborg Citizenship, antispeciesism and identity in transhumanist movements,' (in French) Colloquium 'La citoyenneté en débat(s),' Université Sorbonne-Paris Cité, Université Paris-Diderot, Sciences Po

Invited paper discussions

20.04.2021. Discussant for Cécile Laborde, (University of Oxford, Nuffield College) 'Laicity, Separation and Progressivism: India and Comparative Political Theory,' (in French) General seminar of the Centre for European Studies, Sciences Po

15.07.2020. Discussant for Jason Edward Lewis, (Concordia University) 'Introduction to Seminar Theme: Cognitive Injustice,' Mellon Sawyer Seminar on 'Histories of AI, A Genealogy of Power,' History and Philosophy of Science Department, University of Cambridge

04.12.2018. Discussant for Joachim Englisch, (Munster University) 'Taxing Robots?,' General seminar of the Centre for European Studies, Sciences Po

Communication to non-expert audiences

16.03.2019. 'La prospective,' Roundtable, Grenoble Geopolitics Festival

08.11.2018. 'Le transhumanisme en trois questions,' Debate on the occasion of premiere 'Les Eternels' by Gilles Verièpe and Ingrid Thobois, Théâtre de Rungis

Fellowship and awards

2019 Erasmus+ Programme Cambridge-Sciences Po academic exchange

2018 Fulbright Visiting Student Grant

2016 MaxPo Doctoral Fellowship

Teaching experience

Fall 2018. Seminar Leader in Comparative Politics, *Advanced Course in Comparative Politics*, (in English) Undergraduate Seminar, Sciences Po. Course organiser: Laura Morales

Fall 2017. Seminar Leader in Political Theory, *The Ethics of War*, (in English) Undergraduate Seminar, Sciences Po. Course organisers: Amélie Ferey and Marine Guillaume

Fall 2017. Teaching Assistant, *The Great Transition*, (in English) Master's Core Curriculum, Sciences Po. Course organisers: Marie-Laure Djelic, Dominique Cardon and Eloi Laurent

Fall 2017. Teaching Assistant, *Environmental Politics*, (in English) Undergraduate Course, Sciences Po. Course organiser: Florence Faucher

Spring 2017. Teaching Assistant, *The Concept of Race. Philosophical, Anthropological, and Historical Perspectives*, (in English) Master's Core Lecture, Sciences Po, Spring 2017. Course organiser: Justin E. H. Smith

Spring 2017. Teaching Assistant, *The gender challenge to political science*, (in French) Undergraduate Course, Sciences Po. Course organiser: Réjane Sénac

Fall 2016. Teaching Assistant, *Economics and its laws in 19th c. French novel*, (in French) Undergraduate Course, Sciences Po. Course organiser: Christophe Reffait

Administrative experience

2018-2019 MaxPo Doctoral Seminar Convenor

2018-2020 Sciences Po Scientific Council, PhD student elected representative

Other professional experience

2015-2016 CNRS Editions, Paris, Assistant to the Press Office and Foreign Rights

Languages

French: mother tongue

English: proficient

Russian: proficient