

## CV- Nerea Viana Alzola

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**Research interests:** *Urban, Migration and Media Studies* (Urban Sociology, Inclusion and Exclusion, Migration and Mobility, Urban Rituals, Urban Commons, Online and Offline Practices, City Branding and Identity, City Networks, Urban Well-Being, Policy Studies).

**Research methods:** *Qualitative research* (Ethnography, Digital Ethnography, Archival Research, Interviews, Participant Observations, Visual Methods).

**Software:** Content analysis with **Atlas TI**, **NVivo**; Interview transcriptions with **Sonix**; Survey design with **LimeSurvey**.

**Languages:** Italian (Native), French, English, Japanese.

### Current Position

2024 – present      **Research assistant**, Institute of Sociological Research, University of Geneva.

### Past position

- 2020 – 2024      **Research assistant**, SNSF project 190051 'Unexpected Inclusions: Migration, Mobility and the Open City (UNIC),' Weave – Lead Agency (SNSF-FNRS), Professor Sandro Cattacin (University of Geneva) Professor Marco Martiniello (University of Liège).
- 2021 – 2023      **Expert for the poliScope platform**, in partnership with High Schools (Migration, Globalisation and Inequality), Geneva School of Social Sciences, Switzerland.
- 2021 – 2022      **Research assistant**, project Covid-19 Japan: 'Dynamics of community creation during the COVID-19 lockdown. The case of Geneva and Tokyo,' ETHZ Bilateral research collaboration with Asia.
- 05 – 12/2019      **Project Manager Assistant and Coordinator**, Gaea21, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 02 – 04/2016      **Project Manager Assistant**, European Centre For Economic Policy Analysis and Affairs (ECEPAA), Brussels, Belgium.
- 2015 – 2018      **Activist/Project Assistant**, Legambiente, Giugliano in Campania, Italy.

### Education

- 03.2020 – present      **PhD Candidate**, Geneva School of Social Sciences, (Sociology) under the supervision of Professors Sandro Cattacin and Fiorenza Gamba.
- 2020      **Diploma**, French as a Foreign Language (DEFLE), ELCF, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2019      **MA**, Joint Master's degree – Multidisciplinary Master's degree in Asian Studies, University of Geneva – Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland.
- 2016      **BA**, bachelor's degree, Political Science and International Relations - Focus: East Asia (Japan), University of Napoli 'L'Orientale,' Italy.

## Doctoral schools, seminars and workshops (selection)

- 2023 **Seminar**, December 8: The Sociological Review Early Career Researchers Day & Annual Lecture. Sessions included 'Publish or Perish: Strategies, Tips, and Tricks for Communicating Sociology' by Professor Karen O'Reilly and Dr. William Zhengdong Hu, and 'Research Collaborations: From Proposal to Publication' by Professor Srila Roy.
- 2023 **Seminar**, December 6: 'Think&Drink colloquium' at the Georg Simmel Center for Urban Studies, Berlin. Topic discussed: 'Why now? Timing the digitalizing state in the global south' by professor Ayona Datta (UCL).
- 2023 **Seminar**, November 30: 'Cities are Back in Town' seminar at Sciences Po Urban School, Paris. Topic discussed: 'When will local governments take meaningful action on fair housing?' by professor Paavo Monkkonen (UCLA).
- 2023 **Doctoral Workshop**, October 4: 'Frictions in Urban Research: Methodological, Ethical, and Public Issues'. Speakers: Ghaliya Djelloul (UNIL), Patrick Naef (Urban Hub and French Institute for Research in Africa, Nairobi), Dennis Rodgers (ERC Gangs), and Raphaël Pieroni (HES-SO GE). Chaired by Alice Daquin (IHEID).
- 2023 **ECR Seminar**, September 6-8: 'Overlooked Cities in Asia: Interrogating blind fields in urban knowledges and praxes,' Isolde de Villiers (University of the Free State), Hanna A. Ruszczuk (Durham University), Erwin Nugraha (Resilience Development Initiative), Yimin Zhao (Renmin University of China), Julia Wesely (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences), sponsored by the Urban Studies Foundation's Seminar Series Award, Bandung, Indonesia.
- 2023 **Doctoral school**, September 4-6: summer school for young urban scholars, The RN37 – Urban Sociology of ESA, Genova, Italy.
- 2022 **Doctoral school**, April 27-28: social sciences of the French Community of Belgium (EDTSS) 'Migrations and Cultural Diversity.' Scientific committee: Marco Martiniello (ULiège), Hassan Bousetta (ULiège), Jean-Michel Lafleur (ULiège) Jacinthe Mazzocchetti (UCL), Laura Merla (UCL), Marie Verhoeven (UCL), Asuncion Fresnoza (ULB), Andrea Rea (ULB). Liège, Belgium.
- 2021 **Doctoral school**, November 19-20: Conférence Universitaire de Suisse Occidentale (CUSO) and EPF: Unexpected inclusion (UNIC) – Dynamics of urban inclusion. Scientific committee: Sandro Cattacin (UNIGE), Vincent Kaufman (EPFL), Fiorenza Gamba (UNIGE). Monte verità, Ticino, Switzerland.

