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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025 - Postdoctoral Research: Activist Alliances from Taiwan to East Asia, A Geopolitics of Social Movements

- Fellow grant from the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Investigation on the networks and infrastructures of pro-democracy activism in East Asia
- Multi-sited ethnography in spaces of cultural activism and counter narrative (Taipei, Tokyo, Bangkok)

2024 - Postdoctoral Research: Democratic Grassroots Resistances facing authoritarianism from Taiwan to South-East Asia

- Grant from Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (Fellowship final seminar: <https://urls.fr/8wuv-3>)
- Investigation of the Taipei ecosystem of prodemocracy activism
- Interviews with the participants of the Sunflower movement and the #MilkTeaAlliance

2018 / 2023 - Ph.D. Research, TRIANGLE Laboratory, ENS of Lyon: On the Production of a Transcritical Archipelago in East Asia:

- Thesis' link: <https://theses.hal.science/tel-04275535>
- Fieldwork in urban China, multi-sited ethnography in spaces of cultural activism and socially engaged art
- Member of the research team and steering committee of the CNRS-ENS Lyon/Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), International Associated Laboratory (IAL), Post-Western Sociologies in Europe and China, scientific directors: Laurence Roulleau-Berger, Director of Research at CNRS, ENS Lyon, TRIANGLE, and Li Peilin, Peking University, Institute of Sociology, Vice President of CASS

2017 / 2018 - Data Production and Analysis Engineer at the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)

- CNRS-ENS Lyon/ TRIANGLE UMR 5206, research program: “Young migrants, right to the city and moral borders in France and Italy”, scientific direction: Laurence Roulleau-Berger, INJEP funding
 - CNRS-ENS Lyon/TRIANGLE UMR 5206, research program: “Anthropocene, spatial injustices and the re-creation of societies in Europe and Asia”, scientific direction: Laurence Roulleau-Berger, funding from Emerging Projects ENS Lyon. Multi-sited project with 5 research teams worldwide. Coordination of the teams and analysis of the findings with digital collaboration tools (Google Docs, Zoom)
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ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

Personal involvement in associations (human rights, solidarity, ecology, food, music). Currently volunteering at Asian Citizen Future Association (ACFA), program Generation Now Asia (GNA) - Research Section

RELEVANT RESEARCH SKILLS

- Fieldwork in French, English, Mandarin Chinese, Multi Sited Ethnographic Research (on site, online), Visual Anthropology, Conduct of Individual and Collective Interviews
 - Knowledge on Activism, within political spaces and online, both in Authoritarian and Democratic contexts
 - Knowledge on Infrastructures, Networks and “Archipelagos” of activism spaces in the digital age
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EDUCATION

Lyon Normal School (ENS of Lyon)

- Ph.D. in Sociology (2023)
- Research Master 2 in Chinese Studies - ASIOC (2017)

Lyon Political Institute (Sciences Po Lyon)

- Master 1 - Issues of Globalization (2016)
 - School Diploma on Far Eastern World -DEMEOC (2014)
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LANGUAGES PROFICIENCY

- English C1
 - Mandarin Chinese - HSK5
 - French - Mother Tongue
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **December 2022:** Lecture in the Master's program of the Department of East Asian Studies at McGill University (title of the lecture: “How to conduct an online investigation in China?”), invited by Béatrice Zani.
 - **April 2021:** Lecture in the Master's program of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Tübingen: Methodology of Qualitative Research in China (title of the lecture: “How to Open and Negotiate Field Sites in China?”). Invited by Béatrice Zani.
 - **2014-2015:** French teacher – Dingyi School (Beijing): French teacher at a private school in the Wudaokou (五道口) district of Beijing
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REFEREES

- **Laurence Roulleau-Berger**, Emeritus Research Director at the CNRS - Sociologist and Ph.D. supervisor - laurence.roulleau-berger@ens-lyon.fr
- **Ho Ming-sho (何明修)**, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University - Sociologist and Postdoctoral Supervisor - mingshoho@gmail.com

PUBLICATIONS

March 2026: “Disasters, local memories, and recovery in France”. With Laurence Roulleau-Berger, Director of Research at CNRS, ENS Lyon. Chapter in *Disasters, Recovery and Emotions, in Asia and in Europe* (BRILL). Edited by Laurence Roulleau-Berger and Yoshiyuki Yama.

