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Research themes Ethics and politics of immigration, boundaries, hospitality, theory and sociology of citizenship, methodological nationalism, theory of democracy, social contract, sanctuary cities

## Education

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- 2008 – 2013 **Ph.D. in political science (political theory)**  
Sciences Po Paris  
With highest honour  
Title: “Political Theory of Hospitality: Power Relations at the Borders of Political Communities”  
Jury: Astrid von Busekist (supervisor), Seyla Benhabib, Marie-Laure Basilien-Gainche, Frédéric Gros, Frédérique Matonti
- 2010 – 2011 **International Fox Fellow, Yale University**
- 2006 – 2008 **Master in History and Political Theory, Sciences Po**
- 2005 – 2006 **Exchange student, Boston College**
- 2003 – 2005 **Undergraduate program, Sciences Po**

## Academic positions - Fellowships

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- 2018 – **Senior Research Fellow**  
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity · Göttingen, Germany  
Department of Ethics, law and politics
- 2016 – 2018 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**  
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity  
Department of Ethics, law and politics
- 2016 – 2017 **Postdoctoral fellowship**  
(*declined*) Center for Research on Ethics (CRE) · Montréal, Canada
- 2016 **Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow** · Leuven, Belgium  
KU-Leuven, RIPPLE Centre (Research in Political Philosophy Leuven)
- 2014 – 2015 **Postdoctoral Fellow** · Paris, France  
Center for International Research and Studies
- 2010 – 2011 **International Fox Fellowship**  
Yale University · New Haven, CT, USA
- 2008 – 2013 **Lecturer in political theory**  
Sciences Po · Paris, France

## Publications

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### MONOGRAPHS

- 2018 *Le dilemme des frontières: éthique et politique de l'immigration* [The dilemma of borders: ethics and politics of immigration], Paris, Editions de l'EHESS, 2018  
\* Review - *Esprit*, n°446, July/Aug. 2018  
\* Interview - *Le Nouveau Magazine Littéraire*, online edition, July 02, 2018  
\* Review - *Lectures*, online edition, Sept. 07
- 2017 *Politique de l'hospitalité: une généalogie conceptuelle* [Politics of hospitality: A conceptual genealogy], Paris, CNRS Editions, 2017  
\* Review - *Libération*, April 27, 2017  
\* Interview - *Le Monde*, May 11, 2017  
\* Review - *Nonfiction.fr*, May 21, 2017  
\* Review - *Esprit*, n°437, Sept. 2017  
\* Review - *Revue Philosophique de la France et de l'Étranger*, vol. 143, 2018  
\* Review - *Revue Française de Science Politique*, by Etienne Tassin, vol. 68, 2018

### PAPERS

- 2018 La durée des frontières [Borders in time], *Esprit*, n°446, July/August, p. 113-121  
De la ville-refuge aux *sanctuary cities*: l'idéal de la ville comme territoire d'hospitalité [From the city of refuge to sanctuary cities: the ideal of the city as a hospitable territory], *Sens Dessous*, vol. 21, p. 83-89
- 2016 What is Political Theory For?, *Raisons politiques*, vol. 64, p. 7-27  
A l'épreuve de l'altérité radicale : une expérience de pensée [Facing Radical Alterity: A Thought Experiment], *Le Philosophoire*, vol. 46, p. 199-220  
Au nom de l'hospitalité: les enjeux d'une rhétorique morale en politique [In the Name of Hospitality: The Uses of a Moral Rhetoric in Politics], *Cités*, vol. 68, p. 31-46
- 2015 The Wager of Political Hospitality, *Hospitality and Society*, vol. 5, n°2-3, p. 167-172
- 2013 Ennemis, hôtes et étrangers : enquête sur les identités politiques grecque et romaine [Enemies, Hosts, and Foreigners: Inquiry on the Greek and Roman Political Identities], *Mots. Les langages du politique*, vol. 101, p. 127-140
- 2012 A Political Anthropology of Hospitality, *La Revue du M.A.U.S.S.*, vol. 40, 2012  
\* Translated in Portuguese in Leandro Brusadin (dir.), *Hospitalidade e dádiva*, Curitiba, Prismas, 2017, p. 99-118  
Across Politics: Derrida and Ricoeur between the Purity of Philosophy and the Tragic Dimension of Action, *Raisons politiques*, vol. 45, 2012, p. 211-233

