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### Employment history

2020-Present	Senior Lecturer in Sociology School of Social and Political Science University of Edinburgh
2021-22	Visiting Scholar Department of Political Science SUNY University at Albany
2016-20	Lecturer in Sociology School of Social and Political Science University of Edinburgh
2012-Present	Chancellor's Fellow in Sociology School of Social and Political Science University of Edinburgh
2011-12	Postdoctoral Research Fellow Centre for Mobility Research (CeMoRe), Sociology Lancaster University
2011	Visiting Research Fellow Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB) Wiesbaden, Germany
2008-11	Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology University of Geneva
2007-10	Research Fellow Laboratory of Urban Sociology (LaSUR) Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL)
2006-07	Research Assistant Institute of Life Trajectories (ITB) University of Lausanne
2005-06	Research Assistant Research Department in Education (SRED) Geneva

## Education

- 2011      PhD Sociology, University of Geneva  
 Thesis title: The impact of spatial mobilities and physical distance on interpersonal relationships  
 Supervisors: Professor Eric D. Widmer and Professor Vincent Kaufmann  
 Examiners: Professor Norbert D. Schneider, Professor Gilbert Ritschard, Professor Sandro Cattacin
- 2005      MA in Sociology, University of Geneva  
 One-year study in the Freie Universität Berlin, Germany (2003-2004)
- 2002      Secondary education teaching certificate (Focus: physics teaching), Department of public education, Geneva
- 2000      MA in Physics, University of Geneva

## Research

### Major Research Interests

Spatial Mobility, Space and Place, Family and Intimate Relationships, Work-Family arrangements, Social Inequalities, Social Network Analysis, Spatial Dimensions of Social Networks, Social Inclusion, Life Course, Survey Methods, Advanced Modelling for Ego-centric Network Data

### Research Publications

Publications marked with \* constitute my most important contributions (in my opinion).

### Journal Articles

\* Bidart, C. Maisonobe, M. **Viry, G.** 2022 (forthcoming). Analysing Personal Networks in Geographical Space Beyond the Question of Distance. *Social Inclusion*, 10(3).

Vincent, S. **Viry, G.** 2022. La socialisation aux mobilités pour raisons professionnelles : le cas des absences régulières du domicile. *Espaces et Sociétés*, 1-2 (n°184-185), 99-113.

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\*Leng, R. **Viry, G.** Garcia Sancho Sanchez, M. Lowe, J. Wong, M. Vermeulen, N. 2021. The sequences and the sequencers: What can a mixed-methods approach reveal about the history of genomics? *Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences*.

Garcia Sancho Sanchez, M. Leng, R. **Viry, G.** Wong, M. Vermeulen, N. Lowe, J. 2021. The Human Genome Project as an exceptional episode in the history of genomics. *Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences*.

- Garcia Sancho Sanchez, M. Lowe, J. **Viry, G.** Leng, R. Wong, M. Vermeulen, N. 2021. Yeast sequencing: 'Network' genomics and institutional bridges. *Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences*.
- Lowe, J. Garcia Sancho Sanchez, M. Leng, R. Wong, M. Vermeulen, N. **Viry, G.** 2021. Across and within networks: Thickening the longue-durée history of genomics. *Historical Studies in the Natural Sciences*.
- Pantic, N. Galey, S. Florian, L. Joksimovic, S. **Viry, G.** Gasevic, D. Knutes Nyqvist, H. Kyritsi, K. 2021. Making sense of teacher agency for change with social and epistemic network analysis, *Journal of Educational Change*.
- Ganjour, O. Widmer, E. **Viry, G.** Gauthier, J.-A. Kaufmann, V. Drevon, G. 2020. Understanding the reconstruction of personal networks through residential migration trajectories. *Migration Letters*, 17(5), 621-638.
- \***Viry, G.** Gauthier, J.-A. 2019. L'analyse de séquence pour étudier les comportements de mobilité spatiale dans le parcours de vie. *RTS - Recherche Transports Sécurité, IFSTTAR*, 2019, *La mobilité en méthodes*, 18p.
- Gauthier, J.-A. **Viry, G.** 2019. Family development and residential trajectories of two birth cohorts living in Switzerland: Between individualization and standardization. *Swiss Journal of Sociology*, 45(2), 185-214.
- \*Rüger, H. **Viry, G.** 2017. Work-related travel over the life course and its link to fertility: a comparison between four European countries. *European Sociological Review*, 33(5), 645-660.
- \***Viry, G.** Ganjour, O. Gauthier, J.-A. Ravalet, E. Widmer, E. 2017. Analysing the role of social visits on migrants' social capital: A personal network approach. *Social Inclusion*, 5(4), 209-225.
- Widmer, E. **Viry, G.** 2017. Family inclusiveness and spatial dispersion: The spatial consequences of having large and diversified family configurations. *Open Journal of Social Sciences*, 5, 350-367.
- \***Viry, G.** 2014. Coparenting and children's adjustment to divorce: the role of geographical distance from fathers. *Journal of Divorce & Remarriage*, 55 (7), 503-526.
- Viry, G.** Rüger, H. Skora, T. 2014. Migration and long-distance commuting histories and their links to career achievement in Germany: a sequence analysis. *Sociological Research Online*, 19 (1).
- Viry, G.** Nada, E. 2013. Vivre loin de ses parents quand on est un jeune adulte : quel effet sur le lien de confiance? *Enfances, Familles, Générations*, 19, 145-167.
- \***Viry, G.** 2012. Residential mobility and the spatial dispersion of personal networks: effects on social support. *Social Networks*, 34(1), 59-72.
- Widmer, E. **Viry, G.** Carminati, F. Galli-Carminati, G. 2012. Do regions matter in ALICE? Social relationships and data exchanges in the Grid. *European Physical Journal Plus*, 127(2), 20-27.
- Widmer, E. Carminati, F. Grigoras, C. **Viry, G.** Galli-Carminati, G. 2012. Do regions of Alice matter? Social relationships and data exchanges in the Grid. IOP Publishing. *Journal of Physics: Conference Series*, 368, 1.
- Viry, G.** Kaufmann, V. Widmer, E. 2010. Does it matter for us that my partner or I commute? Spatial mobility for job reasons and the quality of conjugal relationships in France, Germany, and Switzerland. *Zeitschrift für Familienforschung*, 22(2), 149-70.

