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Education

PhD., Dept. of Geography and Environment, **University of Geneva**, 2014

M.A., Anthropology Institute, **University of Neuchâtel**, 2007

Erasmus Exchange, Dept. of Geography, **University Complutense, Madrid**, 2006

Academic Appointments

Dept. of Geography and Environment, University of Geneva, 2019 to present.

Senior researcher leading an independent project funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (Program *Ambizione*), looking at resilience and urban violence in Colombia and the United States.

Dept. of Sociology, University of Geneva, June to Dec. 2018

Research collaborator in the project *Energise: European Network for Research, Good Practice and Innovation for Sustainable Energy*, developing and analyzing living labs associated with households' energy consumption in Geneva, Switzerland.

Institute for Environmental Sciences, University of Geneva, June 2016 to Sept.2008.

Research collaborator in the project *EvalProgeff: Long-term Assessment of Energy Efficiency Programs in Swiss Households*, analyzing the effects of different types of energy efficiency programs on social practices related to energy consumption in low-income households in Geneva, Switzerland.

Environmental Governance and Territorial Development Hub, University of Geneva, Aug. 2016 to Dec. 2018.

Research collaborator in the project *CLEAR: Closing the Loop: Enhancing Interdisciplinarity in Research and Teaching*, looking at the role of non-academic stakeholders in academic research in Switzerland and Europe.

Dept. of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, CA, June 2014 to Dec. 2015.

Postdoctoral research project, examining the practices and discourses of memorial entrepreneurs in contexts of violence and informality in Medellin, Colombia (under the supervision of Prof. Mariane Ferme).

Dept. of Geography and Environment, University of Geneva, Jan. 2010 to May 2014.

Doctoral thesis research supervised by Prof. Jean-François Staszak and Prof. Roderick Lawrence, on the conflicts of memory caused by the touristification of war heritage in

Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina) and Vukovar (Croatia). This led to the publication of a book, an edited volume and some dozen articles.

University Teaching Experience

Institute for Environmental Sciences, University of Geneva, 2018.

Lecturer, M.A course, *Cities in Transition. Energy, Sustainability and Governance in perspective*, given in collaboration with a team of five other instructors for about 60 students.

Institute of Geography, University of Neuchâtel, 2017-2018.

Lecturer, M.A. course, *Fieldwork in urban Geography*. Organization of a one-week field trip in a different city each year for some 20 students. In 2017, fieldwork was conducted in Bordeaux (France) and in 2018 in Casablanca (Morocco).

International Management School Geneva, 2016-2018.

Lecturer, B.A course, *An Introduction to social Anthropology*, for 15 students in a private university centered on management, business and international relations.

Dept. of Geography and Environment, University of Geneva, 2016

Lecturer, M.A course, *Cultural Geography* given in collaboration with Prof. Jean-François Staszak for some 80 students.

Institute for Environmental Sciences, University of Geneva, 2010-2014.

Teaching assistant for B.A students. The main course, given in parallel to doctoral research, was an *interdisciplinary fieldwork seminar* conducted in the Swiss Alps.

Other Professional Experience

Transport and Environment Association (ATE), Aug. 2016 to Dec. 2018.

Project manager tasked with developing research activities and academic collaborations in the field of sustainable mobility.

Association pour la Reconversion Vivantes des espaces (ARVe), Jan. 2008 to present.

Founding member and president (since 2016) of an organization aiming to developing cultural and art projects in urban wastelands in Geneva, Switzerland. Participation in various mandates for public and private bodies. The organization was managing two sites in 2021: former military barracks transformed into a cultural center and a venue offering live music and providing youth integration on the banks of the Rhône River.

Fédération Genevoise de Coopération (FGC), Sept. 2007 to June 2008.

Assistant project manager for a federation managing public funding for non-profit organizations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Awards

Swiss National Science Foundation funding (Program *Ambizione*) for an independent research project at the University of Geneva: *Building a model of a 'resilient city' in the 100*

Resilient Cities initiative: the cases of New Orleans and Medellin. (Approx. \$825'000). [PZ00P1_179904], Jan. 2019 to Dec. 2022.

