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RECENT ACTIVITY

Sept 2020-Aug 2021	ATER Political Science Université de Lille (attached to CERAPS)
2019-2021	Associate Researcher (Docteure associée), Centre de recherches internationales (CERI UMR 7050), SciencesPo Paris
2018-2019	Postdoctoral Researcher & Interim Professor at State and Democracy Chair, Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS) Georg-August Universität, Göttingen, Germany

AREAS OF INTEREST

'Ordinary' cities, Space making on the margins of the city; Religious genealogies of contemporary urban development; Urban Informality

E-Waste; Recycling economies; Solid waste management; Environment and Waste; Neoliberal reforms of public services, Waste and sanitation labour in cities

EDUCATION

Feb 2018	Qualification MCF (National Council of Universities (CNU), France) Section 24: Spatial Planning and Urbanism
Sep 2017	PhD Political Science, SciencesPo/CERI Paris Title: "At the margins of a "World Class Heritage City": Mapping Muslim <i>mahallas</i> in the Walled City of Jaipur" Thesis Supervisor: Christophe Jaffrelot (CNRS/CERI). Jury Members: Agnès Deboulet, AbdouMaliq Simone (examiner), Stéphanie Tawa Lama-Rewal (examiner) and Bénédicte Florin
2007–2008	Research Masters (Cum Laude), Political Science, SciencesPo/CERI Paris Master Thesis: " <i>Everyday corruption in the Indian Police: a comparative sociological approach of three neighbourhoods-C-Scheme, Ramganj and Kathputli Colony</i> " Supervisor Christophe Jaffrelot. Jury: Jean-Luc Racine.

AWARDS

2021-2022	German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)-funded Postdoctoral Fellow for Thematic Module 2: Labour as a Political Category at International Centre of Advanced Studies: Metamorphoses of the Political (ICAS: MP) , New Delhi https://micasmp.hypotheses.org/fellows-2020-2021 <i>(I am part of year 2020-2021 cohort but due to outbreak of Corona pandemic the fellowship has been postponed to 2021-2022)</i>
2017	Selected participant for Doctoral Student Workshop <i>The Matter of Cities. Excavating the "Material" in Urban Social and Technical Controversies</i> in New York and Paris. (Columbia University, GSAPP-SciencesPo Urban School)
2004-2007	Eiffel Scholarship , French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2003	Devendra Kumar Gupta Memorial Award, Jawaharlal Nehru University , New Delhi

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

2020 “Formality and informality in e-waste economies: exploring caste-class in urban land and labor practices” *Urban Geography* Debates and Interventions. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02723638.2020.1785745>

2020 “Circulating waste, circulating bodies? A critical review of E-Waste Trade” *Geoforum* 110 (March): 180-182. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2019.12.005>

2016 “Muslim welfare bodies: New avenues of representation?” *India Review* 15(2): 218-240. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14736489.2016.1165569>

2012 “Jaipur Ramganj: Transformation from occupation-based to communally sensitive neighbourhood?” in Gayer L & Jaffrelot C (eds). *Muslims in Indian Cities. Trajectories of Marginalization*, London: Hurst (81-103).

2009 “Understanding Muslim voter behaviour” *Seminar*, 602 (October) (with Christophe Jaffrelot, Virginie Dutoya, Radhika Kanchana) Retrieved from <https://www.india-seminar.com>

“La médiation politique au niveau municipal: étude de cas des ‘brokers’ dans trois quartiers musulmans de Jaipur, Inde” in Jean-Louis Briquet & Laurent Godmer (eds) *L’ancrage politique* Presses Universitaires du Septentrion (Accepted – forthcoming)

“Fieldwork on the margins: Navigating Masculine Landscapes and Caste Boundaries at “Home” in Jaipur, India” (submitted to *Gender Place and Culture*)

Other Writing:

2018: “Une déesse sans mission? le culte de Sitala dans l’inde contemporaine, *Observatoire International du fait religieux (OIR)*, “Eclairage(S)” 18e bulletin SciencesPo CERI April 2018. <http://www.sciencespo.fr/cei/en/oir/une-deesse-sans-mission-le-culte-de-sitala-dans-l-inde-contemporaine>

2009: “Looking for the Muslim MP.” *The Indian Express*, Opinion Column, 17 May 2009. (with Christophe Jaffrelot, Virginie Dutoya, Radhika Kanchana). <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/looking-for-the-muslim-mp/>

2006: “Trauma faced by torture victims in the Republic of Moldova”, *Mémoire*, 2006, no. 32-33.

