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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*

DEPARTMENT OF METHODOLOGY, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS. REP^{2}SI PROJECT. *2023 –*

LSE Fellow   *London*

DEPARTMENT OF METHODOLOGY, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS   *2021 – 2023*

ESRC Postdoctoral Fellow   *London*

DEPARTMENT 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

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), Poorvi Iyer (lead author), Eleanor Power, et al. Reputational concern across cultures. Article in preparation. This is the main collectively authored paper for the Rep^{2}Si project, which I am first author on. Target: high-impact general science journal.

In preparation **Ivan Deschenaux** (lead author), Eleanor Power, Wendy Carlin, Samuel Bowles et al. Perceived and experienced social inequality: network effects. Article at an advanced state of preparation, analyses complete. Target journal: Nature Human Behaviour

In preparation **Ivan Deschenaux** (lead author), Komal Chauhan, Eleanor Power. Endogamy without social essentialism? Manuscript in final stages of preparation, submission in February 2026. Target journal: Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology (or similar)

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 McKearny 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 AmI 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.

PhD Dissertation

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. https://researchonline.lse.ac.uk/id/eprint/135056/

Presentations

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	**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 Discussant 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

2024-2025	**Ethnographic fieldwork in Nepal (9 months)**. Data collection for the Rep^{2}SI project
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	**Interviews (as a Research Assistant for the LSE Directorate)**. Conduct and analysis of interviews with senior professors to inform LSE's policy on retirement.
2013–2015	**Ethnographic fieldwork in Nepal (21 months)**. 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

COURSE DESIGN & CONVENING

2019–	**Statistics for Anthropologists**. Course for first-year PhD candidates in the LSE Department of Anthropology. Part of the module "Qualitative and Quantitative Methods for Anthropologists". No individual teaching evaluation.

SEMINAR & CLASS TEACHING

2021–2023	**Fundamentals of Research Design for International Development**. Seminar Leader. Teaching evaluation score: **4.7/5** in 2022, **5/5** in 2023
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–)

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

Review

Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute

TSANTSA - Journal of the Swiss Anthropological Association

Languages

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

Primary References

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