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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 Union Dissolutions in France since the 1970s*

- Supervisors: François Bonnet (Sciences Po Grenoble), Ivaylo Petev (CREST)
- Advisory Committee: Ariane Pailhé (INED), Léa Pessin (EUI)

Defense: **19 November 2025**

Research Visits Abroad

- Winter Term 2025: **European University Institute**, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Florence, Italy, mentored by Léa Pessin
- Winter Term 2024: **University of Oxford**, Nuffield College, UK, mentored by Christiaan Monden

RESEARCH AREAS

Family, Labor Market, Gender Inequality, Immigration and Integration

WORKING PAPERS

- El Atifi Sofian, “The Two Dimensions of the Retreat from Marriage: Effects of Manufacturing Decline and Catholic Religiosity on Nonmarital Births and Divorce in France (1975 – 2018)”, in preparation for resubmission
- El Atifi Sofian, “Ideational Barriers and the Reversal of the Educational Gradient in Union Dissolution. An Epidemiological Approach Using Immigration in France”, in preparation for submission

WORK IN PROGRESS

- El Atifi Sofian & Gilbert Benjamin (INSEE), “A Stalled Gender Revolution, Except in the Working Class? The Equalizing Effects of Minimum Wage Increases on Gender Pay Gaps Among Lower-Educated Workers in France (1995–2024)”

EDUCATION

2017 – 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 Paris)

2020 – 2021: Master's degree in Quantitative Sociology and Demography (SQD), Research Master's program co-accredited by ENSAE, Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay, and Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines

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

PRESENTATIONS

“The Two Dimensions of the Retreat from Marriage”

- ECSR, September 2024, Barcelona
- PAA, April 2024, Columbus (US)
- LSE, March 2024 (invited talk), London
- Oxford Sociology Department (Family Working Group), February 2024

“Cultural Barriers and the Reversal of the Educational Gradient in Union Dissolution”

- PAA, April 2025 (forthcoming), Washington
- Online Seminar on Singlehood (directed by Ariane Ophir)
- EUI-CLIC Internal Seminar, March 2025, Florence
- ALP-POP conference, January 2025, La Thuile
- INED Seminar, November 2024, Paris

“A Stalled Gender Revolution, Except in the Working Class?”

- EUI seminar “Classics and Currents of Social Stratification Research” given by Herman van de Werfhorst, 18 March 2025, Florence

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

- ECPR General conference on Organised Crime, July 2022, Pisa (Italy)

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

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*. ([pdf link](#))

PROGRAMMING

R: Primary programming language for data management and statistical analysis

Python: For general programming and machine learning applications (Scikit-Learn, Pytorch)

Stata, SAS, Git: Occasional use

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: Fluent

French: Mother tongue

Spanish: Conversational

Italian: Beginner

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant in sociology for Mirna Safi and Haley McAvay, Autumn and Winter 2019-2020, at CRIS - Sciences Po Paris Project, on the labour market integration of children of immigrants in France using the *Echantillon Démographique Permanent*.

Research Assistant in labour economics for Christine Erhel and Mathilde Gergoat-Larivière, Spring 2020, CEET – CNAM, on work satisfaction using survey data.

REFERENCES

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