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PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name	Jean-Loup Kastler
Positions	Associate Researcher at the Institute of Modern and Contemporary History (IHMC) and the Institute of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne History and geography teacher Coordinator of the international sections at the Lycée International de Ferney-Voltaire
Date and place of birth	12 February 1982, Saint-Martin-d'Hères (Isère), France
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Languages	French (native), German (paternal language), English (reading, speaking and writing), beginner Chinese

RESEARCH AREAS

History of the French Revolution
Social history, environmental history and socio-environmental history
Geopolitics of international relations at multiple scales
European history and Franco-Swiss relations
Gender history
History of empires; history of China and Russia
History of commons, utopias and republican thought
History of communalism

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 2026	Associate Researcher at the IHMC (Institute of Modern and Contemporary History, Paris 1) and the University of Lausanne (UNIL).
2019-2025	PhD at Paris 1, IHRF-IHMC, supervised by Pierre Serna. Dissertation: The Metamorphoses of the Ideal City in Mountain Regions (1768-1788): From the Philosophical Utopia of Versoix to the Moral Ecology of the Crowd during Grenoble's Day of the Tiles. Defended in December 2025. Committee: Gilles Bertrand, Clarisse Coulomb, Christy Pichichero, Pierre Serna, Sophie Wahnich and Gretchen Walters.
2018	Master's degree in the History of the French Revolution, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, supervised by Pierre Serna (High Distinction). Thesis: At the Origins of the French Revolution in the Dauphiné: The Evening Visitors to Voltaire's Château and the Ideal City of Versoix.
2008-2025	History teacher at the Lycée International de Ferney-Voltaire; teacher trainer.
2004-2008	Admitted through competitive examination to the École normale supérieure de Lyon. Master's degree in History at Paris 1, supervised by Christophe Charle (High Distinction), and Bachelor's degree in Sociology at Lyon 2.
2000-2003	Preparatory classes in humanities and social sciences (khâgne BL), Lycée Janson-de-Sailly, Paris.

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES AND STUDENT SUPPORT

Since 2022	Treasurer (2022-2026), then Secretary General (since 2026), International Commission for the History of the French Revolution (CIHRF). Designed and manages the Commission's website, cihrf.info. Created and administers a mailing list for revolutionary studies with more than 200 contacts: cihrf@framalistes.org.
2026	Co-founder, with Pierre Serna and Christy Pichichero, of the Zeev Sternhell Prize for the History of the French Revolution.
Since 2026	Member of the Board of ASAIG (Association for the Preservation of Gravity Irrigation and Associated Structures).
2015-2025	Assessment of written and oral examinations (preliminary, bachelor's and master's levels) and master's dissertations as a history and geography teacher trainer for the Lyon education authority.
2009-2025	Academic mentoring at the Lycée International de Ferney-Voltaire. Led preparation for entrance examinations to French Institutes of Political Studies. Created a European German international section and the school's Model United Nations; supervised student reports. All inspection reports rated 'excellent' by the education inspectorate.
2015-2025	Municipal councillor for Ferney-Voltaire; member of the Public Finance Committee; organised training sessions for elected officials.

RESEARCH AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

08.2026	Centenary Congress of the International Committee of Historical Sciences (ICHS), Leipzig. Paper: The Lin Shuangwen Rebellion in Taiwan in 1788: A Mountain Revolutionary Project in the Middle of the Pacific Ocean, CIHRF panel The Problem of Scales in Revolution.
06.2026	AJCH annual conference, What Is the Republic?, Le Mans University, 26 June 2026. Online paper: Mountain Republicanism and Commons in the Eighteenth Century, session Republican Alternatives.
06.2026	Opening remarks with Serge Slama and paper Advocate General Michel-Antoine Servan: Inventor of the Declaration of the Rights of Man?, conference The Invention of Citizenship, organised by the CRJ (Université Grenoble Alpes) and CIHRF.
07.2025	Accepted participant in the French Historical Society conference at the Bibliothèque nationale de France.
06.2025	Organised the second Grenoble international conference, Women, Environment and Revolution: https://calenda.org/1217187
2024	Led the organisation of and participated in the Grenoble international conference Women, Matrimoine and Revolution, 14 June 2024; published the contributions online: https://cihrf.info/blog/colloquematrimoine/
2023	Study day From Mesmerism to Animal Magnetism: Dissemination and Resurgences between the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries. Paper subsequently published under the direction of Jean-Luc Chappey and Claire Gantet.
2022	ICHS Congress, Poznań. Contribution published in The World History Review by Shanghai People's Publishing House and reviewed on Age of Revolutions.
2022	Organised and participated in the study day The Enlightenment and the Middle Ages: A Revolution?; edited the corresponding issue of La Révolution française.
2020	Study day The Foreigner in Revolution, with Sophie Wahnich; published a related article in La Révolution française.