Utility Company of Geneva, Cantonal Dept. of Energy of Geneva, Public Property Development Foundations of Geneva funding for a research project at the University of Geneva : Analysis of a complex of low-income and high-energy standard buildings. (Approx. \$370'000, in partnership with Dr. Pierre Hollmuller, University of Geneva). Jan. 2018 to Dec. 2019.

University of Geneva seed funding for the preparation of a research proposal for the Swiss National Science Foundation (Program *Ambizione*) (Approx. \$20'000). May to Sept. 2016.

Fonds Rappard award for the publication of the book *La Ville Martyre* (approx. \$7'000). [B-0010_162451], 2016.

Swiss National Science Foundation funding (Program Early Postdoc.Mobility) for a post-doctoral research project at the University of California in Berkeley, entitled *Memory and Violence in Medellin's Comunas* (Approx. \$73'000). [P2GEP1_151837], May 2014 to Dec. 2015.

Foundation Ernst & Lucie Schmidheiny research travel award for fieldwork in Bosnia-Herzegovina (Approx. \$5'000). Summer 2011.

Fields of Interest

- Resilience and Urban Violence; Global Governance, Resilient Cities and International Resilience-based Networks; Global/Local Approaches to Resilience; Decolonizing Resilience; Resilience, Resistance and Neoliberal Discourses.
- Violence Prevention; Gang Violence and Non-State Armed Groups; Criminal Control and Extortion; Kinship and Friendship in Organized Crime.
- Human Rights; Reconciliation and Conflict Resolution; Collective Memory and Trauma.
- Tourism and Crime; Tourism Development in (Post)-Conflict Cities; Tourism and Peace; Tourism in the Urban Margins.
- Cities and Conflicts; Urban Informal Settlements; Development and Resistances in Marginalized Communities.
- Social Sciences Methods in Energy Studies; Energy Efficiency in Low-Income Households.
- Regional Emphasis on Colombia, the United States, the Former Yugoslavia and Switzerland.

Publications

Books

- *Tourism, conflict and contested Heritage in Former Yugoslavia.* (with J. Ploner) London: Routledge, 2017.

- *La ville-martyre: guerre, tourisme et mémoire en ex-Yougoslavie*. Geneva: Slatkine, 2016.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- (Re)Burying the Dead with a Day out in the Sun: Tourism and Violence in “Post-conflict” Colombia. Submitted in Nov. 2021 to the *Annals of Tourism Research*.
- Tourism, Gangs and Extortion in Medellin. Submitted in Jul. 2021 to the *Journal of Latin American Studies*.
- “100 Resilient Cities”: Addressing Urban Violence and Creating a World of Ordinary Resilient Cities. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*.
- Resistances in the “Resilient City”: Rise and Fall of a Disputed Concept in New Orleans and Medellin. *Political Geography*.
- L’impact du Covid-19 sur les mondes de l’art (co-author with B. Birchler). *Swiss Journal of Sociocultural Anthropology*, 27, accepted Oct. 2021.
- Repositioning Engaged Anthropology: Critical Reflexivity and Overcoming Dichotomies (co-author with P. Larsen, D. Bacalzo, L. Barachinni, S. Riva & E. Tibet) *Swiss Journal of Sociocultural Anthropology* 27, accepted Oct. 2021.
- Resilience as a City Brand: The Cases of the Comuna 13 and Moravia in Medellin, Colombia. *Sustainability* 12(20), 2020.
- The Micro-Politics of Energy Efficiency: an Investigation of eco-social Interventions' in Western Switzerland (co-author with B. Bertho & M. Sahakian). *Critical Social Policy*, 41(2), 2020.
- Exploring new frontiers? “Neo-slumming” and Gentrification as a Tourism Resource (co-author with R. Pieroni). *International Journal of Tourism Cities*, 2019.
- Les défis du tourisme face à la construction de la paix en Colombie (co-author with M.-L. Guiland). *Via Tourism Review*, 15, 2019 (Translated in English, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Italian & Catalan).
- L'escombrera de Medellin: une fosse commune entre reconnaissance et oubli. *Géographie et cultures*, 105, 2018.
- The Familiar and the Strange in Heritage and Tourism Encounters (co-author with R. DeLugan). *Journal of Anthropological Research*, 74(4), 2018.
- “Narco-heritage” and the Touristification of the Drug Lord Pablo Escobar in Medellin, Colombia. *Journal of Anthropological Research*, 74(4), 2018.
- Using Mobility and Urban Planning to Implement Atmosphere: The Example of "Encounter Zones" in Western Switzerland. *Mobile Culture Studies. The Journal*, 3, 2017.
- Touring the ‘Comuna’: Memory and Transformation in Medellin. *Journal of Tourism and Cultural Change*, 16(2), 2016.
- Tourism and the ‘Martyred City’: Memorializing War in the former Yugoslavia. *Journal of Tourism and Cultural Change*, 14(3), 2016.
- Tourism, Conflict and contested Heritage in former Yugoslavia (co-author with J. Ploner). *Journal of Tourism and Cultural Change*, 14(3), 2016.
- From Terrorscape to Leisurescape. A Case Study of 'Stalin World' in Lithuania. *Versus : Quaderni Di Studi Semiotici*, 119, 2015.
- La Yougonostalgie et les Monuments Fantômes de l'espace Post-yougoslave. *Revue D'études Comparatives Est-Ouest*, 46(4), 2015.