Vincent, S. **Viry, G.** Kaufmann, V. 2010. Carrières académiques: comment concilier mobilités spatiales et vie de famille?. *Revue Synergies. Pays Riverains de la Baltique*, 7, GERFLINT, 77-94.

**Viry, G.** Widmer, E. Kaufmann, V. 2009. La grande mobilité géographique pour des raisons professionnelles en Suisse: une étape de vie pré-familiale ? *Recherches familiales*, 6, 67-80.

### Under Review

\***Viry, G.** The increasing discontinuity of mobility biographies in neoliberal Europe: a cross-cohort comparison of work-related travel behaviours (Journal: *Sociology*)

\***Viry, G.** Herz, A. From dyadic distance to spatiality in family networks: Reciprocity of support in family relationships in Switzerland (Journal: *Journal of Marriage and the Family*)

**Viry, G.** Gauthier, J.-A. Fertility and residential behaviours over the life course in two Swiss birth cohorts (Journal: *Social Demography*)

### Books

Ravalet, E. Vincent-Geslin, S. Kaufmann, V. **Viry, G.**, Dubois, Y. 2015. *Grandes mobilités liées au travail, perspective européenne et longitudinale*. Economica.

Luescher, K. Hoff, A. Lamura, G. Renzi, M. Sanchez, M. **Viry, G.** Widmer, E. 2013. *Generations, intergenerational relationships, generational policy: A multilingual compendium*. Generationes.

**Viry, G.** 2011. *The impact of spatial mobilities and physical distance on interpersonal relationships*. University of Geneva, Editions SES.

### Edited Books

\***Viry, G.** Kaufmann, V. 2015. *High Mobility in Europe: work and personal life*. Palgrave Macmillan.

### Book Chapters

\***Viry, G.** Herz, A. 2021. Families in a network perspective. In: Schneider, N. Kreyenfeld, M. (eds). *Research Handbook on the Sociology of the Family*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing, 125-141.

\***Viry, G.** 2020. Life course and mobility. In: Jensen, O.B. Lassen, C. Kaufmann, V. Freudendal-Pedersen, M. Gøtzsche Lange, I.S. (eds). *Routledge Handbook of Urban Mobilities*. London: Routledge, 174-182.

Widmer, E. **Viry, G.** Ganjour, O. 2018. The intricacies of space and inclusiveness in family and personal networks. In: Kapella, O. Schneider, N. F. Rost, H. (eds). *Familie – Bildung – Migration*. Barbara Budrich, 63-76.

**Viry, G.** Vincent-Geslin, S. 2015. Under which conditions can intensive commuting be a way of life? In: Aybek, C. Huinink, J. Muttarak, R. (eds). *Spatial Mobility, Migration, and Family Dynamics*. Springer, 91-114.

Kaufmann, V. **Viry, G.** 2015. High mobility as social phenomenon. In: **Viry, G.** Kaufmann, V. (eds). *High mobility in Europe: work and personal life*. Palgrave Macmillan. 1-15.

Ravalet, E. Vincent-Geslin, S. **Viry, G.** 2015. Methodological choices and research design. In: **Viry, G.** Kaufmann, V. (eds). *High mobility in Europe: work and personal life*. Palgrave Macmillan. 16-28.

**Viry, G.** Ravalet, E. Kaufmann, V. High mobility in Europe: an overview. In: **Viry, G.** Kaufmann, V. (eds). *High mobility in Europe: work and personal life*. Palgrave Macmillan. 29-58.

**Viry, G.** Vincent-Geslin, S. 2015. High mobility over the life course. In: **Viry, G.** Kaufmann, V. (eds). *High mobility in Europe: work and personal life*. Palgrave Macmillan. 83-100.

**Viry, G.** Vincent-Geslin, S. 2015. Family development and high mobility: Gender Inequality. In: Viry, G. Kaufmann, V. (eds). *High mobility in Europe: work and personal life*. Palgrave Macmillan. 153-179.

Kaufmann, V. **Viry, G.** Vincent-Geslin, S. Ravalet, E. Dubois, Y. Conclusions. In: Viry, G. Kaufmann, V. (eds). *High Mobility in Europe: work and personal life*. Palgrave Macmillan. 209-218.

Birtchnell, T. **Viry, G.** Urry, J. 2013. Elite formation in the third industrial revolution. In: Birtchnell, T. Caletrio, J. (eds). *Elite mobilities*. Routledge. 62-77.

**Viry, G.** Hofmeister, H. Widmer, E. 2013. Residential trajectories in the early life course and their effects. In: Levy, R. Widmer, E. (eds). *Gendered life courses, between individualization and standardization. A European approach applied to Switzerland*. Lit Verlag. 141-160.

