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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Politics, Sciences Po (Paris)/ University of Geneva, September 2010

“Unanimous congratulations of the committee” (Highest grade in the French system)

Dissertation title: *La séduction de l'impossible. Etude sur le renoncement à l'arme nucléaire et l'autorité politique des experts*

M.A. in 'Literature and Culture', University of Geneva, October 2007 (masters thesis rated 6/6)

M.A. in Politics, *summa cum laude*, Sciences Po, Paris, 2004

M.A. in Political Theory, with honours, Sciences Po, Paris, 2004

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

September 1, 2016 –	Assistant Professor, Sciences Po (Paris) – Junior Chair of Excellence in Defence and Security Studies
September 1, 2016 – Sept 2012-August 2016	Visiting Fellow, Princeton University's Program on Science and Global Security Lecturer in International Relations, School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies (SPAIS), Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, University of Bristol. (Tenure granted in 2013)
Sept 2012- 2011-2012	Affiliate, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University
2010-2011	Postdoctoral Fellow, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, and Adjunct Faculty Member, Monterey Institute of International Studies
2009-2010	Predoctoral Fellow at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, USA
2006-2009	Teaching Assistant in the Department of History of Political and Legal Ideas, University of Geneva

INTERNATIONAL PRIZES, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2016	British Academy Rising Star Engagement Award.
2015	I and three participants in my Cuban Missile Crisis book project are cited as the non-US based scholars most susceptible to change the field of nuclear studies in the <i>Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists</i> .
2015-	Co-convenor of the Global Nuclear Order Working Group of the British International Studies Association
2011	Best Dissertation in International Studies in Switzerland for the year 2010 – Swiss Network of International Studies
2011	Best Graduate Paper of 2010 from the International Studies Association – International Security Studies Section
2010	“Outstanding Student Essay Prize”, McElvany Nonproliferation Essay Competition
2009	Best article of the year in the <i>Swiss Political Science Review</i> [Essay selected for translation and republication in the <i>World Political Science Review</i>]

FELLOWSHIPS

2015-2016	Invited as a visiting fellow at the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University (Sept15-June 2016) to work with the group focusing on “Global systemic risks”
2015-2016	University Research Fellowship (URF), University of Bristol.
Spring 2015	<i>Benjamin Meaker Visiting Professorship</i> for Campbell Craig (University of Aberystwyth)
2014	European Leadership Network, associate fellowship.
2012	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University (Renewal) – Declined
2012	Swedish Institute 18 months Fellowship Program – Declined
2012	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Australian National University – Declined
Summer 2011	Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC), Public Policy and Nuclear Threat (PPNT) Fellowship

GRANTS

2016-2019	USPC Junior Chair of Excellence Grant (€350000)
2016-2017	British Academy Rising Star Engagement Award (£13000): Teaching cases of near use of nuclear weapons in American and British high/secondary schools. A first step.
2016-2018	Grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York for a research project on the International History of Nuclear Categories (\$22000)
2015-2017	British Academy’s Newton Advanced Fellowship on “Global Nuclear Vulnerability: the effects of the Cuban Missile Crisis on British, French and Brazilian nuclear policies”. With Professor Carlo Patti, £ 74000.
2014	£ 16747 for the oral history of the Black Brant 1995 event awarded by the Impact Acceleration Account of the University of Bristol, Chatham House and a private donor.
2013	Small grants from the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law of the University of Bristol and Policy Bristol for the project on ‘Revisiting the Global Nuclear Crisis of 1962: Alternative Perspectives and lessons for today’.
2009	Full grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation (CHF 40000)
2008	Grant for the English translation of <i>L’empire au miroir</i> from Sciences Po, (€ 10000)
2008	Grant, French Institute for High Studies on National Defence
2007	Grant for publication, University of Geneva for <i>L’empire au miroir</i>
2005-2008	Doctoral Scholarship, French Ministry of Defence and National Scientific Research Centre

PUBLICATIONS

Single-Authored Book

Renoncer à l’arme nucléaire. La séduction de l’impossible? Paris, Presses de Sciences Po, collection “Académique”, under contract, forthcoming.

Co-authored Book

When Empire Meets Nationalism. Power Politics in the US and Russia, updated and extended version with a new afterword, Aldershot, Ashgate, October 2009 (with Didier Chaudet and Florent Parmentier).

