**André Chappatte**

**Swiss citizen, married**

**Born: Berne, 19/12/1979**

andre.chappatte@unige.ch

a.chappatte@gmail.com +41 77 511 90 95

|  |
| --- |
| **Academic Positions** |

**a. Assistant Professor at The Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva (04.2020 – currently)**

<https://www.unige.ch/gsi/fr/recherche/projets-de-recherche/the-contemporary-expansion-of-corporate-islam-in-rural-west-africa/>

Funding body: the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) via an Eccellenza Professorial Fellowship

**b. Head of Research Unit ‘Cities as Laboratories of Change’ at ZMO Berlin (2017 – 2019)**

Funding bodiy: the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)

**c. Fellow Researcher at ZMO Berlin (2014 – 2016)**

‘Odienné by Night’: see <http://www.zmo.de/forschung/projekte_2014_2019/chappatte_west_africa_e.html> or [https://www.leibniz-in-africa.de/index.php?id=2559#c2657](https://www.leibniz-in-africa.de/index.php?id=2559" \l "c2657" \t "_blank) **(16 months fieldwork)**

Funding bodies: the BMBF and the SNSF via an Early Postdoc.Mobility Fellowship

|  |
| --- |
| **Education** |

**1. PhD in Social Anthropology, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS),** United Kingdom, *October 2007 – January 2013*

The PhD dissertation is based on an **18 months fieldwork** in southwest Mali.

* *Walking an earthly path; everyday Islam in Bougouni, a town of southwest Mali* (PhD dissertation title)
* This PhD was financed by the SNSF Fellowship for Prospective Researcher (2009-2012).

**Intensive private language training in *Bamanankan***, Bamako, *October 2008 – December 2008*

 The teacher was Mohamed Larabi Diallo, linguist and lecturer at the University of Bamako.

* This language training was financed by the SOAS Additional Award for Fieldwork Grant.

**2. Master of Science in Social Anthropology,** **London School of Economics (LSE)**, United Kingdom, *September 2006 – September 2007*

* *Being Ivorian: ethnic groups, ethnicity, and nationalism in Côte d’Ivoire* (Msc. dissertation title)
* I was accepted with a Graduate Merit Award.

**3. Bachelor and Master of Science in Sociology with a minor in Sciences of Environment, University of Geneva**, Switzerland, *November 2000 – September 2005*

The Master dissertation is based on a **6 months fieldwork** in the rural commune of Fama in southeast Mali.

* *Chefferie traditionnelle et conseillers communaux dans la commune rurale de Fama (Région de Sikasso, Mali) : la parenté comme élément de dialectique* (Msc. dissertation title)
* This project was financed by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in Mali**.**

|  |
| --- |
| **Continuous training** |

**Short Course in Ethnographic Filming**. Granada Centre. University of Manchester. 19-30 June 2017

|  |
| --- |
| **Publications** |

**Monograph**

* In Search of ‘*Tunga’.* Prosperity, Almighty God, and Lives in Motion in a Malian provincial town. **The University of Michigan Press.** (forthcoming)

**Edited volumes**

* Co-edited with Abdoulaye Sounaye. **Islam and Muslim Life in West Africa. Practice, Influences, and Trajectories**. Berlin: de Gruyter, 300 p. (forthcoming)
* 2018. **Understanding the City through its Margins. Pluridisciplinary Perspectives from Case Studies in Africa, Asia and the Middle East**, Edited with U. Freitag and N. Lafi. New York: Routledge, 190p.

**Articles**

* When Silence becomes 'Yeelen' (Light): the synesthetic phenomenology of a nocturnal solo zikr practice (Odienné, Ivory Coast). Meyer, B and Stolow, J (eds): Special Section on Religion and Light. **Critical Research on Religion**. (forthcoming).
* ‘Yutong ça nous arrange’: The arrival of Chinese coaches in West Africa, reliefs, opportunities and reactions*.* Khan-Mohammad, G. and Kernen, A. (eds): Special Issue on Chinese goods in Africa. **Critical African Studies**(forthcoming).
* *2018.* ‘The vulture without fear’: Exploring the noble Muslim in contemporary rural Mali. Marsden, M. and Retsikas, K (eds): Special Section on Invisible Hands of Life: Alternate Modes of Prosperity. **HAU: Journal for Ethnographic Theory** 8 (3): 686–701.
* 2018. Crowd, sensationalism and power: the yearly Ansar Dine ‘pilgrimage’ of Maouloud in

Bamako. **Journal of Religion in Africa**, 48 (1-2): 3-34.