**Viry, G.** Vincent-Geslin, S. Kaufmann, V. 2012. Mobile un jour, mobile toujours ?. In: Vincent-Geslin, S. Kaufmann, V. (eds). *Mobilité sans racines. Plus loin, plus vite, plus mobiles?* Descartes, 83-117 (co-authored with Stéphanie Vincent and Vincent Kaufmann, my contribution: 60%)

Kaufmann, V. **Viry, G.** Iragaël Joly. 2012. Mobilités réversibles: un phénomène anecdotique? Quantification des mobilités réversibles. In: S. Vincent-Geslin, V. Kaufmann (eds). *Mobilité sans racines. Plus loin, plus vite, plus mobiles?* Descartes, 65-81.

**Viry, G.** Hofmeister, H. Widmer, E. 2010. Early life course relocation: Effects on motility, mobility, and social integration. In: Schneider, N. Collet, B. (eds). *Mobile Living across Europe II*. Barbara Budrich, 153-71.

Kaufmann, V. **Viry, G.** Widmer, E. 2010. Motility. In: Schneider, N. Collet, B. (eds). *Mobile Living across Europe II*. Barbara Budrich, 95-111.

Widmer, E. **Viry, G.** Kaufmann, V. 2010. The process of becoming mobile. In: Schneider, N. Collet, B. (eds). *Mobile Living across Europe II*. Barbara Budrich, 113-29.

**Viry, G.** Kaufmann, V. Widmer, E. 2009. Social integration faced with commuting: more widespread and less dense support networks. In: Ohnmacht, T. Maksim, H. Bergman, M. (eds). *Mobilities and Inequality*. Ashgate, 121-43.

**Viry, G.** Kaufmann, V. Widmer, E. 2009. L'habiter à l'épreuve de la pendularité. In: Pattaroni, L. Rabinovich, A. Kaufmann, V. (eds). *Habitat en devenir, enjeux territoriaux, politiques et sociaux du logement en Suisse*. PPUR, 69-93.

**Viry, G.** Kaufmann, V. Widmer, E. 2008. Switzerland – Mobility: a life stage issue? In: Schneider, N. Meil, G. (eds). *Mobile Living across Europe I*. Barbara Budrich, 189-228.

## Other Publications

**Viry, G.** 2022. Collaboration in schools: between networks and institutions. *TEAMS blog*  
<https://migrant-education.net/collaboration-in-schools-between-networks-and-institutions/>

**Viry, G.** Nada, E. 2020. Un discours universel stigmatisant. *Le Courrier*, 5 mai.

Morton, S. **Viry, G.** 2015. Supporting Dads in the context of gender inequality, *CRFR blog*  
[http://crfrblog.blogspot.com/2015/01/supporting-dads-in-context-of-gender\\_27.html](http://crfrblog.blogspot.com/2015/01/supporting-dads-in-context-of-gender_27.html)

Vincent-Geslin, S. Ravalet, E. Kaufmann, V. **Viry, G.** Dubois, Y. 2015. Berufsbedingte Hochmobilität: Einige Erkenntnisse. *Verkehrszeichen*, 31(1), 4-8.

**Viry, G.** 2013. Des mères incitées à renoncer à leur activité professionnelle : L'initiative UDC sur les familles renforcerait les inégalités envers les femmes. *Le Courrier*, 19 Novembre.

Passet, Y. **Viry, G.** 2012. Der zunehmende Einfluss der Bildung auf den Zeitpunkt der ersten Geburt in Deutschland, Frankreich und der Schweiz. *Bevölkerungsforschung Aktuell. Mitteilungen aus dem Bundesinstitut für Bevölkerungsforschung*, Mai 2012, 2-7.

Kaufmann, V. Widmer, E. **Viry, G.** 2008. Grands mobiles : l'aptitude à se mouvoir comme ressource dans une carrière. *Le Temps*, 4 Septembre.

## Research grants

I have an excellent track record in securing research funding, with a total of over £3 million awarded.

2021-24	Analysing social support and the influence of personal networks and geographical areas using cross-classified multilevel models (CCMM) Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) supervisor-led studentship, Steer: Advanced Quantitative Methods (Principal Investigator, £64,000)
2020-23	Teaching that Matters for Migrant Student: Understanding Levers of Integration in Scotland, Finland and Sweden (TEAMS), NordForsk – Joint Nordic-UK Research Programme on Migration and Integration (Co-Investigator, £1,100,000)
2019-22	Spatial mobility skills, conjugal networks and conjugal quality Swiss National Fund (Principal Investigator, £225,000)
2017-24	Swiss Federal Surveys of young people CH-x, Swiss government (Swiss Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport - DDPS) (Co-Investigator, key role in the proposal writing, £1,200,000)
2019-22	Making Sense of Teachers' Communities of Practice with Social and Epistemic Network Analysis Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) supervisor-led studentship, Steer: Interdisciplinary research (Co-Investigator, £64,000)
2018-19	Making SENse: Social and Epistemic Network analysis of Communities of Practice Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Impact Acceleration Award (Co-Investigator, £40,000)

- 2016-20 Medical Translation in the History of Modern Genomics (TRANSGENE), European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant (Co-Investigator, £1,500,000)
- 2014-15 Challenge Investment Fund, College of Humanities and Social Science (CHSS), University of Edinburgh (Co-Investigator, £9,200)
- 2013-20 Q-Step Edinburgh programme, Nuffield Foundation, Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) (Named Researcher, participated in the proposal writing, £1,000,000) <http://www.q-step.ed.ac.uk/>
- 2011-12 Postdoctoral fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) (Principal Investigator, £30,000)
- 2011-13 Mobile Lives Forum, SNCF Research Grant (Co-Investigator, £100,000)
- 2010 PhD studentship, Schmidheiny Foundation (Principal Investigator, £6,000)
- 2003-04 Mobility Grant, Ernest Boninchi Mobility Grant (Principal Investigator, £11,000)

### Current research projects

I am leading and participating in various interdisciplinary research projects in the UK, France, Germany and Switzerland.

