# Irène Courtin

### Current position

2018- **PhD Candidate and teaching assistant**, *University of Geneva, Department of sociology*The logics of collective action in the animal advocacy movement in French-speaking Switzerland (supervised by Marlyne Sahakian)

#### Education

- 2015-2016 **Master degree in environmental anthropology**, *Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle*, Paris 2nd Master thesis : "Dwelling in the Ventoux. An engagement with human beings, landscapes and animals" (supervisors : Nicolas Lescureux and Coralie Mounet)
- 2014-2016 **Master in political sciences**, *Sciences Po Grenoble*, Grenoble

  1st Master thesis: "The image of hunting in France. Relations to the life and death of wild and domestic animals" (supervisor: Coralie Mounet)
- 2013-2014 **Bachelor in political sciences**, *Sciences Po Grenoble*, Grenoble

  Bachelor thesis: "Meat consumption and climate change. Toward new dietary practices?" (supervisor: Stéphane Labranche)

#### **Publications**

#### Peer-reviewed

- Sahakian Marlyne, Stroude Aurianne, Godin Laurence, Courtin Irène, Fahy Frances, Fuchs Doris and Langlois Justine. (2022). Reflexivity through practice-informed student journals: how "sustainable wellbeing" relates to teleoaffectivities. Sustainability: Science, Practice and Policy, 18, 247-262
- Sahakian Marlyne, Godin Laurence et Courtin Irène. (2020). Promoting 'Pro', 'Low', and 'No' Meat Consumption in Switzerland: The Role of Emotions in Practices. Appetite, 150

# Conferences and academic presentations

- (2022) "Veganism in the animal advocacy movement in french-speaking Switzer-land" Paper presented paper presented at the mid-term conference of European Sociological Association 'Sociology of Consumption' Research Network (RN5), September 2022
- (2022) "Logiques d'engagement et conceptions du changement social dans la cause animale en Suisse romande: l'exemple des sanctuaires et refuges" (Logics of commitment and conceptions of social change in the animal cause in French-speaking Switzerland: the example of sanctuaries and refuges) Paper presented paper presented in the internal seminar of the academic association IPRAZ, Imaginaries and practices of anthopo-zoological relations, June 2022

- (2022) "Agir aujourd'hui pour un monde sans spécisme demain. Préfiguration et conceptions du changement social dans la cause animale en Suisse romande" (Acting today for a world without speciesism tomorrow. Prefiguration and conceptions of social change in the animal advoacy movement in French-speaking Switzerland) Paper presented at the colloquium Penser le spécisme aujourd'hui (Thinking speciesism today), ENS de Lyon, May 2022
- (2021) "Prefiguration, modes of engagement and teleoaffectivities in the Frenchspeaking Swiss animal advocacy movement." Paper presented at the European sociological association (ESA) conference, online, September 2021
- (2021) "La cause animale en Suisse romande : la politique préfigurative dans les pratiques militantes" Paper presented at the congress of the French sociological association (AFS), online, July 2021.
- (2021) "Veganism and the environmental cause. Insights from an ongoing survey in french-speaking Switzerland." Paper presented at the congress of the Swiss sociological association (SSA), online, June 2021.
- (2019) "The practices of collective action in the abolitionist animal advocacy movement: toward a research plan." Paper presented at the 14th European sociological association (ESA) conference in Manchester, August 2019

## Skills and qualifications

Languages

French Native language

English Fluent

German Intermediate

Research methods

- Qualitative methods
- Software: content coding with Atlas TI, NVivo

# Funding

 2022 - Mobility grant, DocMobility (University of Geneva). Hosted for the autumn semester in the Sustainable consumption institute, University of Manchester

#### Teaching experience

Bachelor program, Social sciences, University of Geneva

- 2021-2022, 2022-2023 Assistant for the course Les étapes de la recherche en sociologie (stages of research in sociology) taught by Pr. Cornelia Hummel. Regular supervision and advice to students, in charge of two bibliographic research workshops (Department of sociology, University of Geneva)
- Spring semesters 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 Assistant for the interdisciplinary course Penser la société (Thinking the society). In charge of the tutorials, organisational support and student support, assistant for the examinations and grading (Social sciences faculty, University of Geneva)
- Spring semesters 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 Assistant for the course Sociology of consumption taught by Pr. Marlyne Sahakian. In charge of the tutorials and student support, assistant for the examinations and grading (Department of sociology, University of Geneva)

 Autumn semester 2018, 2019, 2020 - Teaching assistant for the course Introduction to sociology. In charge of the weekly seminar, assistant for the examinations and grading (Department of sociology, University of Geneva)

Master program, Sociology, University of Geneva:

- Spring semester 2023 Assistant for the english-speaking course Qualitative and Participatory Methods taught by Pr. Marlyne Sahakian (Master Sustainable societies and social change -SACHA, University of Geneva)
- 2019 Assistant for the Master Class Sociology from below: The politics of knowledge production and community-engaged research methodologies given by Manisha Anantharaman, invited professor. In charge of students monitoring and examinations with Marlyne Sahakian and Manisha Anantharaman (Master in sociology, University of Geneva)

Other experiences

 2021 - Haute école pédagogique (HEP) Teacher of the course "Consumption issues" for student teachers of the home economics teaching program (PIRACEF)

# Academic commitments, University of Geneva

Department of sociology

- (2018-2023) Doctoral scientific committee Representative of Phd candidates funded by the Department of Public Education
- (2019-2023) Review committee for the Sociograph collection (publications from the teaching and research activities of the Institute for Sociological Research)

Geneva School of Social Sciences

o (2019-2022) Reflection commission on research ethics

University of Geneva

• (2020-2021) Commission for the management of taxes (examination of student association grant applications)

#### Academic societies membership

- European sociological association (ESA): RN05 Sociology of Consumption
- French sociological association (AFS): RT21 Social movements
- Swiss sociological association

# Conferences and workshops organisation

Congress of the Swiss sociological association, June 2021, Geneva

- Responsible for the fundraising and communication with sponsors and donors
- Supervision of student volunteers

Sociological Forum on Sustainable and Ethical Consumption, spring semester 2019, University of Geneva

- organisation of seven panel discussions, including researchers along with members of civil society and the public sector
- o organisation of three conferences with international speakers

o in charge of coordinating all travel and related expenses

#### Press and media

- (2022) "Consommation de viande: «Nous avons été éloignés de la réalité de la production et de la mort de l'animal»", (Meat consumption: "We have been distanced from the reality of the production and death of the animal") interview by Sophie Dupont, Le Nouvelliste, August 2022
- (2021) "Sociologie de la cause animale en Suisse romande" (Sociology of the animal advocacy movement in French-speaking Switzerland), lecture given for the Alimentarium museum for the launch of the VEGAN exhibition.
- (2019) "Pourquoi ignore-t-on la mort dans l'assiette ?"(Why do we ignore the death in our plate ?) Manger Podcast, Louie Media
- o (2019) "Savoir se faire entendre", interview by Camille Andres, Réformés (Special issue on vegetarianism and veganism, March 2019)
- (2018) "Plongée dans l'assiette des Suisses" with Marlyne Sahakian, CAMPUS magazine (UNIGE), Dossier on the animal condition.