

# Quentin Rihoux

## PhD candidate in urban geography

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## Education

- 2023 - present PhD candidate in Urban Geography, University of Lausanne, CH
- **Supervisor:** Prof. Martin Müller, University of Lausanne.
  - **Title:** “Urban Projectification” and the politics of spatializing urbanisation through projects.
  - **Cases:** Urban development projects in Paris and Johannesburg.
  - **Stage:** 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
- 2022 - 2023 Master in Urban Policy, SciencesPo Paris, FR
- **Summa Cum Laude**
  - **Project:** “Which future for low density urban areas in middle size cities?”, Controversy mapping of the urban sprawl regulation for Action Logement and PUCA (federal state agency).
  - **Principal subjects:** Project theory, urban development economy, urban policies, urban and regional planning strategies, organisation studies, history of land ownership, law.
- 2017 - 2018 Master in Town and Country Planning, Tongji University Shanghai, CN
- **Master thesis:** Integration or Segregation? “Creative clusters” in Post-Industrial Global Cities peripheries. Comparative research Paris-Shanghai, Actor-Network Theory. (Accepted without revisions)
  - **Principal subjects:** Urban planning, urban sociology, urban history, urban economics, urban mobilities.
- 2016 - 2019 Master in Architecture, ENSA Versailles, FR
- **Thesis project:** “Digital knowledge materialities”, digital territories, networks, and information theory.
  - **Principal subjects:** Urban design theory, water cities, urban history, urban project, bioclimatic urbanism.
- 2014 - 2015 Exchange year at TU Munich, DE
- 2012 - 2015 Bachelor in Architecture, ENSA Strasbourg, FR

## Graduate training

- 2024 RC21-IJURR Doctoral School, Santiago de Chile, CL
- 7<sup>th</sup> Doctoral School in *Comparative Urban Studies*
- 2024 CUSO Winter School, Sainte-Croix, CH

## Work Experience (selection)

- 2024 - present Volunteer urban policy advisor, FR
- **Main roles:** Provide critical advice and strategic guidance on urban policy city council deliberations to a senior politician.
- 2023 - present Researcher and teaching assistant at University of Lausanne, CH

- **Research group:** Urban Studies research collective M<sup>3</sup> – Materialities | Multiplicities | Metropolis <https://wp.unil.ch/m3-lausanne/>, Institute of Geography and Sustainability.
- **Main roles:** Researcher on common research projects, bachelor thesis supervision and teaching assistant for courses at the Institute.

- 2020 - 2022      Urbanist project leader at MVRDV, Rotterdam, NL
- **Main roles:** Planning and design lead, Research by design projects, Team management up to ten people, Coordination of large urban projects in France, Luxembourg, and Portugal.
  - **Main projects:** Caen Nouveau Bassin, renewal of a 25ha industrial wasteland; Bastide Niel Bordeaux, renewal of a 35ha industrial wasteland; Luxembourg in transition, Competition Phase 1, 1<sup>st</sup> Price.
- 2019 - 7m        Architect at Lambert Lenack architects, Paris, FR
- **Main roles:** Architect.
  - **Main projects:** Competition phase for the Paris 2024 Olympic village, 1<sup>st</sup> Price.
- 2016 - 6m        Architect intern at MVRDV, Rotterdam, NL
- 2015 - 5m        Architect intern at TCA, Istanbul, TR

## Research interests

Concepts	Projectification   Assemblages   Materialities
Topics	Urban politics   Cities   Mobilities   Planning
Methods	Qualitative (Interviews, Ethnography)   Quantitative (Descriptive, Regression)   Cartography
Regions	Western Europe   East Asia   South Africa

## Graduate assistantship

- 2024 - present    Geographical thought, Bachelor
- **Content:** The course presents and analyses the history of the discipline and the origins of the term Geography from Greek antiquity to the present day. Thus, it introduces students to the core elements that distinguish geographical thought.
- 2024 - present    Urban planning, Bachelor
- **Content:** The aim of this course is to raise students' awareness of planning 'in the making'. While offering conceptual frameworks and historical insights, it also draws heavily on current developments in public policy.
- Autumn 2023     Thinking cities, Master
- **Content:** The course discusses major theories of cities and urban processes, with a particular focus on cities and capital, cities and postmodernism, cities and the world, cities from elsewhere, cities and difference, cities as assemblage.

## Supervision and mentoring

- 2023 - present    Mathieu Nerfin, BA Student, University of Lausanne, CH
- **Bachelor's thesis** in Urban Geography: "Affects and politics of Yverdon urban colors", Co-supervising w/ Prof. Martin Müller.

- 2023 - 2024      Emilie Vilalmanzo, MA Student, University of Lausanne, CH
- **Student assistant** on the research project “Uneven geographies of Urban Knowledge”, Supervision and task management.

## Working papers

- 2024              Trivin, C., Gogishvili, D., Grieshaber, J., Neville, L., **Rihoux, Q.**, Torre, V., Müller, M. “Flagship heterotopia: towards a different agenda for major cultural spaces”.
- 2024              Müller, M., **Rihoux, Q.**, Neville, L. “Uneven Geographies of Urban Knowledge: Status Quo and Agenda”.
- 2024              **Rihoux, Q.** “The project as Urban Policy instrument: Genesis, Limits and Perspectives”.
- 2023              **Rihoux, Q.** “Urban Project Tools: The Parisian Metropolis since 2000”.

## Policy briefs

- 2022              **Rihoux, Q.** “Energy retrofit public policy for Chicago in the context of the 2022 energy crisis”.

## Talks and presentations

- 2024              RGS-IBG, London, UK
- **Contribution:** “Urban Projectification and the performativity of framing urban planning through (mega) projects”.
- RC21, Santiago de Chile, CL
- **Contribution:** “Language and the decolonisation of urban studies and planning”.
- AESOP, Paris, FR
- **Contribution:** “Uneven geographies of urban knowledge: status quo and agenda”.
- Journée de la recherche, Lausanne, CH
- **Contribution:** “Urban Projectification and the politics of spatialising urbanization through projects”.
- 2023              Language and urban knowledge Symposium, Lausanne, CH
- **Contribution:** “Language and the decolonisation of knowledge production in urban studies and planning: status quo and agenda” w/ Prof. Martin Müller.
- Decolonial imaginaries Symposium, Basel, CH
- **Contribution:** “Uneven geographies of Urban Knowledge” w/ Prof. Martin Müller.
- 2022              City/Cité, Villa Albertine, Chicago, USA
- **Contribution:** Paris x Chicago: Affordable housing paths.

## Organisational roles in Conferences

- 2024              AESOP, Paris, FR
- **Role:** Chair for Track 17: RISKS.
- 2017              Design modelling symposium, Versailles, FR

- **Role:** Event design and organising.

## Language skills

French, native

English, fluent

German, fluent

Chinese, beginner