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POSITIONS

Current	University of Oxford , Oxford (UK) Research Fellow, Department of Education Research Associate, School of Anthropology Associate Member, Department of Sociology Institut Convergences Migrations , Paris (France) Research fellow, Department Dynamics Institut de Recherche pour le Développement , Paris (France) Associate Researcher at DIAL
2020 – 2022	Sciences Po , Paris (France)/ University of Oxford (UK) Principal researcher, PLAN Project (CEE/COMPAS)
2018 – 2020	University of Trento , Trento (Italy) Project Manager & Postdoctoral research fellow ERC project HOMInG . PI: Prof. Boccagni University of Oxford , Oxford (UK) Research Affiliate, COMPAS, SAME
2015 – 2017	University of Pennsylvania , Philadelphia (USA) Postdoctoral research Fellow, CASI Research affiliate at the PSC
2010 – 2015	École Normale Supérieure , Paris (France) Ph.D., Sociology. Dissertation: "From Economic to Political Remittances. A Transnational and Interdisciplinary Approach to Senegalese Migration." Advisors: Philippe De Vreyer, Flore Gubert, Thomas Lacroix, Sylvie Lambert (chair), Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan, and Viviana Zelizer.
2014 – 2015	Princeton University , Princeton (USA) Visiting Fellow, Office of Population Research
2013 – 2014	Princeton University , Princeton (USA) Procter Fellow, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs
2009 – 2010	École Normale Supérieure Ecole des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales , Paris (France) Master of Arts in Political Sciences, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> . MA thesis: "Managing Migrants' Collective Remittances: a Transnational Approach"
2006–2009	Sciences Po (IEP), Aix-en-Provence (France) Bachelor of Arts in Political Sciences and Public Policy.
2004–2006 2004	Hypokhâgne & Khâgne classiques A/L (CPGE), Paris (France) Baccalauréat scientifique, Paris (France)

PUBLICATIONS

Edition of special volume:

2022 "[Travelling models: social engineering for development](#)" with Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan, *Revue internationale des études du développement*, 248 (1).

2021 "[Making Sense of One Another in Crossing Borders: Social Cognition and Migration Politics](#)" with Susan T. Fiske, *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 697 (1).

2016 "[Social Remittances and the Changing Transnational Political Landscape](#)" with Thomas Lacroix and Peggy Levitt, *Comparative Migration Studies*, 16 (4).

Peer-reviewed journal articles:

2022 "[For a comparative approach to travelling models](#)" with Jean-Pierre Olivier de Sardan, *Revue internationale des études du développement*, 248 (1).

2021 "[Forecasting under uncertainty: How networks composition shape future-oriented cognition](#)", *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 697(1), 99-119.

2020 "[Minds on the Move: Crossing Disciplines to Shed New Light on Human Cognition](#)", *WIREs Cognitive Science*, 12 (1), 1-11.

2019 "[Collective Thinking in the Field: Distributed Cognition in Large-Scale Qualitative Research](#)", with Paolo Boccagni Milena Belloni, Sara Bonfanti, Aurora Massa, Luis-Eduardo Perez Murcia, and Alejandro Miranda Nieto, *Espaces et Sociétés*.

2019 "[On the complexities of collaborative ethnography: Ethical and methodological insights from the HOMInG project](#)", with Paolo Boccagni Milena Belloni, Sara Bonfanti, Aurora Massa, Luis-Eduardo Perez Murcia, Alejandro Miranda Nieto, *Briefs on Methodological, Ethical and Epistemological Issues*, IMISCOE, vol. 12.

2016 "[The Economic Side of Social Remittances: How Money and Ideas circulate between Paris, Dakar, and New York](#)", *Comparative Migration Studies*, 16 (4).

2016 [Paris – Dakar – Bokidiawé : Retour sur une aventure collective transnationale](#), with Flore Gubert, Sandrine Mesplé-Somps, Inssa Sané, and Ilka Vari-Lavoisier, *Ethnographiques.org*, n° 32.

2016 « [Une invitation aux enquêtes transnationales. Retour sur le projet TIMME \(Terrains Interdisciplinaires et Multi-sites : Migrations et Engagements\)](#) », *E-Migrintern* n° 14/2016

2011 « [Heurs et malheurs des chômeurs créateurs d'entreprises. De la complémentarité entre ethnographie et économétrie](#) », *Terrains et Travaux*, vol. 2/2011 (n° 19), p. 121-139.