- *Imperiul în Oglindă. Strategii de mare putere în Statele Unite și în Rusia*, Romanian translation from the French by Gabriela Șiklovan, Chisinau, Cartier, 2008
- Published as *L’Empire au miroir. Stratégies de puissance aux Etats-Unis et en Russie*, Genève, Droz, 2007

Single Authored Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- “Nuclear weapons scholarship as a case of self-censorship in security studies”, forthcoming in the *Journal of Global Security Studies*, 2016.
- “Pour une histoire transnationale des catégories de la pensée nucléaire”, *Stratégique*, 108, April 2015, pp. 109-121
- “Les émergents et la prolifération nucléaire. Une illustration des biais téléologiques en relations internationales”, *Critique Internationale* n°56, September 2012, pp. 57-74
- “French Nuclear Idiosyncrasy. How it affects French nuclear policies towards the UAE and Iran”, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* 25(1), March 2012, pp. 143-169
- “Tout empire. Ou comment ce concept a perdu sa spécificité et pourquoi il est urgent de la restaurer”, *Revue européenne des sciences sociales (European Journal of Social Sciences)* n°147, Fall 2011, pp. 111-133
- “The Oracles of Proliferation. How Experts Maintain a Biased Historical Reading that Limits Policy Innovation”, *Nonproliferation Review*, vol. 18 n°1, March 2011, pp. 297-314
- “La couleur du cygne sud-africain. Le rôle des surprises dans l’histoire nucléaire et les effets d’une amnésie partielle”, *Annuaire Français des Relations Internationales*, X, 2010, pp. 683-694
- “Du fatalisme en matière de prolifération nucléaire. Retour sur une représentation opiniâtre”, *Swiss Political Science Review* vol.15 n°2, summer 2009, pp. 281-316
- Translated and republished in English in the *World Political Science Review*, May 2010.

Peer-reviewed Book Chapters published with University Presses

- “The Nuclear Straitjacket: American Extended Deterrence and Nonproliferation” in Stéfanie von Hlatky and Andreas Wenger (eds), *The Future of Extended Deterrence: NATO and Beyond*. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2015, pp. 73-106

Other Single Authored Academic Articles

- “Nuclear Scholarship for whom? Rethinking Policy-Relevance and the Responsibility of Nuclear Scholars”, *H-Diplo*, July 2014
- “[Avoir la bombe. Repenser la puissance dans un contexte de vulnérabilité nucléaire globale](#)”, *CERIScope*, 15 Novembre 2013, to be translated and republished in Portuguese on <https://vng.cienciassociais.ufg.br>
- “La prolifération est-elle inéluctable? Pour une analyse politique des choix stratégiques”, *Revue Internationale et Stratégique* n°79, Summer 2010, pp. 131-136
- “Circonscrire le déploiement. Une tentative de définition distinctive du concept d’empire.”, *Commentationes Historiae Iuris Helveticae*, IV, 2009, pp. 129-144
- “Le pire n’est jamais sûr: un regard prospectif sur le renoncement à la prolifération nucléaire”, *Défense nationale et sécurité collective*, numéro spécial sur “prolifération and non-prolifération”, décembre 2008, pp. 52-59
- “De l’incrédulité à l’action”, *Esprit*, mars-avril 2008, pp. 158-172

Book chapters

- “European Nuclear Nationalism: UK and French Perspectives on Nuclear Disarmament” (with Nick Ritchie) in Nik Hynek and Michal Smetana, (eds.), *Global Nuclear Disarmament. Critical and Normative Perspectives*, London: Routledge, 2016, pp. 225-250

- “A bet portrayed as a certainty. Reassessing the added deterrent value of nuclear weapons” in George P. Shultz and James E. Goodby (eds.), *The War that Must Never be Fought. Dilemmas of Nuclear Deterrence*. Stanford: Hoover Press, 2015, pp. 5-55
- “Renunciation, reversal and restraint” in Joseph Pilat and Nathan E. Busch, (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Nuclear Proliferation and Policy*. London: Routledge, 2015, pp. 337-348
- “We all lost the Cuban missile crisis” in Len Scott and R. Gerald Hughes, (eds.), *The Cuban Missile Crisis. A Critical Reappraisal*, London: Routledge, 2015, pp. 167-182.
- “UK nuclear interests: security, resilience and Trident”, (with Jutta Weldes), in Timothy Edmunds, Robin Porter and Jamie Gaskarth (eds.), *British Foreign Policy and the National Interest*, Basingbrooke: Palgrave, 2014, pp. 155-171
- “1540”, in Mélanie Albaret, Nicolas Lemay-Hébert, Delphine Placidi (eds.), *Les Grandes Résolutions du Conseil de Sécurité des Nations Unies*, Paris: Dalloz, 2012, pp. 378-389
- “Les temps de la responsabilité face aux bouleversements radicaux et imprévisibles” in Benedict Winiger and Philippe Avramov *et alii* (eds.), *Law and Responsibility*, Stuttgart, Franz Steiner Verlag, 2012, pp. 173-177
- “‘Effective Multilateralism’ in Non-proliferation Issues. A Comparative and Prospective Look at the EU Non-Proliferation Policy” in Boutherein (Grégory) (ed.), *Europe facing Nuclear Weapons Challenges*, Brussels, Bruylant, 2008, pp. 181-202