- 2019-22 **Spatial mobility skills, conjugal networks and conjugal quality** (Principal Investigator)  
<https://www.cfr.ac.uk/couples-geography-and-network-overlap-spatial-mobility-skills-and-conjugal-quality/>  
 I am leading this transdisciplinary project involving sociologists and human geographers from the University of Lausanne and the Laboratory of Urban Sociology-EPFL, which examines how individuals' spatial mobility skills and the degree of overlap between partners' networks moderate the influence of residential mobility on conjugal life. Following a successful tender, a tailored module of questions developed by the research team and led by myself was added to the Swiss ISSP-MOSAiCH 2019 survey (n=2,043). While research on the effect of family migration on conjugal life has often focused on the role of employment and relative earnings (e.g. trailing wife hypothesis), this project addresses a clear knowledge gap by analysing the role of personal networks and spousal network overlap. I am mentoring a post-doctoral researcher (Dr Florian Masse).
- 2017-24 **Personal networks of young adults in Switzerland: Social capital, educational and work aspirations** (Co-Investigator)  
<http://www.chx.ch/fr>  
[https://www.chx.ch/sites/default/files/werkstattbericht\\_2018\\_2019-inet.pdf](https://www.chx.ch/sites/default/files/werkstattbericht_2018_2019-inet.pdf)  
 Led by Professor Eric Widmer (University of Geneva), this large project surveys a full national cohort of young men, mostly aged 18-20, in 2020-22. An additional sample of young women living in Switzerland will be interviewed. In total, n=40,000 participants

will be surveyed. The overall aim of the project is to better understand the role of young people's personal relationships and personal networks on social support, their work and educational aspirations and trajectories. I lead the sub-project on the role of personal networks and geographical contexts on young people's social inclusion.

2020-23 **Teaching that Matters for Migrant Student: Understanding Levers of Integration in Scotland, Finland and Sweden (TEAMS)** (Co-Investigator)

<http://migrant-education.net/about-teams-project/>

Led by Dr Natasa Pantic (Moray House School of Education, University of Edinburgh), this project examines how teachers can best help migrant students to avoid underachieving at school or being excluded. It employs social network analysis and ethnographic research in six schools in the three countries. I lead the social network data collection and mentor a Post-doctoral researcher (Dr Marc Sarazin). The mixed method design aims to identify educational practices and structural conditions that facilitate opportunities for migrants' academic success, cross-cultural socialization, and developing a sense of belonging in their school communities.

2017- I am involved in a research collaboration with Dr Andreas Herz (Deutsches Jugendinstitut, Munich, Germany) developing advanced multilevel modelling with personal network data. We are working on a project studying the role of network spatiality on reciprocity within family networks using the Swiss ISSP-MOSAiCH 2013 survey data.

2019- I am involved in an interdisciplinary research collaboration with Professor Claire Bidart (CNRS University Aix Marseille) and Dr Marion Maisonobe (human geographer, CNRS Paris) on advanced methods for analysing and mapping the geography of personal networks, using GIS (geographic information system) and longitudinal network data. In relation to this project, I am working with Dr Benjamin Bach (Lecturer in Design Informatics & Visualisation, School of Informatics) to develop effective visualization techniques to visualise and analyse personal networks over time and across space (spatio-temporal ego-networks). Distilling the complex information of these networks into visual graphics poses important challenges (e.g. node overlap, temporal change) and depends on the specific research questions being addressed. One goal is to implement these visualization techniques on an open source online platform for new users.

## Teaching

I have consistently sought to develop creative, research-based teaching, building on my long experience of teacher (first as qualified secondary school physics teacher and then as academic). I have been the Personal Tutor of about 200 undergraduate and postgraduate students. I directed more than 20 final MSc dissertations.

### Undergraduate Teaching

2016-Present **Analysing Social Networks with Statistics** (Convenor) (~25 Students) University of Edinburgh.

I developed this advanced Q-Step course, which is offered at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Students use the SNA software packages UCInet and R in labs. The course starts with exploratory SNA to progress into more advanced statistical tools to analyse social networks. It covers community detection methods,



scraping Twitter networks from the web, multilevel modelling, permutation-based methods and Exponential Random Graph Models (ERGMs).

- 2015-20 **Sociology 2B – Researching social life, Researching families with survey methods** (~200 Students). University of Edinburgh.
- This is the core quantitative research methods module undertaken by 2<sup>nd</sup> year students in the sociology programme. This module covers foundational concepts in quantitative research design and data analysis. The module is comprised of lectures and seminars. I have redeveloped this module for introducing more interactive teaching elements and a focus on engaging students.
- 2014-17 **Sociology 2A – Thinking sociologically, Class, stratification and inequality** (~200 Students). University of Edinburgh.
- This is the core module on social inequalities undertaken by 2<sup>nd</sup> year students in the sociology programme. This module covered substantive material on the nature and processes of social inequalities in modern westernised societies, whilst simultaneously encouraging students to read and critically engage with key authors. This course comprised of lectures and seminars.
- 2007-09 **Sociological methods in urban sociology** (Convenor) (~20 Students) Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL)
- 1998-99 **Introduction to Physics** (Teaching Assistant for seminars) (~200 Students) Department of Biology and Medicine, University of Geneva

