Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

2003 Ph.D. in Geography, University Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg (France)
Dissertation: Urban management changes and post-apartheid city remodeling. The land question in Windhoek (Namibia). Supervised by Prof. Jean-Luc Piermay

1997 MA in Urban Geography, University Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg (France)
Dissertation: The use of satellite images SPOT in urban geography. Application to Windhoek (Namibia)

1996 BA in Human Geography, University Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg
Dissertation: The situation of housing in the city-centre of Sheffield

WORK EXPERIENCE

2016-2017 Visiting Scholar at the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, School of Global Policy and Strategy, University of California, San Diego

2005-present Researcher, LISER (previously CEPS until 2015), Department of Urban Development and Mobility (Luxembourg)

2008-present Assistant Professor Associated, University of Luxembourg

2003-2004 Lecturer, University Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg (France)

2001-2002 Lecturer, University Paul Verlaine, Metz (France)

1998-2000 Research assistant, University Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg (France)

MANAGEMENT RESPONSABILITIES

2016 Member of the ‘Interim Collegiate Direction’ of LISER, Luxembourg from February to August (approx. 125 persons)

2012-2016 Head of the Department Urban Development and Mobility, Liser-Luxembourg (approx. 25 persons)
2007-2011 Head of the Cross-border Metropolitan Integration research team, CEPS-Luxembourg (approx. 7 persons)

RESEARCH AREAS

Cross-border metropolitan regions, urban and regional governance, cross-border integration, borders as resources, borders’ multiplicity, social network analysis, Europe, North America

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Books and Journal Special Issues

Referred Journal Articles


**Book Chapters**


Book Reviews


Other Publications


Manuscripts Submitted or in Revision
Sohn C., Licheron J. From barrier to resource? Modelling the effects of borders on metropolitan functions in Europe. To be re-submitted to Regional Studies (May 2017).

Manuscripts in Preparation
Sohn C., Christopoulos D., Koskinen J. Geography is more than just distance! The effects of borders and territoriality on policy networks. To be submitted to Network Science (May 2017).
Sohn C., Scott J. The re-imagination of Geneva as a cross-border metropolis. Unpacking the roles of borders in the production of space. To be submitted to Political Geography (June 2017)
Sohn C. Recoding the border. In preparation (July 2017)

RESEARCH PROJECTS
2016 CBMETRO. The cross-border metropolis hypothesis: Back to the source (August 2016-July 2017). Funded under the INTER Mobility programme by the National Research Fund of Luxembourg (FNR). Principal investigator (69,900 euros)
2014 TONICITES. Territorial diagnosis for the cross-border city network Tonicité (Arlon, Esch-sur-Alzette, Longwy, Luxembourg, Metz, Thionville). Funded by the city network Tonicité. Principal investigator (20,000 euros)
2013 CROSSWATER. Transboundary Micropollution Regulation in Europe: The Definition of Appropriate Management Scales (2014-2016). Co-funded under the INTER programme by the National Research Fund of Luxembourg (FNR) and the Swiss national Science Foundation (SNF). Principal investigator for the Luxemburgish part (643,000 euros)
Funded under the 7th framework programme. Work package principal investigator (350,000 euros; total budget 6.9 million euros)

2010 METRONET. Cross-border metropolitan governance in Europe (2010-2012). Funded by the National Research Fund of Luxembourg (FNR). Principal investigator (457,000 euros)

2010 GEOSPECS. Geographic Specificities and Development Potential in Europe (2010-2012). Funded by the European Spatial Planning Observation Network (ESPON). Project partner (38,000 euros)

2010 POLYCE. Metropolisation and Polycentric Development in Central Europe (2010-2012). Funded by the European Spatial Planning Observation Network (ESPON). Project expert (18,000 euros)

2009 METROBORDER. Cross-border polycentric metropolitan regions (2009-2011). Funded by the European Spatial Planning Observation Network (ESPON). Project partner (50,000 euros)

2007 METROLUX. Metropolisation and urban governance in Luxembourg and cross-border areas (2007-2009). Funded by the National Research Fund of Luxembourg (FNR). Principal investigator (238,000 euros)

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION

Organization of Conferences
2012 Unpacking cross-border governance, Luxembourg, 6-9 September (Principal Investigator)
2008 La gouvernance métropolitaine transfrontalière, Walferdange, Luxembourg, 14 October (Principal Investigator)

Organization of Panels and Sessions
2011 Space and social networks, AAG Annual Meeting, Seattle 12-16 April (co-organized with Olivier Walther).
2007 La place des petites métropoles dans le réseau des villes mondiales, Luxembourg, 22 November.

Invited Talks
2015 Debordering the border research. Insights from a pragmatic perspective. BOMOCULT Seminar. University of Eastern Finland, 16 December.
2014  *The border as a territorial resource. Reflections on the changing significance of European borders and their role in the emergence of cross-border metropolitan regions.* Recourse seminar. University of Gdansk, 26 November.

2014  *The border as a source of innovation.* Round table - Conclusion on “the border: a source of innovation”. BRIT XIV Conference. Mons, 7 November.


