

## HÉLÈNE THOLLET

Researcher CNRS-CERI Sciences Po  
28 rue des Saints Pères 75006 Paris, France.

[helene.thiollet@sciencespo.fr](mailto:helene.thiollet@sciencespo.fr)

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/helenethiollet/home?authuser=0>

Landline: +33 1 58 71 70 47 / Cell: +33 6 88 16 51 91

### POSITIONS HELD

---

- CNRS [National Centre for Scientific Research]/CERI [Centre for International Studies] Sciences Po. **Permanent researcher and tenured faculty (since 2014)**
- **Visiting researcher** at University of Pompeu Fabra Barcelona, GRITIM (2016 and 2019)
- CERI/Sciences Po Paris. **Associate researcher** and **adjunct lecturer** in Politics (2011-2014)
- University Paris 13 – Villetaneuse, Department of Law and Social Sciences. **Teaching Fellow** [ATER] (2010-2011)
- Oxford University, Department of Politics and International Relations/St Antony College. **Post-doctoral Fellow** (2009-2010)

### EDUCATION

---

PhD	Sciences Po, Paris (2003-2007) Political Science and International Relations <i>summa cum laude</i> Harvard University, USA (2002-2003) Visiting Graduate Student, Department of Government
MA	University of Paris I-La Sorbonne (2002) Geography <i>summa cum laude</i> . University Paris IV-La Sorbonne (1999) Classics <i>summa cum laude</i>
BA	University of Paris IV-La Sorbonne (1998) Classics University of Paris IV-La Sorbonne English (1998) Graduate from École Normale Supérieure-Ulm ["normalienne"] (1998-2004)

### PROJECTS & GRANTS

---

- [Institut Convergence Migrations](#) and [Fondation de France](#) co-Principal Investigator for the [DIMIG](#) Discourses & Migration project. Grant: 70,000 (2023-2025)
- Agence Nationale pour la Recherche [National Agency for Research] Principal investigator for [PACE](#) the Politics of Asylum Crises in Europe. Grant: 350,803€ (2019-2022)
- H2020 project [MAGYC](#) Migration Governance and AsYlum Crises. PI for the Sciences Po team. Sciences Po Budget: 419,365€ Grant Agreement: 822806 (2018-2022)
- Agence Nationale pour la Recherche [National Agency for Research] Co-Principal investigator with Catherine Wihtol de Wenden for [MOBGLOB](#) project on the Global Governance of Mobility. Grant: 247,000€ (2012-2015)

I am or have been a member in the following projects:

- [BRIDGES: Assessing the production and impact of migration narratives](#) (2020-2024) funded by the European Commission through the H2020 programme (Grant Agreement: 101004564)
- [CORRIREF](#) (2023-2025) an [Institut Convergence Migrations](#) and [Fondation de France](#) funded project on asylum corridors in Europe for Ukrainian exiles.
- ["Villes-mondes: approches comparées du cosmopolitisme et des migrations"](#) financé par [l'Université Paris Cité](#) ("Sociétés plurielles")
- [SYSREMO](#) (2010-2013) ["Géographies de la mondialisation: Emergence d'un système régional au Moyen-Orient"](#) funded by the French National Agency for Research.

### FELLOWSHIPS and HONORS

---

- Oxford university, OxPo Post-doctoral Fellowship at the Department of Politics and International Relations and Visiting Fellowship at St Antony College (2009-2010)

- Centre for Information and Study of Migration (CIEMI France) doctoral dissertation prize (2009)
- French Ministry of Higher Education 4-year Full Doctoral Fellowship (2004-2007)
- Harvard University – 1-year Full Fellowship from the Graduate School of Art and Sciences (2002-2003)
- École Normale Supérieure (Ulm) 4-year Full scholarship (1998-2003)

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

---

- Member of the ISA ENMISA Ethnicity, Nationalism, & Migration Studies Outstanding Paper Award committee 2023
- Chair of the best dissertation award committee APSA Migration and Citizenship section 2022
- On the Editorial boards of [Revue Européenne des Migrations Internationales](#) (2020-...), [Migration Politics](#) (2020-...), [Political Anthropological Research on International Social Sciences \(PARISS\)](#) (2019-), Critique Internationale (2009-2020). Former member of the board of Critique Internationale.
- Referee for American Journal of Sociology, International Security, Political Geography, Ethnography, European Journal of Sociology, Global Social Policy, World Politics, International Migration Review, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Foreign Policy Analysis, Migration Studies, Critique Internationale, European Journal of Turkish Studies, Ethique publique, Revue Européenne des Migrations Internationales, Critique Internationale
- Referee for publishers: IB Tauris, Oxford University Press, Manchester university press, Hurst-OUP etc.
- H2020 expert (European Commission), FNRS expert (Belgium), Région Ile de France scientific board (France), Casa Velazquez research institute (French institution in Spain), Prix Michel Seurat (Middle Eastern Studies)