Manuscripts under review

- “The sources of overconfidence in the controllability of nuclear weapons. Lessons from the experience and memorialization of the Cuban missile crisis in France”, Revise and Resubmit by the *European Journal of International Security*.
- Global Nuclear Vulnerability* (edited collection of essays on the so-called Cuban missile crisis as a global event, documenting the experience of the crisis at the time based on primary sources and elaborating on the notion of global nuclear vulnerability as a fruitful conceptual tool to revisit the global history of the last sixty years. Contributors include Professor David HOLLOWAY (Stanford University), Professor Thomas JONTER (Stockholm University),
Under review by Johns Hopkins University Press, collection on “Nuclear History and Contemporary Affairs” edited by Martin J. Sherwin.

Manuscripts in preparation

- “The theorist who leaves nothing to chance. How Thomas Schelling taught us to stop worrying and normalize nuclear deterrence”, presented at the 2014 ISA conference in Toronto, at the workshop on critical approaches to nuclear weapons (University of York, June 2014); and at Cornell University on November 13, 2015

Review Essays and Book Reviews

- “Review essay of Matthew Fuhrmann, *Atomic Assistance* (Cornell University Press) and Matthew Fuhrmann and Adam Stulberg (eds.), *The Nuclear Renaissance and International Security* (Stanford University Press), *Perspectives on Politics*, 13:1, Spring 2015, pp. 248-250.
- “‘Over the Horizon Proliferation Threats’, review of the edited volume by Peter Lavoy and Jim Wirtz”, *Intelligence and National Security*, 28(6), December 2013, pp. 926-928.
- “Arrogance et Catastrophe”, *Critique* n°783-784, aout-septembre 2012, pp. 710-717.
- “Critical Thinking about Nuclear Weapons” *Nonproliferation Review* vol.17 n°1, Spring 2010, pp. 189-196.
- Les armes nucléaires. Mythes et réalités*, Georges Le Guelte (Arles, Actes Sud, 2009), *Politique étrangère* 1/2010, pp.219-220.

L'empire et ses ennemis. La question impériale dans l'histoire, by Henry Laurens. (Paris, Seuil, 2009), in *Relations internationales* n°139, 2009/3, pp. 105-107.

Les mécaniques du chaos. Prolifération, Bushisme et terrorisme, de Pierre Conesa. (La tour d'Aigues, éditions de l'Aube, 2007), www.euro-power.eu, September 2007, 7p.

Retour de Tchernobyl. Journal d'un homme en colère, de Jean-Pierre Dupuy. (Paris, Seuil, 2006), in *L'art du comprendre* n°15, juillet 2006, pp. 297-303.

Fear. History of a Political Idea by Corey Robin (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2004), in *Raisons politiques* n°22, mai 2006, pp. 219-224.

Philosophie du renseignement by Isaac Ben-Israël, in *Critique Internationale* n°27, June 2005, pp. 201-206.

Soft Power, the means to success in world politics by Joseph S. Nye Jr in *Les champs de Mars* n°16, 2004, pp. 209-212.

Opinion Pieces

“[Pour une recherche indépendante sur les armes nucléaires en France](#)” [with Sébastien Philippe], *The Conversation*, 12 July 2016

“Remembering the Cuban Missile Crisis, with humility”, *European Leadership Network*, 11 November 2014.

“[Interview by Helle Skjervold, London correspondent for Aftenposten about the report Too Close for Comfort](#)”, May 1, 2014 [in Norwegian]

“[Les armes nucléaires et l'illusion de la sûreté](#)” [with Sébastien Philippe], *Mediapart*, 7 janvier 2014

“[Why nuclear realism is unrealistic](#)”, *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, 26 September 2013

“Nuclear weapons' future ripe for discussion”, *San Francisco Chronicle*, 11 December 2011, page E6

“Carnageddon: How Californians Learned to Stop Driving and Love the Bomb”, *WMD Junction*, 22 July 2011

NON-ACADEMIC IMPACT AND PATHWAYS TO IMPACT

Publication of policy papers

“The next generation of European citizens facing nuclear weapons. Forgetful, indifferent but supportive?”, forthcoming in the *EU Nonproliferation Paper series*

“[Too Close for Comfort. Cases of Near Nuclear Use and Policies for Today](#)”, (co-written with Patricia Lewis, Heather Williams and Sasan Aghlani), May 2014, 30p.

