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2008-14	Joint Ph.D. in Sociology (with distinction), Northwestern
	University/Sciences Po Paris
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	Dissertation advisors: Bruce Carruthers (Northwestern University) and Louis
	Chauvel (Sciences Po Paris)
	Dissertation title: "Calculating and Governing Risk in Times of Crisis: The
	Role of Credit Ratings in Regulatory Reasoning and Legal Change (1930s -
	2010s)"
	Dissertation Committee: Bruce Carruthers, Wendy Espeland, Michael Loriaux
	(Northwestern University), Louis Chauvel, Olivier Borraz (Sciences Po Paris)
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	63; A. Kruck, 2016: http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/13258
2006-08	M.A. in Sociology, Sciences Po Paris
2002-06	B.A. in Sociology, Political Sciences Institute of Rennes (IEP Rennes)
2001-02	D.E.U.G History (1st year), University Lille III

# EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2020	Research and Teaching Fellow (Maître assistant), Department of Sociology,
	University of Geneva, coordinator of the Master in Standardization, Social
	Regulation and Sustainable Development (STAREG)
2020	Postdoctoral fellow, École nationale des travaux publics de l'État
	(ENTPE) and ENS Paris Saclay, ANR projet DESORBERCY coordinated
	by Philippe Zittoun, Patrick Hassenteufel, Caroline Vincensini and Frédéric
	Lebaron
2019-20	Residency at the Paris Institute for Advanced Study, Chaire Jean d'Alembert
	Paris-Saclay https://www.paris-iea.fr/en/fellows/pierre-penet-2
2016-19	Scientific collaborator (postdoctoral fellow, 100%) in the SNF project
	SOVDEBTDIPLO "Sovereign Debt Diplomacies. Comparing International
	Regimes of Sovereign Debt Dispute since 1945" hosted at the University of
	Geneva, Paul Bairoch Institute of Economic History (project #162772)
2014-15	Marie Curie postdoctoral fellow in the Macroeconomics and Financial History
	"MACROHIST" network (EU Commission, Marie Curie Initial Training
	Action) hosted at the IHEID, Department of International History.
	Supervisor: Marc Flandreau
2012-14	Lecturer, Northwestern University, Department of International Studies
2008-11	Teaching assistant, Sciences Po Paris, Department of Sociology

# HONOURS, PRIZES & FELLOWSHIPS

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2019	Laureate of the French Fondation pour les Sciences Sociales (program "Societies in danger". This prize comes with an invitation to write a paper on the topic of financial prophetism and crisis anticipation − 2500 € https://fondation-
	sciences-sociales.org/pierre-penet/
2019	Young Talent Award (Gold), Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social
	Sciences. Awarded for the best paper published in 2018 by a Swiss researcher
	under 40 – 10'000 CHF
	For: "The IMF failure that wasn't. Risk ignorance during the European
	debt crisis," article published in the <i>British Journal of Sociology</i> .
2018	Swiss National Science Foundation, conference for the preparation of an
_010	edited volume (10'000 CHF)
	For: "Sovereign debt in post- and neo-colonial developments," edited
	book project with contributions with contributions from scholars in
	Law, History, Sociology and Political Science, with Juan Flores
2018	Société académique de Genève, conference organization grant (1'780 CHF).
	For "Sovereign debt in post- and neo-colonial developments" University
	of Geneva, march 2018, with Juan Flores
2016-18	3-year research project funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation –
	556'000 CHF; with Juan Flores
	For: "Sovereign Debt Diplomacies. Comparing International Regimes of
	Sovereign Debt Dispute since 1945", Paul Bairoch Institute of
	Economic History, University of Geneva
2014	Robert F. Winch Prize for Outstanding Lecturer, Northwestern University
	For: "Time of Crisis: An International Perspective on the Social and
	Political Consequences of the 2008 Financial Collapse," undergraduate-
	level course taught at Northwestern University
2014	Roberta Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies,
	Dissertation Research Award, Northwestern University
2013	MacArthur research grant, Sociology Department, Northwestern University (3-
	months, \$5,000)
	For "From Risk Models to Loan Contracts: Austerity as the Calculation
	of Austerity by Other Means," article published in the Journal of Critical
	Globalisation Studies.
2013	Robert F. Winch Prize for Best Student Paper, Northwestern University
	For: "Prize & Price: The Turner Prize as a Valuation Device in the
2011 12	Contemporary Art Market," published in <i>Poetics</i> .
2011-12	Fulbright Fellowship, U.S. Department of State (12 months, \$18,000)
2010	Sociology Research Award, Sociology Department, Northwestern University
2008-11	Doctoral Fellowship, French Ministry of Research (36 months)
2005	Research Internship Grant, International Political Science Association

### PUBLICATIONS<sup>1</sup>

### 1. Monographs

Pierre Pénet. « <u>Les prophètes de la finance : le cœur inquiet de la société du risque</u> », accepted for publication and under contract, Éditions du Croquant, coll. Dynamiques Socio-Économiques. <u>Forthcoming in 2021</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Abstracts are provided for publications since 2015. Click on the hyperlink to access the publication.