Book chapters:

2020 « Beyond Social Remittances: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Immaterial Circulations », in [*The Routledge Handbook of Migration and Development*](#), eds: Ronald Skeldon and Tanja Bastia, Routledge Editions.

2017 « Corruption et mobilités transnationales. Migrants, acteurs de changement », in [*Transnationalisme économique, social et politique*](#), eds.: Lisa Chauvet, Flore Gubert, Sandrine Mesplé-Somps & Thibault Jaulin, DeBoeck editions.

2015 "[Stepping Back From Your Figures to Figure Out More: From Linguistic to Cognitive limits of Transnational Surveys](#)" in [*Observing Protest from a Place: The World Social Forum in Dakar*](#), eds.: Johanna Siméant, M.-E. Pommerolle & Isabelle Sommier, Amsterdam Univ. Press.

Working Papers:

2019 "For a Cognitive Turn in Migration Studies" Centre Maurice Halbwachs, HAL Archives

2015 "Social Remittances as Mimetic Diffusion Processes: From Homophily to Imitation in Transnational Networks" Transnational Studies Initiative, Harvard University.

2014 "How Social Remittances Reshape Social Hierarchies. Following Migrants' Transfers between New York, Paris, and Dakar" Working Paper series, Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University.

2014 "The Circulation of Monies and Ideas between Paris, Dakar, and New York: The Impact of Remittances on Corruption" Transnational Studies Initiative, Harvard University.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

2022 Research Fellow, Department of Education, University of Oxford, Oxford –

UK. Project 'International Students and World Development' led by Maia Chankseliani. Data collection, data analysis, theorisation.

2020 Principal Researcher, CEE, Sciences Po/COMPAS, Oxford, Oxford – UK

PLAN project, led by Virginie Guiraudon and Jacqueline Broadhead. Submission of a research proposal, fundraising. Design of multi-disciplinary and transnational empirical strategy. Supervision of the data collection. Data analysis. Publication.

2018 Project manager, European Research Council/University of Trento – Italy

ERC Starting Grant "HOMInG: The Home and Migration Nexus," led by Paolo Boccagni. Design of multi-method empirical strategy, quantitative survey design, sampling procedure. Design of an online questionnaire. Organization and supervision of the pilotphase. Hiring and training of a team of fieldworkers. Data collection supervision. Individual and collective publications.

2015 Project manager, University of Pennsylvania/UPIASI, New Delhi – India

Project: Urbanization and Migration in the National Capital Region, coordinated by Devesh Kapur and Neelan Sircar. Design of the sampling frame. Supervision of the development of an app (online questionnaire), training of enumerators to use numerictablets, compilation of geo-localized data.

2013 Project manager, Institute of Research for Development, Dakar – Senegal.

Project: TIMME (Multisited and Interdisciplinary Fieldworks on Migrants' involvements, coordinated by Flore Gubert and Sandrine Mesple-Soms). Establishment of partnerships between French and Senegalese institutions. Design of questionnaires, supervision of pilot surveys and supervision of the multi-sited data collection. Recruitment and management of fieldworkers. Data analysis.

2012 Project coordinator, Institute of Research for Development – Senegal, in collaboration with J.N. Senne (Paris School of Economics)

Project: POLECOMI (Political Economy Consequences Of international Migration for origin countries. Senegalese and Malian case studies, coordinated by Sandrine Mesple-Soms). Survey design, recruitment, training and supervision of a team in conducting a multi-sited exit poll during Senegalese elections. Working papers.

2011 Technical advisor, Institute of Research for Development, Dakar – Senegal

Project: GLAMMS (coordinated by Flore Gubert, Lisa Chauvet and Sandrine Mesple-Soms). Literature reviews, coordination between French and Italian teams, qualitative interviews and questionnaire design.

2011 Research assistant & field interviewer, Paris 1 Panthéon– Sorbonne, France

“Transnational activists at the World Social Forum” (coordinated by Johanna Simeant). Participation in questionnaire design and in the data collection. Quantitative data analysis. Redaction of a book chapter.

