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Education

PhD in Social Anthropology

London, UK

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

2012 – 2019

- Passed with no corrections in August 2019

MSc Social Anthropology (Learning and Cognition)

London, UK

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

2011 – 2012

- Final grade: distinction

BA Philosophy

Fribourg, Switzerland

UNIVERSITÉ DE FRIBOURG

2006 – 2010

Professional positions

Research Officer

London

DPT. OF METHODOLOGY, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS. [REP²SI](#) PROJECT.

2023 –

LSE Fellow

London

DPT. OF METHODOLOGY, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

2021 – 2023

ESRC Postdoctoral Fellow

London

DPT. OF METHODOLOGY, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

2020 – 2021

Class Teacher

London

LSE100, LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

2019 – 2020

Grants & Fellowships

2020 – 2021 **ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Economic and Social Research Council

2012 – 2019 **ESRC Scholarship**, Economic and Social Research Council

Awards & Honours

RESEARCH & WRITING

2020 **PhD Dissertation Prize**, Britain-Nepal Academic Council

2018 **Malinowski Memorial Research Fund Grant**, LSE Department of Anthropology

2012 **Edvard Westermarck Prize for best MSc dissertation**, LSE Department of Anthropology

TEACHING

2022 **LSE Class Teacher Awards**, Highly Commended

2020 **LSE Class Teacher Awards**, Winner

2020 **LSESU Teaching Awards**, Nominated by students for category “excellent feedback”

2019 **LSE Class Teacher Awards**, Winner

2017 **LSE Class Teacher Awards**, Highly Commended

Publications

UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION

- R&R **Ivan Deschenaux**. “No culture of our own”: grappling with cultural politics and exclusion in Nepal.
Received R&R from *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*
- In preparation **Ivan Deschenaux** (lead author), Komal Chauhan, Eleanor Power. Experienced social inequality: individual-level measurement and within-society differences.
- In preparation **Ivan Deschenaux** (lead author), Poorvi Iyer (lead author), Eleanor Power (lead author), et al.. Generosity and reputational concern across cultures.

PUBLISHED AND IN PRESS

- 2024 **Ivan Deschenaux** and William Matthews. Homo Anthropologicus: unexamined behavioural models in sociocultural anthropology. *Anthropological Theory*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14634996241231670>
- 2023 **Ivan Deschenaux**. The “replication” of caste as a form of collective akrasia. In *Against Better Judgment: Akrasia in Anthropological Perspective*, edited by Patrick McKearney and Nicholas Evans. Berghahn Books.
- 2022 Giulio Ongaro, Doug Hardman, **Ivan Deschenaux**. Why the extended mind is nothing special but is central. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11097-022-09827-5>
- 2013 Evangelia Mitleton-Kelly, **Ivan Deschenaux**, Christian Maag, Matthew Fullerton, Nihan Celikkaya. Enhancing crowd evacuation and traffic management through Aml technologies: A review of the literature. In *Co-evolution of intelligent socio-technical systems: Modelling and Applications in Large Scale Emergency and Transport Domains*. Edited by Evangelia Mitleton-Kelly. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg.

DISSERTATION AND THESIS

- 2019 **Ivan Deschenaux**. The Resilience of Caste: Dalits, Psychological Essentialism, and Intercaste Marriage in the Himalayan Foothills of Eastern Nepal. Doctoral Dissertation. London School of Economics, London, UK.
- 2012 **Ivan Deschenaux**. A hypothesis on the effect of cognitive essentialism during the “People’s War” of Nepal. MSc Thesis. London School of Economics, London, UK.

