

SHORT CURRICULUM VITÆ

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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Strasbourg
Researcher at SAGE, CNRS – University of Strasbourg

EDUCATION

- 2015-2020 PhD in Sociology, Sorbonne Université
Dissertation: « Economic Sociology of the Carceral World », defended on October 29, 2020:
DEFENCE COMMITTEE Céline BESSIÈRE (Professor, Université Paris-Dauphine, *reporter*)
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Alexandre ROIG (Professeur, Universidad Nacional de San Martín, *reporter*)
Philippe STEINER (Professor, Sorbonne Université, *advisor*)
- 2016 Visiting Doctoral Student at Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (Cologne), Jens BECKERT team on the sociology of markets
- 2015 Agrégation, Economics and Social Sciences
- 2011-2015 École Normale Supérieure (Paris-Saclay), Dept. Social Sciences (“élève-normalien”)
- 2012-2014 M.A., sociology, Sorbonne Université, *summa cum laude*
- 2011-2012 B.Sc., economics, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne
- 2011-2012 B.A., sociology, Sorbonne Université

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2022-2024 Research Fellow (Research Officer), French Observatory for Drugs and Drug Addiction (OFDT), in charge of the Health and Substance Use Survey in Prisons
- 2022-2023 Editorial Officer, Revue française de sociologie (coordination of the book review section)
- 2021-2022 Teaching Fellow (ATER) in Sociology, Université de Picardie Jules Verne
- 2020-2021 Teaching Fellow (ATER) in Sociology, Université du Mans.
- 2018-2020 Teaching Fellow (ATER) in Sociology, Sorbonne Université.
- 2015-2018 Teaching Fellow (Moniteur normalien), Sorbonne Université.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Books

2024, *La société du matching*, Paris, Presses de Sciences Po, with Philippe Steiner. doi: [10.3917/scpo.simio.2024.01](https://doi.org/10.3917/scpo.simio.2024.01)

Research Articles published in Peer Reviewed Journals

2023, "The festive crowd. The case of the Fêtes de Bayonne", *Sociologie*, 59 (2), p. 191-217, with Hugo Jeanningros and Philippe Steiner.

2018, "The price of penitentiary labor: Building a compromise between economics and moral correction", *Revue française de sociologie*, 59 (2), 191-217. doi: [10.3917/rfs.592.0191](https://doi.org/10.3917/rfs.592.0191)

2018, "A political history of prison statistics: The conception, production, and uses of the *Statistique pénitentiaire* (1852-1939)", *Annales. Histoire, Sciences sociales*, 73 (4), 891-922, 2018, with Elsa Génard. doi: [10.1017/ahss.2019.94](https://doi.org/10.1017/ahss.2019.94)

Books as Editor

2022 (with Philippe Steiner), *Comment ça matche ? Sociologie de l'appariement*, Paris, Presses de Sciences Po. doi: [10.3917/scpo.simio.2022.01](https://doi.org/10.3917/scpo.simio.2022.01)

2023 (with Sidonie Naulin and Marie Trespeuch), *L'économie au pari de la sociologie*, Paris, Sorbonne Université Presses

Chapters

Forthcoming (2026), "Matching Arenas", in P. Aspers, J. Nyfeler, L. Perrig, & L. Pignolo (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Marketplaces*, Oxford University Press, with Philippe Steiner

2022, « Appariement en contexte disciplinaire. Prisonniers et cellules en Maison centrale », in Melchior Simioni et Philippe Steiner (Eds.), *Comment ça matche ? Sociologie de l'appariement*, Paris, Presses de Sciences Po, p. 213-250. doi: [10.3917/scpo.simio.2022.01.0213](https://doi.org/10.3917/scpo.simio.2022.01.0213)

2022 (with Philippe STEINER), « Introduction » et « Conclusion. Appariement, quantification et gouvernement des conduites », in Melchior Simioni et Philippe Steiner (Eds.), *Comment ça matche. Sociologie de l'appariement*, Paris, Presses de Sciences Po, p. 9-20 et p. 359-394. doi: [10.3917/scpo.simio.2022.01.0359](https://doi.org/10.3917/scpo.simio.2022.01.0359)

WORKING PAPERS

« Symmetrical Choice Coordination: Matching as new exchange institution » (with Philippe Steiner), revised and resubmit, *Socio-Economic Review*

« La prison réticulaire. Gouverner et pratiquer le numérique entre les murs », manuscript to be submitted to the *Revue française de science politique* in 2026.

RESEARCH TOPICS

Economic Sociology : sociology of market and non-market exchanges, economic institutions, economic ethnography, prison economy, sociology of the links between economy and morality.

Sociology of Justice and Prisons : sociology of French prisons, public institutions of the penal chain.

Sociology of Migrations and Migrant Camps : Economic ethnography of camps, governmental dispositives inside the camps, informal economy.

Sociology of Work and Professional Groups : sociology of prison work, comparison between free and forced work, sociology of the work of prison officers and managers in migrant camps.

Sociology of Quantification and Algorithms : construction and socio-historical uses of public statistics, study of matching algorithms and quantification of the social world.