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## Academic Positions

- Jan. 2021 - **Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow**, Barnard College, *Columbia University, New York* .  
Jul. 2022
- Jan. 2021 - **Postdoctoral Fellow**, *Fellowship from the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) – Early Post-doc.Mobility*, Project: "Debate around Diversity at the United Nations: An Analysis through the Concept of Intersectionality".  
Jul. 2022
- Sept. 2020 - **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, *University of Geneva, Geneva* .  
Dec. 2020
- Aug. 2018 - **Visiting scholar**, *Fellowship from the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) – Doc.Mobility*, Ralph Bunche Institute, Graduate Center, *City University of New York (CUNY)*.  
Jul. 2019

## Education

- 3 Sep. 2020 **PhD in Sociology, subfield: organizations**, *University of Geneva*, Supervisor: Prof. Mathilde Bourrier.  
Thesis: "The Architecture of Exclusion at the United Nations: Analyzing the Inclusion of the Women's Group in the Negotiations of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction"
- Sep. 2012 - **Master's in Public Health**, *University of Tel Aviv, Israel*.  
Aug. 2013 Thesis proposal: "Measure of a population's resilience; a comparison between two cities (Quiriyat Shmona and Sderot)"
- Aug. 2008 - **Bachelor's in Sociology**, *University of Geneva, Switzerland*.  
Jun. 2012 Thesis: "New Orleans No Matter What! A Sociological Understanding of New Orleanians Who Went Back To Their Hometown After Hurricane Katrina."
- Aug. 2003 - **Maturité Gymnasiale**, *Collège Voltaire, Geneva, Switzerland*.  
Jun. 2007 Electives: Latin, Advanced Mathematics

## Prizes, Awards, Fellowships

- Jan. 2021 - **SNF: Early PostDoc.Mobility grant**, *Visiting scholar*.  
Jul.2022 Barnard College, Columbia University, New York.
- Sep. 2018 - **SNF: Doc.Mobility grant**, *Visiting scholar*.  
Aug.2019 The Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY).
- Feb. 2018 **Subside Tremplin**, *University of Geneva*.
- Sep. 2015 **2nd Prize: "A la recherche du temps perdu"**, Research Slam, University of Geneva.

## Academic Experience

### Research Topics

- Multilateralism, International Organizations, the United Nations
- Civil Society Engagement, Mobilization
- Disaster Risk Reduction, Gender
- Research Methods for International Organizations

## Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals

- Co-Editor Maertens, Lucile, **Leah R. Kimber**, Fanny Badache, Emilie Dairon, (Eds.). (forthcoming). "Time and Space in the Study of International Organizations." [Special Issue]. *Global Policy*.
- Forthcoming **Kimber, Leah R**, Lucile Maertens. "Assembling the United Nations Spatiotemporality". *Global Policy*, (forthcoming).
- 2019 Meyer, Michaël, Solène Gouilhers, Cornelia Hummel, **Leah R. Kimber**, Irina Radu, Loïc Riom, "Six sociologues sur un (beau) bateau. L'esthétique comme passager clandestin dans un corpus photographique", *Revue française des méthodes visuelles* [Online], 3 | 2019, since 5 July 2019. URL : <https://rfmv.fr>.
- 2018 **Kimber, Leah R**, Claudine Burton-Jeangros, Loïc Riom and Cornelia Hummel. "Le sentiment de sécurité chez les personnes âgées: Entre transformations de l'environnement et fragilité individuelle". *Swiss Journal of Sociology* 44, no. 1 (2018).
- 2015 Riom, Loïc, Cornelia Hummel, **Leah Kimber** and Claudine Burton-Jeangros. "Plus on est vieux, plus on se protège: le sentiment de sécurité chez les personnes âgées." *Retraite et société* 2 (2015): 57-74.