### Postgraduate Teaching

- 2016-20 **Key Concepts in Global Social Change** (Programme Director and Convenor) (~40 Students) University of Edinburgh.
- This is the Semester 1 core course of the Taught MSc Programme Sociology and Global Change. I conducted important work to re-design the structure of the programme and this course to enhance students' learning experience and deal with rising student numbers with more diverse academic background. In the 2019 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES), 90% of the students in the MSc Sociology and Global Change reported overall satisfaction with the programme and 89% with the Programme Directors – the third highest scores among MSc programmes in SPS. In his October 2019 review as Programme External Examiner, Professor Sinisa Malesevic from University College Dublin wrote: *'the programme belongs to the group of the best organised and best run graduate programmes in the UK and beyond. The faculty that runs and teaches on this programme should be commended for their excellence in programme organisation, high professionalism and enthusiasm in teaching, examining, programme co-ordination and dedicated supervision of student dissertations'*.
- 2016-Present **Analysing Social Networks with Statistics** (Convenor) (PG option of the Q-Step course, see above), University of Edinburgh.
- 2013-Present **Social Network Research** (previous title: Social Network Analysis) (Convenor) (~25 Students) University of Edinburgh.
- This course offers an original combination of hands-on computer work in labs and conceptual lectures. Students use the SNA software packages UCInet and Gephi in labs. The courses have been praised by the participants (rates always between 4.5 to 5 out of 5 for the 'overall satisfaction with the course' over the past years).

The forms of assessment encourage students to creatively apply the network approach to their own area of interest and many students are developing essays that are part of their wider postgraduate project. My social networks courses have been praised by external examiners for the quality of the coursework produced. In his course report, Professor Matthew Williams from ICL wrote in 2017: *'I would say the quality of first-class work submitted to this module is above the national standard. This is very impressive. (...) some of the work written for the module was identified by the convenor as of publishable standard. Upon inspection of the work I would agree with this assessment.'* At least two course participants published articles in top journals (*PLOS ONE* and *International Journal of Psychology*) building on their final course assessment and many students have used SNA in their doctoral research after taking my courses.

2008-11      **Social Network Analysis** (Teaching Assistant for the seminars) (~20 Students)  
SES, University of Geneva

### Short Courses and Taught Workshops

2021      **Personal networks and ego-network analysis in R** (Lecturer), CONNECT 2021, SNA Methods series, University of Cambridge (online), 28 April (55 participants)

2017      **Network analysis** (Convenor) Advanced methods workshop, Digital Day of Ideas, University of Edinburgh, 17 May (15 participants)

2014      **Spatial Mobility over the Life Course and its Links to Family Life** (Convenor), 7-day Winter school, NCCR LIVES Winter School, Les Diablerets, Switzerland (7 participants)

2014      **Introduction to Social Network Analysis: Collecting and analysing SNA data with UCInet** (Convenor) Workshop Summer School of the Scottish Graduate School of Social Science (SGSSS), University of Edinburgh (12 participants)

2014      **Starting using SNA in your research**, Workshop, University of Edinburgh (50 participants)

### Guest Lectures (Undergraduate and Postgraduate)

2017-19      Sociology Fundamentals, UG course, University of Edinburgh

2013      Gender, Marginality and Social Change, UG course, University of Edinburgh.

2012-16      Intimate Relations, UG+PG course, University of Edinburgh.

2012-15      Key Concepts in Global Social Change, PG course, University of Edinburgh.

2008-11      Sociology of the Family, UG course, University of Geneva

2008-10      Urban Sociology, UG course, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL)

### PhD Supervision

#### Completed PhD

Arick Dakessian (second supervisor), viva April 2018

Qing Lin (joint second supervisor), viva May 2018

**PhD in progress**

Jingyi Wang (Taiwanese government-funded, first supervisor), third year  
 Jingbo Ma (Chinese government-funded, first supervisor), second year  
 Laura Makhulbayeva (Kazakhstan government-funded, first supervisor), first year  
 Paul Schuler (ESRC-funded, first supervisor), first year  
 Barbara Dzieciatko (ESRC-funded, second supervisor, 40%), second year  
 Henry Myers (Self-funded, Geography, second supervisor, 40%), second year  
 Chantelle Toner-Boyce (ESRC-funded, Social Work, second supervisor, 30%), second year

**Secondary School Teaching**

1999-06    **Physics teacher**, Public education, Geneva.  
 I mentored new physics teachers and was responsible for setting up physics teaching in a new secondary school.

**Leadership Roles and Academic Service**

I seek to promote quantitative methods through my research, teaching and knowledge exchange activities. This forms part of a wider long-term vision cementing the University of Edinburgh's reputation as a leading centre for teaching and researching quantitative methods in social science, in interaction with the Q-Step centre, the Research Training Centre and the Social Network Analysis in Scotland (SNAS) Research Group.

- Convenor of a Scotland-wide Research Group on Social Network Analysis

Since 2013, I have been co-convening the successful [Social Network Analysis in Scotland \(SNAS\)](#) Research Group with colleagues from other Scottish Universities, organising 8 workshops and trainings with renowned national and international experts and about 90 well-attended monthly seminars. SNAS consists of about 150 affiliates: researchers, postgraduate students and practitioners engaging with SNA.

