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EDUCATION

- May 2010* **PhD (European) in Anthropology.**
University of Sussex, UK.
- May 2010* **PhD in Sociology.**
Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales. Realised in co-tutelle with UK PhD.
- 2006* **MSc in Social Research Method.** University of Sussex, UK.
- 2002* **MA in Contemporary European Studies.** University of Sussex, UK.
- 2001* **Diploma of the Institute of Political Studies (Sciences-Po),** Paris.
- 1999* **BA in modern literature.** Nouvelle Sorbonne. Paris III.

TEACHING & RESEARCH

- Present* **Graduate Institute in Geneva,** Switzerland.
Anthropology and Sociology Department.
Associate Professor.
- Sept. 18 – Aug. 19* **University of Sussex,** UK.
Anthropology Department.
Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Social Anthropology.
- Teaching ‘Human Rights’ (year 3 UG).
 - Teaching ‘Culture and Representation’ (year 2 UG)
 - Teaching ‘Conducting Research in Conflict Zones’ (MSc)
 - Convening MA on Human Rights.
- Feb. 16 – Feb. 18* **ICRC,** Office of the President, Geneva, Switzerland.
Center of Competence in Humanitarian Negotiations.
Senior Researcher.
- Researching the diplomatic culture of the ICRC.
- Jan. 13 – Feb. 16* **Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology,** Germany.
Law and Anthropology Department.
Postdoctoral Researcher.
- Researching everyday practices of Islamic law in the UK.
- 2013 – 2015* **Graduate Institute in Geneva,** Switzerland.
Executive Master in Development Policies and Practices (DPP)
Lecturer/trainer

- Teaching Gender and Development.
- Oct. 11 – July 12* **Humboldt University c/o Wissenschaftskolleg**, Berlin.
Law Department.
Postdoctoral Fellow. Legal Cultures Program.
- Researching gender justice in Afghanistan.
 - Researching everyday practices of Islamic law in the UK.
- Nov. 10 – Aug. 11* **University of Sussex**, UK.
Anthropology Department.
Postdoctoral Research Fellow.
- Researching human rights monitoring at the UN Universal Periodic Review.
- Feb, 09 – July 10* **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales**, Paris.
Doctoral Researcher.
- Researching everyday practices of Islamic law in the UK.
- Sept. 06 – June 08* **University of Sussex**, UK.
Teaching Assistant, teaching seminars for courses on:
- Gender across cultures
 - Development and social change.
 - Ethnographic research methods
 - Culture and Development

OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCES

- Dec. 18 – March 19* **Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights**, Switzerland.
Consultant anthropologist.
- Ethnographic research on diversity at the OHCHR.
- Jan. – April 07* **Sayara Media and Communication** – Afghanistan
Consultant researcher.
- Baseline survey for the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) on protection mechanisms available for women victims of violence in Kabul.
- Sept 03 – Sept 05* **Aide Médicale Internationale** – Afghanistan, Thailand, Myanmar
Humanitarian worker, Project coordinator.
- Vocational trainings for health workers.

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2017* **International Exploratory Workshop** grant from the Swiss National Sciences Foundations (SNSF) for the organization (with Alessandro Monsutti) of a workshop on “The Bureaucratization of Utopia”. Graduate Institute in Geneva. (9,530 CHF).
- 2011 – 2012* **Postdoctoral Fellowship** of the Forum for Transregional Studies (Humboldt University, Berlin) for the research project: “Everyday uses of Islamic justice in the UK”. Program: ‘Legal Cultures: Confrontations beyond comparison’.

2005 – 2009 **Economic and Social Research Council (1+3) PhD grant** for the completion of a DPhil thesis in Social Anthropology and Law at the University of Sussex (UK).

FIELDWORKS

Afghanistan

1 January – 20 December 2007 (doctoral project)

Switzerland

February 2016 – February 2018 (International Committee of the Red Cross)
1 November 2010 – 1 September 2011 (UN Human Rights Council, UPR).

