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Associate Researcher, Centre Français de Recherche de la Péninsule Arabique
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EDUCATION

French Qualification of Professor in Social and Cultural Anthropology, Ministry of Research and Higher Education, France 2020

IDEMEC laboratory, Aix-Marseille University (France)

PhD in social and cultural Anthropology (Defended on July 8, 2019) 2013 - 2019

- Dissertation: *Amours à Mascate. Espaces, rôles de genre et représentations intimes chez les jeunes (sultanat d'Oman)*
- Supervisors: Laurence Hérault (IDEMEC), University Professor in Anthropology, Aix-Marseille University, Stéphanie Latte-Abdallah, Research Fellow, Centre de Recherches Internationales (CERI) - Sciences Po Paris

Master's degree 2 in Anthropology of the Mediterranean and Middle East 2011 – 2012

- Dissertation: *Questions de féminité à Amman (Jordanie) : représentations, mécanismes, enjeux. Des attentes du voyage à l'expérience de terrain (Distinction)*
- Supervisor: Christian Bromberger, Emeritus Professor in Anthropology

Master's degree 1 in Anthropology of the Mediterranean and Middle East 2010 - 2011

- Dissertation: *Espace et genre à Sanaa (Yémen). Masculin et féminin à l'épreuve du public et du privé (Distinction)*
- Supervisor: Abderahmane Moussaoui, University Professor in Anthropology

University Lumière Lyon II, Lyon (France) 2007 - 2010
Bachelor's degree in social and cultural Anthropology

ARABIC LANGUAGE EDUCATION

Advanced level Arabic training, Sultan Qaboos College for Teaching Arabic Language to Non-Native Speakers, Manah (Oman) February 2015

Omani dialect intensive training, Center for International Learning (CIL), Muscat (Oman) December 2013

Year 2 Bachelor's degree in Arabic studies, Department of Arabic Studies, Aix- Marseille University 2012 - 2013

Arabic language certificate, intermediate level, Center for Arabic Language and Eastern Studies (CALES), Sanaa (Yemen) July 2010

Arabic language certificate, intermediate level, University of Damascus, Syria July 2008

Year 1 Bachelor's degree in Arabic studies, Department of Arabic Studies, University Lumière Lyon II, Lyon (France) 2007-2008

TEACHING AND ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences – concentration in Anthropology (SBSA), American University of Kuwait

2021

Assistant Professor

- Fall 2021: Introduction to Anthropology, Global Media and Spaces of Identity, Anthropology of Emotions, BA level
- Summer 2021: Fundamentals of Arab Society, BA level
- Spring 2021: Introduction to Anthropology, Women in a cross-cultural perspective, Nations and Migration, BA level

Department of Anthropology, Aix-Marseille University

Graduate teaching assistant: Anthropology and academic work, fieldwork methodology, fieldwork research restitution, Postcolonial studies and Orientalism January-March 2021

Graduate teaching assistant: Anthropology of Maghreb, BA level, 42 hours Spring 2019

Graduate teaching assistant: General Anthropology, academic work methodology, fieldwork methodology, seminar “Social constructs of the biologic”, BA level, 252 hours 2013 - 2016

Tutor for undergraduate students, Anthropology of Iran, Anthropology of Southern-East Asia and Oceania Spring 2011

Support in academic work and exam preparation, training in book reviews writing, weekly attendance

Department of Social Careers, University Technological Institute (IUT) for Urban Management, Aix-en-Provence

Graduate teaching assistant: Introduction to Ethnology, Anthropology of space, urban anthropology, fieldwork methodology, BA Level, 39 hours Fall 2017

PUBLICATIONS

WORKS IN PROGRESS

(Peer-reviewed article), with al-Suleimani, A., “Grasp the Future with *Youth Vision*: The Conditions of Youth Employment in Oman”. *Arabian Humanities*, 15.

(Peer-reviewed article) “Le Rejet et l’Attirance: Le Stéréotype de la Femme Marocaine dans la Société Omanaise”. *Horizons Maghrébins*, 80.

SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUES EDITION

with Sebiane, M., Le Maguer-Gillon, S., Oman Over Time. From the *Nabda* to 2040 Vision of Future. *Arabian Humanities*, 15 (two volumes).

