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Education

Since 2023 PhD candidate in Sociology, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (SSP), University of Lausanne (UNIL)
Thesis: *The Experience of History. The "Swiss Laboratory" of Walter Benjamin's Critical Epistemology* (dir. Olivier Voirol), in the context of the larger research project *The Frankfurt School in Switzerland. A Neglected History of Critical Theory (1917-1980)*, directed by Olivier Voirol, University of Lausanne (UNIL) - SNF

2021 - 2022 MAS / Secondary Teaching Diploma II in Philosophy
Haute école pédagogique de Lausanne (HEPL)

2021 - 2022 HEFP / CMP Certificate
Haute école pédagogique de Lausanne (HEPL)

2015 - 2017 Master degree in "European Contemporary Philosophies", Center of Research in Modern European Philosophy, Kingston University, London, and University of Paris 8 St-Denis, Paris
Thesis: "The Revolutionary Concept of Time in Walter Benjamin's Philosophy of History", directed by Professors Howard Caygill and Andrew Benjamin, obtained *with distinction*

2012 - 2015 Bachelor of Arts in "Political Sciences" (SSP), "English and American Literature" and "Philosophy" (Faculty of Letters), University of Lausanne

2006 - 2011 High School degree, Mendrisio Public High School, Tessin, Switzerland

Academic Positions

Since 2025 Lecturer, HBK Braunschweig, Germany
Marc Bloch Seminar: "The Critique of Violence from George Sorel to Walter Benjamin"

Since 2024 Associate PhD Candidate, Center Marc Bloch, Pole of Research "Critical Thought in Plural, Conceptual Approaches in Social Sciences Research", Berlin, Germany

Since 2023 PhD Candidate, Swiss National Found, Institute of Social Sciences (ISS), Laboratory *Capitalism, Culture and Societies*, University of Lausanne (UNIL), Switzerland

2019 - 2022 Teaching Assistant of Professor Nicola Emery, Mendrisio Academy of Architecture, Switzerland, Courses:

- "Modern and Contemporary Aesthetic Philosophy"
- "Philosophy of Memory"
- "Ethics and Aesthetics of Landscapes"

Publications

- 2022 Buzzi, S. "Il maestro e l'allievo: Benjamin, Adorno e il problema del metodo" [*The Master and the Student: Benjamin, Adorno and the problem of Method*], in *Walter Benjamin non finito*, dir. Nicola Emery, Mimesis, Milano 2023
- 2021 Buzzi, S. "Che cos'è la teoria critica della storia ? A partire da Walter Benjamin" [What is Critical Theory of History? Notes on Walter Benjamin], in *What is...?*, Philosophie.ch
- TRANSLATIONS** (Italian, French, English)
- 2022 Löwy, M. "Walter Benjamin e l'anarchismo", in *Walter Benjamin non finito*, dir. Nicola Emery, Mimesis, Milano 2023
- 2022 Gangl, M. "Walter Benjamin e Max Horkheimer", in *Walter Benjamin non finito*, dir. Nicola Emery, Mimesis, Milano 2023
- 2022 Voirol, O. "Benjamin e la critica immanente", in *Walter Benjamin non finito*, dir. Nicola Emery, Mimesis, Milano 2023
- 2020 Voirol, O. "Prophets of Deceit ieri e oggi: l'attualità degli *Studies in Prejudice*", in *Potere e pregiudizio, Filosofia versus Xenofobia*, dir. Nicola Emery, Mimesis, Milano 2020
- 2020 Gangl, M. "La teoria critica e I suoi studi sui pregiudizi", in *Potere e pregiudizio, Filosofia versus Xenofobia*, dir. Nicola Emery, Mimesis, Milano 2020
- 2018 Gangl, M. "L'automazione di Friedrich Pollock nel contesto storico della Teoria Critica", in *Automazione e Teoria critica, a partire da Friedrich Pollock*, Mimesis, Milano 2018

Research Groups

- Since 2024 Member of the Research Pole "Critical Thought in Plural, Conceptual Approaches in Social Sciences Research", directed by Professor Denis Thouard, Center Marc Bloch, Berlin, Germany
- Since 2023 Member of the SNF Research Project *The Frankfurt School in Switzerland. A Neglected History of Critical Theory (1917-1980)*, directed by MER Olivier Voirol, University of Lausanne (UNIL) – Swiss National Found
- Since 2023 Member of the Doctoral Seminar of the Laboratory *Capitalism, Culture and Societies*, ISS, SSP, University of Lausanne (UNIL)
- Since 2022 Member of the *Astano Collective for Social Philosophy*, dir. Nicola Emery and Olivier Voirol, Astano, Tessin, Switzerland
- Since 2016 Member of the Monthly Doctoral Seminar on the Frankfurt School Critical Theory, dir. Olivier Voirol, University of Lausanne

Conferences

- 2024 "Benjamin's Theory of Critique and Adorno's Theory of Interpretation, Another Origin of Critical Theory", HBK Braunschweig, Institute for Theory of Art, in Dr. Anne Gräfe Program "Aesthetics of Art", Braunschweig, Germany
- 2024 "The Concept of Violence, or George Sorel's Shadow in Walter Benjamin, Ernst Bloch and Hugo Ball's Writings 1917-1918", Center Marc Bloch, Research Seminar of the Pole of Research

	"Critical Thought in Plural, Conceptual Approaches in Social Sciences Research", Berlin, Germany
2023	"The Problem of Truth in Critical Theory. Horkheimer, Benjamin and Adorno between Science and Philosophy", University of Lausanne and Max Horkheimer Foundation, Max Horkheimer International Days VII: <i>On Horkheimer's Critical Theory in the 50th Anniversary of his Death</i> , Lausanne and Locarno, Switzerland
2023	"Notes on Horkheimer's <i>Nonconformism</i> . "Beisemmensein" and "Untimely Collectives" in Nicola Emery's Book, Historical Materialism Book Series, London, UK and Chicago, USA
2023	"O the Problem of Experience in Young Benjamin", Walter Benjamin International Society, <i>Matter in Walter Benjamin's Philosophy</i> , London, UK
2022	"The Practice of History in Walter Benjamin's Theory of Critique", LACCUS Doctoral Seminar, ISS, University of Lausanne (UNIL), Switzerland
2021	"The Critique of Progress in Walter Benjamin's Philosophy of History", International Symposium AISLF, Acritical Cacophonies. Investigating Regressive Protests, University of Lausanne (UNIL), Switzerland
2020	"Benjamin and the Origin of Critical Thought. Notes on Adorno's Actuality of Philosophy", USI-AAM and Max Horkheimer Foundation, Max Horkheimer International Days IV: <i>Walter Benjamin, organizing pessimisms</i> , BCT- Locarno, Switzerland

High School Teachings

2022 – 2024	Philosophy Teacher, Bugnon High School, Lausanne
2022 – 2023	Philosophy Teacher, Auguste Piccard High School, Lausanne
2022 – 2023	Philosophy Teacher, Morges High School, Morges
2021 – 2022	Philosophy Teacher, Provence High School, Lausanne