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## Education

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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 High School, Tessin, Switzerland

## Academic Positions

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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, Mendrisio Academy of Architecture, of Professor Nicola Emery  
Courses:

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

## Ongoing Research

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- Ongoing "The Politics of History. Benjamin, Bloch and Ball in Switzerland"
- Ongoing "The Origin of Critical Epistemology: Benjamin, Adorno, Horkheimer and Marcuse on the Concept of Truth"
- Ongoing "The Concept of *Wahrheit* in the Late Horkheimer. Dialectical Truths *contra* Positivist Facts"

## Publications

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- 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

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- Since 2023 Member of the SNF Research Project *The Frankfurt School in Switzerland. A Neglected History of Critical Theory (1917-1980)*, directed by 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

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- 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: *On Horkheimer's Critical Theory in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Death*, Lausanne and Locarno, Switzerland
- 2023 "Notes on Horkheimer's *Nonconformism*. "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, *Matter in Walter Benjamin's Philosophy*, 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: *Walter Benjamin, organizing pessimisms*, BCT- Locarno, Switzerland

## High School Teachings

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- 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