2013  *La frontière comme ressource territoriale. Réflexions sur la signification changeante des frontières européennes et leur rôle dans l’émergence des régions métropolitaines transfrontalières.* Conference co-organized by the Territoire de Belfort (France) and the République et Canton du Jura (Switzerland), Delle, 12 November.


2010  *Réinventer le territoire.* Table Ronde Europa Forum-Forum Europa, Luxembourg 19 October

2010  *L'intégration métropolitaine transfrontalière. Le cas de Bâle, Genève et Luxembourg,* Séminaire CERTU, Revue Espaces et Sociétés, Lyon, 10 June.


2009  *The construction of cross-border metropolitan regions in Europe. A comparative perspective* (with Olivier Walther), Bridge Conference, Theorizing Borders through Analyses of Power Relationships, Schengen, 29 April.


2006  *Ségrégation et mixité urbaines,* Séminaire de master ‘Villes, nouveaux espaces européens de Gouvernance’, Université de Paris 8-Saint Denis, 10 March.


**Papers Presented (selection since 2007)**

2017  *The co-mingling of ordering dynamics in the San Diego-Tijuana cross-border metropolis.* Association for Borderlands Studies 2017 Annual Conference, San Francisco (CA), 5-9 April.

2017  *From barrier to resource? Modelling the multiple effects of borders on metropolitan functions in Europe.* AAG Annual Meeting, Boston (MA), 13-16 April.
2017 The multiplicity of borders and their ambivalent effects on European metropolitan areas. Department of geography lecture series, San Diego State University (CA), 3 February.

2016 The multiplicity of borders and their ambivalent effects on cities. USMEX Seminar, UC San Diego (CA), 16 November.

2016 The border as a resource. Reframing the concept. Association for Borderlands Studies 2015 Annual Conference, Reno (AZ), 13-16 April.

2016 From barrier to resource? Modelling the effects of borders on metropolitan functions in Europe (with Julien Licheron). Regional Studies Association Annual Conference. Graz, 4-6 April.


2015 Modelling cross-border integration. The role of borders as a resource. XV International Congress on Regional Integration, Borders and Globalization in the American Continent, Ciudad Juarez (Mexico), 28-31 October.


2014 Metropolitan areas in Europe. Modelling the border effects (with Julien Licheron). BRIT XIV Conference. Arras-Lille-Mons, 4-7 November.

2014 The border assemblage. Conceptualizing and representing borders’ multiplicity. BRIT XIV Conference. Arras-Lille-Mons, 4-7 November.

2014 A policy network approach to cross-border governance (with Dimitris Christopoulos and Johan Koskinen), 1st European Conference on Social Networks (EUSN), Barcelona, 1-4 July.


2013 Geography and social networks Modelling the effects of territorial borders on policy networks, 10th conference on applications of social network analysis (ASNA), Zurich, 29-30 August.


2013 Geography is more than just distance! Toward combining different spatial effects in SNA (with Dimitris Christopoulos and Johan Koskinen), Sunbelt conference, Hamburg, 21-26 May.

2013 The border as resource in the global urban space, AAG 2012 Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, 9-13 April.

2012 Cross-border governance and brokerage roles in Lille and Vienna-Bratislava. A network approach (with Frédéric Durand), BRIT XII Conference, Fukuoka-Busan, 13-17 November.


2012 Cross-border metropolitan governance in Europe: First assessment of a network analysis approach, Unpacking cross-border governance, Luxembourg, 6-7 September.

2012 Social networks and geography. Modelling the effects of space over policy networks (with Dimitris Christopoulos and Johan Koskinen), UKSNA Conference, Bristol, 28-30 June.


2011 The border as a resource in the global urban space, BRIT XI Conference, Geneva-Grenoble, 6-9 September.


2011 The spatiality of social networks, AAG 2009 Annual Meeting, Seattle, 12-16 April

2011 The effects of space over social networks, UKSNA Conference, Greenwich, 7-9 July.

2010 Spatial integration in European cross-border metropolitan regions (with Olivier Walther and Antoine Decoville), Association for Borderlands Studies Conference, Veria, 23-25 September.


2009 Geographical space and social networks: some preliminary considerations, 5th UKSNA Conference, Greenwich, 3-5 July.


2008 Croissance et polarisation des activités économiques métropolitaines au Luxembourg (with Olivier Walther), ‘En route vers Lisbonne’, CRP Tudor, Luxembourg, 4-5 December.


2008 L’intégration transfrontalière dans la métropole luxembourgeoise (with Olivier Walther), Conference ‘La Grande Région dans son contexte européen’, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 20-21 February.


**Member of Scientific Committee for Conferences**

2017  EUGEO Congress (Association of Geographical Societies in Europe), Brussels, 4-6 September.

2016  Association for Borderlands Studies Europe: Differences and discontinuities in a “Europe without borders”, Luxembourg, 4-7 October.