Media and policy coverage of the report includes

[The Financial Times](#), [The Guardian](#), [Aftenposten \(Norway\)](#), [The Hindu](#), [Science 20](#), [Korea Times](#), [Arms Control Today](#).

“[Assessment Paper on Non-Proliferation](#)”,

Part II of the project on *The 2010 Review Conference Action Plan: Implementation and Operationalization* Geneva Centre for Security Policy, September 2011, 8p.

[Delegitimizing Nuclear Weapons. Examining the Validity of Nuclear Deterrence.](#)

Occasional Paper from the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, May 2010, 71p. (co-written with Ken Berry, Patricia Lewis, Nikolai Sokov and Ward Wilson)

Direct engagement with policymakers, members of the military and civil society

September 7, 2016: NATO Defence College, Rome (lecture and seminar for the senior course; 128 officers ranked Colonel or above)

“On the brink: Global nuclear vulnerability and the systemic risk of expert overconfidence”

May 4, 2016: Brookings Institution, Washington DC.

“Reviving the Prague Agenda”, with Ambassador James GOODBY.

March 2, 2016: NATO Defence College, Rome (lecture and seminar for the senior course; 128 officers ranked Colonel or above)

“On the brink: Global nuclear vulnerability and the systemic risk of expert overconfidence”

January 26 2015: Audition by the AACHEAR, IHEDN on the future of French nuclear deterrence policy

7-14 January 2015: ISODARCO course, Andalo, Italy

“Nuclear Deterrence and Nuclear Disarmament” Roundtable

with Alexander Kmentt (Ambassador and Director for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, Austrian Foreign Ministry) and Jeffrey Larsen (Director, Research Division, NATO Defense College)

9 December 2013: French National Assembly, “What future for the French nuclear forces?”

“Repenser le pari de l’arme nucléaire au XXIeme siècle”

9 July 2013: Chatham House, “Do Nuclear Weapons Deter?”

Roundtable with James ARBUTHNOT (Chairman of the defense select committee), Lord Des BROWNE OF LADYTON (Secretary of State for Defence (2006-08), Baroness Pauline NEVILLE-JONES, Minister of State for Security, UK (2010-11), available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZUYTCTFvEQ>

16 May 2012: Hoover Institution, Stanford University

“Reassessing the Added Deterrent Value of Nuclear Weapons”

Paper discussed by former Secretary of State George P. SHULTZ

Training of Junior diplomats and tomorrow’s leaders

Program funded by the Swedish Radiation Safety Authority)

2016- One on one mentoring with six participants in the previous workshops.

13-14 December 2015 Stockholm

Co-convener of the two-day workshops “Academic writings on nuclear related issues” (with Prof. Thomas Jonter)

4-5 November, 2014 Stockholm

Co-convener of the two-day workshops “Academic writings on nuclear related issues” (with Prof. Thomas Jonter)

Ural federal University, Ekaterinburg, Russia;

28-29 October 2013 Co-convener of the two-day workshop on “Academic writing on nuclear related issues” (with Prof. Thomas JONTER)

Odessa Summer School on Non-Proliferation

20-25 August 2014 Lecturer on French and British nuclear histories and on extended nuclear deterrence as a non-proliferation tool.

Monterey Institute for International Studies. Visiting Fellows Program.

Summer 2010 and 2011 Training of junior diplomats on non-proliferation, deterrence and nuclear disarmament

Engagement with high-school teachers and curriculum designers

- 2016 “Teaching cases of near use of nuclear weapons in American and British high/secondary schools. A first step.” Convenor of a workshop at University College London (September 12-13), supported by a British Academy Rising Star Engagement Award.
- 2016 Designer and lead lecturer of the “Critical Issues Forum” on “Global Nuclear Vulnerability” at the Middlebury Institute for International Studies at Monterey (high school teachers from the US, Japan and Russia).

Acknowledgement of impact

Former US Secretary of State George P. Shultz and US Ambassador James E. Goodby:

“We are writing to thank you for your work in connection with our joint book The War that Must Never be Fought. In many ways you were the inspiration behind this book. Your ideas have made a major contribution”

6 March 2015.

Benno Laggner, Head of Division and Swiss Ambassador for Nuclear Disarmament and Nonproliferation

“Prior to the 2010 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) commissioned a study by a Monterey Institute team on *Delegitimizing nuclear weapons* co-authored by Benoit Pelopidas. The study was submitted in May 2010.

This was a ground-breaking study which paved the way for taking forward the humanitarian approach to the threat posed by nuclear weapons.

Beyond its academic merits, this study had a significant impact on the way the international community in general, and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) in particular, now thinks about nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation issues. It offered additional reasons for Swiss diplomacy to take a strong stance on nuclear disarmament and offer new insights into how to do so.