Edited books

1. 2023. *Research Handbook on The Institutions of Migration Governance*. Co-edited with Antoine Pécoud (eds.), Edward Elgar Publishing, London. ISBN: 978 1 78990 806 0
2. 2021. *Migration, Urbanity and Cosmopolitanism in a Globalized World*. Edited with Camille Schmoll, Catherine Lejeune and Delphine Pagès el Karoui. Springer IMISCOE series.
3. 2015. *Migrations en Méditerranée. Permanences et mutations à l'heure des révolutions et des crises* [Migration in the Mediterranean. Changes and continuities in times of revolutions and crises], edited volume with Camille Schmoll and Catherine Wihtol de Wenden, Cnrs editions, 382 p.

Special issue in peer reviewed journals

1. 2016. with Leïla Vignal, “Transnationalising the Arabian Peninsula: Local, Regional and Global Dynamics” [special issue introduction in English], *Arabian Humanities* [Online], 7 | 2016
2. 2012. Les “émergents” et les transformations de la gouvernance globale [Emerging countries and the transformation of global governance], *Critique internationale*, N° 56, 2012/3 (Fall issue)

Authored book

2009. *Le Moyen-Orient. Atlas* [The Middle East: Atlas] Ellipses Paris. 206 p.

Popular book

2017. *Migranci, migracje. O czym warto wiedzieć, by wyrobić sobie własne zdanie*, Wydawnictwo Karakter, Cracow, Poland, 240 p. (Translation of *Migrants, Migrations* in Polish, with 5 new chapters and a new introduction)

2016. *Migrants. Migrations. 50 questions pour vous faire votre opinion* [Migrants. Migrations. 50 questions to make up one's mind]. Armand Colin, 160 p.

Articles peer reviewed journals

1. 2023. The Making of a Crisis: Migration and Polarization in the French Press. with Reddy, M., *American Behavioral Scientist*, 0(0). DOI: 10.1177/00027642231183274 [PDF HERE](#)
2. 2023. Migration as Crisis. with Céline Cantat & Antoine Pécoud, *American Behavioral Scientist*, 0(0). DOI: 10.1177/00027642231182889 [PDF HERE](#)
3. 2022. Theorising migration politics: do political regimes matter? with Katharina Natter, *Third World Quarterly*, 43:7, 1515-1530, DOI: 10.1080/01436597.2022.2069093, online open access: [OPEN ACCESS](#)
4. 2022. Migrants and Monarchs: Regime Survival, State Transformation and Migration Politics in Saudi Arabia. *Third World Quarterly*, 43:7, 1645-1665, DOI: 10.1080/01436597.2021.1948325 [OPEN ACCESS](#)
5. 2021. with Laure Assaf “Cosmopolitanism in Exclusionary contexts. Everyday diversity in Gulf cities” *Population, Space and Place*, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.2358>
6. 2016. “Gérer les migrations, gérer les migrants. Une perspective historique et transnationale sur les migrations dans les monarchies du Golfe” [Managing migration, managing migrants. A historical and transnational perspective on migration in the Gulf Monarchies], *Arabian Humanities*, 7. <https://doi.org/10.4000/cy.3150>
7. 2015. “Migration et (contre)révolution. Politiques migratoires et politiques de l'emploi en Arabie saoudite.” [Migration and (counter)revolution. Migration policies and labour market policies in Saudi Arabia] *Revue Européenne de Migrations Internationales* 3(3-4), p. 121-143. <https://doi.org/10.4000/remi.7400>
8. 2012. “Pratiques et représentations de l'émergence” [Emerging countries. Practices and representations], *Critique internationale*, 3 (N° 56), p. 9-16. <https://doi.org/10.3917/cii.056.0009>
9. 2011. “Migration as Diplomacy: Labour Migrants, Refugees and Arab regional politics in the oil rich countries”, *International Labor and Working Class History*, (79), p. 103-121. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0147547910000293>
10. 2010. “Nationalisme ordinaire et nationalisme d'Etat en Arabie Saoudite: la Nation saoudienne et ses immigrés” [State nationalism vs Banal Nationalism in Saudi Arabia], *Raisons politiques*, n°37, February, p. 89-102. <https://doi.org/10.3917/rai.037.0089>
11. 2010. “Migrations et relations internationales » [Migration and international relations], *Transcontinentales* [Online], 8/9, <https://doi.org/10.4000/transcontinentales.787>