2016  BRIT XV: Cities, States and Borders: From the Local to the Global, Hamburg-Sønderborg, 17-20 May.

2014  BRIT XIV: The border – A source of innovation, Arras-Lille-Mons, 4-7 November.

2012  Unpacking cross-border governance, Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 6-9 September.

2011  BRIT XI: Mobile borders, Genève-Grenoble, 6-9 September.


2008  Représentations et pratiques des espaces de vie : portée et limites actuelles des notions d’urbanité et de ruralité, Luxembourg, 4-5 December.

**AWARDS AND GRANTS**

2016  Support for a research visit at the University of California, San Diego (August 1, 2016-July 31, 2017). National Research Fund of Luxembourg, € 69,000.

2016  Award for Best International Conference Paper titled: “From barrier to resource? Modelling the border effects on metropolitan functions in Europe” (with Julien Licheron). Regional Studies Association Annual Conference, Graz, 4-6 April.


2011  Support for organizing an international research seminar with the French National Committee for Geography, National Research Fund of Luxembourg, € 2,800.

2010  Support for the submission of a FP7 European research project ‘Systems of Multi-Polar Networks’, National Research Fund of Luxembourg, € 3,500.


2005  Support for research visit. French Institute of South Africa, € 700.

2001  Support for doctoral fieldwork research, French Institute of South Africa, French Ministry for Co-operation, € 1,000.

1997  Doctoral fellowship, French Ministry of Higher Education, € 15,000 per year during three years.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

At the University of Luxembourg

2013-present  Socio-Economic Development Trends in Europe, Master in Geography and Spatial Planning (16h per year)

2008-2015  Cross-border Projects Preparation and Monitoring, Master in Geography and Spatial Planning (6h per year)
2006-2011 Analysis and interpretation of spatial data, Master in Geography and Spatial Planning (12h per year)
2006-2008 Territorial diagnosis and interpretation of spatial data, Lifelong learning in Spatial Planning (4h per year)

At the University of Strasbourg
2006 Conceptual Foundations of Cities and their Recent Evolutions (in French), Master in Geography (12h)
2005 Epistemology of Geography (in French), Master in Geography (12h)
2002 Landscapes and Societies (in French), Bachelor in Human Geography (26h)
2002 Remote Sensing: Methods and Analysis (in French), Bachelor in Human Geography (20h)
2002 Geography of Networks (in French), Bachelor in Human Geography (14h)
2000 Remote Sensing: Methods and Analysis (in French), Master in Geography (24h)
1998-2000 Remote Sensing: Methods and Analysis (in French), Bachelor in Human Geography (48h per year)
1998-1999 Cartography, Bachelor in Geography (14h per year)

At the University of Metz
2001 The Great Civilisations (in French), Bachelor in Geography (12h)
2001 Concepts of Human geography (in French), Bachelor in Geography (76h)

SUPERVISION

Post-doc Supervision
2010-2011 Jennifer Nelles. Relating to the Region: City-Region Governance and Multilevel Policy in Cross-Border Regions. Post-doc grant funded by FNR.
2009-2010 Frédéric Durand. Comparing Cross-Border Metropolitan Planning. Post-doc grant funded by FNR.

Ph.D. Supervision
On-going

Achieved
Master Supervision

2013 Bernadette Quinn, Cross-border metropolitan integration in Europe, University of Luxembourg.

2011 Nora Stambolic, Cross-border intra-firms networks in the Greater Region, University of Luxembourg.

2010 Antonin Pavard, Cartographie d'indicateurs territoriaux et conception d'un web atlas sur l'intégration métropolitaine transfrontalière, University Paris 1.

2009 Alexandra Kamieniczka, Dynamiques spatio-temporelle de l’aire métropolitaine de Luxembourg, University Paris-8.

2008 Lanciné Diop, Centralités métropolitaines émergentes, futurs hauts lieux : Le cas de Luxembourg, University Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg.


2006 Valérie Feltgen, Stratégies foncières des communes au Luxembourg, University Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg.

2006 Hélène Loewenguth, Etude de la consommation foncière au Grand-Duché de Luxembourg : outil d'analyse, enjeux spatiaux et perspectives, University Louis Pasteur.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

Association of Borderland Studies (since 2008)
Member of ABS Board of Directors (2015-2017)
International Network of Social Network Analysis - INSNA (since 2010)
EastBordNet Managing Committee Member, COST Action IS0803 (2010-2013)
Member of the editorial board of Connections (since 2012)
Regional Studies Association (since 2017)

REVIEWING

Projects/PhD Dissertations

2016 Czech Science Foundation. Reviewer of project proposal
2011 Association de Science Régionale de Langue Française, Reviewer for Philippe Aydalot Awards
2011 Fonds National Suisse. Reviewer of project proposal

Academic Journals


EXPERTISE

2014 Territorial diagnosis for the cross-border city network Tonicités (Luxembourg, France, Belgium)
2011 DATAR, workshop on territorial prospective (Ateliers de prospective territoires 2040)
2008 Quattropole, Development strategy of the city network
2007 Ministry of the Interiors, Monitoring of the spatial development concept IVL

LANGUAGES

French Mother tongue
English Very good reading, writing and verbal skills
TOEIC: 965 out of 990 (General Professional Proficiency)
German Good reading and verbal skills (Alsatian speaker)