• 2018. In Search of Urbanity. Co-written with Alimia S., Freitag U. and Lafi N. **ZMO Programmatic Texts Series**, 12.

<https://www.zmo.de/publikationen/ProgramaticTexts/programmatic_text_12.pdf>

* 2016. Encounter between tiredness, dust and Ebola at a border checkpoint of northwestern Côte d’Ivoire. In **Basel Papers on Political Transformations.** Mobilities – In and Out of Africa., 10, 9-23.

<https://ethnologie.unibas.ch/fileadmin/ethnologie/user_upload/redaktion/Research/Publications/Basel_Papers_No_10.pdf>

* 2015. Unpacking the concept of urban marginality. **ZMO Programmatic Texts Series,** 10.Berlin.

<https://www.zmo.de/publikationen/ProgramaticTexts/chappatte_2015.pdf>

* 2014. Night life in urban Mali: being a Muslim maquisard in Bougouni. **Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute**. 20 (3): 526-44.
* 2014. Chinese products, social mobility and material modernity in Bougouni, a small but fast-growing administrative town of southwest Mali.**African Studies Review**. 73 (1): 22-40.

**Book chapters**

* 2018. Exploring youth, media practices and religious affiliations in contemporary Mali through the controversy over the musical *zikiri.***In** Becker F., Cabrita J. and Rodet M. (eds) **Religion, Media and Marginality in Modern Africa**, 229-255.Athens: Ohio University Press.
* 2018. Introduction: Urban marginality at an interdisciplinary crossroads. Co-written with

Freitag U. & Lafi N.) **In** Chappatte A., Freitag U. & Lafi N. (eds.) **Understanding the City**

**through its Margins: pluridisciplinary perspectives from cases studies in Africa, Asia, and**

**the Middle East**,1-15. New York: Routledge.

* 2017. ‘Texas’: an off-centre district at the heart of night life in Odienné. **In**Chappatte A., Freitag U. & Lafi N. (eds) **Understanding the City through its Margins: pluridisciplinary perspectives from cases studies in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East**, 97-116.New York: Routledge.

**Ethnographic Film**

* 2019. [**A Day at Night: Dialogues between darkness and light in Odienné, a provincial town of northern Ivory Coast**](https://www.soas.ac.uk/anthropology/events/ethnographic-film-series/27feb2019-a-day-at-night-dialogues-between-darkness-and-light-in-odienn-a-provincial-town-of-norther.html)**.** Directed by Chappatte André. 2019. Berlin. Takis Sariannidis Smaller than Life Postproduction.

**Applied social sciences**

* 2017. Sexual minorities in Ivory Coast. Report. **CLEDU project.** University of Palermo. Italy.
* 2008. Farakala: Les confréries des bouffons et des Cicaara (southern Mali). **AGIR abcd**. France.

**Online publication**

* 2010. Mali: les musulmans ordinaires à Bougouni – Entretien avec André Chappatte. **Religioscope Institute**. Fribourg. Switzerland.

<http://religion.info/french/entretiens/article_482.shtml>

***Media Article:***

* 2012. La rébellion touareg du Mali au-delà des clichés. **Le Temps** (24.04). Geneva. Switzerland