SELECTED REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2020: “**Alternative Value Regimes: “Dumpster Diving” by the young French population to mitigate excessive production of food waste**” Abstract accepted for the session “*Geographies of collecting, gleaning and rummaging*” at Royal Geographical Society (with Institute of British Geographers) International Annual Conference, London, 1-4 September 2020 (Postponed to 2021)

Year 2019

“**Caste and Domestic Circuits of e-Waste Trade in India’s Circular Economy**” for panel **P18: “Networks, Circulation and Everyday Urban Economies.”** Conference Research Committee 21-Sociology of Urban and Regional Development of the International Sociological Association, New Delhi 18-21 September 2019 <https://rc21delhi2019.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Panel-Abstract-1-25.pdf>

“**Electronic Waste and Urban Labour in India’s Circular Economy**” presented in the session **Circular cities: urban fixes or spaces of hope?** at Royal Geographical Society (with Institute of British Geographers) International Annual Conference, London, 28-30 August 2019 <http://conference.rgs.org/AC2019/20>

“**“World-class Heritage City” and the spatial politics of expulsion of street commerce in Jaipur**” presented in International Workshop “Life, Labour and Infrastructures: Indian Cities in Historical Perspective” CeMIS **Georg-August University Göttingen**, 8-9 July 2019 <https://f.hypotheses.org/wp-content/blogs.dir/2752/files/2019/07/Programme.pdf>

“State, Sanitation and Labour: Making and Unmaking of Sanitation Worker Identity” Modern South Asia History Research Seminar, CeMIS Georg-August University Göttingen, 2 July 2019 <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/modern+south+asian+history+research+seminar+summer+semester+2019/618400.html>

“Sayyad Kothiwaley Baba: A Muslim Shrine in the “World Class Heritage City” Jaipur” Seminar for ANR “I-SHARE: The Indian Subcontinent’s Shared Sacred Shrines” SciencesPo/CERI Paris 24 May 2019

Year 2017

“Mediating Self-Other Boundaries: Reflections from a Muslim Neighbourhood in Jaipur (India)”, in International Conference “Croiser le genre et la classe. Objets, methods, perspectives” University of Lausanne, 09-10 November 2017 <https://apparences.hypotheses.org/files/2017/10/Programme.pdf>

“The politics of garbage and the making of Muslim citizenship in the Indian city of Jaipur”. 2 Doctoral Workshops *The Matter of Cities. Excavating the “Material” in Urban Social and Technical Controversies* jointly held by **Columbia University GSAPP New York** (13-15 June 2017), and **SciencesPo Urbanism School Paris** (3-4 October 2017). <http://blogs.sciences-po.fr/recherche-villes/seminaires-doctoraux-sciences-po-columbia-university-the-matter-of-cities-excavating-the-material-in-urban-social-and-technical-controversies/>

“La promotion d’une “world-class heritage city” et les politiques spatiales d’expulsion des commerces de rue” Thematic Network 9, Session 3: Economie informelle et contrôle du territoire. 7th AFS Congress, 3-6 July 2017 <https://e.20-bal.com/ekonomika/16422/index.html>

Year 2011-2015

“Could minority institutions provide an alternative for political representation to Jaipur Muslims?” paper presented at **South Asia Institute’s** Graduate Workshop on ‘South Asia Cityscapes: Social, economic and cultural transformations’ **SOAS University of London**, 8 June 2015. <https://www.soas.ac.uk/south-asia-institute/events/workshops/08jun2015-south-asia-cityscapes-social-economic-and-cultural-transformations-.html>

“Politics and casteism in municipal recruitment: the case of *Bhisti* recruitment as sanitary workers in Jaipur Municipal Corporation” paper presented at **Forum For South Asia Studies** conference “Paths to the future for India and Pakistan” **Uppsala University**, 4 May 2015 <https://fsas.uu.se/conference/>

“The Paradox of Representative Minority Institutions” Paper presented at workshop organised by GrePo, **AFSP** “The transformations of political representation in India”, Paris, 3 June 2014

“Elections and battle for power among Muslim Corporators: case of Jaipur Municipal Elections.” paper presented at a workshop organised by Global Institute’s Forum **King’s College, London**, 18-19 March 2013

“Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha: socio-economic profile of the legislative elite” paper presented at conference *How Representative is Democracy in India Today?* Organised by Kanchan Chandra, **New York University** New York, 14-15 October 2011

“Korerang The success story of Korean television series in North-East India” paper presented in **French at 4^e Congres Réseau Asie and Pacifique, Atelier D 06: L’impact de l’engouement pour les feuillets télévisés Coréens sur la région Asie en construction culturelle.** 14-16 September 2011.

RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2018-2021 Participant Member ANR (French National Research Agency Grant)
“I-Share. The Indian Subcontinent’s Shared Sacred Sites. Religious Interactions and Relations with the Other” Coordinated by EHESS-CEIAS & SciencesPo-CERI. Individual Research Project for ANR *“Sayyad Kothiwaley Baba: Placemaking at a Muslim Shrine in a World Class Heritage City”*

2017-2019 Participant Member **SciencesPo-Princeton** Project
“The Dynamics and Competition between Sufis, Sunnis and Shi’is in India: Salafism, Sectarianism and the Resilience of Dargah Culture” Scientific

Coordinator: Bernard Haykel, Princeton University, Department of Near Eastern Studies and Christophe Jaffrelot, SciencesPo/CERI. Fieldwork in December 2017 on Sufi shrines in Jaipur.

- 2010-2013 **Participant working group “Citizenship in South Asia” CEIAS/EHESS.**
- 2012 **Translation French-English (6 months)**
Joint research project titled “The War for Talent” conducted by Cardiff School of Social Science and Observatoire sociologique du changement (OSC), SciencesPo on the notions of talent and merit in French multinational firms and Ivy League colleges. Translation of 30 qualitative interviews from French to English.
- 2010 **Research Assistant Indian Economy Chair, SciencesPo Paris (Spring Semester)**
- Feb 2010 **Project Manager Sciences Po Europe-Asia Campus Le Havre**
Processing and follow up of student recruitment files. Organising work meetings, drafting reports, organising interviews with students. Managing the campus on an everyday basis.
- June 2009-2013 **Database Elected Representatives (MP and MLA) of Rajasthan (India)**
Updated and completed a database on the Members of Parliament & Members of Legislative Assembly of Rajasthan state for the project titled “Elected Representatives of North India since 1952” Scientific Cooperation between CERI (Paris), CDSP (Paris), CSH (New Delhi) & CSDS (New Delhi).
- April-June 2009 **Research Assistant**
Fieldwork on Muslim parliamentarians for the 2009 Lok Sabha elections. Research project initiated by Christophe Jaffrelot (CERI/SciencesPo)
- 2009-2013 **Fieldwork in Jaipur, India** (during summers)
Participant observation and Interviews with residents, social organisations, municipal authorities, local and state elected representative and bureaucrats in Jaipur

TEACHING

- 2018-2019 **Guest Faculty. Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS) Georg August University, Göttingen Germany**
City and Politics (MA Year 1 Semester 1, Seminar: 28 hours & Tutorial: 28 hours)
Politics of Bureaucracy (BA Year 1 Semester 2, Seminar: 21 hours & Tutorial: 21 hours)
Political Transformations in Modern India: A Cinematic Lens (BA Year 1 Semester 1, class Seminar: 21 hours & Tutorial: 21 hours)
- Lecturer**
2018 **European School of Political and Social Sciences (ESPOL), Lille Catholic University**
Conflicts over natural resources: oil and natural gas (BA Year 3, class of 60 students, 18 hours)
- 2017 **SciencesPo Europe-Asia Campus, Le Havre**
Contemporary Conflicts in South Asia (BA Year 2, 32 students, 24 hours)
- 2014-2016 **Literary Humanities. Bollywood-Seeing India through a Cinematic Lens** (BA Year 1, 25-30 students, 24 hours)
- Tutor**
2018 **University of Lille, Faculty of Legal Political and Social Sciences** (Faculté des Sciences Juridiques, Politiques et Sociales)
Contemporary Social Issues: City and radicalisation (Taught in French to BA Year 1, 2 groups of 28 students each, 30 hours)
- 2017 **Social Sciences Methods** (Taught in French to BA Year 3, 3 groups of 20 students each, 60 hours)
European School of Political and Social Sciences (ESPOL), Lille Catholic University

2017 **Epistemology and Methodology of Social Sciences** (BA Year 2 (6 groups of 20-22 students each, 40 hours)

Teaching Assistant Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) SciencesPo, Paris

2018 Christophe Jaffrelot **India and the World** (MA Year 2, 54 students, 24 hours)

2012 Christophe Jaffrelot **Pakistan at the crossroads-once again** (MA Year 2, 30 students, 24 hours)

Vanessa Scherrer **Qualitative Method** (MA Year 1, 30 students, 24 hours)

2011 Benoit Rihoux and Vanessa Scherrer, **Research Design: Fundamentals** (MA Year 1, 30 students, 24 hours)

LANGUAGES

Hindi, English, Urdu and French (Proficiency: Fluent)

German: (Proficiency: beginner; A1.1)

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