

Matthieu Debief

1. Personal information

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2. Research interest

Nonprofit sector; philanthropy; democratic theories; theories of political corruption

3. Education

- 09/2021 - ongoing **PhD candidate - political theory**, “What is the role of nonprofit organizations in a liberal democratic state?” Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Geneva. Co-supervisors: Emanuela Ceva (University of Geneva)
- 09/2019 - 02/2021 **Master degree in political science**, concentration in political theory, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Geneva. Supervisor: Emanuela Ceva. Final thesis: *The Philanthropic Authority: What Defines Acts of Philanthropy and What are their Relation to Democracy?* (grade: 6/6)
- 09/2016 - 06/2019 **Degree in political science and international relations**, concentration in sociology, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Geneva. Supervisor: Jérôme Grand. Final thesis: *Territorial Voting Rights: Why Established Foreigners Should Have the Right to Vote in Switzerland?* (grade: 5.25/6)

4. Fellowships and Awards

- 2022 **Prix Universal – mémoire de Master** for “*The philanthropic authority: What defines philanthropy and how it relates to democracy*”, University of Geneva/Switzerland
- 2021 **Best Master’s Thesis** for “*The philanthropic authority: What defines philanthropy and how it relates to democracy*”, University of Geneva/Switzerland
- 2021 **Best average mean** of the master’s in political science and international relations, University of Geneva/Switzerland (5.71/6)

5. Academic Appointments

- 1/08/2022 – 31/12/2026 **Research Assistant** for the SNSF Advanced Grant project “The Margin of Corruption”
- 1/05/2022- 31/08/2022 **Research Assistant** for the SNSF Synergia project’s application “The Corrupted Mindset. Reframing the Ethics of Anticorruption”
- 14/12/2020 **Teaching** of the lesson *Philanthropy and democracy: A political reflexion* for Emma Tieffenbach’s course *Ethics of Philanthropy*
- 10/2019 – 10/2020 **Research internship** at the Political Science department of the University of Geneva for Prof.Stojanovic’s [Demoscan Project](#).

6. Works Under Progress

Debief, Matthieu (TBD) *Philanthropy's Inherently Political Nature*

Debief, Matthieu (TBD) *Are Tax Incentives for Philanthropy Justified? Examining the Swiss System through Democratic Lenses.*

Debief, Matthieu (TBD) *Philanthropy and Political Corruption: An analysis of the connection*

7. Academic oral contribution and Conference Papers

22-26/08/2022 *Philanthropy and democratic distortions*, paper presentation at The European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference, University of Innsbruck

7-12/07/2022 *Philanthropy's inherently political nature*, paper presentation at 96th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association's Open Session, University of St-Andrew

29/03/2022 *Philanthropy's inherently political nature*, paper presentation at political science department's Doc/PostDoc Colloquium, University of Geneva

09/12/2021 *Philanthropy, Democracy and Vested Interest: A Matter of Political Corruption*, paper presentation at the research workshop for junior scholars of International Conference "Vested Interests and Democracy" of the University of Zürich, Co-hosted by the Doctoral Programme Democracy Studies and DemocracyNet

26/11/2020 *Are Tax Incentives for Philanthropy Justified? Examining the Swiss System through Democratic Lenses*, scientific workshop for junior scholars of International Conference "Taxation and Philanthropy" of the Geneva Center for Philanthropy.

12/05/2021 *Philanthropy and Political Corruption: An analysis of the connection*, paper presentation at the Virtual World Congress of the International Association for Political Science Students

8. Other Communication

20/05/2019 Moderator for Delphine Horvilleur's Conference on her book *Réflexions sur la Question Antisémite*. University of Geneva

02/05/2018 Moderator for Jean Ziegler's Conference on his book *Le Capitalisme Expliqué à ma Petite-fille*. University of Geneva

9. Academic activities

2022 - ongoing Co-coordinator of the Geneva Colloquium in Political Theory

2021-2022 Organizational committee of the Geneva Colloquium in Political Theory's graduate conference

10. Institutional services

09/2019 – 02/2021 Student's representative of the Academic Planning Committee of the Social Sciences Faculty at the University of Geneva.

02/2017 - 09/2020 Student's representative at the Faculty Council of the Social Sciences Faculty at the University of Geneva.

11. Languages

French (mother tongue), English (Toefl IBT – 103/120); German (A2)

12. Other Activities

03/2021 – ongoing Head of project and executive manager at Swiss Green Projects at the NGO [Swiss Green Projects](#)

10/2020 – 12/2020 Translation of Emanuela Ceva's and Luc Foisneau's talk for [Politika](#)

09/2019-02/2020 Member of Amnesty Internationale, Women's rights group, at the University of Geneva

09/2018-09/2019 Vice-President of the Political Science and International Relations Association of the University of Geneva.

02/2017-09/2018 Co-director of the Academic Policy Group of the Political Science and International Relations Association of the University of Geneva

09/2016-09/2019 Member of the Political Science and International Relations Association of the University of Geneva.