### EDITORSHIP OF SPECIAL ISSUES

- 2015 Hospitality Now (!), *Hospitality and Society*, vol.5, n°2-3

### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2019 Sanctuary cities, in S. Meagher, R. Sundstrom (eds), *The Routledge Handbook on Philosophy of the City*, Routledge (forthcoming)
- 2018 Language proficiency and migration: an argument against testing, in M. Gazzola, T. Templin, B.-A. Wickström (eds), *Language Policy and Linguistic Justice: Economic, Philosophical and Sociolinguistic Approaches*, Cham, Springer (with A. v. Busekist)  
Étranger: la constitution progressive d'une catégorie juridique et statistique [Foreigner: the slow construction of a juridical and statistical category], in L. Calabrese, M. Veniard (eds), *Penser les mots, dire la migration*, Louvain-la-Neuve, Academia, p. 91-97
- 2016 Manger (avec) l'étranger: politique de la commensalité [Eating (with) the stranger : politics of commensality], in K. Stengel, A. Parizot (eds), *Les écrits et discours culinaires* [Culinary discourses and writings], Paris, L'Harmattan, p. 127-138

- 2015 La crise de la vérité comme condition démocratique [The Crisis of Truth as a Democratic Condition], in Y. Couture (eds), *La démocratie entre institution et critique [Democracy between Institution and Critique]*, Rennes University Press, p. 17-31
- 2014 Une place légitime pour les nouveaux entrants [A Place for New Entities: Bruno Latour's Hospitality], in C. Tollis *et al.* (eds), *L'effet Latour [The Latour Effect]*, Paris, Glyphe, p. 59-83

#### ENTRIES IN HANDBOOKS, ENCYCLOPEDIAS, DICTIONARIES

- 2019 Seyla Benhabib, in P. Savidan (ed.), *Dictionnaire des inégalités et de la justice sociale [Dictionary of inequalities and social justice]*, Paris, Presses Universitaires de France (forthcoming)
- Amitié [Friendship], Xénophobie [Xenophobia], Charité [Charity], Hospitalité [Hospitality], in Gloria Origgi (ed.), *Passions sociales [Social passions]*, Paris, Presses Universitaires de France (forthcoming)
- 2014 Nationalisme méthodologique [Methodological Nationalism]; Etranger [Foreigner], in P. Mbongo *et al.* (eds), *Dictionnaire encyclopédique de l'Etat [Encyclopedic Dictionary of the State]*, Paris, Berger-Levrault

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- 2017 Démocratiser les frontières [Democratizing borders], review of Martin Deleixhe, *Aux bords de la démocratie, Raisons politiques*, vol. 68, p. 93-99
- 2014 Review of Gideon Baker (dir.), *Hospitality and World Politics*, In *Hospitality and Society*, vol. 4, n°2, p. 213-215
- 2011 Critical Reading: Is Hospitality a Political Concept?, *Raisons politiques*, vol. 42, p. 187-195

#### TRANSLATIONS

- 2019 Seyla Benhabib, "Democratic Iterations and Cosmopolitan Human Rights: A New Paradigm for thinking the Dialectic of Law and Politics", in P. Savidan, *Boundaries and Justice*, Rennes, Rennes University Press, (forthcoming)
- 2014 Philip Pettit, "Two Fallacies about Corporations", *Raisons politiques*, vol. 56, p. 5-23
- Lisa Disch, "Political Representation and its effects of subjectivation", *Raisons politiques*, vol. 55, p. 25-47
- Ulrich Beck, "Methodological Nationalism – Methodological Cosmopolitanism: A Paradigm Shift in the Social Sciences", *Raisons politiques*, vol. 54, p. 103-120