## Publications

### - Peer-reviewed articles

Cattacin, Sandro, Fiorenza Gamba & **Nerea Viana Alzola** (2023). A momentary lack of rituals: urban festivities cancelations in Geneva, Turin, and Zurich during the COVID-19 lockdowns. *International journal of anthropology and ethnology* 7 (1). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41257-023-00095-y>.

### - Edited Book

Gamba, Fiorenza, Sandro Cattacin & **Nerea Viana Alzola** Ed. (2023). *Ville et créativité*. Zurich, Genève: Seismo. <https://doi.org/10.33058/seismo.20757>.

- *Book Chapter*

Gamba, Fiorenza, Sandro Cattacin, & Nerea Viana Alzola (2023). Introduction : Ville et créativité. In Fiorenza Gamba, Sandro Cattacin & Nerea Viana Alzola (Eds.), *Ville et créativité* (pp.17-25), Zurich, Genève: Seismo.

Viana Alzola, Nerea (2023). La ville de Hamamatsu : fil rouge entre créativité, migration et inclusion. In Fiorenza Gamba, Sandro Cattacin & Nerea Viana Alzola (Eds.), *Ville et créativité* (pp. 93-108), Zurich, Genève: Seismo.

Viana Alzola, Nerea & Sandro Cattacin (2022). Les images d'une cité impossible. Une sociologie du Lignon. In Xavier Casile (Ed.), *365 Lignes de vies. Le Lignon, la petite histoire de la plus longue exposition de photos au monde* (pp. 86-99), Genève: Good Heidi Production.

- *Press and media*

Viana Alzola, Nerea (2023). Franchir les murs de la cité. Regards sociologiques sur Le Lignon. *Newspaper of the association 'Les intérêts d'Aire-Le Lignon.'*

### Teaching

- 2023 (spring)            **Teaching assistant** for the course of Professor Sandro Cattacin 'Cities and social change.' Master SACHA, Geneva School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2022 (spring)            **Teaching assistant** for the course of Professor Sandro Cattacin 'Sociological Research Forum.' Master of Sociology, Geneva School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2022 (spring)            **Teaching assistant** for the course of Professor Sandro Cattacin 'Cities and social change.' Master SACHA, Geneva School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2022 (spring)            **Teaching assistant** for the Master Class of Professor Isabella Pezzini 'The semiotics of the city.' Master of Sociology, Geneva School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2020 (fall)                **Teaching assistant**, seminar 'Qualitative and visual methods.' Bachelor of Sociology, Geneva School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2020 (spring)            **Teaching assistant**, for the Master Class of Professor Franz Schultheis 'Sociology of art worlds and creative work: theoretical perspectives and ethnographic approaches.' Master of Sociology, Geneva School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

### Interventions during university courses

- November 29, 2023    **Guest lecture** – *Welcome groups and 'inclusion infrastructure.'* *Ukrainian Refugees in Geneva.* During the MA course 'Migrant Integration Policies and Practices', taught by Dr. Daniela Vintila, Université de Liège, Belgium.
- May 19, 2022            **Discussion of Master's student presentations** – Special event of the Sociological Forum, *The City of Difference. Studying differences at the intersections between planned, built, and lived city.* Linked to Professor Sandro Cattacin's course 'Urbanity and Identity,' KZERN and Geneva School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- May 27, 2021            **Discussion of Master's student presentations** – Final Event, *Living in the City in the Time of Covid-19.* Linked to Professor Sandro Cattacin's course 'Urbanity and Identity,' Geneva School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

### Institutional responsibilities

- 2021 – present      **Member of the Scientific Committee** for the PhD in Sociology, Geneva School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva.
- 2012 – 2014      **Member of the committee of the Centre for Teaching**, University of Naples 'L'Orientale,' Italy.

