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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Conflict studies, migration, displacement, climate change, data science.

## EDUCATION

- 2018      **Ph.D. in Political Science**, University of Geneva.  
*Dissertation title:* “A Climate of Exclusion? Environmental Migration, Political Marginalization and Violence.”  
*Advisor:* Simon Hug (University of Geneva).  
*Committee:* Jonas Pontusson (Chair, University of Geneva), Lars-Erik Cederman (ETH Zürich) & Idean Salehyan (University of North Texas).
- 2012      **M.A. in Comparative and International Studies**, ETH Zürich.
- 2008      **B.A. in Political Science**, University of Geneva.

## CURRENT POSITIONS

- Since 2020      **Postdoctoral research scientist**  
Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University.

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2019–2020      **Visiting scholar.**  
Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University.
- 2018–2020      **Post-doctoral researcher.**  
Department of Political Science, University of Geneva.
- 2017–2018      **Teaching assistant.**  
Department of Political Science, University of Geneva.
- 2012–2017      **Research assistant.**  
Department of Political Science, University of Geneva.
- 2015–2016      **Visiting scholar.**  
Political Science Program, University of Texas at Dallas.
- 2012–2014      **Teaching assistant.**  
Department of Political Science, University of Geneva.
- 2012–2012      **Research assistant.**  
Center for Comparative and International Studies, ETH Zürich.

- 2010           **Internship.**  
Protection Unit, UNHCR Djibouti (six month duration).
- 2006–2007   **Field assistant.**  
Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration, University of Lausanne.

## BOOK PROJECT

“Environmental Migration and Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa” (*Under contract with Routledge*).

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLE

- Bohnet, Heidrun, **Fabien Cottier** & Simon Hug. Forthcoming. “Conflict versus Disaster-Induced Displacement: Similar or Distinct Implications for Security?” *Civil Wars*.
- Weston Anderson, Charles Taylor, Sonali S. McDermid, Elisabeth I. Nébié, Richard Seager, Wolfram Schlenker, **Fabien Cottier**, Alex de Sherbinin, Dara Mendeloff & Kelsey Markey. 2021. “Violent conflict exacerbated drought-related food insecurity between 2009 and 2019 in sub-Saharan Africa.” *Nature Food* 2: 603-615.
- Fabien Cottier** & Idean Salehyan. 2021. “Climate Change and Irregular Migration to the European Union” *Global Environmental Change* 69: 102275.
- Bohnet, Heidrun, **Fabien Cottier** & Simon Hug. 2018. “Conflict-Induced IDPs and the Spread of Conflict.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(4): 691–716.

## CHAPTER IN EDITED VOLUME

**Cottier, Fabien** & Bohnet, Heidrun. “Statistical Analyses Using IO Data.” in *Introduction To International Organization Research Methods*, ed. Badache, Fanny, Leah R. Kimber and Lucile Maertens (edited volume under contract with *University of Michigan Press* with submission in Spring 2021; chapter reviewed and accepted by the editors).

## WORKING PAPERS

- “Migration Within and Out of West Africa: Recent Trends and Drivers” (with Elisabeth I. Nébié, Chandler A. Morris, Richard Seager, Alex de Sherbinin, Wolfram Schlenker, Sonali S. McDermid, Michael J. Puma, Weston Anderson & Andrew R. Bell, *Under Review*).
- “Re-framing the Frame: Cause and Effect in Climate-related Migration” (with Marie-Laurence Flahaux, Jesse Ribot, Richard Seager & Godfrey Ssekajja, *Under Review*).
- “Local Determinants of Nativist Violence in Côte d’Ivoire” (with Jean-Louis Lognon)
- “Rural-Urban Migration, Horizontal Inequalities and Violence.”
- “Environmental Change and its Effect on Internal Migration.”
- “Perceptions of Economic and Political Inequalities among Young People in Africa” (with Simon Hug).
- “Electoral Information and Night Lights in Authoritarian Regimes” (with Aurélien Evequoz).

## POLICY BRIEFS AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

- Cottier, Fabien, Roch Yao Gnabeli, Jean-Louis Lognon & Sarah Bütikofer. 2019. “How Horizontal Inequalities Lead to conflict in Migration Countries.” R4D Programme, Policy Brief, N°1 [French translation available].
- Cottier, Fabien & Owen B. Sichone. 2016. “Ethnic Power Relations in Zambia: A Critical Discussion.” EPR Working Paper Series N°6.

## MEDIA

- Radio Télévision Suisse Romande (RTS). 2021. “Des dizaines de millions de personnes pourraient migrer d’ici 2050 à cause du changement climatique.” Émission *Tout un monde* (June 25<sup>th</sup>). En collaboration avec Francesca Argiroffo.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2020      Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University, April 20.  
 Panel on “Climate Change-induced Migration and Displacement,” Sustainability Science Program, Columbia University, April 14.  
 Workshop on “International Workshop on Environmental / Climate Change, Migration, and Conflict,” ETH Zürich, January 31.
- 2019      Workshop on “Transdisciplinary Research on Migration in West Africa,” Columbia University, December 5.  
 Center for International Earth Science Information Network, Columbia University, June 25.  
 Sierra Club, New York, March 13.
- 2018      International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), December 17.  
 Centre d’enseignement et de recherche en action humanitaire (CERAH), November 20.
- 2016      Workshop on “Ethnic Mobilisation in African Politics,” Copperbelt University, Zambia, September 16.  
 Guest lecture, course on “Forced Migration,” ETH Zürich (instructor: Seraina Rüegger).
- 2015      Political Science Colloquium, University of Texas at Dallas, October 27.  
 Center for International Environmental Studies, Graduate Institute, May 6.
- 2014      Political Science Colloquium, Copperbelt University, Zambia, October 15.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021      International Studies Association Annual Convention, April 6–9.
- 2020      American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, New Orleans, December 1–17.  
 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Honolulu, March 25–28 (cancelled).
- 2019      International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, March 27–30.  
 Swiss Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Zurich, February 3–4.
- 2018      International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, April 3–7.  
 Swiss Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Geneva, February 5–6.