|  |
| --- |
| **Talks** |

* 2019. *Opening Remarks*. **The Modernity of Islam in contemporary West Africa: Practices, Influences, and Trajectories** (co-organizer) 18-23 November. LASDEL Niamey, Niger (forthcoming).
* 2019. *Senses and the Anthropology of the Night*. Seminar the Anthropology of the Night organized by Hanna Lena Reich. Department of Anthropology. Bayreuth University, Germany.
* 2019. *The urban night and the corporeal mind.* **2019 Satterthwaite Colloquim on Religion and African Rituals** organised by Richard and Pnina Werbner(1-4 July). Glenthorne Quaker Centre, Lake District. United Kingdom.
* 2019. *‘Le Caillou,* the *maquis* of [Christian] civil servants in the Muslim town of Odienné´. **European Academy of Religion. 2019 Conference**, 4-7 Mars. University of Bologna. Italy.
* 2018. *‘Yutong ça nous arrange!’*: *The arrival of Chinese coaches in West Africa, reliefs, opportunities and reactions.* **“China-Africa” in Global Comparative Perspective :** **International Conference** (28-30 June). Université Libre de Bruxelles. Belgium.
* 2018. *Deep into the night the silence becomes light: an ethnography of a nocturnal solo* zikr *practice in the provincial town of Odienne (Ivory Coast).* **Religion and Light:** **Workshop** organised by Birgit Meyer and Jeremy Stolow (14-17 June). Utrecht University. Netherland.
* 2018. *Urban spaces at night. A socio-sensorial approach*. **Colloquium** (21 Mai). Department of Architecture. University of Bucharest. Roumania.
* 2018. *Moralities of Odienné by Night: an anthropology of light and darkness.* **Berliner Nachtungen.**

**Interdisciplinary Discussion on Night** (28 February). Museum of Islamic Art, Berlin. Allemagne.

* 2017. *Anthropology at the margins: dealing with intoxication and spy accusation.* **Fieldwork Workshop and Students Conference, Zeit Stiftung** (19-23 April). L- ZMO Berlin. Germany.
* 2016. *Adventures, destiny and the quest for a better life among young Muslim men in Mali.***2016** **Satterthwaite Colloquim on Religion and African Rituals** organised by Richard and Pnina Werbner(1-4 July). Glenthorne Quaker Centre, Lake District. United Kingdom.
* 2016. *The maquis: a space of entertainment at the margins of public morality in Odienné, a secondary town of northern Côte d’Ivoire*. **International Workshop** on **Islam, Urban Life, and the Production of (moral) Norms** (co-organizer). 26-27 Mai 2016. **ZMO Berlin**. Germany.
* 2015*. ‘Dans la journée on est tous dans le même film (…) ; quand la nuit tombe chacun suit son film’: notes sur les moralités de la nuit à Odienné (Côte d'Ivoire).* **Colloque LA NUIT SE LEVE** (18 December). 7 Spirits. Paris. France.
* 2015. *Towards an anthropology of the urban night*. **Afrika-Kolloquium** (2 July), Goethe-Universität. Frankfurt am Main. Germany.
* 2015. ‘*Silamԑ yé hͻrͻn yé’: exploring the noble Muslim in contemporary rural Mali****.* Islam in Africa Historical and Contemporary Processes of Islamisation and Re-islamisations in Africa: joint conference of the Swiss Society Middle East and Islamic Cultures and the Swiss Society of African Studies** (24-25 April), Bern, Switzerland.
* 2014. *When Darkness arises: Thinking Urban Morality through nighttime in Contemporary Muslim West Africa*. **BSGMCS Colloquium** (16 December), Berlin, Germany.
* 2014. *Public sermon at night*. **Sermon in the City: International Conference** organised by Abdoulaye Sounaye and Birgit Meyer (30-31 October). ZMO Berlin. Germany.
* 2014. *Beyond the neo-liberal interpretation of success: ‘The vulture without fear’ or the study of a mode of minded affluence and moral success existing in contemporary rural Mali*. **ASA Decennial Conference ‘Anthropology and Enlightenment’ Panel 21** (19-22 June). Edinburgh. Scotland.
* 2014. *Exploring the city’s margins: night life in two small towns of Muslim West Africa*. **Urban Studies Seminar** (16 June). ZMO Berlin. Germany.
* 2013. *Ansar Dine, une association musulmane au cœur de l’aide sociale dans le quartier de Bankoni à Bamako (Mali).* **Seminar Socio-anthropologie du Développement** (20 November). Institut d’Ethnologie. University of Neuchâtel. Switzerland.
* 2013. *The yearly Ansar Dine “pilgrimage” of Maouloud in Bamako: between baraka, piety, networking, business and fun*. **2013** **Satterthwaite Colloquim on Religion and African Rituals** organised by Richard and Pnina Werbner(15-18 July). Glenthorne Quaker Centre, Lake District. United Kingdom.
* 2013. **International Exploratory** **Atlantic-Sahara Workshop** (17-20 April). Centre for African Studies Basel. Switzerland.
* 2013. *Youths, elders and the controversy over Zikiris in contemporary Mali.* **Religion, Media and Marginality in Africa since 1800** (23-24 March). SOAS. United Kingdom.
* 2012. *Adventures through the certainty of God in southwest Mali.* **Anthropology in London Day 2012** (11 June). University College London. United Kingdom.
* 2012. *Public Islam and ‘zigzag’ Muslims in the town of Bougouni (Southwest Mali).* **The LSE African Initiative Seminar Series** (8 February). The London School of Economics and Political Science. London. United Kingdom.
* 2011. *Night life*. **Post-Fieldwork Seminar**. SOAS. London. United Kingdom
* 2010. *Religion et spiritualité dans la coopération au développement; éléments de réflexion (in collaboration with Anne-Marie Holenstein).* **West Africa Division Seminar of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation**. Fribourg. Switzerland.
* 2007. *Islam and inequalities in southern Mali.* **Seminar organised by Professor Roy Dilley**. University of St Andrews. Scotland.