- Convenor of the Research Stream 'Sociology of Spatial Mobilities' at the European Sociological Association

Since 2019, I have been co-convening the research stream 'Sociology of Spatial mobilities' at the European Sociological Association (ESA), with two colleagues from Germany (Dr Heiko Rürger, Dr Knut Petzold), with 50 presentations over the last two bi-annual ESA conferences.

- Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal Social Inclusion.

With three colleagues (Christoph van Dülmen, Dr Marion Maisonobe, Dr Andreas Klärner), we are the guest editors of a [special issue](#) of the journal Social Inclusion on the role of space, place and social networks in social participation (publication late 2022).

- Journal Referee Work

Reviewer for American Journal of Sociology (AJS), American Sociological Review (ASR), Social Networks, Global Networks, Mobilities, Journal of Marriage and the Family, Journal of Transport Geography, Social Science and Medicine, Field Methods, Comparative Population Studies (CPoS), Family Science and Geografiska Annaler B: Human Geography, the Social Science Journal, Journal of Demographic Economics (JODE), Raumforschung und Raumordnung - Spatial Research and Planning, Espace Populations Sociétés, Socio-Economic Planning Sciences.

- Grant Assessment Work  
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), American National Science Foundation (NSF), Swiss National Science Foundation (SNCF), Scottish Government
- Membership of Professional Associations  
British Sociological Association (BSA), European Sociological Association (ESA), Co-convenor of the ESA Sociology of Spatial Mobilities Research Stream, International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA), Co-convenor Social Network Analysis in Scotland (SNAS), Centre for Population Change (CPC)
- Sociology Representative on People+ (2015-19), School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh  
  
In this role, I promoted issues of equality, diversity and inclusion in the school. We successfully achieved an Athena Swan Bronze Award.
- External Examiner for a PhD at the University of Lausanne (2018). Internal examiner for PhDs at the University of Edinburgh (Sociology, Science Technology and Innovation Studies).
- Co-convenor of GENERATIONES, a network of international researchers for the study of intergenerational issues (2017-18).
- Convenor of the Sociology Seminar Series (2015-16)
- Media coverage of my research on spatial mobility, family and conjugal life, including: Articles in Migros Magazine (Switzerland), Le Temps (Switzerland), Bilan.ch website, metropolitiques.eu website, Forum Vies Mobilies website.

### **Organisation of Public Events, Conferences and Workshops**

- Coordinator of the thematic session 'Spatial Mobility, Transport and social networks' (Mobilité spatiale, transport et réseaux sociaux) of RFTM2022 - Quatrièmes Rencontres Francophones Transport Mobilité, 8-10 juin 2022, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg.
- Coordinator of the Research Stream 'Sociology of Spatial mobilities', European Sociological Association, University of Barcelona (online), 31 August-3 September 2021 (30 oral presentations – 40 participants) (with Heiko Rüger and Knut Petzold).
- Lecture and Workshop 'Personal networks and ego-network analysis in R' (online), CONNECT 2021, SNA Methods series, University of Cambridge, 28 April 2021 (55 participants)
- Coordinator of 3 sessions on 'the Spatial Dimensions of Personal and Social Networks', Sunbelt International Network for Social Network Analysis Conference, Paris (online), 13-17 July 2020 (9 oral presentations – 30 participants) (with Christoph van Dülmen, Marion Maisonobe, Andreas Klärner)
- Workshop – Collecting and Analysing Twitter Networks in R, The Edinburgh Centre for Data, Culture and Society (CDCS), University of Edinburgh, 10 February 2020 (15 participants) (co-organised and co-run with Dr Tod Van Gunten and Dr Mark Wong).

- Coordinator of the Research Stream 'Sociology of Spatial mobilities', European Sociological Association, University of Manchester, 20-23 August 2019 (20 oral presentations – 25 participants) (with Heiko Rüger and Knut Petzold).
- Workshop – Epistemic Network Analysis, Scottish Graduate School of Social Science, University of Edinburgh, 28 February 2019 (20 participants)
- Workshop – Discourse Network Analysis (with Professor Philip Leifeld), Scottish Graduate School of Social Science, University of Edinburgh, 4 December 2018 (20 participants)
- Workshop – Introduction to R for absolute beginners, University of Edinburgh, 28 November 2018 (15 participants)
- Workshop – Online Social Networks and Big Data (with Professor Jordi Herrera), Social Network Analysis in Scotland (SNAS) Group, University of Edinburgh, 29 April 2015 (20 participants)
- Workshop – Qualitative and Quantitative Ego-network Analysis, Social Network Analysis in Scotland (SNAS) Group, University of Glasgow, 30 March 2015 (20 participants)
- Workshop – Introduction to Social Network Analysis: Collecting and analysing SNA data with UCINet, Scottish Graduate School of Social Science, University of Edinburgh, 17 June 2014 (12 participants)
- LIVES Life course Winter School, Les Diablerets, 22-29 March 2014. 7-day module (with Johannes Huinink and Stefanie Kley) about 'Spatial Mobility over the Life Course and its Links to Family Life'
- Workshop – Starting using SNA in your research. Importing and analysing network data with UCINet, University of Edinburgh, 22 January 2014 (50 participants)
- Workshop - Advanced SNA theories and methods (with Professor Nick Crossley), University of Edinburgh, 29 October 2013 (25 participants)
- International workshop - Highly Mobile People, between Professional Career and Family Life Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL), 8 September 2008 (30 participants)
- Interim Meeting - Job Mobilities and Family Lives, University of Geneva, 7-8 March 2008 (25 participants)
- Interim Meeting - Job Mobilities and Family Lives, University of Geneva, 12-13 March 2007 (25 participants)