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## Books & Book Chapters

- Co-Editor Badache, Fanny, **Leah R. Kimber** and Lucile Maertens. Editors. *Introduction to International Organization Research Methods*. Michigan University Press (forthcoming, September 2022). – (62 contributors worldwide)
- 2022 **Kimber, Leah R**, Lucile Maertens, "Participant Observation". In *Introduction to International Organization Research Methods*, (Eds) Fanny Badache, Leah R. Kimber, Lucile Maertens. Michigan University Press.
- 2022 **Kimber, Leah R.**, "Skype Interviews in the Study of the UN". In *Introduction to International Organization Research Methods*, (Eds) Fanny Badache, Leah R. Kimber, Lucile Maertens. Michigan University Press.
- 2022 **Kimber, Leah R.**, "Reversed Photo-Elicitation". In *Introduction to International Organization Research Methods*, (Eds) Fanny Badache, Leah R. Kimber, Lucile Maertens. Michigan University Press.
- 2022 Dairon, Emilie, **Kimber, Leah R.**, "Ethnographic Interviews". In *Introduction to International Organization Research Methods*, (Eds) Fanny Badache, Leah R. Kimber, Lucile Maertens. Michigan University Press.
- 2020 **Leah R. Kimber**, "The Architecture of Exclusion at the United Nations: Analyzing the Inclusion of the Women's Group in the Negotiations of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction". *PhD Dissertation*, Geneva: University of Geneva.
- 2019 Steele, Jackie F. and **Leah Kimber**, "Josei no adobokashī katsudō to teigen — Sendai bōsai wakugumi ni okeru kokusai renkei" (Women's advocacy activities and proposals: International Collaborations on the Sendai Framework for DRR), In eds. Yuji Genda and Takashi Iida, *Kiki taiō no shakai kagaku-jō: Sōtei-gai o koete (kiki taiō-gaku (The Social Sciences of Crisis Thinking: Beyond the Unexpected))*. University of Tokyo Press, (Chapter 11) pp. 277-317, 2019.
- 2019 **Kimber, Leah R**, "Resilience from the United Nations Standpoint: The Challenges of 'Vagueness'". In *Exploring Resilience*, pp. 89-96. Springer, Cham. [Link](#)
- 2018 Bourrier, Mathilde and **Leah Kimber** (eds). "La police en quête de transversalité: Chronique de la réforme de la police genevoise de 2016". n°36, *Sociograph - Sociological Research Study*, Geneva: University of Geneva (2018). [Link](#)

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## Media and Other Publications

- Aug. 2019 France Culture, "Face aux catastrophes naturelles: sommes-nous prêt-e-s" in *Le Magazine du Week-End*, 10/08/2019, [link](#).
- Dec. 2018 France Culture, "Catastrophes naturelles: prévention impossible?" in *Les Enjeux Nationaux*, 27/12/2018, [link](#).
- Sep. 2017 Bourrier, Mathilde, **Leah Kimber**, Camila Andenmatten, Laurence Dufour, Marine Fontaine, Aurélie Friedli, César Humerosé. "La police en quête de transversalité", Sep. 2017, *Research report*, Geneva: University of Geneva.
- May 2014 Burton-Jeangros, Claudine, Cornelia Hummel, **Leah Kimber**, Loïc Riom and Blaise Dupuis. "Grand âge et enjeux sécuritaire: perception des risques par les aînés". May 2014, *Research report*, Geneva: University of Geneva.

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## Organization of Scientific Events

- 18-20 Jun. 2018 **Researching the United Nations (RUN2018)**, *Co-Organizer, Member of the Steering Committee*.  
Workshop and Conference on the methods of investigation when carrying out research on the United Nations,  
  - 70 participants from 11 countries
  - Budget 50'000 CHF
  - Guest speakers: Thomas G. Weiss, Davide Rodogno, Bob Reinalda, Birgit Muller and more
  - Outcome: Book published with Michigan University Press, Special Issue published with Global Policy.
  - <http://www.unige.ch/run2018>
- 17-19 Apr. 2018 **What do ANTs do? Comment s'appropriier la théorie de l'acteur-réseau**, *Co-Organizer*.  
Programme CUSO: Ovronnaz, Valais.  
  - Defining a workshop topic, panels and mediating the panels revolving around the Actor-Network Theory.
- 18-19 Jun. 2015 **Entrer sur le terrain physiquement et virtuellement**, *Co-Organizer, Chantier Doctoral VIII*.  
Programme CUSO: L'Hostellerie les Chevreuils, Lausanne.  
  - Defining a workshop topic, panels and mediating the panels
  - Field work presentation and questions related to its access "The Role of Gatekeepers in the Access to the Field"
- Spring 2015 **The Future of Organizations**, *Coordinator for the Research Forum*.  
Series of Conferences, headed by Prof. Mathilde Bourrier, Institute for Sociological Research, University of Geneva.

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## Presentations in Academic Conferences