|  |
| --- |
| **Teachings** |

**A. Assistant Professor, Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva**, 2020 – currently

- Convenor of the course ***Anthropologie des sociétés musulmanes en Afrique sub-saharienne***, MA students, 3x14 hours, Winter Semester.

- Convenor of the course ***La Méthode Ethnographique***, PhD students, 3x14 hours, Spring Semester.

**B. Teaching Fellow at the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie University Berlin,** 2018

*-* Convenor of the course ***Being Muslim in West Africa***, BA students, 2x14 hours, Summer Semester 2018, taught as a dialogue between anthropology of Islam and ethnography of Muslim life in WA

**B. Teaching Fellow at the BGSMCS,** 2015 – 2016

- Co-convenor of the Seminar ***Quantitative Research Methods*** with Rosa Cordillera Castillo, PhD students, 4 x 3 hours, Winter Semester 2016

# *-* Co-convenor of the Seminar ***Ethnographic Method*** with Rosa Cordillera Castillo, PhD students, 3x5 hours, Summer Semester 2015

- Replacement for the session ***The Concerns of Anthropology***in the course *Critical Theory and Methods,* first year PhD students (course convenors: Professor Gudrun Krämer), 10am – 2pm, 15 December 2014

**C. Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) at SOAS**, 2011 - 2012

*-* Convenor of the Seminar linked to *The Social Theory course* (convenors: Professor John D. Y. Peel and Senior Teaching Fellow Anne Mette Fiesker-Nielsen), BA students, 2 x 20 hours, Winter/Spring Terms

|  |
| --- |
| **Awards** |

- Eccellenza Professorial Fellowship of the SNSF (04.2020 – 04.2024)

- Early Postdoc.Mobility Fellowship of the SNSF(01.01.2016 – 01.07.2017)

- Fellowship for Prospective Researcher of the SNSF (01.08.2010 – 01.03.2012)

**-** SOAS Additional Award for Fieldwork Grant

**-** LSE Graduate Merit Award

|  |
| --- |
| **Memberships** |

- **Member** of the Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI), *2010 - present*

- **Member** of the Swiss Society for African Studies (SSEA), *2010 - present*

**- Affiliate Member** of the research group on political transformations in the seminar of Social Anthropology, University of Basel, *2014 – present*

- **Affiliated Member** of **l’Institut de Recherches Sociologiques (IRS)**, University of Geneva, 2020 - present

|  |
| --- |
| **Languages** |

**English** (excellent written and spoken) **French** (native speaker)

**German** (Intermediate knowledge, B1/2) **Spanish** (Intermediate Knowledge)

**Bambara** (fluent written and spoken) **Arabic** (LSE Certificate in Arabic level one)