**Curriculum vitæ**

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# EDUCATION

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| 2016 -2021 | **Doctoral thesis (defense September 2021)**  Advisors: Prof. Raphaël Rousseleau (Institute of history and anthropology of religions, Faculty of theology and the sciences of religions, University of Lausanne) and Prof. David Picard (Institute of Geography and Durability, Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne)  Jury: Prof. Kathleen Adams (Loyola University Chicago), Prof. Naomi Leite (SOAS, University of London), Dr. Valerio Simoni (Graduate Institute Geneva), Prof. Mathis Stock (University of Lausanne)  Title: Travel, meditation and self-transformation? An ethnography of Buddhist retreat tourism in the Indian Himalayas  My doctoral dissertation explored the phenomenon of so-called spiritual retreat tourism, which has expanded considerably since the 1980s. Through a phenomenological approach to anthropology, my research is based on an ethnographic study of Buddhist retreat tourism practiced in the Indian Himalayas |
| 2013 – 1016 | **Master in Tourism Studies**  Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne,  Master thesis: Tourists’ photographic practices and digital technologies: The example of the Swiss resort of Zermatt |
| 2009 - 2013 | **Bachelor of Arts and Humanities**  Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Neuchâtel,  Anthropology (90 ECTS), Communication and information sciences (90 ECTS) |

# ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| 2016-2021 | **Research Assistant**  Institute of Geography and Durability, Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne |
| 2015-2016 | **Junior researcher**  Institute of Geography and Durability, Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne  Contributor to the research project “Wine tourism on the ground: Experiences from China, California, Bordeaux, Alentejo, Burgenland, Stellenbosch and Valais”. Funded by the Institute of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne.  Within the project, I co-produced a guide of good practices in wine tourism for political decision-makers and professional actors in the canton of Valais, Switzerland |
| 2015 | **Assistant – student**  Kurt Bösch University Institute (IUKB), Switzerland  Contributor the research project “Between Abyss and Metamorphosis: an interdisciplinary approach to the development of tourist resorts”. Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation  Within the project, I provided an analysis of a corpus of travel guides relative to the Swiss resort of Zermatt (1850-1970) |

# PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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| Mourtazina, E. (2020). Beyond the horizon of words: Silent landscape experience within spiritual retreat tourism. *International Journal of Culture, Tourism and Hospitality Research*, *14*(3), 349–360. |
| Mourtazina, E. (2020). Book Review. Being-Here: *TSANTSA – Journal of the Swiss Anthropological Association*, *25*, 205–207. |
| Mourtazina, E. (2019). Photographier Zermatt : les pratiques photographiques des touristes à l’épreuve du numérique. *Mondes du Tourisme*, 15. |
| Mourtazina, E. (2018) Meditation retreat in India: A Phenomenological Study of Silence. *Athropology of silence* *Blog.*  Available on: <http://anthropologyofsilence.com/2018/07/10/meditation-retreat-in-india-a-phenomenological-study-of-silence/> |

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Fall semester  2019 - 2020 | Class taught: *An introduction to researching a Bachelor’s thesis* (Bachelor in Geosciences and Environment, Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne) |
| Fall semester  2018 - 2019 | Field study coordinator, Lisbon, Portugal (Master in Tourism Studies, Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne) |
| Spring semester  2018-2020 | Class taught: *Qualitative methods of interview and participant observation*  Within the module Methodology of scientific research: from theory to practice (Master in Tourism Studies, Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne) |
| Fall semester  2016 - 2020 | Class taught: *Tourism and spirituality*  Within the module Anthropology of tourism and travel (Master in Tourism Studies, Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne) |
| Fall semester  2017 | Class taught: *Imaginaries of the mountain: Construction of the symbolic capital of the Swiss resort of Zermatt*  Within the module Geographical imaginations of tourism (Master in Tourism Studies, Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne) |
| Spring semester  2016 | Class taught: *Heritage, between tourism and memory: theoretical approaches, practical implications*  Within the module Tourism and Heritage (Master in Tourism Studies, Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne) |
| Spring semester  2016 | Classes taught: Introduction to qualitative methods / Content analysis and discourse analysis  Within the module Research seminar I: Methodology and initiation to inter- and transdisciplinary research (Master in Tourism Studies, Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne) |

# PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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| 2019 | *Beyond the horizon of words: ethnography of a silent retreat experience in a Buddhist Meditation Center*. SIEF 2019 14th Congress. Santiago de Compostela, Spain |
| 2019 | *Travel and the power of narrating emotions: A story of a Buddhist meditation retreat in India*. 7th Congress of the Portuguese Anthropological Association. Lisbon, Portugal |
| 2018 | *Silence, on communique!: une phénoménologie pour appréhender le silence*. Seminar on the phenomenological approach in research in the humanities and social sciences. University of Lausanne, Switzerland |
| 2018 | *Spiritual retreat tourism between India and Europe. Towards a phenomenology of life changing experiences*. 15th EASA Biennial Conference. University of Stockholm, Sweden |
| 2018 | *"This experience changed my life": Study case of Buddhist meditation retreat in Dharamsala, India*. 16th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions. University of Bern, Switzerland |
| 2017 | *Tourism and Self Transformation: Study case of meditative retreats in India*. The Biennial Conference of the Finnish Anthropological Society 2017, “Entangled Mobilities”. University of Jyväskylä, Finland |
| 2016 | *La construction du savoir à l’épreuve des mobilités touristiques : Étude de cas des pratiques de retraites spirituelles*. International conference for doctoral students and young researchers. University Nice Sophia Antipolis, France |
| 2016 | *Tourisme et transformation du soi: étude de cas des retraites spirituelles en Inde*. Doctoral Student’s Day. University of Lausanne, Switzerland |
| 2015 | *La photographie numérique: outil de transformation des pratiques touristiques ?* Workshop Digital Humanities. Laboratory of digital cultures and humanities. University of Lausanne, Switzerland |

# ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

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| 2019 | Co-organiser of the round table *Le Master en Études du Tourisme fête ses 10 ans* at the event Quelle formations pour le tourisme de demain ?University of Lausanne |
| 2019 | Co-organiser of the workshop *Critical tourism studies: theory, methodology and empirical problems* at the international doctoral workshops co-organised by the Free University of Brussels and the University of Lausanne |
| 2018 | Co-organiser of the doctoral seminar *L'approche phénoménologique dans la recherche en sciences sociales et humaines*, University of Lausanne |
| 2016 | Co-organiser of the panel *Who is in – Who is out? The categories of tourism and migration and the dynamics of socio-political inclusion and exclusion*, the Annual conference of the Swiss Society for Anthropology, University of Lausanne |

# COMMITMENT TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

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| 2017-2018 | Representative of the research assistants’ on the scientific committee of the Master in Tourism Studies, Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne |
| 2019 | Representative of the teaching and research intermediate body on the Commission on self-evaluation of the Master in Tourism Studies, Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne |
| 2018 | Representative of the research assistants’ on the ad-hoc Commission on the nomination of Associate Professor in Tourism and territorial economy, Institute of Geography and Durability, Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne |
| 2015 | Student representative on the Commission of induction of professors in the fields of the sociology or the anthropology of tourism, Institute of Geography and Durability Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne |

# ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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| 2019- | Member of the International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF). |
| 2018- | Member of the network *Pilgrimage Studies Network*, European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA). |
| 2018 - | Member of the network *Anthropology and Mobility Network,* European Association of Social Anthropologists, (EASA). |
| 2016- | Member of the Swiss Society for Anthropology (SSA). |

# CONTINUOUS EDUCATION

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| 2019, 13-14 May | Workshop: *Anthropological Encounters with Tourism.* Swiss Graduate Program in Anthropology, Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO), Ascona, Switzerland |
| 2018, 12-14 September | Workshop: *Glissements de terrain : théorie et pratiques des difficultés de terrain.* Swiss Graduate Program in Geography, Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO), Aubier, Switzerland |
| 2018, 12-13 April | Workshop: *Réalisation vidéo pour géographes.* Swiss Graduate Program in Geography, Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO), Geneva, Switzerland |
| 2017, 10-14 July | Summer School: *Wine, Terroir, Tourism.* Faculty of Geosciences and environment, University of Lausanne, Switzerland |
| 2017, 19-21 June | Workshop: *Esotericism, New Age and Contemporary Spiritualities.* Swiss Graduate Program in History and Sciences of Religions, Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO), Gruyère, Switzerland |
| 2017, 6-9 June | Workshop: *Module '?-graphy'.* Swiss Graduate Program in Anthropology, Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO), Schloss Ueberstorf, Switzerland |
| 2017, 6-7 February | Workshop: *Géographies en mouvements.* Swiss Graduate Program in Geography, Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO), Aubier, Switzerland |
| 2017, 10-12 January | Workshop: *Ethnographies in motion: Rethinking the relation between place and mobility.* Swiss Graduate Program in Anthropology, Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO), Puidoux, Switzerland |
| 2016, 1-2 September | Workshop: *Filmmaking for Scientists*. Transversal Program, Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO), University of Lausanne, Switzerland |
| 2015, 3-4 February | Course: *Initiation to university teaching*. Center for University teacher training, University of Lausanne, Switzerland |

# LANGUAGE SKILLS

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| French  Russian  English | Native speaker  Native speaker  Fluent |

# DIGITAL COMPETENCES

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| Microsoft Office, SPSS, Atlas.ti, Zotero |