I have also followed Dr Pelopidas’ subsequent research and can confirm the relevance, creativity and impact of his research agenda on issues pertinent to my Division.”

16 July 2013

ACADEMIC TEACHING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Sciences Po

September 2016 – Scientific co-director of the Masters’ program in International Security (PSIA)

University of Bristol

School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies (SPAIS), Faculty of Social Sciences and Law

Nominated for a teaching award for 2015.

Spring 2015 “Dilemmas of a nuclear-armed world”, Third Year Undergraduate Unit. Unit designer and owner. (1 hour lecture and 2 hour seminars a week; 15 students)

Fall 2012, 2013 and 2014 “Theories of International Relations”, MSc Unit (2 hour seminars, 18 students)
“Contemporary World Politics”, Second Year Undergraduate Unit, Unit Owner (2 hours lectures and one hour seminar; 120 students in the lectures, 15 in the seminar)

Spring 2013, 2014 and 2015 “Nuclear (in)security”, MSc Unit, Unit Owner and designer (2 hour seminars, 10 students)

Student assessments include

"The most interesting, challenging and rewarding unit I have ever studied"; "It was a great class - really was"; "The seminar tutor makes it very engaging in a sophisticated manner"; "This unit was very demanding, but was very interesting. The lecturer was very helpful and he seemed to prepare and do his best during the course"; "Demanding but rewarding"; the tutor was "extremely available and helpful".

Graduate School of International Policy and Management,
Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, USA
Within the Master's Degree in non-proliferation and terrorism studies

Spring 2011 "Comparative National Security Decision Making". Co-taught with Dr Nikolai Sokov (2 hours lecture twice a week, 25 students)
Fall 2010 "Introduction to WMD". Course co-taught twice with Dr Fred Wehling and Stephanie Lieggi (two groups of students) (2 hours lecture twice a week, 25 students)

University of Geneva, Switzerland
Within the Bachelor's Degree Program in International Relations, open to students from the Master's Degree in political science
Spring 2008 and 2009 Seminar on: "L'Empire dans la pensée politique internationale: les débats depuis 1880"

Sciences Po, Paris, France
Within the Master's Degrees of Sciences Po, Paris.

April 2005- January 2008 Assistant of Professor Ghassan SALAMÉ in "World Politics" and "War and Peace"

Nuclear Bootcamp, Allumiere, Italy, May 2014 (invited by the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars)
Lecturer on French nuclear weapons policy and strategy for selected doctoral candidates

Stanford Leadership Academy (summer program 2012, 2013)
Convener of the program on nuclear weapons in world politics

Ph. D. supervision / mentoring at the University of Bristol, except in one case

February 2015 – Samir Balakishi, "Russia's Economic and Energy Policy towards Armenia, Georgia, and Azerbaijan, After the Collapse of the Soviet Union" (Supervised jointly with Dr Magnus Feldmann)
January – June 2015 Tahir Mahmood Azad, "Threats to Pakistan's Nuclear Weapons: Myth or Reality", visiting Ph. D. student from the National Defence University, Islamabad.
January 2015 – Sascha Sauerteig, "The Effectiveness of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime – A Historical Institutional Analysis", (Supervised jointly with Professor David Galbraith, University of Bath)
December 2014 – Emily Crick, "The Global Securitization of Drugs", (Supervised jointly with Dr Columba Peoples)
September 2014 – Alex Woodcock, "The shifting conceptions of the psyche within the academic field of international relations: a historical approach"
(University College London, MPhil/Ph.D. "Center for multidisciplinary and intercultural enquiries-European studies", external supervisor, with Prof. Sonu Shamdasani)

I have also examined four students for their upgrade or yearly review (Sabine Qian, Rupert Alcock, Kevin Blanford (University of Westminster) Richard Bretton, May 2013; June 2013, June 2014 and chaired Alex Woodcock's upgrade panel at UCL, July 2016).

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board Member

The Nonproliferation Review (peer-reviewed journal published by the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies, California)

Revue européenne des sciences sociales (peer-reviewed journal published by Droz, Geneva)

Book series on “non-proliferation and disarmament studies”, with NOMOS publisher.

Other members include Professor Martin Malin (Harvard University) and Professor Leopoldo Nuti (Roma III)

Referee for

Cambridge University Press; Routledge; Palgrave; McGill-Queen’s University Press

International Security ; Security Studies; International Studies Quarterly ; International Studies Perspectives ; Security Dialogue ; European Journal of International Relations ; European Journal of International Security; Review of International Studies ; Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists ; Cold War History; Bulletin of Latin American Relations; Public Culture ; Critique internationale ; Dynamiques internationales.

Committee Member for

The 2011 McElvany Nonproliferation Challenge Essay Competition,
James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies, California.

