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CURRENT POSITION

2023– Ph.D. in Sociology, Center for Research in Economics and Statistics (CREST)

Thesis Title: “Disparities in uptake of healthcare and preventive care across migrant backgrounds in France; examining the role of language and neighborhood characteristics.”

Supervisors: Patrick Präg (ENSAE – CREST), Sorana Toma (Ghent University), Paola Tubaro (ENSAE – CREST).

Advisory Committee: Mathieu Ichou (INED) and Louis-André Vallet (CNRS).

EDUCATION

2022–2023 Master in Quantitative Sociology and Demography
Polytechnique Institute of Paris and Paris Saclay University

2019–2022 Engineering cycle, ENSAE Paris – IP Paris, Palaiseau
Coursework in statistics, economics, econometrics, and sociology.
Major: Data Science for Social Sciences.

2016–2019 Preparatory Class for “Grandes Ecoles” (CPGE MP)
Saint-Louis highschool, Paris
Intensive preparation for the competitive entrance examinations to French engineering schools, with coursework in mathematics, physics, and engineering sciences.

RESEARCH AREAS

Migration; Healthcare access inequalities; Intersectional inequalities.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

- Julia Nicolas, Patrick Präg and Sorana Toma. “Language barriers and healthcare uptake: causal evidence from immigrants in France”. Available at [SocArXiv](#). Replication materials available on [OSF](#).
- Julia Nicolas. “Examining Immigrant Healthcare Access Inequalities in France: An Intersectional Approach”. In progress.

PRESENTATIONS

“Language barriers and healthcare uptake: causal evidence from immigrants in France”

- Poster session at European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) conference, Barcelona, September 2024.
- Oral presentation in the panel session “Understanding ethno-racial inequalities in access to and experiences of healthcare” at International Migration Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE) conference, Lisboa, July 2024.
- Invited talk at Institut National d’Études Démographiques in Paris (INED), March 2024.

“Examining immigrant healthcare access inequalities in France: an intersectional approach.”

- Oral presentation in the panel session “Migration, Health, and Wellbeing” at European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) conference, Cologne, September 2025.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

May 2022 – Research Assistant, Statistical service of the French Ministry of Ecologic Transition (Paris)

Tutor: Béatrice Bouthenik. Study of the evolution of household sizes in France in relation to housing demand.

Jun 2021 – Data scientist, Quadrat Études (Paris)

Sep 2021

Participation in several projects related to the study of labor market issues.

Jun 2020 – Research Assistant, CREST

Sep 2020

Tutor: Thierry Kamionka. Work on mobilities in France and insertion into the world of work.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer

- Introduction to Social Sciences – Lectures – L3 students – ENSAE Paris. Fall 2024.

Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to R – Tutorials. Lecturer: Nicolas Baradel – L3 students – ENSAE Paris. Fall 2025.
- Introduction to Social Sciences – Tutorials. Lecturer: Philippe Coulangeon – L3 students – ENSAE Paris. Fall 2025.
- Econometrics 2 – Tutorials. Lecturer: Laurent Davezies – M1 students – ENSAE Paris. Spring 2024 and 2025.
- Surveys – Tutorials. Lecturer: Guillaume Chauvet – M1 students – ENSAE Paris. Fall 2023, 2024 and 2025.
- Introduction to Statistics – Tutorials. Lecturer: Matthieu Lerasle – L3 students – ENSAE Paris. Spring 2024.

LANGUAGES

- French: native
- English: bilingual proficiency
- Spanish: bilingual proficiency