-La parole prophétique irrigue aujourd'hui bon nombre de débats politiques et scientifiques. Elle exerce sur la société une fascination puissante, suscitant pêle-mêle la curiosité, l'incompréhension ou la défiance. Si la parole prophétique apparaît comme un développement endogène à la société du risque, où l'agir politique se décide en fonction de savoirs d'anticipation, elle en constitue néanmoins ce qu'on peut appeler le « cœur inquiet ». Cette monographie du prophétisme dans le secteur financier est la première du genre dans les sciences sociales francophones comme anglophones. Cet ouvrage vient combler un vide empirique car la parole prophétique reste étrangement absente de l'abondante littérature sociologique consacrée à la prévision économique. L'étude des prophètes de la crise de 2008, un groupe qui ne dépasse pas une vingtaine d'individus, permet de poser des questions de recherche plus larges que celles que leur nombre ou leur statut minoritaire laissent suggérer. Premièrement, l'étude de ces savoirs « hérétiques » donne à voir les conflits et les lignes de fracture qui traversent les représentations de l'avenir. Deuxièmement, rentrer dans la boîte noire de la parole prophétique sera l'occasion d'en identifier les contenus, les registres d'énonciation et d'œuvrer à répondre à une question qui anime le débat public autour de la prévision économique : c'est quoi avoir raison? Enfin, l'examen des trajectoires des prophètes, moqués avant la crise et consacrés après, donnera un bon repère pour évaluer la capacité des croyances économiques à s'actualiser après une crise majeure.

#### 2. EDITED VOLUMES

Flores, Juan and Pierre Pénet (eds). "Sovereign debt diplomacies: Rethinking sovereign debt from colonial empires to hegemony", book under contract at Oxford University Press (exp. December 2020)

- This volume offers two important contributions to the literature on sovereign debt. First, it provides a unique genealogy of debt collection practices in terms of their availability, acceptability and efficacy. We argue that creditors' tactics and methods to enforce debt repayment emerged and solidified to a large extent in relation to the threads of colonial history, from the building of empires to the decolonisation era. Second, this volume reflects critically on the relevance of neo-colonial interpretations in recent cases of sovereign debt disputes.

#### 3. SPECIAL ISSUES

Frédéric Lebaron et Pierre Pénet (dir.). 2020. « Turbulences dans l'économie mondiale », numéro spécial de *Savoir/Agir*, 51(3), <u>forthcoming March 2021</u>.

### 4. ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

Pierre Pénet. 2020 "Margin call: the heuristic value of "marginalia" for the study of public policy", Sociologie du travail, 62(1-2), pp. 1-21.

-This paper investigates the meaning of "marginalia," i.e. the annotations which often appear in the margins of archival documents bequeathed by organizations and administrations. This article offers a typology for identifying different annotation practices (cognitive, editorial, instituting) across administrative contexts. This typology aims both to facilitate the collection of marginalia and to help scholars better understand their varied meanings. Next, this article demonstrates the heuristic value of marginalia for two complementary areas of research: the daily work of state agents and the production of categories of public action. Early instances of regulatory reliance on ratings during the New Deal serve as empirical illustration. From the examination of annotations made in the margins of financial reports collected in the regional archives of the US Federal Reserve, this paper shows that the use of ratings in financial regulation started and got

diffused "from below" and informally by local state agents in order to simplify their daily work.

Pierre Pénet. 2019. "Fake science and strategic ignorance: reappraising the public controversies about austerity and glyphosate", Études de communication, 53, pp. 85-102.

-Experts are faced with ever growing accusations of *fake science* in the public debate. Such objections are heuristic because they point at deliberate forms of knowledge alteration. But they overestimate the importance of lies relative to subtler logics of knowledge bending. We suggest that the phenomena described as fake science in layman's language can be analyzed more rigorously using the notion of strategic ignorance put forward in sociological studies of expertise. The recent controversies about austerity and glyphosate are two cases in point.

Pierre Pénet. "Rhetorical Metrics: Building Securities Regulation in America's Era of Booms and Busts, 1890-1940," European Journal of Sociology, 60 (1), pp. 69-107.

