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## Academic appointments

**Associate Research Scholar** (full time) **2024-2025**

– Yale MacMillan Center / Institution for Social and Policy Studies

**Postdoctoral associate** (full time) **2023-2024**

– Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies

**Lecturer in Political Philosophy**  **2016-2023**

Lyon 3 University (France)

**Visiting Researcher** (full time) **Jan. 2015 – Jun. 2015**

Center for Research on Ethics in Montreal (Canada)

**Teaching Assistant (allocataire-moniteur) in Philosophy** (1/3 time) **2012-2015**

École Normale Supérieure (France)

## Education

**2018** **PhD in Philosophy, ENS Lyon**. Title of dissertation: ‘‘Rousseau and the Principle of Citizenship: Research on the Nature of the Democratic Social Bond”. *Summa cum laude*. Advisor : Michel Senellart.

**2012** **Master’s** in Philosophy, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, *Summa cum laude* (Mention très bien). Title of dissertation: “The Hard Problem of Popular Government” Advisors: Bruno Bernardi and Pierre-François Moreau.

**2011** “**Agrégation**” in philosophy (highly competitive anonymous national French examination).

National rank: **2nd (out of 1043 applicants)**.

**From 2008** Student at the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon

research interests

History of Political Thought, Inductive Political Theory, Democratic Theory, Democratic Innovations, Theories of Justice, Ideal/Non-ideal Political Theory.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**PUBLICATIONS**

Single-authored book:

1. (2024) Théophile Pénigaud de Mourgues, *Les délibérations du peuple. Concepts et contexte de la philosophie politique de Jean-Jacques Rousseau*, Paris, Classiques Garnier, coll. Politique(s), 467 p.

Articles published in peer-reviewed journals

1. (2024) "Repousser les limites de la philosophie politique? David Estlund continuateur-contradicteur de Rawls", *Revue de métaphysique et de morale*, 124 (4), 77-95.
2. (2024) “Truth, the People, and Climate Change. Toward a Non-ideal Approach to Democratic Legitimacy”, *Critical Review*, 36 (1-2), 20-44.
3. (2022) "Peut-on délibérer dans une démocratie de masse ? Une autre division délibérative du travail politique », *Philosophiques*, 49 (2), 547-560.
4. (2022) (Louis-Gaetan Giraudet et al.), “‘Co-construction’ in deliberative democracy: lessons from the French Citizens’ Convention for Climate”, *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications,* 2022,9 (1), 1-16.
5. (2021) « Intérêts particuliers et bien commun dans les assemblées tirées au sort », *Raisons Politiques*, 2021, 82 (2), 55-71.
6. (2017) « Intérêt commun ou intérêt général ? De l'enjeu d'une décision terminologique chez Rousseau », *Astérion*, 2017, 17, *online*.
7. (2015) “The Political Opposition of Rousseau to Physiocracy: Government, Interest, Citizenship”, *The European Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 22 (3), 473-499.

Co-edited book:

1. (2017) Francesco Toto, Théophile Pénigaud de Mourgues and Emmanuel Renault (ed.), *La reconnaissance avant la reconnaissance : archéologie d’une problématique moderne*, Lyon, ENS éditions.

EDITORIAL INTRODUCTIONS

1. (2024) (With Nicolas Arens, Clotile Nouet and Odile Tourneux) « Agir par concepts », *Revue Française de Sciences Politiques*, 73(3).
2. (2021) (With Lionel Cordier and Marie Montagnon) « Politique du tirage au sort », *Raisons Politiques*, 82 (2), p. 55-71.

