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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Research Fellow, French Institute of International Relations (Ifri), Paris, France

Research Associate, Paris Interdisciplinary Energy Research Institute, University of Paris, France

External Advisor on Nordic and Russian policies in the Arctic, French Ministry of the Armed Forces, France

PREVIOUS BACKGROUND

Project Manager, Global Arctic MOOC, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland (2018-2019)

Senior Consultant, ADIT Group, Paris, France (2013-2017)

Independent Consultant, Buenos Aires, Argentina (2010-2011)

Cultural and education attaché, Alliance Française, Kazan, Russia (2009)

Teacher and cultural expert, Alliance Française, Novosibirsk, Russia (2008)

EDUCATION

PhD Political Science, University of Paris, France, 2018

MA International Relations, Sciences Po Bordeaux, France, 2007

MA History, University of Toulouse, France, 2006 (including a year at the University of Oslo, Norway)

BA History, University of Toulouse, France, 2004

ARTICLES

[‘Introduction. L’Arctique, défis et perspectives pour la gouvernance du XXI^e siècle’](#) [Introduction. The Arctic, Challenges and Opportunities for the Governance in the 21st Century] (with Camille Escudé-Joffre and Pauline Pic), *Revue d’Études Internationales*, 2021. 51(1): 5–29.

[‘Destination Moon: is it time for us to send astronauts back?’](#) (with José Halloy), *The Conversation*, 2021.

[‘De l’espace aux océans : les nouvelles frontières minières’](#) [From Space to Oceans: The New Mining Frontiers] (with José Halloy), *The Conversation*, 2021.

[‘Russlands internationale Raumfahrtstrategie: Ein schwieriges Gleichgewicht zwischen der Wahrung historisch gewachsener Kooperationen und dem Aufbau neuer Partnerschaften’](#) [Russia’s International Space Strategy: A Difficult Balance Between Preserving Historically Established Cooperation and Building New Partnerships], *Russland-Analysen*, n° 401, 2021.

‘L’Amérique latine à l’épreuve du COVID-19’ [Latin America and the Covid-19’s event], *Politique Étrangère*, 2020. 85(4): 135–144.

[‘Objectif Lune : le temps de la reconquête ?’](#) [Objective Moon: The Time of Reconquest?] (with José Halloy), *The Conversation*, 2020.

[‘Norvège-Russie : un pont pour défier des relations en berne’](#) [Norway-Russia: A Bridge to Challenge Declining Relationships], *Regard sur l’Est*, 2020.

‘Les opérations extractives en Arctiques : les cas d’Equinor et de Norilsk Nickel’ [Extractive Operations in the Arctic: The Cases of Equinor and Norilsk Nickel], in Magali Vullierme (ed.), *Réalités opérationnelles de l’environnement arctique. Approches transdisciplinaires et transsectorielles des impacts du changement climatique dans les sous-régions arctiques* (Paris: IRSEM). 2020. 74: 33–42.

[‘The Barents Sea: Environment Cooperation in the Anthropocene Era’](#), *E-International Relations*, 2018.

‘Svalbard : point de friction entre la Norvège et la Russie’ [Svalbard: A Hotspot Between Norway and Russia], *Revue Défense Nationale*, 2018. 808: 100–106.

[‘Barents Region: The Arctic Council as a Stabilizing Magnet’](#), in Lassi Heininen, Heather Exner-Pirot and Joël Plouffe (eds.), *Arctic Yearbook 2016* (Akureyri: NRF). 2016.

BOOK CHAPTERS

‘Regional Governance: The Case of the Barents Region’, in Matthias Finger and Gunnar Rekvig (eds.), *Global Arctic. An Introduction to the Multifaceted Dynamics of the Arctic* (Cham: Springer). 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-81253-9>

‘La région de Barents : une interface Europe/Arctique’ [The Barents Region: Europe/Arctic Interface], in Camille Escudé-Joffre (ed.), *Les régions de l’Arctique*, (Paris: Editions Atlande). 2019.

‘Bellona and the Environmental Policy in the Barents Region: A Pivotal Facilitator’, in Nikolas Sellheim and Dwayne Ryan Menezes (eds.), *Non-State Actors in the Arctic* (Cham: Springer). Forthcoming 2022.