How do regulators regulate with metrics? This article offers a rhetorical approach to this question, using early U.S. securities regulation as a case in point, and reliance on credit ratings as empirical illustration. A rhetorical approach challenges economists' claim that metrics are limited to providing technical guidance to policy formation: the fact is that the role of metrics in regulation can be appreciated only if technical and social aspects are considered together. A rhetorical perspective also fills an important gap in sociological studies of "co-production" that claim that procedural deliberation enhances the legitimacy of regulation but underemphasize the role of quantification when procedural rules are lacking. This article suggests that rhetoric is not suboptimal or irrational but a vital form of deliberation in contexts of uncertainty, when decision-making requires some amount of persuasion outside a procedural context. I observe that metrics can be a powerful vehicle of rhetorical change. Two components of rhetorical metrics are highlighted. First are cognitive clutches, or the capacity to shift prevailing models of attention. Second are actionable arguments, the capacity to embed cognitive deviance into a compelling argument for change. I conclude with reflections on the legacy of rhetorical decisions on current policy debates.

Pierre Pénet. 2019. "The prophets of finance: Contesting and remaking financial markets", Tracés: Revue de Sciences Humaines, 36 (1), pp. 59-79.

-This article offers a sociological perspective on financial prophecies. The 2008 financial crisis serves as an empirical illustration. Three issues are addressed. Firstly, prophecies are analysed as a contrarian and contentious representation of financial risks which contrasts with the conventional and optimistic relationship to risks endorsed by established forecasters. Secondly, this study suggests that epoch-changing events such as financial crises can generate confirmatory facts, which may seem to confirm all or part of the prophetic discourse. From this point of view, prophecies are not always bound to failure, as they can find a powerful felicity mechanism in the onset of a financial crisis. Several analogies with religion are suggested, using a classical Weberian perspective and recent sociohistorical studies of biblical prophecies. Finally, this article considers the role of prophecies in the institutionalisation of new financial practices.

Pierre Pénet. 2018. "The IMF failure that wasn't: Risk ignorance during the European debt crisis," British Journal of Sociology, 69 (4), pp. 1031-1055.

-This article builds on ignorance studies to revisit how we understand the role of expertise in international policymaking. A fundamental component of ignorance is concealing what you know. For experts, risk ignorance is a strategic resource when the policymaking process becomes a contested exchange. This article covers IMF lending programmes in Europe in 2008–13 with a special focus on Greece. Empirical data is drawn from policy documents. I find that risk ignorance at the IMF resulted from a joint process of 'private alteration' and 'public obfuscation': the alteration of normal scenarios

of debt sustainability in private negotiations worked in tandem with the obfuscation of programme risks in the public stage. The empirical contribution of this article is to show that the 'failure' of the IMF programme for Greece can be reconceptualized as 'success'. The immediate goal of the programme was to bailout Greece's creditors and avoid the breakup of European monetary institutions. In this respect, the programme was successful. But success came at a huge cost for Greece. Analytically, this article suggests that knowledge procurement based on empirical fact-gathering is not always the ultimate goal of international organizations and the communities of experts working within them.

Pierre Pénet and Kangsan Lee. 2014. "Prize & Price: The Turner Prize as a Valuation Device in the Contemporary Art Market," Poetics, 43, pp. 149-171.

-High prices garnered by British contemporary artists are often presented as a problem of valuation. This article seeks to connect the rapid ascent of British contemporary artists to the emergence and institutionalization of the Turner Prize, today's most prestigious art award. Although prizes and awards proliferate in fields of cultural production, little academic research has investigated their implications for artists' careers and trajectories. Combining a detailed, qualitative description of the institutionalization of the Turner Prize with a quantitative investigation of its influence on auction prices, we find that British contemporary artists' unusual valuation pattern (fast market ascension and hastened, rather than "deferred," commercial success) largely results from a different relation between value and price rooted in the Turner Prize's three innovative valuation mechanisms: brokerage, deliberation, and institutional labeling.

Pierre Pénet and Grégoire Mallard. 2014. "From Risk Models to Loan Contracts: Austerity as the Continuation of Calculation by Other Means," *Journal of Critical Globalisation Studies*, 7, pp. 4-47.

#### 5. BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

Pierre Pénet and Juan Flores. 2020 "<u>Introduction. Sovereign debt diplomacies</u>" <u>Accepted</u> for inclusion in *Sovereign debt diplomacies*: Rethinking sovereign debt from colonial empires to hegemony, Eds. Juan Flores et Pierre Pénet.

Pierre Pénet and Juan Flores. 2020 "<u>Chapter 1: Rethinking sovereign debt from colonial empires</u> to hegemony" <u>Accepted</u> for inclusion in *Sovereign debt diplomacies:* Rethinking sovereign debt from colonial empires to hegemony, Eds. Juan Flores et Pierre Pénet.