- Enjeux environnementaux : le déni de complexité (co-author with R. Lawrence, J. Forbat, C. Lambert, P. Plagnat Cantoreggi, S. Perret, J. Zufferey) *Cosmopolis*, 1, 2014.
- CSouvenirs de Vukovar »: Tourisme et mémoire dans l'espace post-yougoslave. *Via Tourism Review*, 3, 2013 (Translated in Italian and English).
- 1991-2011: Traces iconographiques des « Guerres Balkaniques ». [Visual Essay]. *Journal of the Swiss Anthropological Association*, 17, 2012.
- Voyage à travers un baril de poudre : guerre et imaginaire touristique à Sarajevo. *Via Tourism Review*, 1, 2011 (Translated in German and English).
- Du traumatisme au touristscape. Regards croisés sur Vukovar et. *Journal of the Swiss Anthropological Association*, 16, 2011.
- Reinventing Kotor and the Risan Bay, a study of tourism and heritage conservation in the New Republic of Montenegro. *European Countryside*, 3(1), 2011.
- Mise en tourisme et production patrimoniale au Monténégro : Kotor et sa "labélisation UNESCO". *Géo-Regards*, 3, 2010.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- Medellín après le « miracle ». Les limites du droit à la ville créative. (co-author with A. Modoianu) In: F. Gamba, S. Cattacin & N. Viana Anzola (eds.) *Ville et créativité*. Geneva: Seismo. In Press, 2022.
- Colombia. In: A. Gohar (ed.) *Tourism Governance. A Critical Discourse on a Global Industry*. Oldenbourg: De Gruyter. In Press, 2022.
- Conclusion: Comparing Household Energy Use across Europe - Uncovering Opportunities for Sustainable Transformation. (co-author with M Sahakian & G. Goggins) In: F. Fahy, G. Goggins, C. Jensen (eds.) *Energy demand challenges in Europe*. London: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2019.
- Memorial Entrepreneurs and Dissonances in post-conflict Tourism. In: R. K. Isaac, E. Çakmak and R. Butler (eds.) *Tourism and Hospitality in conflict-ridden Destinations*. Abingdon-on-Thames: Routledge, 2019.
- The Commodification of narco-Violence through popular Culture and Tourism in Medellín, Colombia. In: C. Lundberg & V. Ziakas (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Popular Culture and Tourism*. London: Routledge, 2018.
- Tourism and Nationalism in the former Yugoslavia. In: L. White (ed.) *Commercial Nationalism and Tourism*. Oxnard: Channel Views, 2017.
- Welcome to Sarajevo! Touring the powder keg. In: B. Sion (ed.) *Death Tourism: Disaster Sites as Recreational Landscape*. Calcutta: Seagull Books, 2014.
- Touring the Traumascape: 'War Tours'. In: C. A. Collins & J. E. Clark (eds.) *Speaking the Unspeakable*. Oxford: Inter-disciplinary Press, 2013.