EDITORIAL, HERITAGE AND MATRIMOINE PROJECTS

2024	Directed and monitored Grenoble's commemorative project to restore women, previously absent from public space, to the history of the Revolution. Wrote the text for the plaque inaugurated in summer 2024.
2024	Co-authored with Clarisse Coulomb (Université Grenoble Alpes) the City of Art and History brochure devoted to the Day of the Tiles.
2022-2024	Initiated and organised the translation of Peter Linebaugh's Magna Carta Manifesto in partnership with CIHRF and IASC. Presented the translation at the 2024 Geneva Conference on Rural Commons, co-organised by UNIL.

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

- "De la révolution de Genève à la révolution en Dauphiné : existe-t-il des « révolutions montagnardes » ?", in Ripensare la geopolitica delle rivoluzioni, eds Pierre Serna and Paolo Conte, M.O.D.O., 2021 [link].
- "Les étrangers et la révolution entre Genève et Grenoble : Peut-on faire la révolution sans se sentir étranger ?", L'étranger en révolution(s), La Révolution française. Cahiers de l'Institut d'histoire de la Révolution française, 2022 [link].
- "L'écologie des Lumières de Michel-Antoine Servan et l'image de la montagne : une déclinaison originale du concept mesmérien d'harmonie universelle ?", Du mesmérisme au magnétisme animal. Diffusion et résurgences entre les XVIIIe et XIXe siècles, La Révolution française, 24, 2023 [link].
- "Choiseul's 'swing to the East': the colonial project of Versoix, Poland and the Mediterranean Sea (1756-1770)", trans. Li Weiyi, The World History Review, vol. 10, no. 2 (2023), Shanghai People's Publishing House.
- "Anthropologie politique versus anthropologie radicale : le rejeu d'un débat des Lumières ?", Le carambolage des temps, Écrire l'histoire, 23, 2023.
- "Aux sources médiévales et révolutionnaires du « républicanisme montagnard » des Lumières (1767-1788)", Les Lumières et le Moyen Âge : une révolution ?, La Révolution française, 25, 2023 [link].
- "From West to East: the Atlantic Revolution Swings Eastward?", Age of Revolutions, 2023 [link].

EDITED AND COLLECTIVE WORKS

- Co-editor, Les Lumières et le Moyen Âge : une révolution ?, La Révolution française, 25, 2023 [link].
- Organiser and online editor, Grenoble international conference Femmes, matrimoine et Révolution, June 2024: https://cihrf.info/blog/colloquematrimoine/
- Co-author with Clarisse Coulomb, City of Art and History heritage brochure on the Day of the Tiles: https://www.calameo.com/read/004190376b4d8e856229e

EDITORIAL PROJECTS

- Collaboration with the Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer on the French translation of Peter Linebaugh's Magna Carta Manifesto: Liberties and Commons for All (2008), published in the first half of 2024. Established dissemination partnerships with CIHRF and the International Association for the Study of the Commons - Europe.
- Editor and webmaster of the International Commission for the History of the French Revolution website: cihrf.info.
- Co-authored with Professor Clarisse Coulomb and graphically designed Grenoble's City of Art and History brochure on the Day of the Tiles. Editions: French https://www.calameo.com/books/0077076418d19a5ef4123 · English https://www.calameo.com/books/007707641f6abbf87a020 · Chinese https://www.calameo.com/books/007707641c947f417565c · Italian https://www.calameo.com/books/007707641bf64c9df98ff