-This volume aims to revisit the meaning of sovereign debt in relation to colonial history and postcolonial developments. It offers three main contributions. The first contribution is historical. We aim to historicise a research field that has so far focused primarily on the post-1980 years. Our focus on colonial debt from the 19th century building of colonial empires to the decolonisation era in the 1960s-70s fills an important gap in recent debt historiographies. Economic historians have engaged with colonialism only reluctantly or en passant, giving credence to the idea that colonialism is not a development that deserves to be treated on its own. In our view, this has led to suboptimal developments in recent scholarship. Second, we add a 'law and society' dimension to studies of debt. The analytical payoff of the exercise is to capture the current developments and functional limits of debt contracting and adjudication in relation to the long-term political and sociological dynamics of sovereignty. Finally, our volume imports insights from, and contributes to the body of research currently developed in the Humanities under the label 'colonial and postcolonial studies'. Their emphasis on 'history from below' and focus on 'subaltern agency' usefully complement the traditional elite-perspective on financial imperialism favoured by the British school of empire history.

Juan Flores, Pierre Pénet and Christian Suter. 2020 "Chapter 7: The revenge of defaulters: Interstate negotiations and debt repudiations in the post-War financial order, 1940-65."

Accepted for inclusion in Sovereign debt diplomacies: Rethinking sovereign debt from colonial empires to hegemony, Eds. Juan Flores et Pierre Pénet.

-This chapter examines important departures in the way creditors and debtors settled debt disputes in the turmoil of the postwar years (1945-65). Postwar settlements of debt disputes represented an enormous task not only because of the sheer amount of debt in default but also because old methods of creditor interest representation had lost most of their significance. Drawing on archival data collected on several high-profile cases of debt restructuring, we revisit the meaning of sovereign debt disputes in the age of interstate conciliation. First, we show that debt acquired a broader public and diplomatic meaning as states became the main enforcers of private debt contracts. Second, we argue that private creditors greatly benefited from the active role of their states but problems also arose, notably in relation to equality of treatment between creditors. This problem explains why investors began to contemplate alternative, legal, methods of enforcement. Third, we show that such attempts to elevate debt disputes to international legal forums in the 1950s failed but foreshadow the 1990s rise of legal remedies in sovereign debt disputes.

- Olufunmilayo Arewa, Lucio Baccaro, Gopalan Balachandran, Tim Büthe, Grégoire Mallard, Andrea Nightingale, Pierre Pénet, Dominique Pestre and Anthea Roberts. 2018. "Governing Capital, Labor and Nature in a Changing World," Pp. 491-522 in Report of International Panel on Social Progress, Cambridge University Press.
  - -This report integrates the collaborative insights of nine scholars (including me) on the current state of transnational governance in the financial, labor and environment sectors. My contribution is related to financial regulation. I describe the current predicament of financial regulation and suggest avenues for reform.
- Pierre Pénet. 2016. "Credit Rating," Pp. 235-239 in Sage Encyclopedia of Corporate Reputation, edited by Craig E. Carroll, Sage Publications.
  - -This short entry provides a summary of the role of credit ratings in financial markets and international regulatory frameworks.
- Pierre Pénet. 2015. "Rating Reports as Figuring Devices: How Credit Rating Agencies Build Scenarios of the Future," Pp. 62-88 in Making Things Valuable, edited by Martin Kornberger, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
  - -This chapter opens the "black box" of sovereign ratings to understand how credit rating agencies appraise the creditworthiness of states. I focus on rating changes during times of crisis. With the notion of "figuring," I show that rating agencies construct the reality that they supposedly measure. Rating agencies "figure out" and confer meaning upon the financial uncertainties they are tasked with predicting. This study contributes to the literature on the social construction of financial markets.
- Pierre Pénet. 2015. "Inside the Shark Tank: Prizing Contemporary Art," Pp. 492-505 in *Art in the Periphery of the Center*, edited by Christophe Behnke, Cornelia Kastelan, Valérie Knoll, and Ulf Wuggenig, New York and Berlin: Sternberg Press.
  - -This chapter deals with the impact of art prizes on price formation in the contemporary art market. It shows that so-called market bubbles are not irrational but the outcome of institutional changes affecting reputational intermediaries.
- Mallard, Grégoire and Pierre Pénet. 2013. "Seeing Like a Credit Rating Agency: The constitution of Financial Uncertainties during the Greek Sovereign Debt Crisis." Pp. 164-174 in Financial Crises: Identification, Forecasting and Effects on Transition Economies, edited by Cooper Hawthorne. New York: Nova Publishers.

#### 6. TRANSLATIONS

Translation from English to French: Bruce Carruthers and Barry Cohen. 2010. « Noter le crédit : classification et cognition aux États-Unis », *Genèses*, 79 (2), pp. 48-73.