England

1 September 2013 – 30 March 2014 (London, Birmingham)
1 January – 30 March 2012 (London, Birmingham)
1 January to 30 June 2009 (London, Birmingham)

EDITORIAL WORK

Since 2013 *Allegra Lab*, allegralaboratory.net.
Editor and Co-founder

2014 – 2016 *Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*
Associate editor

Occasional peer-reviewer for *Culture, Medicine, Psychiatry*; *Anthropology Today*; *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*; *International Feminist Journal of Politics*; *Itinerario*; *American Ethnologist*; *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*.

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

- 2015. *Kabul Carnival: Gender Politics in Postwar Afghanistan*. University of Pennsylvania Press. Series: The Ethnography of Political Violence (edited by Tobias Kelly)

Special issues

- Under Review. 'The Bureaucratization of Utopia: Ethics, Affects and Subjectivities in International Governance Processes'. Special issue of *Anthropologie Sociale/Social Anthropology*. (Proposal accepted. Issue under preparation).
- December 2017. 'Introduction'. Special issue of *Archives des Sciences Sociales des Religions* on "La circulation du référentiel islamique en Europe: Espace public, éthique ordinaire et économies morales". Vol 179(4).
- December 2017. 'Mariage chariah style: Pratiques quotidiennes de l'éthique islamique en Angleterre'. *Archives des Sciences Sociales des Religions*. Special issue on 'La circulation du référentiel islamique en Europe'. Vol 179(4).

Preface

- 2012. *L'Islam d'Occident. Introduction à l'étude des musulmans des sociétés occidentales*. Rachid Id Yassine. Perpignan. Editions Halfa.

Chapters in collective books:

- 2019. *Political Awakening*. International Encyclopedia of Anthropology. Hilary Calan (eds). Wiley.
- 2016. « The 'Public' Character of the Universal Periodic Review : Contested Concept and Methodological Challenge ». (with Jane Cowan). In *Palaces of Hope : The Anthropology of Global Institutions*. Ronald Niezen and Maria Sapignoli (dir.). Cambridge University Press (sous contrat). 20 pages.
- 2015. 'Humanitarian Theater: The Ordinary and the Carnavalesque in Afghanistan'. (co-written with Antonio De Lauri). In *The Politics of Humanitarianism: Power, Ideology, Aid*. Antonio de Lauri (eds). London. I.B. Tauris.
- 2015. 'Cosmetics, Fashion and Moral Panics: the Politics and Ethics of Beauty in a Girls' Dormitory in Kabul'. In *Asian Muslim Women: Globalization and Local Realities*. Huma Ahmed-Ghosh (eds). SUNY Press.
- 2014. 'Keepers of the 'truth': Producing 'transparent' documents for the Universal Periodic Review'. In *Human Rights and the Universal Periodic Review: Rituals and Ritualism*. Hilary Charlesworth and Emma Larking (eds). Cambridge. Cambridge University Press.
- 2014. 'Arrêts sur image sur l'islam britannique.' In *En-quête d'Islam en Europe*. Göle, N (Ed). Perpignan. Editions Halfa.
- 2014. 'A Simple Way of Getting to Paradise': Ethics and Affects in British Shari'ah Councils. In *Islam and Public Controversy in Europe*. Göle, N (Ed). London. Ashgate.
- 2011. 'Islamic Difference and the Return of Feminist Universalism' in *European Multiculturalism(s): Cultural, Religious and Ethnic Challenges*. Tryandifillidou, A., Modood, T., and Meer, N. (eds). University of Edinburg Press. Emilie books (with Nilüfer Göle).

Journal articles (peer reviewed):

- 2018. "Marriage *shariah* style: Everyday Practices of Islamic Morality in England". *Contemporary Islam*. First online.
- 2016. "Afterword: A Post-Human Rights Anthropology of Human Rights". *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* Online, November 2016. <https://polarjournal.org/a-post-human-rights-anthropology-of-human-rights>
- 2016. No Wonder! Kingship and the Every Day at the Max Planck Society. *Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*. Vol 6(1).
- 2016. Snapshots of British Islam: Exploring Self, identity and the Good Ethical Life in the Global Megalopolis. *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*. Vol 45(5).
- 2015. Between learning and Schooling: The Politics of Human Rights Monitoring at the Universal Periodic Review". *Third World Quarterly*. (With Jane Cowan). Vol 36(6). Special issue edited by

Louiza Odysseos and Anna Selmeczi: 'The Power of Rights and/or the Rights of Power in Global Politics'.

