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Education

PhD in Social Anthropology

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

- Passed with no corrections in August 2019

London, UK

2012 – 2019

MSc Social Anthropology (Learning and Cognition)

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

- Final grade: distinction

London, UK

2011 – 2012

BA Philosophy

UNIVERSITÉ DE FRIBOURG

Fribourg, Switzerland

2006 – 2010

Professional positions

LSE Fellow

DPT. OF METHODOLOGY, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

London

2021 –

ESRC Postdoctoral Fellow

DPT. OF METHODOLOGY, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

London

2020 – 2021

Class Teacher

LSE100, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

London

2019 – 2020

Grants & Fellowships

2020 – 2021 **ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Economic and Social Research Council

2012 – 2019 **ESRC Scholarship**, Economic and Social Research Council

Awards & Honors

RESEARCH & WRITING

2020 **PhD Dissertation Prize**, Britain-Nepal Academic Council

2018 **Malinowski Memorial Research Fund Grant**, LSE Department of Anthropology

2012 **Edvard Westermarck Prize for best MSc dissertation**, LSE Department of Anthropology

TEACHING

2022 **LSE Class Teacher Awards**, Highly Commended

2020 **LSE Class Teacher Awards**, Winner

2020 **LSESU Teaching Awards**, Nominated by students for category “excellent feedback”

2019 **LSE Class Teacher Awards**, Winner

2017 **LSE Class Teacher Awards**, Highly Commended

Publications

IN PROGRESS

In preparation **Ivan Deschenaux**. “No culture of our own”: the impact of ethnic politics on Nepali Dalits.

In preparation **Ivan Deschenaux**, Poorvi Iyer, Eleanor Power. Imagined audience affects responses in a survey experiment evaluating adherence to social norms in India.

Under Review **Ivan Deschenaux** and William Matthews. Homo Anthropologicus: Unexamined behavioural models in sociocultural anthropology. Submitted to *Anthropological Theory*.

PUBLISHED

- 2023 **Ivan Deschenaux**. The “replication” of caste as a form of collective akrasia. In *Against Better Judgment: Akrasia in Anthropological Perspective*, edited by Patrick McKearney and Nicholas Evans. Berghahn Books.
- 2022 Giulio Ongaro, Doug Hardman, **Ivan Deschenaux**. Why the extended mind is nothing special but is central. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11097-022-09827-5>
- 2013 Evangelia Mitleton-Kelly, **Ivan Deschenaux**, Christian Maag, Matthew Fullerton, Nihan Celikkaya. Enhancing crowd evacuation and traffic management through Aml technologies: A review of the literature. In *Co-evolution of intelligent socio-technical systems: Modelling and Applications in Large Scale Emergency and Transport Domains*. Edited by Evangelia Mitleton-Kelly. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg.

DISSERTATION AND THESIS

- 2019 **Ivan Deschenaux**. The Resilience of Caste: Dalits, Psychological Essentialism, and Intercaste Marriage in the Himalayan Foothills of Eastern Nepal. Doctoral Dissertation. London School of Economics, London, UK.
- 2012 **Ivan Deschenaux**. A hypothesis on the effect of cognitive essentialism during the “People’s War” of Nepal. MSc Thesis. London School of Economics, London, UK.

Presentations

- 2022 **British Association for South Asian Studies, Annual Conference**. Some specificities of caste in Nepal *Online*
- 2021 **Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya**. Replication reconsidered: anti-casteist norms and prejudiced behaviour *Online*
- 2021 **European Network for Psychological Anthropology (ENPA) Conference**. Coherence and Anthropological Knowledge *Online*
- 2019 **American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual meeting**. Ascribed Social Categories and their Cognitive Basis *Vancouver, Canada*
- 2019 **The Ethnography of Akrasia, LSE Workshop**. Coordination problem or Collective Akrasia? *LSE*
- 2018 **Research Seminar on Anthropological Theory, LSE Dpt of Anthropology**. Caste, Psychological Essentialism and Ethical Change in the Hills of East Nepal *LSE*
- 2018 **Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth (ASA) Annual Conference**. Psychological essentialism and caste-based discrimination in Nepal *Oxford, UK*
- 2018 **16th BNAC Nepal Study Days (Nepal Conference)**. Why blacksmithing does not fit the bill for a ‘culture of one’s own’ in Nepal *Durham, UK*

- 2017 **Adivasi Fellow and PhD workshop, Dpt of Anthropology, LSE.** Presentation of doctoral work and discussion for one Adivasi participant *Kathmandu, Nepal*
- 2017 **Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya.** Can intercaste marriage change perceptions of caste? *Kathmandu, Nepal*
- 2017 **Anthropology in London Conference.** “No culture of our own” *UCL, London*

Research Experience

- 2022– **Ego-network data analysis.** Collection and analysis of ego-centric network data in Nepal.
- 2021– **Online survey experiment.** Design and administration of an online survey experiment for Indian students. In collaboration with Poorvi Iyer and Eleanor Power
- 2020 **Research Assistant for LSE Directorate.** Conducted and analysed interviews with senior professors to inform LSE’s policy on retirement.
- 2013–2015 **Doctoral fieldwork in Nepal.** Research with the Bishwakarma, a Dalit caste, in the Himalayan foothills of East Nepal. Twenty-one months of ethnographic fieldwork. Supervised by Prof Rita Astuti and Prof Charles Stafford. Examined by Prof James Laidlaw (University of Cambridge) and Dr Nathaniel Roberts (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)

Teaching Experience

COURSE DESIGN & CONVENING

- 2019– **Statistics for Anthropologists.** Short course for first-year PhD candidate in the LSE Department of Anthropology. Part of the module “Qualitative and Quantitative Methods for Anthropologists”. No individual teaching evaluation.

SEMINAR & CLASS TEACHING

- 2021– **Fundamentals of Research Design for International Development.** Seminar Leader. Teaching evaluation score: 4.7/5 in 2021, 5/5 in 2022
- 2019–2020 **Research Methods in Anthropology.** Co-teacher and supervisor for 51 undergraduate students conducting individual research projects. Teaching evaluation score: 4.8/5
- 2019–2020 **LSE100: Can We Control Artificial Intelligence.** Class Teacher. No teaching evaluation because of COVID-19.

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2019 **Culture and Globalisation.** LSE Summer School. For Prof Laura Bear. Teaching evaluation: 4.8/5
- 2018 **The Anthropology of Kinship, Sex and Gender.** LSE. For Prof Rita Astuti. Teaching evaluation: 4.8/5
- 2018 **Culture and Globalisation.** LSE Summer School. For Prof Laura Bear. Teaching evaluation: 4.7/5
- 2017 **Ethnography and Theory, Selected Texts.** LSE. For Dr Harry Walker. Teaching evaluation: 4.6/5

Memberships & Workshop Organisation

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Anthropological Association (2019–)
- European Network for Psychological Anthropology (2021–)

Britain-Nepal Academic Council (2018–)

British Association for South Asian Studies (2022–)

WORKSHOP / PANEL ORGANISATION

2021 **Coherence and anthropological knowledge.** Panel at the Conference of the European Network for Psychological Anthropology

Service

REVIEW

Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute

TSANTSA - Journal of the Swiss Anthropological Association

References

PRIMARY REFERENCES

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