Creator of a program on Cinema and International Security

November 2011-August 2012 Creator and convenor of the Program on “International Security in Fiction Films”,
CISAC, Stanford University

Cycle of free screenings, presentations and discussions, critically investigating international security issues in fiction films across time, space and genres.

November 2010-July 2011 Creator and convenor of the “Nuke Tube Theater” at the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

Cycle of free screenings, presentations and discussions, critically investigating nuclear weapons in fiction films across time, space and genres.

May-October 2007 Creator and Responsible for the programme “terrorism in pictures” within the framework of the “Forum on Democracy and Terrorism 2005-2008” in Geneva

- October 25, 2007: Preview of *The Kingdom* in Switzerland, Hollywood’s first look at post 9/11 Saudi Arabia – 300 participants – followed by a debate with
 - Dr Stéphane LACROIX (Sciences Po), specialist of Saudi Arabia
 - Prof. Jenaro TALENS (University of Geneva), specialist of audiovisual communication and movie semiotics.
 - Dr Jean Michel VALANTIN (author of *Hollywood, The Pentagon and Washington: The Movies And National Security from World War II to the Present Day*, Anthem Press, 2005)
- June 6, 2007: Conference of Dr Mahmoud Ould MOHAMEDOU (Harvard University) on “The Payoffs of Asymmetry. Al Qaeda and the New Terrorism”
- May 8, 2007: projection of the documentary “Terrorism: The Nuclear Threat” by Hesi CARMEL, Jean-Marc GONIN and Richard PUECH, followed by a debate with Marc FINAUD (Geneva Centre for Security Policy) and David HUMAIR (Swiss Ministry of Defence)

Conference Related Activities

- September 3, 2014 Organizer of the second workshop on “Revisiting the Global Nuclear Crisis of 1962: Alternative Perspectives and lessons for today”
- September 2, 2014 Organizer of the yearly conference of the Nuclear Order Working Group of the British International Studies Association. Topic of the year: “Global challenges in a nuclear armed world”
<https://bisaglobalnuclearorder.files.wordpress.com/2014/08/global-challenges-bristol-20142.pdf>
- September 6, 2013 Convener of the international workshop on ‘Revisiting the Global Nuclear Crisis of 1962: Alternative Perspectives and lessons for today’, Bristol.
- October 2008-March 2009 in charge of conferences on nuclear issues for the Geneva University Strategic Studies Group.
- March 11, 2009: Conference on “Nuclearization and Its Discontents: Explaining the Prevalence of Nuclear Reversal” by Dr Andrew PROSSER (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva)
 - November 27, 2008: Conference on “Myths and Realities of Nuclear Arsenals” by Dr Georges LE GUELTE, former secretary of the Board of Governors of the IAEA.
- May-October 2007 Creator and Responsible for the programme “terrorism in pictures” within the framework of the “Forum on Democracy and Terrorism 2005-2008”: conception of the events, selection of the movies and speakers and moderation of the debate.
- May-November 2006 Contribution to the organization of the three-day conference on “Democracy, Separation of Powers and the Fight against Terrorism” within the framework of the “Forum on Democracy and Terrorism 2005-2008” under the supervision of prof. Andrea BIANCHI (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva) and Alexis KELLER (University of Geneva). The conference took place in Geneva from November 16 to 18, 2006.

INVITED TALKS

In selective international academic conferences

- 17-21 February 2015: 56th International Studies Association Conference, New Orleans
- 18 February 2015 – Organizer of and participant in the roundtable on “The Global Cuban missile crisis revisited through primary sources: Implications for Neutrality, Security and Responsibility in the Nuclear Age”
- 19 February 2015 – Owner of the panel on “The Global Cuban missile crisis revisited through primary sources. Implications for Security, Responsibility and Alliance Politics in the Nuclear Age”
Paper: France during the Cuban Missile Crisis: Vulnerability, Solidarity and Silence?
Discussant: Professor Francis J. GAVIN (MIT)
- 20 February 2015 – panel on “Global Nuclear Disarmament: Critical and Normative Approaches”
Paper: Between opacity and ritualized repetition. Reassessing the boundaries of the debate on nuclear disarmament in France.
- 21 February 2015 – Discussant on the panel on “Global Prohibition Regimes: Theoretical Development and Empirical Analysis”
- 26-29 March 2014: 55th International Studies Association Conference, Toronto
- 27 March 2014 – Panel on “Critical Approaches to Nuclear Weapons 2”
Paper: “Innovation in Nuclear Thinking: Incompetent, Dangerous or Futile?”
- 29 March 2014 – Discussant on the panel “Constructing International Security”
- 29 March 2014 – Panel on “Revisiting Deterrence: From Nuclear Threats to Denial, and from State to Non-state”
Paper: The theorist who leaves almost nothing to chance: Schelling’s ambiguities and the acceptability of nuclear deterrence practices