Book chapters

1. (2024) « De la souveraineté comme langage au peuple comme sujet : le tournant rousseauiste », *La souveraineté populaire* Bordeaux, Le bord de l’eau, Pierre Crétois and Stéphanie Roza (ed.), 97-120.
2. (2024) « Non-domination et citoyenneté contestataire sans constitution mixte : sur le républicanisme de J-J. Rousseau », *Constitution mixte : généalogie d’une idée*, Stavroula Kefalonitis (ed.), Paris, Classiques Garnier, 2024, forthcoming.
3. (2021) « Citoyenneté, participation et représentation après le tournant épistémique de la démocratie délibérative », dans *Démocratie et citoyenneté*, Félicien Lemaire et Stéphanie Morandeau (ed.), Paris, Mare et Martin, 2021, 61-82.
4. (2018) (co-authored with Christophe Salvat) « Représenter la volonté générale : Rousseau et son héritage paradoxal », *Les défis de la représentation. Langages, pratiques et figurations du gouvernement*, ed. Manuela Albertone et Dario Castiglione, Paris, Classiques Garnier, 2018, 115-137.
5. (2017) « Amour-propre et opinion dans Rousseau : vers une anthropologie politique de la reconnaissance », *La reconnaissance avant la reconnaissance. Archéologie d’un concept philosophique moderne*, Théophile Pénigaud de Mourgues, Francesco Toto et Emmanuel Renault (ed.), Lyon, ENS éditions, 195-209.

Book Reviews

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| 1. (2025) Pettit, Philipp. *The State*. Princeton University Press, 376 p. *Revue Française de Sciences Politiques,* 74(3), forthcoming
2. (2024) Roussin, Juliette. *La constitution de la démocratie. Égalité et communauté chez Ronald Dworkin*. Paris. Hermann. 2023. *Revue Française de Sciences Politiques*, 73(3), 141-142.
3. (2024) Landemore, Hélène. *Open Democracy: Reinventing Popular Rule for the Twenty-First Century*. Princeton University Presse. 2020. *Revue Française de Sciences Politiques*, 73(3), 111-114.
4. (2022) Champy, Flora. *L’Antiquité politique de Jean-Jacques Rousseau. Entre exemples et modèles*. Paris. Classiques Garnier. Coll. « L’Europe des Lumières ». 2022. 636 p. Astérion [online], <https://doi.org/10.4000/asterion.8355>.
5. (2020) Estlund, David. *Utopophobia. On the Limits (If Any) of Political Philosophy*. Princeton. Princeton University Press. 2019. 400 p. La vie des idées [online].
6. (2020) Hayat, Samuel. *Démocratie.* Paris. Anamosa. 2020. 96 p. *Revue Française de Sciences Politiques*, 70(5), 679-681.
7. (2019) Goodin Robert E. and Spierkermann, Kay. *An Epistemic Theory of Democracy. Oxford*. Oxford University Press. 2018. *Revue Française de Sciences Politiques*, 69(5-6), 917-919.
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Work in progress:

1. (co-authored with Hélène Landemore, Yale University) “Citizen-Legislators? Citizens on Top and Experts on Tap in the French Citizens Convention for Climate.” (target journal: *Journal of Politics*)
2. (in progress) “The Road Not Taken: A Rawlsian Case for Radical Egalitarianism?”
3. (in progress) “Causes and Reasons in Political Judgments”
4. (in progress) “‘Quand le peuple suffisamment informé délibère’: Reconstructing Rousseau's Ethics of Voting”

**ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

Organization of conferences and study days:

1. (With Hélène Landemore) “Deliberative Democracy with a Passion: Identities, Emotions, and the Formation of Political Judgement”, Yale, May 16, 2024.
2. (With Laetitia Simonetta) International workshop “J-J. Rousseau: humanity and citizenship” at the ENS Lyon, May 6, 2020 (online).
3. (With Lionel Cordier and Marie Montagnon) International workshop “The Politics of Sortition” at the ENS Lyon, October 10 and 11, 2019.
4. (With Raphael Barat) Study day “Rousseau and Geneva: Democracy, Sovereignty, Citizenship » at the ENS Lyon.
5. (With Flora Champy) Study day “The Lesson of the Ancients: the Posterity of Ancient Political Concepts in Modern Era” at the ENS Lyon.