#### 7. WORK UNDER REVIEW

Pierre Pénet. « <u>La sociologie des organisations internationales face aux leaks</u> », article submitted to Sociétés Contemporaines for inclusion in a special issue on the « Usages sociologiques des leaks et documents indiscrets ».

-Cet article interroge la signification des sources fuitées pour les sciences sociales et plus particulièrement la sociologie des organisations internationales. Le cas du Fonds Monétaire International (FMI) sert d'illustration au propos.

Pierre Pénet. « International politics of sovereign debt ». This paper is commissioned by the editorial committee of *French Politics*. <u>Publication expected</u>: *Spring 2020* 

#### 8. BOOK REVIEWS

Pierre Pénet. 2018. <u>Book review</u> in *La vie des idées*: Toussaint, Éric. 2017. *Le système dette*. Paris : Les Liens qui Libèrent. April 4, 2018.

Pierre Pénet. 2018. <u>Book review</u> in *La Vie des Idées*: Campbell, John and John Hall. 2017. *The Paradox of Vulnerability*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Pierre Pénet. 2016. "France and the neoliberal debt regime," Book review in European Journal of Sociology, 57(3), 530-535: Lemoine, Benjamin. 2016. L'ordre de la dette: Enquête sur les infortunes de l'État et la prospérité du marché. Paris: La Découverte.

Pierre Pénet. 2015. <u>Book Review</u> in *Sociologie du travail*, 57, pp. 369–406: Grenfell, Michael and Frédéric Lebaron. (eds). 2014. *Bourdieu and Data Analysis*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

#### 9. OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Pierre Pénet. 2018. "Rethinking Odious Debt," Books & Ideas, 19 mars, <a href="http://www.booksandideas.net/Rethinking-Odious-Debt.html">http://www.booksandideas.net/Rethinking-Odious-Debt.html</a>

-This essay suggests that the legal doctrine of odious debt needs a restatement to stay relevant in the face of important changes affecting sovereign debt. Today, a major issue affecting creditor-debtor relations in the sovereign sector is the predicament of overlending. Examples abound of reckless creditors pressuring vulnerable states to borrow for projects they do not need and at conditions they do not fully understand. Yet, this problem remains largely unaccounted for in international law and in the odious debt doctrine in particular. The future of odious debt depends upon a collective endeavour to make the legal doctrine more sensitive to issues of predatory lending. This essay offers insights into the benefits that such efforts may yield on states and their creditors.

Pierre Pénet. 2017. « <u>Créer une agence européenne de notation financière à but non lucratif</u> », *Le Monde*, October 18.

Pierre Pénet. 2016. « <u>La notation financière a-t-elle toujours raison?</u> », *Sciences Humaines*, Janvier 2016, pp. 36-38.

-This short entry addresses several important challenges currently affecting the production of credit ratings.

Pierre Pénet. 2015. « <u>Avec la crise grecque, l'histoire fait son retour en Europe</u> », *Libération*, June 30.

#### RESEARCH PROJECTS

March 2020-- ANR project **DESORBERCY** coordinated by Philippe Zittoun (LAET/ENTPE), Patrick Hassenteufel (PRINTEMPS/USVQ), Caroline Vincensini (ENS Paris Saclay) and Frédéric Lebaron (ENS Paris Saclay). This project aims to better understand the design of public policies during the 2008 context marked by radical economic and financial uncertainties. My

contribution to this project is to show that expert knowledge and discourses helped decision-makers justify the implementation of new policies but also and alternatively served as an excuse for inaction.

2019-20

Independent project **FINANCIAL PROPHETS** at the Paris Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS). The objective of this residency of the Paris IAS is to foster interdisciplinary collaboration between scholars working in the sociology of finance and historians of religion. The project's main outcome will be the organization of an international conference on financial prophetism. A video summary of the project: Résumé du projet en vidéo (in French): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hp7BikpHToY

2016-2019

Swiss project **SOVDEBTDIPLO** (Sovereign Debt Diplomacies) coordinated with Juan Flores at the University of Geneva and funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (projet #162772). For this project we have recruited a PhD student and organized several conference events: a panel at the annual meetings of the *Law and Society Association* (2017) and an international conference in Geneva with 20+ scholars (2018). This projet's main outcome is the publication of an edited volume.

2016--

International project **DEBTCON** (Interdisciplinary Sovereign Debt Research and Management Conference) organized from the US by Mitu Gulati (Duke University) and Anna Gelpern (Georgetown) and from Geneva by Grégoire Mallard (IHEID), Juan Flores and myself (University of Geneva). This network gathers sovereign debt scholars from the disciplines of law, economics, history and sociology as well as practitioners from the world of finance and international organizations.