Special Issues

- Repositioning Engaged Anthropology (Co-directed with P. Larsen, D. Bacalzo, L. Barachinni, S. Riva & E. Tibet) *Swiss Journal of Sociocultural Anthropology* 27. In Press, 2022.
- Tourism and Peace in Colombia. An uncertain Alliance. (Co-directed with M.-L. Guillard) *Via tourism review* 15, 2019.
- The Familiar and the Strange in Heritage and Tourism Encounters (Co-directed with R. Delugan). *Journal of Anthropological Research* 74(4), 2018.

Contribution to an Encyclopedia

- Nationalism, Tourism. In: Jafari J. and Xiao H. (eds.). *Encyclopedia of Tourism*. Berlin: Springer, 2022.

Book Review

- Coca yes, cocaine no: how Bolivia's coca growers reshaped democracy, written by Thomas Grasaffi. *Journal of Anthropological Research*, 76(2), 2020.

Articles

- Quelle résilience après la « pire année de l'histoire »? *Le Temps*, 2021
- Le crime aux temps du corona. *Le Courrier*, 2020.
- Peut-on tourner le dos à son passé? La narcoviolence dans les musées de Medellin. *Espaces* 337, 2017.
- La gentrification comme ressource touristique : le cas de Brixton à Londres (co-author with R. Pieroni). *Geoagenda*, 2017.
- Bienvenue à Escobarland. *Le Temps*, 2016.
- Medellin passe de la ville la plus violente à la plus innovante du monde. *La Cité*, 2016.

Proceedings Chapters

- Challenging conventions towards energy sufficiency: ruptures in laundry and heating (Co-author with M. Sahakian, C. Jensen, G. Goggins & F Fahy). *Ecee 2019 Summer Study Conference Proceedings*, 1-078-19, 2019.
- Tourisme de mémoire, instrument de paix et/ou de réconciliation. *Quand le tourisme questionne la mémoire*. 2013.
- A la pointe de la fabrique urbaine ? Aménager et ménager un site clé de la ville de Genève grâce à une buvette sociale et culturelle (co-author with B. Dupuis & S. Gaberell). *Happy City, faire la ville par l'évènement*. 2012.

Blogs

- Coronavirus y crimen en América Latina. *Lluvia De Orion*. 2020
- Urbanismo social y derecho a la ciudad: quince años después el «milagro» (Co-author with A. Modoianu). *Lluvia De Orion*, 2020.

Reports

- La Fontenette – « Les Auréa » : Analyse technique et sociale d'un complexe d'immeubles HBM de haut standard énergétique, équipé d'une PAC centralisée sur eaux usées (co-author with S. Callegari, R. Pieroni, F. De Oliveira Filho & P. Hollmuller), 2021.
- Évaluation des programmes d'efficacité énergétique auprès des ménages : vision à moyen terme (Co-author with D. Cabrera Santelices, J-L. Bertholet, C. Lambert, C. & M. Patel), 2020.

Doctoral Thesis

- Guerre, tourisme et mémoire dans l'espace post-yougoslave : la construction de la "ville-martyre ». *University of Geneva*. 2014.