4 April 2013: 54th International Studies Association Conference, San Francisco

Panel on “The Politics of epistemic authority”

Co-authored Paper with Karthika SASIKUMAR: “Post-coloniality and nuclear weapons policy”

2 April 2013: 54th International Studies Association Conference, San Francisco

Presentation in the workshop on “Nuclear Politics: beyond Positivism”

4 April 2012: 53rd International Studies Association Conference, San Diego

Panel on “Emerging Powers and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Regime: Case-Studies - Brazil, Turkey, and South Africa”

Paper: “Emerging Powers as Suspects of Nuclear Proliferation: A Critique of Historical Teleology in IR Theory”

16-17 March 2012: Predicting the Future of International Security. The Knowledge Practice Nexus.

“When Predictors Say What Cannot be Done: Revisiting the Authority of Nuclear Proliferation Forecasters”

19 March 2011: 52nd International Studies Association Conference, Montreal

Co-Panel owner, with Dr Anne HARRINGTON DE SANTANA: “The Fate of Nuclear History”

Chairman: prof. David MUTIMER (York University)

Discussant: prof. Lynn EDEN (Stanford University)

Paper presented: “The Nuclear Alternative and its effects. What it Takes to Read Nuclear History as an Alternative between Proliferation and Extended Deterrence”

Other Paper presenters: Dr Anne HARRINGTON DE SANTANA (Stanford University), Nicola HORSBURGH (Oxford University), Ursulla JASPER (University of St Gallen), prof. Daniel DEUDNEY (Johns Hopkins University)

19 February 2010: 51st International Studies Association Conference, New Orleans

Panel owner, “Forecasting Nuclear Proliferation and Disarmament: Theory and Policy”

Chairman: prof. John MUELLER (Ohio State University)

Discussant: prof. Jacques E. C. HYMANS (University of Southern California)

Paper presented: “When experts comfort policy makers’ basic fears. The shared ‘nuclear proliferation paradigm’ in the US since the 1960s.”

Other Paper presenters: prof. Harald MÜLLER (PRIF), Ursulla JASPER (University of St Gallen), Jonathan PEARL (University of Maryland)

17 February 2009: 50th International Studies Association Conference, New York

Cross-comment on Etel Solingen’s *Nuclear Logics* (Princeton University Press, 2007) and Maria Rublee’s *Nonproliferation Norms* (Georgia University Press, 2009)

28 March 2008: 49th International Studies Association Conference, San Francisco.

Paper presented: “Rethinking Empire. An Attempt at Conceptual Clarification”

14-16 June 2007: International Conference on “Europe Facing Nuclear Weapons Challenges”

Co-organized by the European Commission

Debater in the session on “EU and Nuclear Deterrence”

In conferences among “experts”

November 15-16, 2016: “Responsible Nuclear Sovereignty and the Future of the Global Nuclear Order”, London, organized by the University of Birmingham and BASIC

November 11-12, 2016: “A World with Low Nuclear Numbers”, Cornell University

April 20, 2016: MIT’s nuclear studies program, lunch talk

April 19, 2016: Managing the Atom Program, Harvard University

“New findings on the Global Cuban Missile Crisis”

