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## Education

### PhD in Social Anthropology

London, UK

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

2012 – 2019

- Passed with no corrections in August 2019

### MSc Social Anthropology (Learning and Cognition)

London, UK

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

2011 – 2012

- Final grade: distinction

### BA Philosophy

Fribourg, Switzerland

UNIVERSITÉ DE FRIBOURG

2006 – 2010

## Professional positions

### Research Officer

London

DPT. OF METHODOLOGY, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS. [REP<sup>2</sup>SI](#) PROJECT.

2023 –

### LSE Fellow

London

DPT. OF METHODOLOGY, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

2021 – 2023

### ESRC Postdoctoral Fellow

London

DPT. OF METHODOLOGY, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

2020 – 2021

### Class Teacher

London

LSE100, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

2019 – 2020

## Grants & Fellowships

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

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

## Awards & Honours

### 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

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### UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION

- R&R **Ivan Deschenaux**. “No culture of our own”: grappling with cultural politics and exclusion in Nepal.  
Received R&R from *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*
- In preparation **Ivan Deschenaux** (lead author), Komal Chauhan, Eleanor Power. Experienced social inequality: individual-level measurement and within-society differences.
- In preparation **Ivan Deschenaux** (lead author), Poorvi Iyer (lead author), Eleanor Power (lead author), et al.. Generosity and reputational concern across cultures.

### PUBLISHED AND IN PRESS

- 2024 **Ivan Deschenaux** and William Matthews. Homo Anthropologicus: unexamined behavioural models in sociocultural anthropology. *Anthropological Theory*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14634996241231670>
- 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

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- 2025 **Sunbelt 2025 (Yearly conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis)**. Subjective social status, social networks, and implied social worlds *Paris, France*
- 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	<b>Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth (ASA) Annual Conference.</b> Psychological essentialism and caste-based discrimination in Nepal	<i>Oxford, UK</i>
2018	<b>16th BNAC Nepal Study Days (Nepal Conference).</b> Why blacksmithing does not fit the bill for a “culture of one’s own” in Nepal	<i>Durham, UK</i>
2017	<b>Adivasi Fellow and PhD workshop, Dpt of Anthropology, LSE.</b> Presentation of doctoral work and discussion for one Adivasi participant	<i>Kathmandu, Nepal</i>
2017	<b>Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya.</b> Can intercaste marriage change perceptions of caste?	<i>Kathmandu, Nepal</i>
2017	<b>Anthropology in London Conference.</b> “No culture of our own”	<i>UCL, London</i>

## Research Experience

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2024-2025	<b>Ethnographic fieldwork in Nepal (9 months).</b> Data collection for the Rep <sup>2</sup> SI project
2022	<b>Ego-network data analysis.</b> Collection and analysis of ego-centric network data in Nepal.
2021	<b>Online survey experiment.</b> Design and administration of an online survey experiment for Indian students. In collaboration with Poorvi Iyer and Eleanor Power
2020	<b>Interviews (as a Research Assistant for the LSE Directorate).</b> Conduct and analysis of interviews with senior professors to inform LSE’s policy on retirement.
2013–2015	<b>Ethnographic fieldwork in Nepal (21 months).</b> Research with the Bishwakarma, a Dalit caste, in the Himalayan foothills of East Nepal. Twenty-one months of ethnographic fieldwork including participant observation, interviews, focus groups, surveys.)

## Teaching Experience

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### COURSE DESIGN & CONVENING

2019–	<b>Statistics for Anthropologists.</b> 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.
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### SEMINAR & CLASS TEACHING

2021–2023	<b>Fundamentals of Research Design for International Development.</b> Seminar Leader. Teaching evaluation score: 4.7/5 in 2022, 5/5 in 2023
2019–2020	<b>Research Methods in Anthropology.</b> Co-teacher and supervisor for 51 undergraduate students conducting individual research projects. Teaching evaluation score: 4.8/5
2019–2020	<b>LSE100: Can We Control Artificial Intelligence.</b> Class Teacher. No teaching evaluation because of COVID-19.

### TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

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

# Memberships & Workshop Organisation

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## MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (2019–)  
INSNA: International Network for Social Network Analysis (2025–)  
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

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### REVIEW

Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute  
TSANTSA - Journal of the Swiss Anthropological Association

## Languages

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English – mother tongue  
French – mother tongue  
Nepali – fluent speaking, competent reading and writing  
German – fluent speaking, competent reading and writing  
Italian - basic speaking and reading

## References

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### PRIMARY REFERENCES

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### PHD EXAMINERS

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