12. 2009. "Mobilité dans la Corne de l'Afrique" [Mobility in the horn of Africa: humanitarian emergency and security constraint], *Migrations Société* vol.21 n°121, January, p. 75-88.  
<https://doi.org/10.3917/migra.121.0075>
13. 2005. "L'invention de la contestation par les forums et les contre-sommets: vers un espace public mondial? [The invention of transnational activism through forums and summits: paving the way towards a world public space?]" with Cecilia Baeza and Laurent Bonnefoy, *Raisons Politiques*, n°19, Septembre, p. 25-43.  
<https://doi.org/10.3917/rai.019.0025>
14. 2004. "Aux marges du monde arabe" [At the margins of the Arab world: the routes of Eritrean migrants of refugees, 1993-2002] *Chroniques Yéménites* 12. <https://doi.org/10.4000/cy.190>

#### Articles

1. La politique des migrations internationales : un nouveau cadre d'analyse. [The politics of international migrations: a new analytical framework] with James Hollifield, and Catherine Wihtol de Wenden. *Hommes & migrations*, 2022, 2022/3 (1338), pp.192-199. DOI: 10.4000/hommesmigrations.14389 [PDF HERE](#)
2. L'accueil des réfugiés ukrainiens et l'universalité du droit d'asile [Welcoming Ukrainian refugees and the universality of asylum rights] with François Gemenne, 2022, *Hommes & Migrations*, 1337, 180-184. DOI: 10.4000/hommesmigrations.14062 [PDF HERE](#)
3. Réfugié.e.s érythréen.e.s dans le monde Arabe. Archéologie d'un long exode [Eritrean refugees in the Arab world. Archeology of a long exodus], *Mouvements*, 2018, 93, p. 107-117 DOI : 10.3917/mouv.093.0107 [OPEN ACCESS](#)
4. Immigration, contre-révolution et changement social en Arabie saoudite [Immigration, counter-revolution and social change in Saudi Arabia], *Questions internationales*, 88, 2018 p.36-40 ISBN: 330-3-331-60089-3

#### Book chapters

1. "Global encounters: exploring the political foundations of global migration governance", Stefan Rother, Héléne Thiollet and Catherine Wihtol de Wenden, pp. 132-145 in *Research Handbook on the Institutions of Global Migration Governance*, Antoine Pécoud and Héléne Thiollet (eds), Edward Elgar, 2023 [PDF HERE](#)
2. "Migration intermediation: revisiting the *kafala* (sponsorship system) in the Gulf", Claire Beaugrand and Héléne Thiollet, pp.341-356 in *Research Handbook on the Institutions of Global Migration Governance*, Antoine Pécoud and Héléne Thiollet (eds), Edward Elgar, 2023 [PDF HERE](#)
3. "Introduction: the institutions of global migration governance" with Antoine Pécoud, pp.1-18 in *Research Handbook on the Institutions of Global Migration Governance*, Antoine Pécoud and Héléne Thiollet (eds), Edward Elgar, 2023 [PDF HERE](#)
4. "Is the forced/voluntary dichotomy really shaping migration governance?" with Ferruccio Pastore and Camille Schmoll in *Handbook of Human Mobilities and Migrations*, Ettore Recchi and Mirna Safi (eds.) Edward Elgar, 2023 [PDF HERE](#)
5. "Migration control as state building: Toward and Illiberal Convergence Hypothesis." *Controlling Immigration. A Global Perspective*, 2022, Fourth Edition, James F. Hollifield, Philip L. Martin, and Pia M. Orrenius (eds.), p. 630-638, Stanford university press. [PDF HERE](#)
6. "Migration, Asylum and International Interventions in the Horn of Africa", with Thibaut Jaulin in *The Routledge Handbook on the Horn of Africa*, 2022, Jean Nicolas Bach (ed), Routledge. [PDF HERE](#)
7. "Illiberal Migration Governance in the Arab Gulf". *Understanding Global Migration*, 2022, James Hollifield and Neil Foley (eds.), Stanford university press, pp.50-80, 2022, 9781503629578. [PDF HERE](#)
8. 2020. "Unlocking migration politics: researching beyond biases and gaps in migration studies and comparative politics." In *Renewing the Migration Debate*. Hein de Haas & Simona Vezzoli (eds.) International Migration Institute (online) Amsterdam. p. 115-125
9. 2020. "Migrant cosmopolitanism in Emirati and Saudi cities. Practices of belonging in exclusionary contexts." With Laure Assaf in *Migration, Urbanity and Cosmopolitanism in a Globalised World*. Edited with Camille Schmoll, Catherine Lejeune and Delphine Pagès el Karoui. Springer IMISCOE series
10. 2017. « Exodes et politiques d'asile. Le Cas Érythréen. » [Exodus and Asylum Politics. The Eritrean Case], *Migrations, réfugiés, exil*, Patrick Boucheron (ed.), Odile Jacob, p. 261-288

