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CURRENT POSITION

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

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

Supervisors: François Bonnet, Ivaylo Petev

Advisory Committee: Léa Pessin, Ariane Pailhé

EDUCATION

2024 (Hilary term), Junior Visiting Scholar at Nuffield College, University of Oxford, invited by Christiaan Monden

2021 Master of Science in Data Science and Social Sciences, Three-year *Grande École* program, ENSAE

2017: Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, University of Aix-Marseille

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

RESEARCH AREAS

Family, Immigration, Labour Market, Religion, 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”, *Cahier d'étude pénitentiaire et criminologique*.

(Visiting an Incarcerated Relative, The Central Role of Women in Maintaining Family Bonds During Incarceration)

WORK IN PROGRESS

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”, In preparation for submission to the *Journal of Marriage and Family*

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

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”

- 5 November 2024 (forthcoming), INED – Seminar series of the research group on “International migration and Minorities”.

“The Two Dimensions of the Retreat from Marriage”

- ECSR, September 2024

“The Defensive Function of Traditions”

- PAA, April 2024
- LSE Demography Seminar, 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 Mirna Safi and Haley McAvey, Autumn and Winter 2019-2020, CRIS Sciences Po Paris.

- Project on the labour market integration of children of immigrants in France.

Research Assistant in economics for Christine Erhel and Mathilde Gergoat-Larivière, Spring 2020, CNAM

- Project on work satisfaction

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, “Introduction to social sciences” (in French), ENSAE Paris, Autumn 2024.

Teaching Assistant for Pascal Barbier, “Sociology of social relations” (in French), Université Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne, Winter 2023

Teaching Assistant for Matthieu Lerasle, “Introduction to econometrics and statistics” (in French), ENSAE Paris, Winter 2022

SERVICES

Co-organizer of the CREST Sociology Seminar, Academic years 2021-2022, 2024-2025

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

Co-organizer of the CREST Welcome Day, 2022, 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