2026: “From Japan to China, how some subjectivations are crossing national borders”, chapter in *The Fields of the Global* (BRILL), edited by Vincenzo Cicchelli and Isabelle Léglise.

Coming soon (2026): “Cartographies of Dissent: Youth Activist Spaces and Transnational Solidarity Navigating Authoritarianism in East Asia” in IQAS special issue: *From Campus to Confrontation: Youth Movements against Authoritarianism in Asia*

Expected for 2027: “Transnational Activism in the Digital Age: The Post-1987 Generation of Taiwanese Activists and their Global Networks[OT1] in an Era of Closure of the Civic Space.” in *New social movements and the Polycrisis of Democracy*. Coordinators: Eric Florence and Kai Heidemann.

Expected for 2027: “Tnagpin collectif et réinvention du travail au sein d’espaces de jeunesse indépendants en Chine” in *Chine(s) contemporaine(s)*. Coordinator : Ke Huang

Since 2021: Reviews of articles in English and French

2020: 2020 : “Chronique du collège sans frontières” in Roulleau-Berger Laurence, Giraud-Baujeu Grégory, Richardier Véréna and Zani Beatrice, *La ville indécente : migrations, inégalités, hospitalités dans les villes européennes [Report]*, INJEP/CNRS Report, Triangle, 2020, 325 p.

COMMUNICATIONS

March 5-6, 2026: 2nd Workshop on Social Movements and the Global Polycrisis of Democracy (Academia Sinica, Taipei). Communication title: “Transnational Activism in the Digital Age: The Post-1987 Generation of Taiwanese Activists and their Global Networks”.

June 26-27, 2025: *From Campus to Confrontation: Youth Movements against Authoritarianism in Asia* (Workshop and Special Issue). Guest Editors: Anas Ansar and Teresa Jopson (Arnold Bergstraesser Institute Freiburg, Germany). Presentation title: “Cartographies of Dissent: Youth Activist Spaces and Transnational Solidarity Navigating Authoritarianism in East Asia”.

October 3, 2024: Final presentation as part of a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy. Presentation title: “Transnational Activism in the Digital Age: The Post-1987 Generation of Taiwanese Activists and their Global Networks.” Moderator: Professor Ho Ming-sho. Discussant: Tuwanont (Dee) Phattharathanasut (趙偉吉).

September 19, 2024: Presentation at the French Research Conference on Asia. Title of the presentation: “Identity Resonances in East Asia: From the Meeting of Critical Individuals to the Creation of a Transnational Cultural Activism Network.” Moderator: Nicolas Elias.

June 6, 2024: Presentation at the annual conference of the British Postgraduate Network for Chinese Studies - Braving the Tides : Chinese Individuals Navigating Social Changes, University of York. Title of the communication: "Young Urban Feelings and Mobilizations Toward Social Changes Effects in China"

June 5, 2024: Presentation as part of the CEFC-EFEO Young Researchers Day, Academia Sinica, Taipei. Title of the presentation: "Discovering and joining a transnational network of cultural activism from China: chronicle of the formation of an artistic space in Guangzhou."

March 20, 2023: Presentation at the international seminar organized for the visit of Professor Dai Nomiya (Vice President of the East Asia Sociological Association, EASA). Title of the presentation: "From Disaster to Resigned Subjectivities."

April 11, 2022: Presentation at the international seminar: Towards a post-Western theory: dialogue between French and Bulgarian sociologies in the presence of Svetla Koleva. Title of the presentation: "The emergence of the actor in China, from critical disposition to protest aspirations."

January 18, 2021: Presentation at the inaugural IAL (International Associated Laboratory) seminar: Inventing Chinese Society. Title of the presentation: "What place for critical youth in urban China? The example of Le Balcon, an artistic space challenging the art markets in Guangzhou."

February 26, 2021: Presentation at the second inaugural IAL (International Associated Laboratory). Space and mobility, between the global and the local. Title of the presentation: "A transcritical mental space in East Asia?"

September 21, 2021: Presentation at the IAL back-to-school seminar. Title of the presentation: "Manuke, Erliuzi, Tangping: processes of subjectivation among young people in the transcritical archipelago."