2015-17

Participation in the activities of **IPSP** (International Panel on Social Progress – Princeton University and Collège d'études mondiales, Paris), an international network of scholars on global governance. This project has led to the publication of three Cambridge University Press volumes on the international trade, environmental and financial regulation. I contributed to the writing of the chapter on economic governance with, among others, Dominique Pestre (EHESS) and Grégoire Mallard (IHEID Genève).

2014-15

Organization of **MACROHIST** (Macroeconomics and Financial History), a European project on economic history based at the IHEID Geneva and gathering a dozen scholars and fifteen PhD students from six European universities: Humboldt University (Berlin), London School of Economics, Oxford University, IEP Paris, Universidad Carlos III (Madrid) and Université Libre de Bruxelles. Network activities (conferences, student training seminars and research dissemination) were coordinated by Marc Flandreau and myself.

2007-08

Contribution to the empirical survey of **Éduc-Elites** (IEP Paris) on the academic training of French elites (with Agnès Van Zanten and Annabelle Allouch).

#### ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

CONVENER – PRINCIPAL ORGANIZER

2020 (December) International conference: "The Prophetic Speech: Intuition, Forecast, Reform", Paris Institute for Advanced Study

2018 <u>International conference</u>: "Sovereign debt in colonial and neo-colonial developments" (with Juan Flores), University of Geneva

2017	Panel: "Sovereign Debt in Post- and Neo-Colonial Developments," Law and
	Society Association (LSA), Mexico City
2014	International conference: "The Stock Exchange and the Economy" (with Marc
	Flandreau), MACROHIST network, IHEID
2011	Statistical workshop: "Multiple Correspondence Analysis and Multidimensional
	Scaling: Recent Transatlantic Developments in Geometric Data Analysis" (with
	Brigitte Le Roux and Frédéric Lebaron), Northwestern University, Evanston,
	IL, USA
2011	Statistical workshop: "Fields and Markets of Cultural Production: Geometric
	Data Analysis in the French Tradition as a Tool for Representing Complex
	Data," Leuphana Universität Lüneburg, Germany
2009	Statistical workshop: «L'inférence bayésienne dans l'analyse des
	correspondances multiples » (with Brigitte Leroux), Sciences Po Paris.
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PANEL CHAIR AND DISCUSSANT	
2017	Panel: "Sovereign Debt in Post- and Neo-Colonial Developments," Law and
	Society Association (LSA), Mexico City
2017	Panel: "Making Markets: Information and Expertise," Society for the
	Advancement of Socio Economics (SASE), University of Lyon, invited by
	Akos Rona-Tas.
2016	Panel: "Evolving Frontiers within Mainstream Economics: Sociohistorical
	Perspectives," in conference: "Governing Economics: Institutional Changes,
	New Frontiers and the State of Pluralism," University of Picardie.

# ORAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONFERENCES

2020	"The revenge of defaulters: Sovereign defaults and interstate negotiations in the post-War financial order, 1940-65", seminar "Politique de la Monnaie",
	Paris Diderot
2020	"Expertise économique et savoirs d'État", CEMS, group Sciences,
	Technologies, Instruments, <u>EHESS</u>
2020	"Les chiffres du New Deal : quantification, rhétorique et construction de l'État
	régulateur", seminar of Nicolas Barreyre: "Richesse et redistribution:
	capitalisme et politique aux États-Unis", <u>EHESS</u>
2019	"Financial crises and prophets". Discussant: Sylvain Piron (EHESS). Internal
	seminar, Paris Institute for Advanced Study
2019	"Réguler la finance avec les chiffres : une approche rhétorique", Association
	française de sciences politiques (AFSP) / ST Groupe "Régulations, marchés,
	capitalism", <u>IEP Bordeaux</u>
2019	"La fabrique de l'austérité: réseaux d'acteurs et ignorance stratégique",
	Association française de sciences politiques (AFSP) / ST52 : Sociologie des
	politiques économiques internationals, <u>IEP Bordeaux</u>
2019	"La fabrique de l'austérité: réseaux d'acteurs et ignorance stratégique",
	Association française de sciences politiques (AFSP) / ST56: Crises
	économiques et changements dans l'action publique : les apports d'une
	approche centrée sur les interactions d'acteurs, <u>IEP Bordeaux</u>
2019	"La fabrique de l'austérité: contrainte européenne et ignorance stratégique",
	Association française de sciences politiques (AFSP) / ST68 : La contrainte
	européenne dans la fabrique des politiques économiques nationales au sein de
	la zone euro, <u>IEP Bordeaux</u>