11. 2017. "Managing Transnational Labour in the Arab Gulf: External and Internal Dynamics of Migration Politics since the 1950s", *Transnational Middle East. People, Places and Borders*, Leila Vignal (ed.), Routledge, London, p. 21-43
12. 2015. "Le Yémen, entre asile et migrations" and "Les Migrations en Arabie Saoudite" In Gildas Simon (ed.), *Dictionnaire des migrations internationales. Une approche géohistorique*. Armand Colin, 2015
13. 2015. "The Regional Politics of Labour Import in the Gulf Monarchies." In: Panizzon M., Zürcher G., Fornalé E. (eds) *The Palgrave Handbook of International Labour Migration*. Palgrave Macmillan, London. [https://doi.org/10.1057/9781137352217\\_13](https://doi.org/10.1057/9781137352217_13)
14. 2014. "Wad Sharifey, Kishm el Girba, Um Gargur... métamorphoses d'un réseau de camps de réfugiés dans l'Est du Soudan (1962-2013)" [Wad Sharifey, Kishm el Girba, Um Gargur... metamorphosis of a network of refugee camps in Eastern Sudan 1962-2013] in *Un monde de camps*, Michel Agier (ed.), La Découverte 2014, p.232-246
15. 2014. "From Migration Hub to Asylum Crisis: The Changing Dynamics of Contemporary Migration in Yemen", *Why Yemen Matters. A Society in Transition*, Saqi Books, p.265-285
16. 2013. "Migrations, exils et printemps arabes" [Migration, Exile and the Arab Springs], *Afrique du Nord Moyen Orient. Mondes émergents*, Paris: La Documentation Française, p.133-146
17. 2012 "Les enjeux contemporains des migrations au Yémen" [Contemporary migration in Yemen] dans *Yémen. Le moment révolutionnaire*, dirigé par Laurent Bonnefoy, Franck Mermier, et Marine Poirier, Karthala, p.235-255
18. 2012 "Yémen. D'une guerre l'autre, la revolution oubliée ?" [Yemen, from war to war. A forgotten Revolution?] in *Ramses 2013. Gouverner aujourd'hui ?* Sous la direction de Thierry de Montbrial et Philippe Moreau Defarges, Paris, Dunod, p. 156-159

#### Working papers

1. 2021. *Borders start with Numbers. Measuring Migration in Times of Crisis*, with Filip Savatic (and Thibaut Jaulin Alice Mesnard, Jean-Noël Senne), [https://www.magyc.uliege.be/cms/c\\_7815742/en/magyc-wp8-external-dimensions-of-the-crisis](https://www.magyc.uliege.be/cms/c_7815742/en/magyc-wp8-external-dimensions-of-the-crisis)
2. 2020. with Shoshana Fine. *Does Crisis Matter for European Migration Governance? A Framework Paper.* MAGYC Working Paper. The Migration Governance and Asylum Crises project, January 18, 2020. <https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-02951421>
3. 2020. with Céline Cantat and Antoine Pécoud. *Migration as Crisis. Framework Paper.* MAGYC Working Paper. The Migration Governance and Asylum Crises project, January 18, 2020. <https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-02951419>
4. 2019. *Immigrants, Markets, Brokers, and States: The Politics of Illiberal Migration Governance in the Arab Gulf.* IMI Working Papers Series, No. 155. URL: <https://www.migrationinstitute.org/publications/immigrants-markets-brokers-and-states-the-politics-of-illiberal-migration-governance-in-the-arab-gulf>
5. 2016. Managing migrant labour in the Gulf. Transnational dynamics of migration politics since the 1930s, IMI Working Papers Series, No. 131, p.1-25. URL : <https://www.imi.ox.ac.uk/publications/managing-migrant-labour-in-the-gulf-transnational-dynamics-of-migration-politics-since-the-1930s>
6. 2007. « Refugees and Migrants from Eritrea to the Arab world » (en anglais), American University of Cairo. URL: <http://www.aucegypt.edu/ResearchatAUC/rc/cmrs/Pages/meeting.aspx>