BOOK CHAPTERS

Breteau, M. (2020). “When Love is Neither Showing nor Giving. The Challenges of Valentine’s Day in Oman”. In: Kaposi, I., Buscemi, E. (Eds.). *Quotidian youth cultures in the Gulf Peninsula: changes and challenges*. London: Routledge. pp.

Breteau, M. (2018). “Outline Pixels of Intimacy: Online Love among Young People in Muscat”. In: Fortier, C., Kreil, A., & Maffi, I. (Eds.). *Reinventing Love? Gender, Intimacy and Romance in the Arab World*. Berne (Switzerland): Peter Lang. pp. 91-111.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Breteau, M. (2017). “Je t’aime pour Toi, pas pour ta Nationalité! De la Politisation du Désir à Mascate, entre Tolérance et Préférence”. *Arabian Humanities*, 9, online. URL: <https://journals.openedition.org/cy/3423>

Breteau, M. (2016). “‘You Are my Pain, You Are my Joy’. L’amour comme Symbole au Sultanat d’Oman”. *Émulations, Revue des jeunes chercheurs en sciences sociales*, 16. pp. 49-63.

BOOK REVIEWS

(Book review), Le Renard, A. (2019). *Le Privilège Occidental. Travail, intimité et hiérarchies postcoloniales à Dubaï*. Paris. Presses de Sciences Po. REMMM. Winter 2020.

Breteau, M. (2016). De Sousa, R., *L'amour. Une très brève introduction*. *Lectures*, online. URL: <https://journals.openedition.org/lectures/21224>

Breteau, M. (2014). Ben Smail, N., *Vierges? La Nouvelle Sexualité des Tunisiennes*. *Lectures*, online. URL: <http://lectures.revues.org/14436>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

(Not published) French to English translation of Marcel Mauss, "The Obligatory Expression of feelings" (*L'Expression Obligatoire des Sentiments*, 1921), online. URL: https://www.academia.edu/43318384/Translation_of_Marcel_Mauss_The_Obligatory_expression_of_feelings

Blogpost : Breteau, M., Melouah, S. (2015). "Facebook : Lieu de Convergence Numérique et d'Interdisciplinarité – lecture croisée". Pôle Image-Son, Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l'Homme (MMSH), online. URL: <https://imageson.hypotheses.org/2137>

Fieldwork guide: 2014, "Guide du Doctorant – Oman". *Halqa*, Association for Young Research on Contemporary and Modern Islam, online. URL: <https://halqa.hypotheses.org/files/2014/07/Oman.pdf>

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

Postdoctoral Mobility Grant, Centre Français d'Archéologie et de Sciences Sociales (CEFAS) (Kuwait) (cancelled due to Covid-19 crisis)	2020
Dissertation Grant for Young Research, GIS Institut du Genre (Scientific French Group of Interest in Gender Studies), Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris	2016
Mobility Grant for Young Research, Centre Français d'Archéologie et de Sciences Sociales (CEFAS) (Kuwait)	2016
Mobility Grant, Institut d'Ethnologie Méditerranéenne, Européenne et Comparative (IDEMEC), Aix-Marseille University	2015
PhD Research grant, Ministry of Research and Higher Education, France	2013-2016

INVITED PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES

"The French School". Lecture: The history of Anthropological Theory, American University of Kuwait	December 7-9, 2020
"On studying love in Oman", Lecture: Anthropology of the Middle East, Lausanne University (Switzerland)	October 16, 2020
"Orientalism and Postcolonial Studies", lecture: Objects and Methods of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Aix-Marseille University	April 1, 2019
"Online fieldwork methodology", lecture: Numeric Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Aix-Marseille University	February 5, 2019
"Gender relationships transformations: the case of love relationships", lecture: The Future seen from the Gulf: City, Temporality and Subjectivity through Contemporary Arab Societies, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) Paris	5 may, 2017
"Love and Marriage in Oman", lecture: Anthropology of Love and Sexuality, Department of Anthropology, Freiburg University (Switzerland)	December 3, 2016
"History of Orientalism", lecture: Theories and History of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, Aix-Marseille University	October 20, 2016
"Fieldwork Methodology and Ethnography", lecture: Dialectal Arabic Literature, Institut de Recherches et d'Études sur les Mondes Arabes et Musulmans (IREMAM), Arabic Studies	May 26, 2016