‘Mourmansk’ [Murmansk], in Nicolas Escach and Camille Escudé-Joffre (eds.), *Arctique*, Collection ‘Odyssée, villes-portraits’, (Lyon: ENS Editions). Forthcoming 2022.

‘European Policies in the Arctic: National Strategies or a Common Vision?’ (with Emilie Canova, Camille Escudé-Joffre and Andreas Raspotnik), in Anastasia Likhacheva (ed.), *Arctic Fever: Political, Economic & Environmental Aspects of New Regional Agendas* (London: Palgrave MacMillan). Forthcoming 2022.

REPORTS & POLICY PAPERS

[Russian chairmanship of the Arctic Council: The Awakening of a Giant](#) (with Camille Escudé-Joffre, Emilie Canova, Joachim Gaignard, Pauline Pic and Léa Tourdot), Working Paper, (Paris: Groupe d’Études Géopolitiques), 2021.

[Le Conseil de l’Arctique à l’heure russe](#) [The Arctic Council at the time of the Russian Chairmanship], Édito de l’Ifri (Paris: French Institute of International Relations), 2021.

[Russia’s Space Policy: The Path of Decline?](#), CNES/Arianespace Research Program (Paris: French Institute of International Relations), 2021.

Les stratégies des États arctiques sur les énergies fossiles [Arctic States’ Strategies on Fossil Fuels], Observatoire de l’Arctique (Paris: Fondation pour la recherche stratégique), 2019.

[25 années de coopération dans l’espace de Barents](#) [25 Years of Cooperation in the Barents Region], Observatoire de l’Arctique (Paris: Fondation pour la recherche stratégique), 2018.

IN PREPARATION

‘From A Fossil Fuel Power to a Post-Carbon Quest. Drawing a New Paradigm in the Norwegian History’, *Revue d’histoire nordique/Nordic Historical Review*. Forthcoming.

‘Russia’s Integrated Statecraft in the Space Domain’, in Saadia Pekkanen and P.J. Blount (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Space Security* (Oxford: Oxford University Press). Forthcoming 2022.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

Organization of conferences or workshops

‘Les mines : enjeu de la transition écologique’ [Mining: Challenge of the Ecological Transition], Paris Interdisciplinary Energy Research Institute with the University of Chicago Center in Paris, September 2021, Paris (France).

‘The Arctic: Seizing Opportunities and Safeguarding Stability’ (with the Embassy of the Kingdom of Denmark in Paris), Ifri’s Conference, January 2021, Paris (France).

‘Enjeux miniers face à la transition énergétique’ [Mining Challenges in the face of Energy Transition] (with Petros Chatzimpiros and François Graner), Monthly Workshop, Paris Interdisciplinary Energy Research Institute (UMR 8236), University of Paris, February 2020, Paris (France).

‘Politiques de l’Arctique en perspective’ [Arctic Policies in Perspective] (with Camille Escudé-Joffres and Pauline Pic), International Seminar, CERI/Groupe d’Etudes Géopolitiques, Sciences Po Paris, December 2019, Paris (France).

'Changing Arctic – Impact of New Technologies and Traditional Know-How' (with Institut français Norge), Ecole Normale Supérieure, June 2019, Paris (France).

Conference/Workshop presentations (since 2017)

'Mines en Arctique et imagerie satellite. Une méthode en exploration en temps de pandémie' [Arctic Mining and Remote Sensing. A Method for Exploration in Times of Pandemic], 17th Scientific Days, French National Committee for the Arctic and the Antarctic (CNFRA), June 2021, Paris (France).

'New Mining Frontiers: Research Agenda on Critical Mineral in Polar and High-Mountain Regions', *Polar Social Sciences & Humanities: Spotlight on Swiss Research #3*, Swiss Polar Institute, March 2021, Lausanne (Switzerland).

'Russia's Space Strategy: A Race Against Time', Conference *The European space sector in a context of international competition*, Ifri, March 2021, Paris (France).

'La dimension militaire du programme spatial russe' [Military Aspect of the Russian Space Program], Ifri's Annual Conference « Observatoire de la Russie », December 2020, Paris (France).

'Les mines : une autre histoire de l'Arctique russe' [Mining: Another Viewpoint of the Russian Arctic History], 16th Scientific Days, French National Committee for the Arctic and the Antarctic (CNFRA), September 2020, La Rochelle (France).