### Member of the jury

- 2023      **Master dissertation**, Ms. Angelah Kesier 'Sustainable Procurement. The World Meteorological Organization at Stake.' Jury: Professor Sandro Cattacin, Geneva School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2023      **Master dissertation**, Ms. Miranda Rugova 'Sustainability reporting: the effectiveness of data collection and reporting tools in enhancing transparency, accountability and auditability – case study PELT8 tool.' Jury: Professor Sandro Cattacin, Geneva School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2022      **Bachelor dissertation**, Ms. Sawsan Borges Da Moura '*Cabo Verde é onde cabo-verdianos estão*: An analysis of the hybridization of Cape Verdean diasporic identity through music in the Lisbon urban environment.' Jury: Professor Sandro Cattacin, Geneva School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

### Individual scientific reviewing activities

- 2023      **Review of panel and paper proposals**, Conference 'Migration as a Social Construction: A Reflexive Turn,' organised by the International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE).
- 2023      **Coordination and review of some chapters**, *Ville des différences*, edited book by Fiorenza Gamba, Sandro Cattacin and Olivier Waeber, Zurich, Genève: Seismo (forthcoming).
- 2022      **Coordination and review of some chapters**, *Ville et Créativité*, edited book by Fiorenza Gamba, Sandro Cattacin and NereaViana Alzola, Zurich, Genève: Seismo (2023).
- 2020      **Book review**, *Lieux et temps des rituels d'inclusion territoriale dans le Grand Genève*, edited book by Fiorenza Gamba, Sandro Cattacin and Bernard Debarbieux, Sociograph – Sociological Research Studies (2020).

### Membership in scientific societies

- Since 2023      Member of the Urban Affairs Association.
- Since 2023      Member of the British Sociological Association.
- Since 2022      Member of the European Sociological Association (Research Network: RN20 – Qualitative Methods, RN37 – Urban Sociology).
- Since 2021      Member of the Swiss Sociological Association (Research Network: Urban Sociology).
- Since 2021      Member of the Geneva Urban Hub, Geneva School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva.

## Organised Conferences

- 2022 (spring)      **Forum de recherche sociologique** 'La ville des différences' Under the supervision of Sandro Cattacin and Fiorenza Gamba
- (Organisation of 8 academic conferences, Responsible for the coordination of speakers and students, budget and institutional partnerships).
- *Penser et Planifier la ville des différences*, Sandro Cattacin (UNIGE) and Fiorenza Gamba (UNIGE), March 2022, Uni Mail.
  - *Urban Living and Diversity*, Eveline Althaus (ETHZ), Discussant: Nerea Viana Alzola (UNIGE), SDG, Solution Space, Campus Biotech.
  - *La Sémiotique des Différences Urbaines*, Isabella Pezzini (University of Rome), Discussant: Frédéric Giraut (UNIGE), Uni Battelle.
  - *L'espace public urbain et les différences*, Franco Zagari (University of Rome), Discussant: Marylène Lieber (UNIGE), Uni Dufour.
  - *Affection Overruled! Understanding Uniformisation of Peri-Urban Areas Through Cognitive- Psychological Experiments*, Adrienne Gret-Regamey (ETHZ), Discussant: Eric D. Widmer (UNIGE), Espace 3DD.
  - *La Puissance Démocratique des Différences*, Luca Pattaroni (EPFL), Discussant: Armelle Choplin (UNIGE), Café des Saules.
  - *Mobilité Attentive aux Différences*, Vincent Kaufmann (EPFL), Discussant: Francesco Della Casa (Cantonal architect), TPG bus depot in La Jonction.
  - *La Pratique de la Planification Attentive aux Différences*, Laurent Matthey (UNIGE), Discussant: Olivier Waeber (UNIGE), KZERN des Vernets.

## Invited conferences, panel and paper sessions

- 14.02.2024      **Presentation** – *Festivals inclusifs à Hamamatsu. Croisement entre migration et redéfinition de l'identité urbaine*. Presented at the Brown Bag session. CEDEM, Université de Liège, Belgium.
- 08.09.2023  
(Online)      **Presentation** – *Reframing Overlooked Cities: Exploring Hamamatsu's Role in Decolonizing the Urban Sustainable Development Goals*. Presented at the ECR Seminar. Presentation: Nerea Viana Alzola & Takahiko Ueno, Bandung, Indonesia.
- 05.09.2023      **Presentation** – *Unveiling the Unexpected: Everyday Inclusions in Suburban Geneva. A Personal Newcomer Experience in the Post-War Housing Estate Le Lignon*. Presented at the Doctoral school for young urban scholar. Discussants: Sebastian Kohl (Free University of Berlin), Alberta Andreotti (University of Milan Bicocca), Università di Genova, Italy.
- 14.04.2023      **Presentation** – *Welcome group's online/offline practices as immaterial urban commons. Fostering inclusion in Geneva*. Presented at the Brown Bag session. CEDEM, Université de Liège, Belgium.
- 22.11.2022      **Moderator** – *Santé et communauté dans la ville. Réponses aux crises, reconfigurations et récurrences dans la syndémie*. Speaker: Sara Vallerani; Discussant: Claudine Burton-Jeangros. Presented at the Déjeuner sociologique, Geneva School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