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “Life Course, City Course; local cosmopolitanism, seen by Youth in Oman”: CEFREPA Kuwait Diwan, hosted by the Sorbonne Abu Dhabi University – online event February 25, 2021
- “French women mobilizations in 2020: the notion of femicide”, online conference: Reclaiming Agency, Autonomy and Movement Building of Women across the Globe: A Cross-Country Dialogue of Feminists Around Covid 19 Pandemic, ActionAid India – online event November 25, 2020
- “Négocier l’Amour. Application et limites de la ‘connectivité familiale’ dans les trajectoires matrimoniales des jeunes Omanais”, seminar: Familles, Sociétés et États dans les Pays Arabes, la Turquie et l’Iran Contemporains, Institut d’Études de l’Islam et des Sociétés du Monde Musulman (ISMM), École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris January 9, 2019
- “Love at First Glance: A Typology of Youth Ideals in Muscat”, workshop: Quotidian Youth Cultures in the Gulf Peninsula: Changes and Challenges, Gulf Research Meeting, Cambridge University (England) July 16, 2019
- “Des Cohabitations Transnationales. Les Transformations de la Famille et du Couple Omanais par le Prisme du Travail Domestique”, workshop: les transformations d’une société du Golfe arabo-persique, le cas du Sultanat d’Oman, 3rd Scientific French Group of Interest in Middle East and Muslim Countries (GIS MOMM) Congress, Sorbonne University, Paris July 5, 2019
- “Teaching Love in Muscat: The Case of Marriage Workshops for Brides-to-be”, workshop: Being Young and Being Muslim in Oman: Contemporary Reforms around Childhood, Piety, and Education in the Sultanate, Normative Orders Cluster of Excellence, Frankfurt University (Germany) October 4, 2018
- “Concurrences amoureuses et Légitimités en négociation : l’Image de la Femme Marocaine dans la Société Omanaise”, workshop: Demain, le printemps : des quotidiens entre vies rêvées et mondes imaginaires, 2nd GIS MOMM Congress, INALCO, Paris July 8, 2017
- “L’expérience amoureuse à Mascate, des intimités en élaboration”, IDEMEC laboratory seminar, Aix-en-Provence 7 April, 2017
- “From Love to Marriage. The acceptable and the Doable in Oman”, international conference: Interfaith Love: Love, Sex and Marriage in the Islamic World from the Middle Ages to the Present, Centre for the Study of Islam and Society (LUCIS), Leiden University (Netherlands) June 22, 2016
- “Les femmes et l’amour en Oman : retour sur un premier terrain”, EFiGiES association workshop, Aix-en-Provence 23 January 2014

PHD SUMMER SCHOOLS AND WORKSHOPS

- “Libres de s’aimer? De l’inconditionnalité de l’amour à l’épreuve de l’ibadisme politique omanais”, Halqa, Association for Young research in Contemporary Islam, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), Paris June 7-8, 2018
- “Intimacy Realizations and Love Representations in Muscat, Oman”, PhD workshop, Asien Europa Institute, Zurich University (Switzerland) December 7, 2016
- “Économie du Mariage et des Moralités à Mascate”, PhD workshop: “Quelle place pour l’économie dans les sciences humaines et sociales?”, TELEMME laboratory/Aix-Marseille University April 26, 2016
- First Euro-Arab meeting of Young researchers in Social sciences, Transfer of Knowledge Project, Bahrein Authority for Culture and Antiquities, Manama (Bahrein) October 19-25, 2015
- “Usage des NTIC et contours de l’intimité chez la jeunesse omanaise”, digital workshop in the Mediterranean, international PhD workshop, TELEMME laboratory, Sidi-Bou-Saïd (Tunisia) June 22-26, 2015
- First Young researchers meeting specialized in the Gulf region, Laboratoire d’Ethnologie et de Sociologie Comparative (LECS), Centre Français d’Archéologie et de Sciences Sociales (CEFAS), Maison Archéologie et Ethnologie René-Ginouvès, Nanterre (France) January 24, 2014

