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CURRENT POSITION

2021 – 2025 Ph.D. student in sociology, CREST, funded by a Doctoral Grant from the French Group of Schools in Economics and Statistics (GENES).

Thesis Title: “Cultural and Economic Factors of the Rise in Cohabitation and Separation in France (1975 – 2018).”

Supervisors: François Bonnet, Ivaylo Petev.

Advisory Committee: Léa Pessin, Ariane Pailhé.

EDUCATION

Hilary Term 2024, Junior Visiting Scholar at Nuffield College, University of Oxford, mentored by Christiaan Monden.

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 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, Immigrant Incorporation, 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 Catholic Religiosity and Manufacturing Decline on Births Outside Marriage and Divorce in France, 1975-2018”, Submitted to *The Journal of Marriage and Family*

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 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 for P. Barbier in *Sociologie des relations sociales*, Université Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne, Winter and Spring 2023.

Teaching Assistant for M. Lerasle 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

French: Native.

English: Proficient.

Spanish: Conversational.