Conferences

- Gang violence and the touristification of underground memories in the comuna 13 of Medellin, Colombia. *Royal Anthropology Institute Annual Conference. Anthropology And Geography: Dialogues Past, Present And Future*, London (UK), 2020.
- Visual memorialization as an alternative representation of war and peace in Colombia. 16Th ESEA Biennial Conference. Lisbon (Portugal), 2020.
- Gouvernance criminelle et résilience urbaine à Medellín. *Séminaire : gouvernance Environnementale et Développement Territorial*. Geneva (Switzerland), 2020.
- Reclaiming Medellin's esquinas through art and memory. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver (Canada), 2019.
- Closing the Loop: Enhancing Interdisciplinarity in Research and Teaching (presented P. Plagnat-Cantoreggi). *Intrepid Knowledge*, Lisbon (Portugal), 2019.
- Creativity and resistance in Medellin's comunas: toward alternate visions of peacebuilding. *7Th Conference of Peace and Conflict Studies in Anthropology*, Belfast (UK), 2019.
- Memorial entrepreneurs and resistance in the urban margin. Ulster University. Belfast (UK), 2019.
- Diversité des institutions de recherche en Suisse et rapports à l'expertise professionnelle : fonctionnement, pratiques et légitimité (presented with S. Gaberell). *La Collaboration Transdisciplinaire au prisme du Développement Urbain Durable*. Geneva (Switzerland), 2019.
- Le « local » et le « global » dans l'institutionnalisation d'un modèle de résilience urbaine. *The Global As Method: Ethnographic Scales in the 21St Century*, Geneva (Switzerland), 2019.
- Quelle place pour des experts 'non-académiques' dans la recherche interdisciplinaire associée au développement urbain ? (presented with P. Plagnat-Cantoreggi), *Légitimités d'en haut, Légitimité d'en bas: postures d'acteurs*. Paris (France)
- Anti-tourism in Guides Narratives: Urban Night and Subculture Tours. (presented with R. Pieroni) Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans (USA), 2018.
- Evaluation des programmes d'efficacité énergétique auprès des ménages: vision à moyen terme. *Un Dialogue Entre Sciences Sociales et Praticiens*, Bienne (Switzerland), 2018.
- Night tours: Commodification and Exoticization of the night (presented with R. Pieroni). *Tourism and the Night. The University of Westminster*. London (UK), 2018.
- Les zones de rencontre en Suisse. Changements dans les pratiques de mobilité et nouveaux codes de partage de l'espace public. *Rencontres Francophones Transport-Mobilité*, Lyon (France), 2018.
- La promotion du tourisme et la construction de la paix en Colombie. Entrepreneurs de mémoire et dissonances. *La Colombie Aujourd'hui : Arts, Patrimoines, Urbanités, Tourisme*. Paris (France), 2017.

- Tourism promotion and construction of peace in Colombia. Congreso Internacional De Investigación: Turismo Y Buen Vivir. *University Externado*. Bogota (Colombia), 2017.
- La « ville martyre » : exemples croisés en Bosnie-Herzégovine et en Croatie orientale. *Patrimoines en Guerre autour de la Méditerranée*, Beirut (Lebanon), 2017.
- Patrimoines et conflits armés en Méditerranée, *Casa de Velázquez, Institut français de Madrid* (Spain), 2017
- La promotion du ‘miracle de Medellin’. *Aménager le territoire pour promouvoir la paix en Colombie*. *University of Geneva*. Geneva (Switzerland), 2017
- Le "tourisme de transformation" et la promotion du "miracle de Medellín". *Réinventer L'ordinaire: Les Fronts Pionniers du Tourisme: Lieux, Acteurs, Imaginaires*. *Ministère de L'environnement, de L'énergie et de la Mer*, Paris (France), 2017.
- Turismo, Memoria y Transformación en Colombia. *Primer Conversatorio Turismo Y Postconflicto: “El Contexto Actual En Colombia Y Algunos Casos*. Bogota (Colombia), 2017.
- Le ‘balkanisme’ et le patrimoine contesté d'ex-Yougoslavie, *Le Printemps culturel, Carrefour Sarajevo*. Neuchâtel (Switzerland), 2017.
- Memory in a context of urban transformation : Exclusion and appropriation dynamics in Medellin’s ‘comuna tours’. *Annual Conference of the Swiss Anthropological Association (SAA)*. Lausanne (Switzerland), 2016
- Pablo and the hippos: ‘narcoheritage’ and tourism in Medellin, Colombia. *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, Denver (USA), 2015.
- Turismo y Violencia en Medellin. *Universidad Externado*. Bogota (Colombia), 2015.
- Violence and tourism: a Case Study of Medellin. *Tourism Studies Working Group*. *University of California at Berkeley*, Berkeley (USA), 2015.
- Le "tourisme de champ de bataille" au 20ème siècle: perspectives croisées (presented with M.C. Rodriguez), *Remembering in a Globalizing World: the Play and interplay of tourism, memory and place*. Le Chambon sur Lignon, (France), 2014
- Photography and the touristification of war. *Royal Anthropological Institute*. *British Museum*. London (UK), 2014.
- Heritage Tourism and Identity Construction in Postwar Yugoslavia. - Tourism and the Shifting Values of Heritage. Taipei (Taiwan), 2013.
- Tourisme de mémoire comme instrument de paix ou / et de réconciliation ? *Quand Le Tourisme Questionne La Mémoire*. *Parlement De Bruxelles*. Brussel (Belgium), 2013.
- Competing memories in the post-Yugoslav space: Tourism, Balkanism & Categorization. *University of Amsterdam*. Amsterdam (The Nederland), 2012.
- War Heritage defies the Borders: A Case Study of Bosnia. *Association of Critical Heritage Studies, Inaugural Conference*, Gothenburg (Sweden), 2012.
- « Souvenirs » de Vukovar : Tourisme et mémoire dans l’espace post-yougoslave. *Habiter l'espace post-yougoslave*. Tours (France), 2012.
- Art et patrimoine de guerre dans les Balkans : Le bunker de Konjic. *3èmes Journées Scientifiques de la Société d'écologie humaine*. Marseille (France), 2011.
- La mise en tourisme des champs de bataille. *Patrimoine, Territoires, Tourisme*. *Ministry of Defense*. Paris (France), 2011.
- Exploring War Tourism in Vietnam, the Case of the Cu Chi Tunnels. *Death/dark/thanaturism*, *University of New York*. New York (USA), 2010.
- "Sorry for the noise, we're just trying to be heard": the transformation of Geneva's nightscape (presented with R. Pieroni & B. Dupuis). *RGS-IBG Annual International Conference*. London (UK), 2010.