## Editorial Activities

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- Since 2014 Chief editor of *Raisons politiques [Political Reasons]* - Peer-reviewed journal in political theory  
Latest issues: Specters of Hannah Arendt; (Un)civil disobedience; The subaltern discourses; The sociology of political ideas today
- Since 2015 Member of the editorial committee of *Hospitality & Society*
- Since 2016 Member of the editorial committee of the "Norms and Societies" series, Sciences Po Press
- Reviews for peer-reviewed journals (*Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy, Journal of Social Philosophy, Space and Culture, Revue internationale de politique comparée*)
- Evaluation for the Belgium National Scientific Research Fund

## Conferences (selection)

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### KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

- 2017 Four fallacies about the refugee crisis  
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Erasmus Mundus MA Culture
- 2016 Immigration, justice and beneficence  
Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Ethics, Politics and Culture: Migrations

### CONFERENCES

- 2017 – 2018 In defense of the all-affected principle: A realist reply to four objections  
ECPR General Conference (Hamburg), Panel: The demos in democratic practice
- From the city of refuge to #citieswelcomerefugees: Local hospitality in the global city  
\* EUI, The Ethics of Migration beyond the Immigrant-Host State Nexus  
\* Universidade Porto, Philosophy of the City Conference
- 2016 – 2017 Giving shelter or granting rights? Refugees and the rhetoric of hospitality  
\* University of Oxford/Refugee Studies Centre, Rethinking Refugee Studies  
\* KU Leuven, Justice Seminar
- Immigration and the principle of affected interests: A pluralistic application  
\* CEU, Philosophy of Borders: Nations, states and immigration  
\* KU Leuven, RIPPLE Seminar
- Cosmopolitan Hypocrisy: Hospitality between Right, Beneficence and Conquest  
Universidade do Minho, Colloquium in the History of Moral and Political Philosophy
- 2015 Immigration and language: What can be expected from newcomers?  
\* Humboldt Universität, Economics, linguistic justice and language policy  
\* IMISCOE General Conference
- 2014 The concept of hospitality in French political thought  
MIT/Columbia/Sciences Po, Global Borders Research Collaboration
- 2012 – 2013 Théorie de la non-domination et migration [Theory of non-domination and migration]  
Université de Poitiers, Vulnérabilité des étrangers et droits fondamentaux
- A duty of beneficence or a right to conquer? A historical perspective on the concept of hospitality  
ECPR General Conference (Bordeaux)
- Immigration and the shaping of pluralism  
\* University of Helsinki, Immigration, Toleration, and Nationalism  
\* CEVIPOF/CEHUM, Liberal pluralism and its criticisms
- 2011 La délégitimation de la vérité est-elle une condition de la démocratie ? [The Crisis of Truth as a Democratic Condition]  
UQÀM, Congrès Annuel de la Société Québécoise de Science Politique
- La notion d'hospitalité dans les relations internationales : dialogue entre pragmatisme et déconstruction [Hospitality in international relations : pragmatism and deconstruction]  
UQÀM, Congrès Annuel de la Société Québécoise de Science Politique
- Frontières mobiles, frontières mobilisables [Mobile borders, mobilisable borders]  
\* Pacte-CNRS/Université de Genève, XI<sup>èmes</sup> rencontres Border Regions In Transition  
\* EHESS, Congrès de l'Association Française d'Ethnologie et d'Anthropologie  
\* University of Miami, 9th Annual Graduate Conference « Spaces of Relation »

### DISCUSSIONS

- 2017 David Miller (University of Oxford), Restricting immigration in the name of self-determination,  
Goethe-Göttingen Critical Exchange (Goethe-Universität)
- 2015 Gilad Ben-Nun (Universität Leipzig), The Britis-Jewish Roots of Non-Refoulement, Theory of  
international relations seminar (Sciences Po)

- Tommaso Vitale (CEE), The freedom of circulation of Bulgarians and Romanians, Seminar Europe and the political: Theory and practice (CEE)
- 2014 Roberto Frega (CNRS), The normativity of democracy, Political theory seminar (Sciences Po)  
Rainer Bauböck (EUI), Morphing the Demos into the Right Shape, Political theory seminar (Sciences Po)
- Mathias Risse (Harvard), On the relevance of humanity's collective ownership of the Earth for immigration, Theory of international relations seminar (Sciences Po)
- 2012 Ian Shapiro (Yale), On non-domination, Political theory seminar (Sciences Po)