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

- The Geopolitics of Forced Migration including work on "Mixed Migration. The Multilateral Politics of Migration Labelling Population Movement" presented at APSA Annual Meeting 2019 and "An Anatomy of Agency. Eritrean Refugees in Eastern Sudan, 1962-2013", King's college, 7 Feb. 2014.
- "Immigration Rentier States", submitted in 2023.
- Manuscript on migration and socio-political changes in Saudi Arabia including "Resilient Residents: Migrants' settlement and anti-immigrant policies in the Gulf monarchies" MESA 2013, Sciences Po 2015, à Paris 7 2016 and univ. of Exeter 2018.

## CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINARS (selection since 2008)

---

- Conferences with paper presentation and selection committee: APSA, IHSA International Humanitarian Studies Association, MESA Middle Eastern Studies Association, BRISMES British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, Norface research network (London), NCCR “On the Move” (Switzerland), Gulf Research Meeting (Cambridge, UK), ASEN (LSE), French Political Science Association (AFSP)
- Invited Seminars: Johns Hopkins university (US), International Institute for Social History (Amsterdam), Collège de France, LSE (Middle East Centre), King’s College (London), University of Exeter, COMPAS and IMI (Oxford), SOAS (London), Maison française de Rome, University of Liège, American University of Cairo, EHESS (Paris), EHESS (Paris), Ens-Ulm (Paris), IREMAM-CNRS (Aix), IEP (Aix), IEP (Bordeaux)

## TEACHINGS

---

- Mobilités et urbanités dans les villes mondialisées, graduate seminar at Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) with Camille Schmoll and Aurélie Varrel since 2021 (pause in 2023-2025)
- Frontières et enfermements dans les mondes arabes et musulmans : incorporations, affects et vécus, with Clara Lecadetn Stéphanie Latte-Abdallah and Amin Moghadam, graduate seminar, EHESS (2018-2023)
- World Politics, undergraduate lecture course (3<sup>rd</sup> year) Sciences Po. Since 2012
- Migration Issues and Large Metropolises with Virginie Guiraudon, Graduate seminar, Sciences Po. (2014-2015)
- Global Migration Governance, Graduate seminar, Sciences Po. Since 2012
- Mobility in the Global South, graduate seminar, Sciences Po (2010-2011)
- International Actors in Africa: globalization, development, security with Michelle Reddy, undergraduate seminar in African Studies (2012-2014)
- Organisations internationales et Sécurité internationale, undergraduate courses at Université Paris Nord (2009)

### Research groups and seminars

- Founding member of comparative politics research seminar at CERI-Sciences Po [Action publique ailleurs](#) with Laurence Louer (2015-2021)
- Founding member of inter-university seminar INALCO-Paris 7-Sciences Po [MigrAnts in Global METropolises: a comparative perspective from the Gulf and the United States of America](#), with Camille Schmoll, Delphine Pagès el Karoui, Catherine Lejeune, (2014-2018)
- Founding member of research seminar (since 2012) [Migrations et Mobilités](#), with Helene Le Bail & Catherine Wihtol de Wenden

## LANGUAGES

---

French/English; Spanish: proficient; Arabic (basic. Working knowledge); Latin, ancient Greek.

## MEDIA (occasional or regular contributions)

---

Radio: France Inter, France Culture, Europe 1, Radio France Internationale, BBC Africa.

Television: Arte, iTele, France 2, France 3, France 5, BFM, France 24, Canal Plus, Al-Jazeera, Dubai 1.

Newspapers: Le Un, Le Monde, La Croix, Le Parisien, La voix du Nord etc. Online: The Economist