Communications in conferences with committee in blind review:

1. (Philadelphia, USA) “Citizen-Legislators? Experts on Tap and Citizens on Top in the French Convention for Climate (2019-20)” 120th APSA Annual Meeting and Exhibition, 2024.
2. (Paris, France) “Is Popular Sovereignty a Hopeful Ideal? On Rousseau’s Political Realism” 23rd Biennial RA Colloquium “Le réel, le possible et l’idéal chez Rousseau / The Real, the Possible and the Ideal in Rousseau”, 2023.
3. (Paris, France) « Qu’est-ce qu’une norme politique ? David Estlund continuateur-contradicteur de Rawls », international workshop "Héritages et usages de Rawls. Théorie de la justice 50 ans après", 2021.
4. (Torino, Italy) With Christophe Salvat, « Representing the General Will: Rousseau and its Paradoxical Legacy ». International workshop « Le metamorphozi della rappresentanza », 2017.
5. (Athens, Greece) « La démocratie directe antique chez Rousseau ». Colloque international « tirage au sort et démocratie directe, les témoignages antiques et leur postérité », École Française d’Athènes, 2015.

Fundings and Scholarships

**2019-2022**: Funding of the MAAD “Junior Laboratory” (3000€ per year) by the ENS de Lyon

**2015 (January-June):** Explora’Doc Regional Research Scholarshipfor a stay in Montréal (Center for Research in Ethics) – around 3000€

**2012-2015:** Doctoral contract (“spécifique normalien”) and complementary teaching activity (“monitorat”) at the ENS de Lyon: around 1700€ per year (2012-2015)

Other editorials and scientific responsibilities

(Since 2022) **Co-editor** of the bibliographic column of political theory, *Revue Française de Sciences Politiques* (with Nicolas Arens, Odile Tourneux and Clotilde Nouet)

(From spring 2018 to autumn 2022) **Co-director** of the [MAAD junior laboratory](http://labo-junior.ens-lyon.fr/maad/spip.php?rubrique3) at ENS Lyon (with Lionel Cordier and Marie Montagnon):

Interdisciplinary research program at the crossroads of political science, political philosophy, and the history of political ideas.

**Reviewer** for *Political Studies*, *Consecutio Rerum*, *The European Journal of the History of Economic Thought, Raison Publique.*

**Researcher-Observer** of the French Convention for Climate (2019-2021) and on End of Life (2022-2023).

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Jury member**

(2021) Jury member for the ENS-PSL competition (philosophy test). Theme : Politics, Law.

**Teaching experience**

**Yale University (Research associate scholar and lecturer)**

* **2024-2025**
	+ Contemporary political theory: “Deliberative democracy and beyond” (co-teaching with Hélène Landemore)

**Lyon 3 University, Department of philosophy and law (Lecturer)**

* **2020-2021**
	+ Philosophy of law: “Philosophy of human rights” (Master’s students, 2nd year)
	+ Philosophy of law: “Ecology and democracy” (Master’s students, 2nd year)
* **2021-2022**
	+ Philosophy of law: “Philosophy of climate change” (Master’s students 2nd year)
* **2020-2021**
	+ Philosophy of law: “Deliberative democracy facing climate change” (Master’s students, 2nd year)
	+ Moral philosophy: “The weakness of the will: collective and individual” (third year students)
* **2019-2020**
	+ Philosophy of law: “Philosophy of criminal law” (second year students)
	+ Philosophy of law: “The ethics of punishment” (second year students)
	+ History of political thought: “Introduction to John Rawls’ *Theory of Justice*” (second year students)
	+ Philosophy of law: “J. Locke and J-J. Rousseau” (second year students)
* **2018-2019**
	+ Philosophy of law: “Introduction to Natural law” (second year students)
	+ “The Habermas-Rawls debate” (Master’s students, 2nd year)
* **2016-2017**
	+ Political philosophy: “Epistemic democracy: a genealogy” (third year students)
	+ Modern Philosophy: “Introduction to Descartes” (second year students)
	+ History of political thought: “J-J. Rousseau in context” (Master’s students, 2nd year)
	+ Moral Philosophy: “Moral Emotions” (Hutcheson, Rousseau, Smith) (third year students)
	+ Preparation to the agrégation (Master’s students, 1st and 2nd year)
	+ Introduction to moral philosophy: “Contemporary ethical problems” (first year students)

**ENS Lyon (2012-2015) - Teaching Assistant**

* + Preparation to the agrégation (Master’s students, 1st and 2nd year)
	+ Methodology (third year students)
	+ Philosophy of sciences: Introduction to philosophy of social sciences (first year students)
	+ Political theory: “The boundaries of democracy” (first year students)

**Languages spoken**

French (Native language)

English (Proficient)