## Academic Activities

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### ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

- 2018 Welcoming refugees: The role of religion  
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity  
Keynote speaker: Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh
- 2017 The 2017 French presidential elections: Results and prospects  
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity
- 2016 Cities and migrations  
Sciences Po - Sorbonne Paris Cité
- 2014 Hospitality Now (!)  
Monash University et Sciences Po, Keynote speaker : Richard Kearney  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sciences Po Graduate Conference in Political Theory  
Sciences Po, Keynote speaker: Jeremy Waldron
- 2013 1<sup>st</sup> Sciences Po Graduate Conference in Political Theory  
Sciences Po, Keynote speaker: Joseph Raz
- 2010 Architecture and politics  
Sciences Po et ENSA Paris-Malaquais, Keynote speaker: Bruno Latour

### PANELS AND SEMINARS

- 2014 Justice and Immigration  
MANCEPT Panel, Manchester Center for Political Theory
- 2013 Les frontières de la communauté libérale [The borders of the liberal community]  
Panel at the Congress of the French Association of Political Science
- 2012 Political theory seminar  
Co-creation and co-organisation, Sciences Po

### INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH NETWORKS

- Since 2016 HoST – Hospitality Studies Network  
Founded at the Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil
- Philosophy and Public Space International Network  
Founded at the University of Porto, Portugal

## Teaching & Mentorship

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- 2018 • Mentorship: A. Cortopassi, “Linguistics of Migration: A case study”, Master thesis, Master Erasmus Mundus, Göttingen University
- 2016 • Boundaries: Theory and practice (Grad. course)

- 2014-2016 • Classics in political theory (Grad. course)
- 2014 • Introduction to political philosophy (Undergrad. course)
- 2013 • Writing political theory (Grad. tutoring)
- 2013 • Introduction to political theory (Undergrad. course)
- 2010-2014 • Right or wrong? Ethics and politics (International Program)
- 2009-2016 • Introduction to political science (Undergrad. course)
- 2010 • Ethics and politics of hospitality (Undergrad. course)
- 2008-2010 • Political controversies (Undergrad. course)

## Public activities

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### PUBLIC WRITINGS

- 2018 Hospitality in Perspective, *Luma Days*, vol. 2, p. 15-23  
The solidarity offense in France: Égalité, Fraternité, Solidarité!, *Verfassungsblog: On matters constitutional*, online publication  
Y a-t-il des frontières légitimes? [Are there legitimate boundaries], *AOC*, online publication
- 2017 Hospitality as a political virtue, in G. G. David (ed.), *Nous sommes ici/We are here*, Musée des civilisations et de la Méditerranée / Museo d'Arte Contemporanea di Sicilia, p. 128-130

### BOOK PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Sciences Po Antidiscriminatory Politics Seminar  
Doctors Without Borders Research Center – “Borders and hospitality”  
CitéPhilo (Lille) – “The boundary dilemma”
- 2017 Sciences Po Political theory seminar  
CitéPhilo (Lille) – “Taking hospitality seriously”

### TALKS AND ROUNDTABLES

- 2018 Université Paris-Diderot – Conference “There are many alternatives”
- 2018 Foundation Luma Arles, public talk, “Hospitality: Searching for Common Ground”
- 2017 Villa Gillet, roundtable, “Migrations and boundaries”  
Centre François Mauriac, public talk, “Liberté, égalité, hospitalité”  
EHESS-Maison des métallos, roundtable, “Migrations today”
- 2016 Collège des Bernardins, roundtable, “Emotions and representations in migration”

### PUBLIC LECTURES

- 2016 Democracy: Theory and practice (3 lectures)  
Popular University Lectures, Mantes-la-Jolie
- 2015 The political conditions of freedom (5 lectures)  
Popular University Lectures, Mantes-la-Jolie

### MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2017 Radio interview, *France culture*, Hospitality and refugee’s settlement in villages  
Radio interview, *RFI*, Autour de la question  
Podcast interview, *The Provocateur*, Hospitality, immigration and the dilemma of frontiers

## References

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