### **Invited presentations**

- Joint Workshop LIVES (IP6) and On the Move. Social Configurations and Resources in Transnational (Im)mobilities. University of Fribourg (online), 20 November 2020. Oral presentation: Labour market participation among couples living in Switzerland: the importance of residential mobility and the residential environment (with Dr Jacques-Antoine Gauthier)

- Mitchell Centre for Social Network Analysis Seminar Series, University of Manchester, 27 March 2019. Oral presentation: Spatiality and reciprocity in family networks: A multilevel analysis (with Dr Andreas Herz)
- Centre for Population Change (CPC) Brown Bag Seminar, Ladywell House Edinburgh, 27 September 2018. Oral presentation: Reciprocity within family networks in Switzerland: A multilevel analysis.
- Edinburgh Sociology PhD Writing Retreat, Wiston Lodge, 24-26 July 2017. Oral presentation: Structuring your writing around an argument
- Morgan Centre Workshop: Coupling and uncoupling: experiences and everyday practices. University of Manchester, 31 May 2017. Oral presentation: Family life and work-related travel: The particular case of highly mobile mothers
- Digital Day of Ideas, University of Edinburgh, 17 May 2017. Workshop: Introduction to Network Analysis: Collecting and Visualising Network Data
- Symposium 'Spatial Mobility, Families and Gender Inequality in the Labour Market', University of Bremen, 28-29 March 2017. Oral presentation: The contrasting perceptions of mothers being highly mobile for their job: the importance of the family context.
- Edinburgh Sociology seminar series, University of Edinburgh, 5 November 2014. Oral presentation: High mobility for job reasons and its relation to personal life: evidence from a longitudinal study in Europe
- International workshop on methodology development and data collection for measuring interpersonal relationships and individual life trajectories, University of Lausanne, 14-15 May 2014. Oral presentation: UK longitudinal surveys for measuring interpersonal relationships and individual life trajectories (with Lynn Jamieson)
- Children, Young People, Families and Health (CYPFH) team meeting, University of Glasgow, Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, 18 December 2013. Oral presentation: Spatial dispersion and social capital in first-time and stepfamilies
- Social Network Analysis in Scotland (SNAS) seminar series, University of Edinburgh, 24 September 2013. Oral presentation: Family inclusivity, spatial dispersion and social capital in first-time and stepfamilies
- European Youth Cards Workshop What is the impact on young people? University of Edinburgh, 18-20 April 2013. Oral presentation: Challenging existing views of (young) geographical mobility
- Presentation for a Lecturer post, University of Manchester, 30 April 2012. Oral presentation: Spatial mobility, family networks and family development: Research findings and lectures proposal
- Presentation for the Chancellor's Fellowship, Sociology, University of Edinburgh, 25 April 2012. Oral presentation: Spatial mobility practices, family development and family relationships: a life course and a social network approach

- Monthly Seminar, Centre for Mobility Research, Lancaster University, 8 March 2012. Oral presentation: Adaptation of individuals to spatial mobility practices and physical distance in their intimate and family relationships
- Monthly Seminar - Le déjeuner sociologique, Sociology, University of Geneva, 27 October 2011. Oral presentation: Familles recomposées : diversité et spécificités
- Federal Institute for Population Research Monthly Seminar, BiB, Wiesbaden, Germany. 13 January 2011. Oral presentation: Residential mobility and the spatial dispersion of personal networks: Effects on social support
- Epidemiology Centre Monthly Seminar, Hospital University of Geneva, 8 March 2011. Oral presentation: Introduction à la méthode d'analyse des réseaux sociaux
- Conference Du sujet et de l'institution: Parcours de vie, University of Geneva, 4-6 May 2011. Oral presentation: Les trajectoires de mobilité spatiale pour raisons professionnelles en Allemagne. Quels effets sur la fécondité ?
- Meeting University of Geneva – CNAF [French organisation in charge of paying family allowances, research department], University of Geneva, 18 May 2011. Oral presentation: Vie familiale et mobilité spatiale pour des raisons professionnelles: Analyse comparative entre l'Allemagne, la France et la Suisse
- Monthly Seminar - Le déjeuner sociologique, Sociology, University of Geneva, 11 November 2009. Oral presentation: Mobilités spatiales, réseaux sociaux et parcours de vie
- Monthly Seminar Gender and Space, Geography, University of Geneva, 15 October 2009. Oral presentation: Mobilités spatiales et ancrages relationnels: Quels impacts sur la structure du réseau de soutien?
- International Workshop Job-related spatial mobility and family life, University of Lyon, 19 June 2008. Oral presentation: La grande mobilité géographique pour des raisons professionnelles en Suisse: une étape de vie pré-familiale

### **Conference / Seminar Presentations**

- European Sociological Association, University of Barcelona (online), 31 August - 3 September 2021. Oral presentation: Division of employment and income among couples living in Switzerland: The importance of migration before and after couple formation.
- Networks 2021 – A joint Sunbelt and NetSci conference. University of Washington (online), 5-10 July 2021. Oral presentation: Building an original typology to analyse the geography of personal networks.
- Sunbelt International Network for Social Network Analysis Conference, Paris (online), 13-17 July 2020. Oral presentation: Spatiality and reciprocity in family networks: A multilevel analysis.
- Sunbelt International Network for Social Network Analysis Conference, Paris (online), 13-17 July 2020. Oral presentation: Analysing the geography of personal networks beyond the question of distance.