- 25 Jun. 2020 **Leah R. Kimber**, "The Architecture of Exclusion in UN Intergovernmental Negotiations: The Vantage Point from the Women's Major Group in the Sendai Process for Disaster Risk Reduction". *Academic Council of the United Nations System (ACUNS)*, Online Conference due to Covid19.
- 03-04 Feb. 2020 **Leah R. Kimber**, "The Architecture of Exclusion: Micro and Macro Politics of the Inclusion of Civil Society at the United Nations". *Swiss Political Science Association*, Luzern, Switzerland
- 20-22 Jun. 2019 **Kimber, Leah R.** "Reversed Photo-Elicitation: An Innovative Methodological Approach". *International Visual Sociology Association (IVSA)*, Saratoga Springs, New York, USA.
- 27-30 Mar. 2019 **Kimber, Leah R.** and Lucile Maertens. "Capturing the United Nations' Hyperspatiality". *International Studies Association (ISA)*, Toronto, Canada.
- 18-20 Jun. 2018 **Kimber, Leah R.** and Lucile Maertens. "International Organizations in Time and Space: The United Nations as a Hyperspace". *Researching the United Nations and Other International Organizations*, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 11-12 Jan. 2018. **Kimber, Leah R.** "The Long Haul of the Women's Group in the UN Disaster Risk Reduction Program". *Barcelona Workshop on Global Governance*, 11-12 Jan. 2018. Barcelona, Spain.
- 8-10 Jun. 2017 **Kimber, Leah R.** and Jackie Steele. "Women's Empowerment in International Risk Governance? Feminist NGO Representation and Impact within UNISDR Processes and Multilateral Agreements (1990-2015)". *European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG)*, 8-10 Jun. 2017, Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 4-6 May 2017 **Kimber, Leah R.** "From an Empty Vessel to a Sense of Direction: The Use of the Concept of Resilience at the United Nations". *NeTWork Workshop on Resilience*, 4-6 May 2017, Abbaye de Royaumont, France.
- 12-13 May 2016 **Kimber, Leah R.** "Négociations sur un programme de l'ONU vues par l'engagement de la société civile: entre inclusion et exclusion". *Module Embeddedness, Programme doctoral romand de sociologie*, 12-13 May 2016, Ovronnaz, Switzerland.
- 27-29 Jan. 2016 **Kimber, Leah R.** "Gendering DRR". *UNISDR Science and Technology Conference*, poster presentation 27-29 Jan. 2016, Geneva, Switzerland
- 18-19 Jun. 2015 **Kimber, Leah R.** and Alexandre Pillonel. "Accéder au terrain dans un milieu élitiste: quelles stratégies adopter? Discussion autour des possibles stratégies d'accès et de conduite d'une enquête dans un milieu élitiste et réflexions sur les Gatekeepers". *Chantier doctoral VIII*, 18-19 Jun. 2015, L'Hostellerie les Chevreuils, Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 16 Oct. 2014 **Kimber, Leah R.** and Loïc Riom, "Plus on est vieux, plus on se protège: le sentiment d'insécurité chez les aînés". *Déjeuner Sociologique*, 16 Oct. 2014, Department of Sociology, University of Geneva.

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## Teaching Experience

Teaching assistant, Department of Sociology and Institute for Sociological Research

- Feb. 2014 - **Seminar Teaching**, *Qualitative Methods (BA students)*.  
Jan. 2018 Data Collection (interviews, focus groups, observations and images) and Data Analysis: Theory and Practice
- Feb. 2018 - **Seminar Teaching**, *Sociology of International Organizations (BA students)*.  
Jun. 2018 Prepared but not given due to a grant which discharged me from teaching.
- Jan. 2014 - **Jury Member**, *Bachelor Theses (BA students)*.  
Sep. 2020 Reading, commenting, grading papers
- Sep. 2013 - **Tutor**, *Courses by Prof. Mathilde Bourrier (BA and MA students)*.  
Jun. 2020 Sociology of Organizations, Sociology of Risk, Technology, Organizations, Qualitative Methods
- Sep. 2016 - **Tutor**, *Research Workshop (MA students)*.  
Jun. 2017 Assistant to Prof. Mathilde Bourrier

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## Institutional Responsibilities

- Since Aug. **PhD Representative**, Planning Committee, *Faculty of the Geneva School for Social Sciences*.  
2015 University of Geneva
- Since Aug. **PhD Representative**, PhD Committee for the Institute of Sociological Research, *Faculty of the Geneva School for Social Sciences*.  
2015 University of Geneva
- Since May **PhD Geneva based Representative**, "Programme Doctoral Romand en Sociologie", *Conférence Universitaire de Suisse Occidentale*.  
2015
- Jan. 2014 - **PhD Representative**, Participatory Council for the intermediate body, *Faculty of the Geneva School for Social Sciences*.  
Jan. 2016
- Jan. 2014 - **PhD Representative**, Master's Committee, *Faculty of the Geneva School for Social Sciences*.  
Dec. 2015 University of Geneva
- Jan. 2014 - **PhD Representative**, Research Committee, *Faculty of the Geneva School for Social Sciences*.  
Dec. 2015 University of Geneva

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## Work in Progress

- Submitted **Kimber, Leah R.** "Including Civil Society in Intergovernmental Negotiations at the United Nations: Unfolding Institutional, Social and Substantive Apparatus", *International Studies Quarterly*.  
**Kimber, Leah R.** and Jackie Steele. "Gendering Disaster Risk Reduction in United Nations' negotiations".  
*To be submitted to the International Journal of Disaster Risk Science.*

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## Languages

- English Mother tongue, *Native speaker*  
French Mother tongue, *Native speaker*  
Swiss-German Mother tongue, *Native speaker*  
German C1, *Excellent oral and written command*  
Hebrew B1, *Good oral and basic written command*

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## Career Breaks

- Mar. - Sep. **Maternity leave**, *Date of birth, 12 March 2016*.  
2016
- Jan. - Jul. **Maternity leave**, *Date of birth, 25 January 2019*.  
2019