2019	"La sociologie des organisations internationales face aux 'leaks", conférence "Des chercheur e s dans la confidence ? Usages sociologiques des <i>leaks</i> et des
	documents indiscrets", CESSP, <u>EHESS</u>
2018	"The revenge of defaulters: Interstate negotiations and debt repudiations in the post-War financial order, 1940-65" (with Juan Flores and Christian Suter), Conference: "Sovereign debt in colonial and neo-colonial developments",
	University of Geneva
2017	"Odious PIIGS: What the European debt crisis tells us about odious debt in the age of predatory lending"
	-Sovereign Debt Research and Management Conference (DebtCon), IHEID Geneva
	-Panel Law and Society Association (LSA): "Sovereign Debt in Post- and Neo-Colonial Developments", Mexico City
2017	"Temps économiques, temps financiers et temps sociaux (with Boris Samuel),
2017	conference "Penser l'Afrique avec Bergson" organized by Jean-François Bayard and Béatrice Hiboux, <u>École de Gouvernance et d'Économie Rabat</u> ,
	Morocco
2017	"A Rhetoric of Metrics: Building securities regulation in America's era of booms and busts, 1890-1940"
	-Séminaire d'études sociales de la finance (SSFA), <u>CNAM</u> , Paris
	-Annual conference SASE, Network N: Finance and Society, <u>University of Lyon</u>
2017	"The IMF failure that wasn't: tournaments of conditionality and strategic
2017	ignorance during the European debt crisis"
	- Department colloquium, Sociology department, <u>University of Geneva</u>
	- Annual conference SASE, mini-conférence "Politics of the Future,
2047	Policies in the Present", <u>University of Lyon</u>
2016	"Governing capital, labor and nature in a changing world", International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP), <u>IHEID Geneva</u> and <u>University of Lisbon</u>
2016	"A Rhetoric of Metrics: Building securities regulation in the era of booms and
	busts, 1890-1940", department colloquium, Management Control Department, ESCP Paris and CRIIESA, <u>Université d'Amiens</u>
2015	"Governing capital, labor and nature in a changing world", International Panel
	on Social Progress (IPSP), <u>Bilgi University</u> , Istanbul
2015	"Regulatory reliance on ratings: the data and politics of US financial regulation
	during the Interwar (1926-1938)", Economic history and economic policy
	conference, <u>Banque de France</u> , Paris
2015	"The colonization of U.S financial regulation by credit ratings during the
	Interwar period (1926-1938): The contemporary legacy of a crisis experiment",
	SASE Annual Conference, Workshop "Regulatory Intermediaries: Bringing
	Together Domestic and Transnational Regulation", LSE, London
2015	"Pollution rituals and the birth of financial regulation in the US during the
	Interwar period (1918-1938)"
	-SASE Annual Conference, Research Network "Finance and Society",
	LSE, London
	-Congrès de l'Association française de sociologie, RT 13, "Sociologie du
	droit et de la justice", <u>Université de Versailles-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines</u>
2015	"Regulatory fictions as instruments of market governance: Examples from the
	European Sovereign Debt Crisis", workshop "Politics and Society in the Age
	of Financialization", Max Planck Institute, Cologne
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2015	"The colonization of U.S financial regulation by credit ratings during the Interwar period: The contemporary legacy of a crisis experiment", seminar: "Institutions, Finance and History," Macroeconomics and Financial History
2014	(MACROHIST) network, <u>Université Libre de Bruxelles</u> "Prizing Contemporary Art", workshop: "Art awards in contemporary art
2014	markets", Sociology Department, <u>Leuphana Universität Lüneburg</u> , Germany "Regulatory interventions following the stock market crash of 1929: a forbearance vs purification dilemma", seminar: "The Stock Exchange and the Economy," Macroeconomics and Financial History (MACROHIST) network, IHEID Geneva
2014	« Styles d'interventionnisme régulateur durant la Grande Dépression : le New Deal entre indulgence et purification », séminaire interne Institut P. Bairoch, Université de Genève
2014	"Anticipatory knowledge as an instrument of market governance: Examples from the recent debt crisis"  -International History Department Colloquium, IHEID Geneva  -Anthropology and Sociology Department Colloquium (with Grégoire Mallard), IHEID Geneva
2014	"Governing markets with legal fictions: Credit ratings and austerity programs during the Greek sovereign debt crisis (2008-2010)", doctoral seminar, Max Planck-Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies, Paris.
2013	"The Invention of regulatory reliance on ratings: Calculative governance and anti-metrology resistance during the Interwar period", conference: "Law and Globalization in a Comparative Perspective: The Interwar versus the Post-Cold War Periods", Sciences Po Paris
2013	"Seeing like a rating agency: The constitution of financial uncertainties during the Greek sovereign crisis", conference: "Regimes of Calculation and Global Governance Conference", <u>Balsillie School of International Affairs</u> , Waterloo, ON, Canada
2012	"Inside the shark tank: The Turner Prize and the valuation of contemporary British artists", Culture & Society workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA
2012	"Crises Financières, crises de l'information financière : Le cas de la notation de la dette souveraine", conférence : « Approches Pluridisciplinaires de l'Économie », École Normale Supérieure, Paris.
2011	"Multiple Correspondence Analysis and Multidimensional Scaling: Recent Transatlantic developments in Geometric Data Analysis." (with Brigitte Le Roux and Frédéric Lebaron), statistical Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA
2011	"Fields and Markets of Cultural Production: Geometric Data Analysis in the French Tradition as a Tool for Representing Complex Data", statistical
2010	workshop, Leuphana Universität Lüneburg, Germany "The Blending of Taste: The Case of the French Field of Film Production." -European Sociological Association Midterm Conference, <u>University of Surrey</u> , England  International conference "30 years often distinction". INHA Paris
2010	-International conference "30 years after 'distinction'", <u>INHA</u> , Paris "Manufacturing Funeral Rituals in a Secular Age: Ethnographic Analysis in Two Funeral Homes in France", Ethnographic Workshop, <u>Northwestern University</u> , Evanston, IL, USA.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2018	University of Geneva: "History of Financial Crises," (with J. Flores), Bachelor
	Level – 26 hours
2018	University of Geneva: One-day course: "Directions Actuelles de la
	Recherche," Master level, invited by Prof. Pilar Nogues-Marco
2016	University of Geneva: One-day course: "Directions Actuelles de la
	Recherche," Master level, invited by Prof. Pilar Nogues-Marco
2012-14	Northwestern University: "Times of Crisis: An International Perspective on
	the Social and Political Consequences of the 2008 Financial Collapse" (taught
	during six quarters), Department of International Studies, Undergraduate Level
	– 30 hours X 6 (180 hours)
Fall 2011	Northwestern University: "Multiple Correspondence Analysis and
	Multidimensional Scaling: Recent Transatlantic Developments in the
	Geometric School of Data Analysis," Statistical Workshop (with Frédéric
	Lebaron and Brigitte Le Roux), 6 hours.
Spring 2011	Sciences Po Paris: "Introduction to Sociology," (Reims campus, with É.
	Ollion), Bachelor Level – 24 hours X 2 (48 hours)
Fall 2020	University of Lüneburg (Germany): "Geometric Data Analysis in the French
	Tradition: a Tool for Representing Complex Data," statistical workshop (6
	hours)
Spring 2009	Sciences Po Paris: "Bayesian Inference," statistical workshop (with Brigitte
	Le Roux) (6 hours)
Spring 2009	Sciences Po Paris: "Socio-Political Cleavages in Europe," TA of B. Cautrès,
	Bachelor Level (24 hours)

