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CURRENT POSITIONS

Senior Research Fellow in Intelligence, War & Strategy, French Institute for Strategic Research (IRSEM), France

Adjunct Professor, Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA), Sciences Po Paris

EDUCATION

PhD in War Studies (with no corrections), School of Arts and Humanities, University of Glasgow, United-Kingdom, 2024

Master's Degree In International Conflict and Security (with distinction), School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent, United-Kingdom, 2014

Bachelor's Degree in Modern Literature and Political Science (First-Class Honours), Institut Catholique d'Etudes Supérieures (ICES), France, 2012

Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy (final year not completed because of Erasmus Exchange), Université Paris-Nanterre, France, 2012

Erasmus Exchange, University of Limerick, Ireland, 2011-2012

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AND POSITIONS

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| 2024-today | Senior Research Fellow in Intelligence, War & Strategy, French Institute for Strategic Research (IRSEM), France <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lead, Intelligence Research Seminar, 25 members, in partnership with the French Intelligence Academy and the Peer-Review Journal, <i>Etudes Françaises de Renseignement et de Cyber</i> (EFRC) |
| 2022-today | Visiting Fellow, King's Center for the Study of Intelligence (KCSI), Department of War Studies, King's College London, United-Kingdom |
| 2020-2024 | Research Associate, French Institute for Strategic Research (IRSEM), France |
| 2014 | Teacher of French and Philosophy, High-School, France |
| 2013-2014 | Research Assistant, European Security Round Table (ESRT), Belgium |

POLICY-MAKING EXPERIENCE AND POSITIONS

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| 2020-2024 | Senior Advisor to the Secretary General, French Ministry of Armed Forces, France <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Head, Internal Research Unit responsible for academic outreach, led and coordinated 4 advisors as members of staff |
| 2020-2022 | Advisor to the Director of Strategy, French Ministry of Armed Forces, France |
| 2017-2020 | Senior Analyst, French Ministry of Armed Forces, France <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Led and supervised a team of 5 analysts |
| 2015-2017 | Analyst, French Ministry of Armed Forces, France |
| 2014-2015 | Peacebuilding Programme Officer, Interpeace, United-Nations, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Ivory-Coast |

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Monographs

- 2027 (forthcoming), *L'analyse du renseignement*, with Damien Van Puyvelde and Paul Charon, Armand Colin

Popularisation of Science

- 2025, *Le Monde vu par la CIA, Introduction*, Editions des Equateurs, with Paul Charon

Journal articles (peer-reviewed)

- 2024, "Trump 2 : quelles conséquences sur les coopérations de renseignement transatlantiques ?", *Le Rubicon*, 18 December
- 2022, "Renseigner autrement ? Trajectoires de l'OSINT dans les services de renseignement", *Hérodote*, n°186, with Paul Charon and Fabien Laurençon
- 2021, « Les services de renseignement et la résurgence des rivalités de puissances », *Revue de la Défense Nationale*, N°842

Research Papers (Peer-reviewed)

- 2025, "Surveiller sans voir. Les services de renseignement israéliens et l'échec du 7 octobre », *Étude IRSEM N°127*, October 2025
- 2020, "Les services de renseignement face au risque sanitaire », *Brève stratégique de l'IRSEM*, n°5, May 2020

Book Reviews

- 2025, "Intelligence and Contemporary Conflict. Communication in Diplomacy, Statecraft and War", Matthew HEFLER (ed.), *Etudes Françaises de Renseignement et de Cyber*, N°5, Autumn 2025

Articles, opinion pieces, and think tank reports (not peer-reviewed)

- 2025, “Red Hands in Paris: A Small Act of Vandalism in a Big Russian Strategy”, *War on the Rocks*, 20 November
- 2025, “The Intelligence Behind the Strike: Was Everyone Wrong About Iran’s Nuclear Program?”, *The Cypher Brief*, 23 June
- 2025, “Renseignement et conflictualité dans le cyberspace », *Cahiers Français*, n°123, July-August 2025
- 2025, “S’adapter pour renseigner: les organisations de renseignement à l’épreuve des recompositions stratégiques », *Diplomatie*, n°124, May 2025

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Completed

- 2025, “Les coopérations de renseignement et la seconde présidence Trump”, Mémoire de maîtrise, École de Guerre
- 2024, “Intelligence artificielle et renseignement électromagnétique”, Master’s Degree Thesis, Sciences Po Saint-Germain-en-Laye
- 2023, “Understanding policymaking in intelligence”, Mémoire de maîtrise, École de Guerre
- 2023, “Évolution du renseignement militaire en France de 1945 à 1992”, Mémoire de maîtrise, École de Guerre, 2022
- 2022, “Usages de l’intelligence artificielle dans le renseignement militaire”, Mémoire de maîtrise, École de Guerre

TEACHING

Sciences Po - Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA)

- *Intelligence Power in the 21st Century* (Master’s degree in international security), 24 hours-class, 30 students
- *Intelligence and Policy-Making* (Master’s degree in international security), 24 hours-class, 30 students, 98% satisfaction rate in 2024

Sciences Po Paris - Collège Universitaire

- *History of US Intelligence Since 1947* (Bachelor’s Degree Level), 24 hours-class, 30 students, 87% satisfaction rate in 2022, 95% satisfaction rate in 2023

RESEARCH IMPACT

- Frequent contributor to professional teaching at the French Intelligence Academy (Académie du Renseignement) since 2020
- Frequent contribution to teaching and training of intelligence officers in several services of the French intelligence community
- Frequent consultation and participation to official meetings with senior officers and practitioners in the French Ministry of Armed Forces

- Periodic contribution for inputs to interministerial meetings dealing with intelligence and national security matters in France

VALORISATION

Guest lectures and invited talks (selected)

- 2025, “Informer ou plaire ? Les services de renseignement américains à l’épreuve du Trumpisme”, Troisième édition du colloque Journées des études stratégiques organisé par le Centre Thucydide et la Chaire de professeur junior en études stratégiques de l’Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas, 17 october
- 2025, “Trump Second Term, US intelligence and Transatlantic Security Relations”, Institute for Security and Global Affairs, Leiden University, 12 February
- 2024, “Trump 2 et les coopérations de renseignement transatlantiques”, Observatoire de la politique étrangère américaine, Sorbonne-Nouvelle, IRSEM et Université Paris-Nanterre, 7 Novembre
- 2024, “Intelligence and Security Challenges in the European Union”, Institut des Hautes Etudes de Défense Nationale, 19 November
- 2023, “The Forgotten Ally: French Intelligence Contribution to Britain’s WWII Strategy”, Department of War Studies, King’s College London, 18 October 2023
- “French intelligence: a brief history (1870-1991)”, Department of War Studies, King’s College London, 19 October 2023
- 2021, “The dynamics of Franco-British intelligence cooperation”, International Conference on the History of International Relations, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, June 2021

Media engagement

- 2025, “Le renseignement israélien: de la faillite du 7 octobre aux triomphes au Liban et en Iran, *Podcast Le Collimateur*, 8 July
- 2025, “Les frappes israéliennes sur l’Iran”, Les informés. France Info, 13 June
- 2025, “Comment faire du renseignement avec Donald Trump ?”, *Podcast Le Collimateur*, 21 March

LANGUAGES

French: Native language

English: Full professional proficiency (Cambridge C2)

Spanish: Intermediate