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RESEARCH INTERESTS

(alternative) social media, local media ecologies, public opinion, political behavior, identity, qualitative & quantitative research methods, American politics, Vermont

EDUCATION

Sep. 2022 - present	**PhD candidate in Political Science**, University of Geneva, Switzerland. Dissertation under the supervision of Prof. Nathalie Giger in collaboration with Prof. Ethan Zuckerman (UMass Amherst)
Sep. 2020 - Aug. 2022	**M.A. in Political Science** (political behavior major), University of Geneva, Switzerland. → Award for best GPA, Valedictorian → Award for department's best M.A. thesis 2022
Sep. 2017 - June 2020	**B.A. in Political Science**, European School of Political and Social Sciences, Lille, France. → Fall 2019: Semester abroad, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta (GA)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Sep. 2022 - present	**Instructor of Record**, Political Science and International Relations Department, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
Feb. 2021 - Feb. 2022	**Research Assistant**, Political Science and International Relations Department, University of Geneva, Switzerland. Project: Online News Exposure: A Threat to Democracy? How Digital Transformation Affects Opinion Formation, Political Polarization and Trust (NFP 77).

VISITING/EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS

Aug. 2024 - Jan. 2025	**Visiting Researcher**, Manning College of Information & Computer Sciences, University of Massachusetts Amherst. Invited by Prof. Ethan Zuckerman at the Initiative for Digital Public Infrastructure.
Sep. 2024 - Dec. 2024	**Visiting Fellow**, Center for Research on Vermont, University of Vermont, Burlington.

TEACHING

UNDERGRADUATE

B.A. Theses Supervision**,** B.A. Seminar, Fall and Spring (35 students supervised so far). Political Science and International Relations Department, University of Geneva. (2022, 2023, 2024)

Qualitative Methods**,** B.A. Seminar, Fall. Political Science and International Relations Department, University of Geneva. (2022, 2023)

Introduction to Scientific Reasoning, B.A. Seminar, Spring. Political Science and International Relations Department, University of Geneva. (2023, 2024, 2025)

Internet and Politics: Social Media and the Digital Public Sphere, B.A. Seminar, Spring. Political Science and International Relations Department, University of Geneva. (My own syllabus). (2025)

GRADUATE

Contemporary Challenges to Citizenship, M.A. Seminar, Fall. Citizenship Institute (InCite) Political Science and International Relations Department, University of Geneva. (2022)

ACADEMIC TRAINING

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, Introduction to R, Math for Social Scientists, Regression Analysis, Statistics and Data Analysis I (June 2025)

Ethnographic Methods Workshop**,** with Cai Wilkinson (Deakin University), hosted by the Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, organized by the Methods Excellence Network (MethodsNET). (5 ECTS credits) (November 2022)

Social Media Data and Machine Learning Workshop**,** Two-day CUSO workshop with Aleksandra Urman (University of Zurich) (October 2022)

INVITED LECTURES

Social Media and Political Behavior, Lecture in Prof. Nathalie Giger B.A. class "Electoral Behavior". Political Science and International Relations Department, University of Geneva (April 2024).

Qualitative Research Design, Lecture in Dr. Eva Fernandez Guzman Grassi's M.A. Research Colloquium. Political Science and International Relations Department, University of Geneva (October 2023).

Digitalization and Social Media in the American Public Sphere, Lecture in Dr. Eva Fernandez Guzman Grassi's B.A. class "Globalization". Carlos III University, Madrid (April 2023).

CONFERENCES

What Social Media Could Be? A Case Study of Front Porch Forum, Vermont's Hyperlocal Social Capital Platform, Information, Technology and Politics Division, APSA Annual Meeting 2025 (Vancouver, Canada), Sep. 2025

Front Porch Forum, Vermont's Hyperlocal Social Capital Platform, Digital Democracy Workshop, Digital Society Initiative, University of Zurich, Switzerland, Oct. 2023.

RELEVANT SERVICE

Member of the committee for the promotion of the department (social media). Political Science and International Relations Department, University of Geneva

Reviewer, Swiss Political Science Review