- 5-7.10.2022 **Panel** – *Seeing the city through Flesh and Stone: the case of Vernier's cites in Switzerland*. Presented at the ESA, RN37 – Seeing like a City. Panel: Territorial changes: evolution on planning, Urban Transformations and Perceptions. Speakers: Nerea Viana Alzola & Olivier Waeber, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.
- 29.07.2022 **Panel** – *Welcoming practices in times of crisis. Trust and belonging in Geneva*. Presented at the IMISCOE Conference 'Migration and time: Temporalities of mobility.' Panel: Informal urban inclusion dynamics – Welcome groups' inclusion activities for newcomers of various migratory statuses, governance and resistance, Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway.
- 13.06.2022 **Panel** – The construction of local welcoming policies in comparative perspective. *Geneva, an open city? Civil society organisations' inclusion practices during the Covid-19 crisis*. International Conference. Welcoming Migrants in the City: Interrogating Urban Policy and Civic Action. Université Jean Jaurès, Toulouse, France.
- 09.12.2021 **Presentation**, *Urban Japan and the challenge of differences. The case of Hamamatsu city*. Les déjeuners sociologiques: Sociology meets Asian Studies, Institute for Sociological Research / Confucius Institute / Department of East Asian Studies, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 09.07.2021 (Online) **Panel 176** – Cultural Ritualized city Events and the Inclusion of Newcomers. *A momentary lack of rituals*. IMISCOE - Crossing borders, connecting cultures. Presentation: Cattacin Sandro, Gamba Fiorenza & Nerea Viana Alzola.
- 30.06.2021 (Online) **Panel 5** – UNIC. Unexpected Inclusion: Migration, Mobility and The Open City. *Urban Japan's exclusion and inclusion dynamics in times of uncertainty. The case of Hamamatsu City*. In Social Justice in Times of Uncertainty, Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association.
- 29.04.2021 (Online) **Panel 4** – Erranze e perturbazioni identitarie. La città che cambia: rappresentazioni, metafore, memoria. *The city of Hamamatsu: common thread between creativity, migration and inclusion*. Graduate Conference 2020, L'Università di Napoli 'L'Orientale', Italy.
- 14.07.2020, (Online) **Presentation** - *Sujet de thèse*. Socio Online 2020, Institute for Sociological Research.

#### Public events – link between the University and the *Cité*

- 19.05.2022 Round table discussion after the film 'The Milky Way,' *Frontières : accueil et inclusion dans l'ère de la guerre en Ukraine*. Moderator : Riccardo Bagnato (RSI). Discussion : Fabiola Mieres (ILO), Stéphanie Prezioso (National Councillor), Nerea Viana Alzola (PhD candidate in sociology). Cinémas du Grütli, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 30.04.2021 Seminar - *Fêter ensemble. Les rituels d'inclusion urbaine. Lieux et temps des rituels sociaux dans le Grand Genève*. FBI Prod - Le Sismographe & the UNIC team. Auberge des Vergers, Geneva, Switzerland.

#### Funding

- 2023 **Mobility grant**, The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), (6 months at the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM), University of Liège, Belgium).
- 2022 **Equality grant**, The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).

- 2022 **Young Researchers' Exchange Programme**, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) – University of Zurich (3 months at the Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan).
- 2018 **Mathé Coullery grant**, Association d'Amitié Genève-Shinagawa (AAGS) – Fondation Prunier (6 months at the Keio University, Tokyo, Japan).
- 2016 **Erasmus Traineeship grant** (3 months at ECEPAA, Brussels, Belgium).
- 2015 **Swiss-Europe grant** (6 months at the University of Geneva, Switzerland).
- 2013 **Erasmus + scholarship** (9 months at the University of Toulouse – Jean Jaurès, France).

#### **Mentoring and networking activities**

Since October 2022, **Mentee**, Maxime Felder (University of Rotterdam).

Since October 2022, **Mentee**, Garance Clément (University of Manchester).

#### **Career breaks**

No career breaks.

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