- 2013. Whores and Niqabées: The Sexual Boundaries of French Nationalism. *French Culture, Politics and Society* (with Julie Castro). Volume 31(2).
- 2012 (June). Suicidal Performances: Voicing Discontent in a Girls' Dormitory in Kabul. *Culture, Medicine, Psychiatry*. Volume 36(2). Special issue 'ethnographies of suicide'.
- 2012 (June). The Making of Modern Afghanistan: Reconstruction, Transnational Governance and Gender Politics in the New Islamic Republic. *Anthropology of the Middle East*. Volume 7(1). Special issue 'ethnographies of Afghanistan'.
- 2009 (November). Visible under the Veil: Performance, Veiling and Agency in an Islamic public space. *Journal of International Women's Studies*. Volume 11(1). Special issue 'Women in Islam'.

Book reviews:

- 2017 (May). Valdinir Nalivkin, Maria Nalivkina (Edited by Marianne Kamp). Muslim Women of the Fergana Valley: A 19th Century Ethnography of Central Asia. Indiana University Press. *H-Net Society for the Anthropology of Europe*.
- 2013 (September). Laura Nader. Culture and Dignity. Dialogues Between the Middle East and the West. Wiley-Blackwell. *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*. Volume 13 (2).
- 2008 (September). Elaheh Rostami Povey, Afghan Women: Identity and Invasion. London: Zed Books, 2007. *Feminist Theory*. Vol 9 (3).
- 2008 (June). 'Occupied Women's Lives: Multiple Experiences, Multiple Consciounesses.' Elaheh Rostami Povey. Afghan Women: Identity and Invasion. London: Zed Books, 2007. *European Journal of Women's Studies* Vol 15 (2).

Academic blogs (peer reviewed):

- 2018 (October 8). The Circular Logic of Humanitarian Expertise. Public Anthropologist. <http://publicanthropologist.cmi.no/2018/10/08/the-circular-logic-of-humanitarian-expertise/>
- 2012 (February 6). Watching Sharia Business at Close Quarter. Verfassungsblog.de. <http://verfassungsblog.de/watching-sharia-business-close-quarter/>
- 2012 (June 29). "Les femmes font mauvais usage de la démocratie": Visibilités des jeunes Afghanes et paniques morales dans Kaboul « post Talibans ». <http://www.metropolitiques.eu/Les-femmes-font-mauvais-usage-de.html>
- Regular contributor to allegralaboratory.net. Portfolio of blog posts accessible on this URL: <http://allegralaboratory.net/author/julie/>

Press articles:

- 2016 (22 January). Cologne : Pourquoi les explications culturelles sont dangereuses pour le féminisme ? *Le Temps*. <https://www.letemps.ch/opinions/2016/01/22/cologne-explications-culturelles-dangereuses-feminisme>
- 2004 (Spring). Afghanistan, deux ans après. EKWO. Vol 6. URL: <http://www.ekwo.org/afghanistan.php3>

Interviews:

- 2016 (30 March). A conversation with Syeda Masood on *Kabul Carnival*, on the blog Chapati Mystery
http://www.chapatimystery.com/archives/potpurri/xqs_ix_-_a_conversation_with_julie_billaud.html
- 2015 (10 June). Podcast interview with Ian Cook, on New Books in South Asian Studies
<http://newbooksinsouthasianstudies.com/2015/06/10/julie-billaud-kabul-carnival-gender-politics-in-postwar-afghanistan-u-of-pennsylvania-press-2015/>
- 2015 (April 2). Conversation with Heath Cabot on my book “Kabul Carnival” published on allegralaboratory.net
<http://allegralaboratory.net/gender-policies-in-afghanistan-are-part-of-the-post-911-humanitarian-carnival-julie-billaud-discusses-her-book-with-heath-cabot/>
- 2014 (10 July). Interview for the French TV programme FOCUS (France 24) on the theme: [‘La Charia a t’elle sa place dans la société britannique?’](#) [‘Is there a place for Sharia Law in England?’]