Presentations

- 2025 **Sunbelt 2025 (Yearly conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis)**. Subjective social status, social networks, and implied social worlds *Paris, France*
- 2022 **British Association for South Asian Studies, Annual Conference**. Some specificities of caste in Nepal *Online*
- 2021 **Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya**. Replication reconsidered: anti-casteist norms and prejudiced behaviour *Online*
- 2021 **European Network for Psychological Anthropology (ENPA) Conference**. Coherence and Anthropological Knowledge *Online*
- 2019 **American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual meeting**. Ascribed Social Categories and their Cognitive Basis *Vancouver, Canada*
- 2019 **The Ethnography of Akrasia, LSE Workshop**. Coordination Problem or Collective Akrasia? *LSE*
- 2018 **Research Seminar on Anthropological Theory, LSE Dpt of Anthropology**. Caste, Psychological Essentialism and Ethical Change in the Hills of East Nepal *LSE*

2018	Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth (ASA) Annual Conference. Psychological essentialism and caste-based discrimination in Nepal	<i>Oxford, UK</i>
2018	16th BNAC Nepal Study Days (Nepal Conference). Why blacksmithing does not fit the bill for a “culture of one’s own” in Nepal	<i>Durham, UK</i>
2017	Adivasi Fellow and PhD workshop, Dpt of Anthropology, LSE. Presentation of doctoral work and discussion for one Adivasi participant	<i>Kathmandu, Nepal</i>
2017	Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya. Can intercaste marriage change perceptions of caste?	<i>Kathmandu, Nepal</i>
2017	Anthropology in London Conference. “No culture of our own”	<i>UCL, London</i>

Research Experience

2024-2025	Ethnographic fieldwork in Nepal (9 months). Data collection for the Rep ² SI project
2022	Ego-network data analysis. Collection and analysis of ego-centric network data in Nepal.
2021	Online survey experiment. Design and administration of an online survey experiment for Indian students. In collaboration with Poorvi Iyer and Eleanor Power
2020	Interviews (as a Research Assistant for the LSE Directorate). Conduct and analysis of interviews with senior professors to inform LSE’s policy on retirement.
2013–2015	Ethnographic fieldwork in Nepal (21 months). Research with the Bishwakarma, a Dalit caste, in the Himalayan foothills of East Nepal. Twenty-one months of ethnographic fieldwork including participant observation, interviews, focus groups, surveys.)

Teaching Experience

COURSE DESIGN & CONVENING

2019–	Statistics for Anthropologists. Short course for first-year PhD candidate in the LSE Department of Anthropology. Part of the module “Qualitative and Quantitative Methods for Anthropologists”. No individual teaching evaluation.
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SEMINAR & CLASS TEACHING

2021–2023	Fundamentals of Research Design for International Development. Seminar Leader. Teaching evaluation score: 4.7/5 in 2022, 5/5 in 2023
2019–2020	Research Methods in Anthropology. Co-teacher and supervisor for 51 undergraduate students conducting individual research projects. Teaching evaluation score: 4.8/5
2019–2020	LSE100: Can We Control Artificial Intelligence. Class Teacher. No teaching evaluation because of COVID-19.

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

2019	Culture and Globalisation. LSE Summer School. For Prof Laura Bear. Teaching evaluation: 4.8/5
2018	The Anthropology of Kinship, Sex and Gender. LSE. For Prof Rita Astuti. Teaching evaluation: 4.8/5
2018	Culture and Globalisation. LSE Summer School. For Prof Laura Bear. Teaching evaluation: 4.7/5
2017	Ethnography and Theory, Selected Texts. LSE. For Dr Harry Walker. Teaching evaluation: 4.6/5

Memberships & Workshop Organisation

MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (2019–)
INSNA: International Network for Social Network Analysis (2025–)
European Network for Psychological Anthropology (2021–)
Britain-Nepal Academic Council (2018–)
British Association for South Asian Studies (2022–)

WORKSHOP / PANEL ORGANISATION

2021 **Coherence and anthropological knowledge.** Panel at the Conference of the European Network for Psychological Anthropology

Service

REVIEW

Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute
TSANTSA - Journal of the Swiss Anthropological Association

Languages

English – mother tongue
French – mother tongue
Nepali – fluent speaking, competent reading and writing
German – fluent speaking, competent reading and writing
Italian - basic speaking and reading

References

PRIMARY REFERENCES

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