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Research and teaching interests

Mechanisms of representation and participation in India, State politics, Democratisation in South Asia, Sociology of elected representatives, controversies and problems in India's democracy, ethnic and post-identity politics, Political parties.

Current affiliations

Affiliated Ph.D. at the Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi. Sept. 2007 - ...
Ph.D. Candidate at the Centre for International Research and Studies (CERI), SciencesPo. Dec. 2005 - ...

Education

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science at SciencesPo., Paris. 2005 ...
Ph.D. title : « *The Construction and Institutionalisation of Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh* », under the supervision of Prof. Christophe Jaffrelot.
M.Phil. in Comparative Politics and Societies, specialisation « Asia », 2004 – 2005
SciencesPo. Dissertation title: « *The Regionalisation of Political Power in India* ». Distinction: cum laude.
M.A. in Political and Social Sciences, specialisation « International Relations », 2000 – 2004
Catholic University of Louvain (UCL), Belgium. Distinction: Magna cum laude
P.G. Diploma in Economic and Social Ethics (Hoover Chair), Catholic University of Louvain 2002 – 2003
(UCL), Belgium. Distinction: Cum laude.
Erasmus exchange scholar at SciencesPo. Paris, Specialisation: Public Affairs. 2001 – 2002
Minor in Philosophy, Catholic University of Louvain (UCL), Belgium. 2000 – 2003
Distinction: Cum laude.
B.A. in Economics, Social and Political Sciences, University of St-Louis, Brussels. 1998 – 2000
Distinction: Cum laude.
Casual student at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. Summer 1999
Rotary International Youth Exchange Programme in Anand, Gujarat, India. 1997-98
International Political Science Association (IPSA), Member.

Teaching and Research Experience

Work-in-progress

Coordinator, Research Programme on the Sociology of Political Actors, CSH. July 10 - ...
Research Project on “Measuring Discrimination in Constituency Service”, with Rikhil Bhavnani (Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton) Aug. 10 - ...

Past projects & experience

Research Programme on "Muslim Localities in India", SciencesPo./CSH/CSDS, Participant. Contribution: "The Shias of Lucknow, a Minority Within a Minority"	Jan. 09 – July 10
Research Programme "Democracy and Governance in India and South Africa", Participant. Contribution: "The Samajwadi Party in Mumbai. Influence Without Participation?"	Jan. 09 – July 11
Research Programme "India's Democratic Renewal in Question", CSH, Participant. Contribution: "Assessing the Role of Local Elites and Opinion Leaders in the Conduct of State Elections in Uttar Pradesh"	Jan. 06 – July 0
Lecturer, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Subject taught: French	Aug. 05 – June 06

Grants

All research funding granted by the Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi.	2007 – 2011
French Embassy to India Lectureship	2005 - 2006

Work & Administrative Experience

SciencesPo. Delegate to India <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Creation of SciencesPo.'s representation office in India- Recruitment and promotion of SciencesPo.'s programmes in India- Creation, development and management of 10 student exchange programmes between SciencesPo. And various Indian universities and colleges- Development and management of the Chair of Indian Economy and Law, funded by the Government of India- Student placement and internships development- Development of Executive Training Programmes (3 in 2010-11)- Network development for SciencesPo. with various organizations (CII, Aspen India, TERI, private sector at large).- Development and animation of the alumni network- Organization of various conferences, seminars, workshops.- Organization of Bruno Latour's Master Class and Public Lecture at Delhi University, Jan. 2011.	Sept. 07 – Aug. 11
Contributor, political analysis, IANS	2006 – 2007
Executive Secretary, Belgian Business Association (BBA), in charge of coordination and animation of the Business network of the Belgian Embassy in India.	Aug. 06 – Oct. 07
Freelance consultancy: Media (France24, France2, Agence Capa, Le Nouvel Observateur, Radio Canada); Risc International (Middle Class Report Assessment); Natixis-Banque Populaire (organization of a 10 day learning expedition).	2006 – 2007
Administrator, Alterezo (Belgium): Administrator. Promotion of free software, mutualisation of IT resources, web hosting.	2004 – 2005

Publications and working papers

Journal articles	Christophe Jaffrelot and Gilles Verniers, "L'Inde aux urnes: la prégnance du regional et du vote ethnique", <i>Commentaires</i> , Paris, 32: 127, Fall 2009. Christophe Jaffrelot and Gilles Verniers, "India's 2009 Elections: The Prevalence of Regionalism and Ethnicity", <i>Asian Survey</i> (accepted)
Chapter in book	Gilles Verniers "The Shias of Lucknow, a Minority within a Minority", in "Muslim Localities in India", Christophe Jaffrelot, Laurent Gayer (eds.), Columbia University Press (forthcoming)
Dictionary entries	"Ambedkar", "Nationalism", "Parliamentarism", in "Dictionnaire de l'Inde Contemporaine", Frédéric Landy (dir.), Paris, Armand Colin, 2010.

Working papers Karthika Sasikumar and Gilles Verniers, "The India-US Nuclear Cooperation Agreement in Indian Domestic Politics"
 Rikhil Bhavnani and Gilles Verniers, "Measuring Discrimination in Constituency Service"
 Gilles Verniers, "Post-Identity Politics? Fragmentation and Competition in Uttar Pradesh Electoral Politics"

Invited talks and conference presentations

"The Shias of Kashmiri Mohalla: a Minority within a Minority"
 SciencesPo./CERI Conference on Muslim Localities, Paris June 15, 2010

"Recent Trends in Indian Politics"
 Guest Lecture, San Jose State University, California April 4, 2010

"The India-US Nuclear Cooperation Agreement in Indian Domestic Politics"
 AAS Conference, Philadelphia (with Karthika Sasikumar) March 26, 2010

"Minority and Migrant Participation. The Expansion of the Samajwadi Party in Mumbai"
 IPSA Conference, Santiago July 14, 2009

"Assimilation Politics and Policies in France"
 Guest Lecture, Centre for French and Francophone Studies, JNU

"Recent Trends in Uttar Pradesh Electoral Politics"
 Lecture at Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, Executive Programme of Public Policy and Management March 19, 2008
 October 1st, 2008

"Assessing the Role of Local Elites in the Conduct of State Elections in Uttar Pradesh"
 CSH - South Africa French Institute Conference, Delhi October 10, 2007

Languages

French	Mother tongue	Flamish	Working knowledge
English	Bilingual	Hindi	Elementary level

Miscellani

Extra-curricular Vice-President of the 1901 association « Asie-Extrême » (2001-02 and 2004-05)
 Executive Member of the Students General Assembly, Louvain University and
 President of its Legislative Council (2004-2005)

Computer skills Mac OS X, Office, Spip (web designing), web tools

Special interests Indian World and popular culture, literature, Indian and Western Classical Music,
 trekking. Widely travelled.