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

- Workshop “Observer l’amour? Retour sur une enquête au sultanat d’Oman”, Le Tamis, Research Action Association in Social Sciences and Art, Marseille (France) June 28, 2019
- Round table discussion “Séduire et plaire”, 5th Rencontres de l’histoire du monde arabe, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris (France) April 14, 2019
- Press conference “L’amour dans le monde arabe”, 5th Rencontres de l’histoire du monde arabe, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris (France) April 14, 2019
- Workshop debate “Qu’est-ce que l’amour ?”, Anthropological roundtables, 3C (Cultural association), Aix-en-Provence (France) February 21, 2018
- Pedagogic movie (participation) (in Arabic) “Arabic Language from the Sultanate of Oman to the World” (اللغة العربية من سلطنة عمان إلى العالم), Ahmed al-Suleimani YouTube Sessions, online. URL: <https://youtu.be/wWIU5Skbqd8> 2016
- Television interview (in Arabic) “Arabic Language Through the Western Tongue” (لغة العرب بلسان الغرب), TV show أنت كما تريد, Oman TV channel, Muscat (Oman) January 4, 2014

ORGANISATION OF (INTER)NATIONAL CONFERENCES

- Workshop “Temps, trajectoires et politiques de l’intime”, GIS MOMM International Congress (French Scientific Interest Group on Middle East and Islam), Aix-en-Provence June 29, 2021
Coordinator (with Michela de Giacometti): collective writing of the proposal, selection of the participants (4), logistic management
- Workshop “Les transformations d’une société du Golfe arabo-persique: le cas du sultanat d’Oman”, GIS MOMM International Congress, Paris July 5, 2019
Coordinator (with Mabo Sebiane): collective writing of the proposal, selection of the participants (5), logistic management
- Workshop “Extérioriser l’intime: altérités et mêmetés contemporaines”, GIS MOMM International Congress, Paris July 3, 2019
Coordinator: writing of the proposal, selection of the participants (3), logistic management
- Doctoral conference, Halqa, French association for young researchers in Contemporary Islam, Aix-en-Provence June 8-9, 2017
Organizing committee member (8 members): collective writing of the proposal, selection of the participants (13), invitation of researchers as discussant, discussion, logistic and financial management
- “De la Justice à la Justesse”, interlaboratory seminar in Anthropology, Aix-Marseille University January 27, 2017
Committee member (6 members): writing of the call of communication, selection of the participants (11), invitation of researchers as discussant, discussion, logistic management, diffusion and designing March 3, 2017
- “Décoloniser les savoirs sur le genre”, Back-to-school seminar, EFiGiES association, Marseille October 6, 2016
Committee member (8 members): simultaneous translation for English-speaking invited participants (2)

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND STUDY

- Ph.D. fieldwork, Muscat (sultanate of Oman) February 2019
- Theoretical research sojourn, University of Zurich (Switzerland) December 4, 2016 - December 18, 2016
- Ph.D. fieldwork, Muscat, Nizwa, Manah (sultanate of Oman) 2015 (one year)
- Ph.D. fieldwork Muscat, Nizwa (sultanate of Oman) November 2013 - January 2014
- Undergraduate fieldwork ethnographic fieldwork, Amman (Jordan) October 2011 - December 2011

SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

External reviewer (Master and PhD applications), National Centre of Competence Against Forced Marriages, Zurich (Switzerland)	2020
Member of le Tamis, Association for Research Action in Arts and Anthropology, Marseille	2018
Member of the international network project MigCitÉS (Migrations, Citoyennetés et sexualités), Espace et SOciétés Laboratory in Geography (ESO), Angers (France)	2017-2018
Organization member, Halqa, French association for Young research in Contemporary Islam, Paris/Aix-en-Provence	2015-2017
Representative of the PhD students' group, IDEMEC Laboratory, Aix-en-Provence	2014 - 2017
Member of GIS Institut du Genre (French Scientific Group of Interest on Gender studies), Paris	2014-present
Member of the research group "L'Autre Subjectivation", IDEMEC laboratory, Aix-en-Provence	2013 - 2019
Board member, EFiGiES, French National Association in Feminist, Gender and Sexuality studies	2013-2018
Member of ADRESS, Association des Doctorants pour la Recherche en Sciences Sociales, Aix-en-Provence	2013-2016

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-founder of WA , Collaborative platform for Arts and Social Sciences	2020
Creation of initiation workshops to French and Arabic languages and calligraphy, Studio Jammin (cultural center), Bhopal (India)	October 2019
Pedagogic Assistant, Middle School, Marseille	Fall/Winter 2018-19
Assistant librarian, Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l'Homme (MMSH), Aix-en-Provence	Spring/Summer 2012
Creation of weekly initiation workshops to anthropology, Apostille (local library), Marseille	March 2013