- European Sociological Association, University of Manchester, 20-23 August 2019. Oral presentation: The increasing instability of employment-related mobility biographies in neoliberal Europe: A cross-cohort comparison.
- Frognet Conference – Francophone research on graphs and social networks, University of Toulouse, 27-28 May 2019. Oral presentation: Spatialité et réciprocité dans les réseaux familiaux en Suisse: une analyse multiniveaux.
- Swiss Mobility Conference, University of Lausanne, 19-20 November 2018. Oral presentation: Long-distance commuting mothers in Europe and their affective experiences.
- European Population Conference. Free University Brussels, 6-9 June 2018. Oral presentation: Long-distance commuting over the life course and its link to partnership histories: a French-German comparison. Poster presentation: The contrasting perceptions of long-distance commuting mothers.
- IMISCOE Conference. Erasmus University Rotterdam, 28-30 June 2017. Oral presentation: Are migrants' networks fragmented and individualised? The role of social visits.
- European Sociological Association (ESA), Sociology of Families and Intimate Lives (RN13), Interim Meeting - Parenthood: Perspectives on Family Lives, University of Bristol, 7-9 July 2016. Oral presentation: The contrasting perceptions of mothers being highly mobile for their job: the importance of the family context
- CRFR International Conference – Unequal Families and Relationships, University of Edinburgh, 13-15 June 2016. Oral presentation: How mothers experience their work-related travel? The importance of the family context
- Edinburgh Work in progress Seminar Series, 14 April 2016. Oral presentation: Does intensive travel to and for work affect union formation and fertility? A French-German comparison
- International symposium - Internal Migration and Commuting in International Perspective, Wiesbaden, Federal Institute of Population Research, Germany, 4-6 February 2015. Oral presentation: High mobility over the life course: evidence from a longitudinal study in Europe
- Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual international Conference, London, 26-29 August 2014. Oral presentation: Social and Gender Inequalities in High Mobility Practices
- Global Conference - Mobility Futures. Lancaster University, Centre for mobilities research, 4-6 September 2013. Oral presentation: How do family changes and high commuting interact? Evidence from a two-wave study in four European countries
- Swiss sociological Association Annual Conference – Inequality and Integration in Times of Crisis, University of Bern, 26-28 June 2013. Oral presentation: Inequalities in High Mobility Abilities, Willingness and Behaviours. Teachings from a Longitudinal Study in France, Germany, Spain and Switzerland (with Emmanuel Ravalet and Stéphanie Vincent-Geslin)
- CRFR International Conference - Researching Families and Relationships, University of Edinburgh, 10-12 June 2013. Oral presentation: Family inclusivity, spatial dispersion and social capital in first-time and stepfamilies



- BSA Annual Conference - Engaging Sociology. London, 2-5 April 2013. Oral presentation: The importance of the father's residential proximity for co-parenting and the child's adjustment to divorce
- International conference - Challenges of the international mobility of the highly skilled in the XXI century: Women in movement. Universitat oberta de Catalunya, Barcelona, 7-8 February 2013. Oral presentation: How do family changes and high spatial mobility interact? Evidence from a longitudinal study in four European countries (with Emmanuel Ravalet)
- Cosmobilities Network Conference Moving boundaries in mobilities research, University of Cagliari, 5-7 July 2012. Oral presentation: Job-related mobility trajectories in Germany: a sequence analysis to study spatial mobility experiences over time and their impact on family development
- Annual Workshop of the Centre for Mobility Research (CeMoRe Research Day), Lancaster University, 30 May 2012. Oral presentation: Job-related residential and commuting trajectories in Germany: a sequence analysis to study spatial mobility experiences over time
- International Workshop - Spatial Mobility, Family Lives and Living Arrangements University of Bremen, 17-18 November 2011. Oral presentation: Long-term Spatial Mobility for Job Reasons in Europe: How Mobility may become a Way of Life for Families?
- ESA Annual Conference - Social Relations in Turbulent Times, University of Geneva, 7-10 September 2011. Oral presentation: Spatial Proximity and Contact between the Non-resident Father and the Child in Stepfamilies: Effects on Co-parenting and Child's Outcomes
- European Society on Family Relations (ESFR) Annual Congress. University of Milano, 29 September-2 October 2010. Oral presentation: Job Mobility, conjugal satisfaction and parenting
- Family and Intimate Life Research Network ESA Annual Conference Geographical Mobility and Family Life. How to (Re-)Think Family in a Mobile World? Wiesbaden, 16-18 September 2010. Oral presentation: Early Life Course Relocation and Fertility Trajectories: A Sequence Analysis
- Conference Academic Mobility: New researches and perspectives, University of Tallinn, 24-26 September 2009. Oral presentation: La vie familiale à l'épreuve des mobilités spatiales dans les carrières académiques: une perspective européenne
- ESA Annual Conference European Society or European Societies? University of Lisbon, 2-5 September 2009. Oral presentation: Mobility aptitudes along the life course: a cross-sectional analysis of the process of becoming spatially mobile
- Conference Eurocities DATTA Urban mobility in Europe: Comparison between cities, new trends and effects of fuel price on mobility behaviour, University of Namur, 8-9 January 2009. Oral presentation: High spatial mobility for professional career: comparison between Belgium, France and Switzerland
- Workshop - Highly Mobile People, between Professional Career and Family Life. Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, 8 September 2008. Oral presentation: Les 'grands mobiles' entre carrière professionnelle et vie familiale, présentation des données suisses du programme 'Job Mobilities and Family Lives' et comparaison européenne

- Cosmopolitan Network Conference Mobilities, Space, and Inequality, University of Basle, 8 September 2007. Oral presentation: Social networks and living places in Switzerland: Do friendship and family stand the distance?