2009 Research assistant, Institute of Research for Development, Paris – France

Project: MIDDAS (Migrations Internationales et Développement : une étude à partir de Données Appariées – migrants, familles d'origine– Sénégal, coordinated by Flore Gubert). Surveyor.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022 “Video production training programme”, University of Oxford (UK)

2022 “Video as a Research Tool”, University of Oxford (UK)

2021 “Mixed Methods Research”, University of Oxford (UK)

2021 “Video production training programme”, University of Oxford (UK)

- 2020 “Mixed Methods Research”, University of Oxford (UK)
- 2020 “Mixed Methods Research”, University of Luxembourg (LU)
- 2019 “Sampling for Mixed Method Researchers”, U. of Trento (Italy)
- 2019 “Transnational Mixed Method Research”, U. of Trento (Italy)
- 2017 “Mixed Methods Research: Sampling and Survey Design”, U. of Pennsylvania (USA)
- 2015 “Multi-sited qualitative research”, U. Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne (France)
- 2012 “Multi-sited qualitative research”, U. Cheick Anta Diop, Dakar (Senegal)
- 2011 “Combiner méthodes qualitatives et quantitatives” Département de Sciences Sociales, Ecole normale supérieure de Paris (France)
- 2010 “Pour une approche pluridisciplinaire de l’économie”, Paris School of Economics/Département de Sciences Sociales, Ecole normale supérieure de Paris (France)

RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2021 PER Seed Fund. PI: Dr Will Allen, University of Oxford, UK
- 2020 IC Migrations, grant for transnational research projects, Paris, France
- 2019 IC Migrations, funding for international workshops, Paris, France
- 2019 TORCH funding for International Partnerships, University of Oxford, UK
- 2019 OxPo seed funding, Science Po, France
- 2018 Collaborative Projects, IC Migrations, France
- 2018 Politics Group, Nuffield College, UK
- 2018 OxPo programme, Science Po, France
- 2017 Inaugural Award, Dean's Integrative Global Inquiries Fund, U. of Pennsylvania, USA
- 2016 Perry World House Award, U. of Pennsylvania, USA
- 2015 TEPSIS Fellowship, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, France
- 2014 Research grant, Institut of Research for Development, France
- 2013 Procter Fellowship, Princeton University, USA
- 2012 POLECOMI (Political Economy Consequences Of international Migration for origin countries. Senegalese and Malian case studies). ANR, France
- 2010 GLAMMS (Governance, Local Public Goods and Hometown Associations in Mali and Senegal: Migrants’ Organizations in France and Italy). “Emergences,” Ville de Paris, Fr
- 2010 PhD fellowship (three-year research grant), École Normale Supérieure Ulm, France

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Co-organiser, [Video showcase](#), School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, with the participation of Beth Jinkinson (BBC Ideas). Sept. 23, 2021

Co-organiser, hybrid conference "[14th International Conference on Migration & Development](#)", annual conference co-hosted by the Uni. of Luxembourg (Belval, Lux) and the World Bank Group (Washington DC, USA). Sept. 9 – 10, 2021.

Co-organiser, online conference "[Cognition & Migration: Social Diversity and Mobility](#)," e-conference sponsored by the IC Migrations (France). Dec. 16 – 17, 2020.

Co-organiser, workshops [Research Mobility Days](#), U. of Oxford (UK), 2018– 2019.

Co-organiser, conference "[Cognition & Migration: Researching Mobile Identities](#)," U. of Oxford, Oxford (UK). Nov. 15 – 17, 2018.

Co-organiser, conference « [For a Cognitive Turn in Migration Studies](#) », U. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (USA). May 30 & 31, 2017.

Organisationnal committee, « [La Migration, au miroir des Arts, et des Questions d'Éthique](#) ».Venue: MSHS de Potiers (France). June 20, 2016.

Co-organiser, conference "[Pricing Practices, Ranking Practices](#)", Venue: PSL*/École Normale Supérieure de Paris (France). June 28 & 29, 2015. See [La Vie des Idées](#).

Organiser, Conference "[Following the Flows](#)" – [From Economic to Social Remittances: an International Overview](#)". Venue: Wallace Hall, Princeton University (USA). Sept. 19 & 20, 2014.

Organiser, workshops [Terrains Interdisciplinaires et Multi-sites Migrations et Engagements](#) Venue : Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, Dakar (Senegal). April 10 – 16, 2012.

SKILLS

Statistics and programming: VBA, Stata (SEM), R', LaTeX, HTML. Cartography: Quantum Gis, PhilCarto. Languages: French (native), English, and German.

PROFESIONNAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, GIS Etudes Africaines en France, RéseauMig (Migrinter), APAD.

Peer-reviewer for the *American Journal of Sociology*, *International Migration Review* and *Migration Studies*.

Expert (evaluator), European Commission.