'De l'URSS à la Fédération de Russie : quelles représentations de l'Arctique ?' [From the USSR to the Russian Federation: What Representations of the Arctic?], *Workshop Les représentations de l'Arctique : cartographie et appropriation du Grand Nord*, Fondation pour la recherche stratégique (FRS)/French National Library (BNF), February 2020, Paris (2020).

'Les opérations extractives en Arctiques : les cas d'Equinor et de Norilsk Nickel' [Extractive Operations in the Arctic: The Cases of Equinor and Norilsk Nickel], Workshop Réalités opérationnelles de l'environnement arctique, IRSEM, Février 2020, Paris (France).

'Mining in the Russian Arctic: Historical Perspective and Industrial Resurgence', *Arctic Week International Conference*, CEARC/Université Saint-Quentin Versailles, December 2019, Paris (France).

'Gouvernance de la route maritime du Nord : le facteur minier' [Northern Sea Route Governance: The Mining Factor], Scientific Workshop hosted by CEARC/SRLog, Université Paris-Saclay, *Itinéraires maritimes et Arctique : enjeux et contraintes logistiques*, November 2019, Saint-Quentin en Yvelines (France).

'Norway and the Arctic: Climate Policy and Energy Paradigm', Workshop on Climate Change and Security Actors, *2019 European Initiative on Security Studies*, Sciences Po Paris, June 2019, Paris (France).

'Mining activities in the Barents Region: Local Governance and Economic Perspective', *The contribution of traditional ecological knowledge and modern technologies in a Changing Arctic*, French-Norwegian Scientific Seminar organized by the Institut français Norge, June 2019, Paris (France).

'The relations between Norway and Russia in the Arctic. Perspective and analysis of a regional dynamic in the era of the Anthropocene', Workshop hosted by the Swiss Polar Institute and the EPFL, February 2019, Lausanne (Switzerland).

'Arctic policy and strategy: Finland and Norway as case studies', Workshop 'Observatoire de l'Arctique', Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (FRS), December 2018, Paris (France).

'The GlobalArctic: Discussions and Thoughts about Interdisciplinarity Research and Teaching in the Anthropocene Era', Arctic Circle Conference, October 2018, Reykjavik (Iceland).

'Les relations russo-norvégiennes au prisme du Svalbard' [Relations between Norway and Russia in the light of Svalbard], Workshop 'Observatoire de l'Arctique', Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (FRS), June 2018, Paris (France).

'Globalized Arctic: From the Andes Mountains to the Barents Region', Arctic Circle Conference, October 2017, Reykjavik (Iceland).

'Resilience: From the Andes Mountains to the Arctic', Scientific Conference hosted by the Swiss Polar Institute, September 2017, Crans Montana (Switzerland).

'French Arctic Vision: Policy and public perceptions', Workshop hosted by Calotte Academy scientific program, June 2017, Inari (Finland).

ASSOCIATION & RESEARCH GROUP MEMBERSHIPS

Associate Research, Earth System Governance (ESG Project), Utrecht University, The Netherlands

Member of the French National Committee for Arctic and Antarctic Research (CNFRA), France

Member of IETE Research Network, School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), France

Member of the Working Group “Latin American Ecological Transitions”, IHEAL, Sorbonne University, France

Council Member of the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS)

Member of Thematic Network “Geopolitics and Security” of the University of Arctic

REVIEWER

External Scientific Assessor (APECS) to the IPCC (SROCC, AR6)

Member of the review board of the scientific journal *Sustainability*

GRANTS & AWARDS

PhD travel grants – French Institution of Higher National Defense Studies (Institut des hautes études de défense nationale). Amounts: 2 000 euros (2014)

Travel grants to attend the Arctic Frontiers Emerging Leaders program – Institut français Norge. Amounts: 5 000 euros (2019)

Funding to organize a conference related on « Environment & Ecology » thematic – University of Chicago Center in Paris. Amounts: 700 euros (2021)

TRAININGS

Swiss International Summer School for Alpine Archeology organized and supported by the Universities of Zurich and Bern (2019)

ECOCLIM2021 – three-day training program on climate and energy issues organized by the Paris-Saclay University (2021)

LANGUAGES

French, English and Spanish, fluent.

Russian, Italian, Portuguese and Norwegian, advanced.

COMPUTER

Windows, Mac OSX.

MS Office, Corel, LaTeX.

Google Earth Engine, Remote sensing data analysis