- Travel in a powder Keg: war tours in Sarajevo. *Tourism Imaginaries*. University of California in Berkeley, Berkeley (USA), 2010.
- From Traumascape to Touristscape: “War Tours” in Sarajevo and Vukovar. *Trauma: Theory and Practice, Inter-Disciplinary.net*, Prague (Czech Republic), 2010.
- Reinventing Kotor and the Risan Bay, a study of Tourism and Heritage Conservation in a postwar Context. *23th Congress of the European Society for Rural Sociology*. Vaasa (Finland), 2010.
- L’exotisme des champs de bataille : Risques, mémoires et tourisme de guerre. *IUKB*, Sion (Switzerland), 2010.
- Tourisme culturel et mémoire de guerre. Quelques pistes de recherches dans le cadre du war tourism. *University of Basel* (Switzerland), 2008.

Selected Media Interviews

- Kzern: " Remplaçons les armes par les paillettes et les marches uniformisées par des rythmes ondulés! *Des plans sur la planète*. Couleur 3 - Radio-Télévision Suisse (RTS), 2021.
- "Kzern" est le nouveau centre de vie socioculturelle et alternative pour les noctambules genevois, *Couleurs locales*, Radio-Télévision Suisse (RTS), 2021.
- L’avenir du parc de la Jonction interrogé. *Le Journal*, Léman bleu TV, 2021.
- Les armées commencent à se soucier de l’environnement. *Tout un monde*, Radio-Télévision Suisse (RTS), 2021.
- Enquête sur le « miracle de Medellín ». *Le Courrier*, 2019.
- Comment le tourisme s'empare des sites de mémoire et de guerre. *Ouest-France*, 2019.
- À la Pointe accueil Le Toutouyoutour pour une émission en direct de la buvette. *Le Toutouyoutour*, Couleur 3 - Radio-Télévision Suisse (RTS), 2019
- Quel impact auront les séismes meurtriers sur le tourisme en Indonésie. *Tout un monde*, Radio-Télévision Suisse (RTS), 2018.
- Le projet écotouristique de la vallée enchantée peine à séduire le Brésil. *Tout un monde*, Radio-Télévision Suisse (RTS), 2016.
- « C'est plus voyeuriste de la regarder au JT. » *Le Parisien*. 2012.

Boards and Committees

- *Interface Commission of the Swiss Anthropological Association*, since 2019.
- *Latino Lab*, Scholars in Geneva conducting Research in Latin America, since 2019.
- Founding Member (2008) and President (since 2016) *Association pour la Reconversion Vivantes des espaces (ARVe)*
- Scientific Board member, *EnQuêtes – Anthropology Platform*, since 2017

Languages

French, Spanish and English: Fluent

German: Functional Reading Comprehension

Interests

Downhill skiing, backcountry skiing and Ultimate Frisbee. Participation in Ultimate Frisbee World Championships (2010, 2016, 2018) and European Championships (2011, 2017, 2019).