- April 15-16, 2016: Sciences Po, Paris. “Prediction.” Conference organized by Jenny Andersson
 “The birth of nuclear eternity”
- March 4-5, 2016: Yale University, New Haven (USA), “Grand Strategy Program”. Conference on “Deterrence and Arms Control – Charting a Way Forward: Historical and Policy Perspectives”
- February 17, 2016: CERI, Sciences Po, seminar on “diplomacy and military tools”
 “Shocks as triggers of renunciation to nuclear weapons?”
- January 28, 2016: CISAC social science seminar, Stanford University
 “The sources of overconfidence in the controllability of nuclear weapons”
- November 13-15, 2015: Judith V. Reppy Institute, Cornell University
 Paper on “The theorist who leaves nothing to chance. How Thomas Schelling Normalized the Practice of Nuclear Deterrence”
 Discussant: Dr Daniel Bessner
- October 28, 2015: Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Public Lecture, Princeton University
 “The closest we ever came to nuclear war”
- October 14, 2015: Program on Science and Global Security seminar, Princeton University
 “The closest we ever came to nuclear war”
- September 25, 2015: University of Bristol, GIC conference on the 70th anniversary of Hiroshima
 “Hiroshima and the Dilemmas of the Public Intellectual in the Nuclear Age”
- September 24, 2015: King’s College, London, War Studies Department
 Panel Owner: “Global nuclear vulnerability: new insights on the ‘Cuban Missile Crisis’” with Carlo Patti, Hassan Elbathimy and Fabian Sievert
 Discussant: Professor Wyn Bowen.
- September 21-23, 2015: Oxford University (co-organized with Stanford University and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences)
 “Re-imagining the Global Nuclear Order beyond Proliferation and Deterrence”
- September 17-18, 2015: University of Birmingham (yearly conference of the BISA Global Nuclear Order Working Group)
 Panel Owner: “Global nuclear vulnerability: new insights on the ‘Cuban Missile Crisis’”, with Carlo Patti and Hassan ElBathimy
 Paper on: “France and the Cuban Missile Crisis: Vulnerability, Anti-Hegemonic Politics and Silence”
- November 7, 2014: Stockholm University
 “New insights on the Cuban Missile Crisis”
- September 18-20, 2014: University of Vienna,
 Discussant of the conference on “The Global History of the International Atomic Energy Agency”
- March 20-21, 2014: Monterey Institute of International Studies, US Institute for Peace Workshop on Nuclear Norms in Global Governance
 “Between opacity and ritualized repetition. Reassessing the nuclear weapons debate and the role of experts in France”
- September 23, 2013: University of Sussex Research Seminar
 “Innovation in Nuclear Thinking: Incompetent, Dangerous or Futile?”
- September 9-10, 2013: “The future of arms control. Cooperative arms limitations and reductions in times of global change”, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin, in cooperation with the German Institute for

International and Security Affairs, Berlin and the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg

“Rethinking arms control and disarmament in an era of global nuclear vulnerability”

http://www.boell.de/downloads/internationalepolitik/0309_Agenda_ArmsControlConference.pdf

July 12, 2013: Chatham House, “The British National Interest and Foreign Policy”

“The UK nuclear interests: resilience, security and Trident” (with Jutta WELDES)

July 10-12, 2013: Wilton Park, conference on “Towards global nuclear order: deterrence, assurance and reduction”

April 26, 2013: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

“Innovation in Nuclear Thinking: Incompetent, Dangerous or Futile?”

April 10, 2013: Princeton University, Program on Science and Global Security

“Innovation in Nuclear Thinking: Incompetent, Dangerous or Futile?”

January 25, 2013: French National Assembly. “La dissuasion nucléaire: ouvrons le débat”

“Comment le “consensus” français sur la dissuasion nucléaire a émergé.”

September 5-8, 2012: ETH Zurich, “The Future of Extended Deterrence”

“The False Promise of Extended Nuclear Deterrence”

April 20, 2012: Stanford US-Russian Forum

Moderator of the panel on Missile Defense

with Prof. David HOLLOWAY, Prof. Theodore POSTOL and Amb. Jack MATLOCK.

February 23, 2012: CISAC, Stanford University

“Renunciation of Nuclear Weapons as a Historical Possibility”

February 5-7, 2012: Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Winter Conference, Washington DC.

Chairman of the panel on “Nonproliferation Theory”

June 3, 2011: Vienna Center for Disarmament and Nonproliferation, Vienna

“The Proliferation Paradigm and its Effects on Nuclear Policy”

October 15, 2010: Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul, two-day conference on “Security in the Middle East”

“The French Nuclear Idiosyncrasy. How it affects French nuclear policies towards the UAE and Iran”

March 23, 2010: James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey.

“If we don’t share ours, they’ll probably get their own. A comparative analysis of extended deterrence as a non-proliferation tool”

July 7, 2009: Collège Interarmées de Défense, Ecole Militaire, Paris.

“Panorama des stratégies nucléaires dans le monde”

March 10, 2009: Conference jointly organized by the Center for International Security and Arms Control (CESIM, Paris) and the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS, Washington D.C.)

“Two Paradoxes surrounding the growing consensus on nuclear disarmament”

June 17, 2008: French Ministry of Economy

“Face à la catastrophe” [Facing catastrophe]

June 12, 2008: Conference organized by the Delegation aux Affaires Stratégiques, French Ministry of Defence

“Le pire n’est jamais sûr: un regard prospectif sur le renoncement à la prolifération nucléaire”

In National Academic conferences

October 23, 2007: Centre d’études en sciences sociales de la défense (C2SD, now IRSEM), Paris.

“Développer un arsenal nucléaire ou laisser un Etat le faire: une décision politique”

October 27, 2006: Conference from the Center for European Studies, Sciences Po, Paris
“The EU Preference for Nonproliferation”

November 24, 2004: Conference in Sciences Po, Paris.
“Guerre juste et guerre préventive”

LANGUAGES

French (Native),

English (Fluent, written, read and spoken),

Spanish (advanced reading level, intermediate speaking level, intermediate writing level)