- 2017 Colloque international pluridisciplinaire du LAASSE, Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny, Abidjan, March 15–16.
- 2016 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, March 16–19.
- 2015 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, September 3–6.  
European Political Science Association General Conference, Vienna, June 25–27.
- 2014 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., August 28–31.  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Convention, Chicago, April 3–6.  
International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, March 26–29.
- 2013 PSS-ISA Joint International Conference, Budapest, June 27–29.  
European Political Science Association General Conference, Barcelona, June 19–21.  
European Network for Conflict Research (ENCoRe), University of Amsterdam, April 24–26.

#### TEACHING

- 2018 GIS Methods Applied to Research on Conflict and Ethnic Politics, Department of Public Policy and Administration, American University in Cairo, Egypt (three-day workshop).
- 2017 Introduction to Political Science, seminar, B.A. in Political Science, University of Geneva (seminar).
- 2016 GIS Methods Applied to Research on Conflict and Ethnic Politics, Dag Hammarskjöld Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Copperbelt University, Zambia (two-day workshop).
- 2012–2014 International Relations II A/B, B.A. in International Relations, University of Geneva (seminar).

#### AWARD

- 2019 Prix Universal for the best dissertation in social sciences, University of Geneva (ex aequo).

#### RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2019 “Migration and Conflict in Ivory Coast.” Supplementary grant. Swiss National Science Foundation & Swiss Development Agency, R4D Programme, CHF 5’017 (With Roch Yao Gnabli & Jean-Louis Lognon).
- 2018 “Migration and Conflict in Ivory Coast.” Swiss National Science Foundation & Swiss Development Agency, R4D Programme, CHF 63’973 (With Roch Yao Gnabli & Jean-Louis Lognon).

## PERSONAL &amp; TRAVEL GRANTS

- 2018 Swiss National Science Foundation Early Postdoc.Mobility. Eighteen-month research fellowship at the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University. ISA Travel Grant. Pre-conference workshop on “Refugees, Forced Migration and Conflict”, International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, April 3–7.
- 2015 Swiss National Science Foundation Doc.Mobility. Eight-month research fellowship with the Political Science Program, University of Texas at Dallas.
- 2014 Fondation Ernst et Lucie Schmidheiny Scholarship. Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex.  
Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences Travel Grant. ISA Annual Convention, Toronto, March 26–29, 2014 and the MPSA Annual Convention, Chicago, April 3–6.
- 2013 SNSF Scholarship. Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex.

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

- 2018 Machine Learning, Department of Political Science, University of Geneva.
- 2015 Bayesian Analysis for Social and Behavioral Sciences and US and International Asylum & Refugee Law and Policy, University of Texas Dallas.  
Visualizing Model Inference and Robustness, European Network for Conflict Research (ENCoRe), University of Konstanz, March 25–27.
- 2012–2015 CUSO Doctoral Program in Political Science, courses on Research Design, Security Studies (2012), Quantitative Methods (2014), and Bayesian Statistics (2015).
- 2014 Hierarchical Models, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex, August 4–15.
- 2013 Spatial Econometrics, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex, August 5–16.  
Field Research Methods (Qualitative and Quantitative) in Environmentally-induced Migration, United Nations University, Bonn, July 8–12.  
Geographic Information Systems, Department of Geography, University of Geneva.
- 2012 Training School on SQL and PostGIS, European Network for Conflict Research (ENCoRe), ETH Zürich, August 22–24.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2019 Organizer of a workshop bringing together practitioners and academics on “New Evidence on Environmental Migration and Conflict,” Geneva November 5.
- 2014–2019 Co-editor, webpage, project on “Ethnic Power Relations and Conflict in Fragile States” (<https://r4d.epr.ethz.ch>).
- 2017–2018 Coordinator, Political Science Colloquium, University of Geneva.
- 2013 Co-organizer of a workshop bringing together practitioners and academics on “Conflict-Induced Displacement: New Data, Security Concerns and Protection Challenges,” Geneva, November 7, 2013.

## FIELD WORK

Ivory Coast (2020, 2019, 2017), Egypt (2018), Zambia (2016, 2014), Ethiopia (2014), Djibouti (2010).

## SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Reviewer for the *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *World Development*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Political Geography*, *Applied Economics Letters*.

## COMPUTER LITERACY

R, Python, Postgres SQL, Stata, JAGS, ArcGIS, QGIS, Stan, ENVI, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

## LANGUAGES

French (native), English (fluent C2), German (advanced C1)

## REFERENCES

Available upon request.