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CURRENT POSITION

2021 – 2025: PhD Student in Sociology, CREST (Institut Polytechnique de Paris)

Thesis Title: *Cultural and Economic Factors of the Rise in Cohabitation and Separation in France since the 1970s*

- Supervisors: François Bonnet, Ivaylo Petev
- Advisory Committee: Ariane Pailhé, Léa Pessin

Research Visits Abroad

- Winter Term 2025: European University Institute (EUI), Department of Political and Social Sciences, mentored by Léa Pessin
- Winter Term 2024: University of Oxford, Nuffield College, mentored by Christiaan Monden

EDUCATION

2021 Master of Science in Data Science and Social Sciences, part of a three-year *Grande École* program at the Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Economique (ENSAE)

2021 Master's degree in Quantitative Sociology and Demography (SQD), Research Master's program co-accredited by ENSAE, ENS, and UVSQ

2017 Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, Aix-Marseille Université

2014 – 2017 *Classe Préparatoire aux Grandes Écoles B/L*, Specialising in Social Sciences, Mathematics, and Humanities. Three-year intensive program preparing for competitive entrance exams to French *Grandes Écoles*, Lycée Thiers, Marseille

RESEARCH AREAS

Family Dynamics, Labour Market Change, Integration of Immigrants, Sociology of Prison and Crime

PUBLICATION

El Atifi S. and Le Mer H. (2021), “Visiter un proche détenu: La place centrale des femmes dans le maintien des liens familiaux en détention”, *Cahiers d'études pénitentiaires et criminologiques*

Visiting an Incarcerated Relative, The Central Role of Women in Maintaining Family Bonds During Incarceration ([pdf link](#))

WORKING PAPER

El Atifi S., “The Two Dimensions of the Retreat from Marriage: Effects of Manufacturing Decline and Catholic Religiosity on Nonmarital Births and Divorce in France (1975 – 2018)”

WORK IN PROGRESS

El Atifi S., “Breaking Tradition: Generational Change in Cohabitation and Separation Among Muslim-Origin Individuals in France”

El Atifi S., “The Impact of Manufacturing Decline on Male and Female Employment and Wages in France (1994–2022)”

El Atifi S., “The Defensive Function of Traditions: How Catholic Religiosity Moderated the Impact of Manufacturing Job Losses on Divorce and Single Motherhood in France (1975 – 1990)”

PRESENTATIONS

“Breaking Tradition: Cohabitation and Separation Among Muslim-Origin Individuals in France”

- INED, November 2024 (invited talk)

“The Two Dimensions of the Retreat from Marriage”

- ECSR, September 2024

“The Defensive Function of Traditions”

- PAA, April 2024
- LSE, March 2024 (invited talk)

“Why Are Organised Criminals Less Likely to Be Single?”

- ECPR General conference on Organised Crime, July 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant in sociology for M. Safi and H. McAvey, Autumn and Winter 2019-2020, at CRIS - Sciences Po Paris Project on the labour market integration of children of immigrants in France

Research Assistant in labour economics for Ch. Erhel and M. Gergoat-Larivière, Spring 2020, CEET – CNAM Project on work satisfaction

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer in *Introduction aux sciences sociales*, ENSAE, Autumn 2024

Teaching Assistant in *Sociologie des relations sociales*, Université Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne, Winter and Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant in *Introduction à la statistique et l'économétrie*, ENSAE, Winter and Spring 2022

SERVICES

Co-organiser of the CREST Sociology Seminar, 2021-2022 and 2024-2025

Organiser of the CREST reading group on Family, Gender, and Sexuality, Autumn and Winter 2023

Co-organiser of the CREST Welcome Day, October 2022 and 2023

Supervisor for a two-month internship on the relationship between unemployment and property crime in France, ENSAE undergraduate, Summer 2023

LANGUAGES

English: Proficient Spanish: Conversational French: Native