# SUPERVISION OF JUNIOR RESEARCHERS & GRADUATES

2016	I am currently providing supervisory guidance to Laura de la Villa, the PhD
	student who was recruited in the SNF project in which I currently work as
	postdoctoral fellow (Laura.DeLaVilla@unige.ch). Juan Flores is the official
	thesis supervisor. I am also providing analytical and empirical guidance to
	several PhD students at the Paul Bairoch Institute of Economic History.
2012-14	During my teaching activities at Northwestern, I supervised over a hundred
	student papers (4th year bachelor students). My role as teacher often extended
	into writing students letters of recommendation and prepping them for
	graduate school.

## MEMBERSHIP IN PANELS, BOARDS & THINK TANKS

2017-18	Member of the Fulbright Commission jury
2015-17	Member of the International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP)
2013-14	Member of the Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University
2012-14	Director of the Sciences Po prep school at the Lycée Français de Chicago
2012-13	Member of the Sciences Po international admission jury

# MEMBERSHIPS IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES & SCIENTIFIC REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

-Member of the following associations: American Sociological Association (Sections: Comparative and Historical Sociology, Economic Sociology), Law and Society Association, Association française de

sociologie, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Economic History Association, Association française d'histoire économique

-Reviewer for The American Journal of Sociology, British Journal of Sociology, Poetics, Social Forces, Valuation Studies, Entreprises & Histoire

#### **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

- -Interview "<u>Unabhängige Experten beugen sich manchmal dem politischen Willen</u>", News für die Schweiz, June 2019
- -Interview « <u>Donald Trump veut un 'faucon' pour diriger la Banque mondiale</u> », Le Temps, February 2019
- -Debate with Jean-Claude Trichet and Cornelia Woll, <u>Atelier du Pouvoir</u>, *France Culture*, February 2015
- -Interview on the Greek sovereign debt crisis, Radio Télévision Suisse, January 2015