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Elites, education
Qualitative methods, ethnography

Education

- Ph.D., Sociology* [2024–present]
New School for Social Research & École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay (joint degree)
Tentative dissertation title: « French Americans: expatriate childhoods in New York City's Upper East Side »
References: Pierre Pénet, Rachel Sherman
- M.A., Sociology and Economics* [2024]
École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay & École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales
Highest Honors
Student *normalien*
- Research Fellow* [2022–2023]
University of California, Berkeley
Project title: « Accumulation by gift among the new Silicon Valley philanthropists »
- B.A., Sociology, Sorbonne University (Paris 4)* [2021]
High Honors

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles

Devisme, Victor. 2026. "Learning to Give: Managing Privilege in a French Elite Primary Public School." *European Journal of Sociology*: 1–30. [doi: 10.1017/S000397562610040X](https://doi.org/10.1017/S000397562610040X).

Devisme, Victor « The best of both worlds. Privilege and the anxieties of internationality. »
Working paper

Public-facing writing

«Widen the divide. Nonprofits in education. » *Slingshot* (April 2023):
<https://slingshotcollective.org/widen-the-divide-nonprofits-in-education/>

Teaching

- 2024-2025 Qualitative social science research, ENS Paris-Saclay (undergraduate)
- Reading, writing and publishing in English, UVSQ (masters)
- M.A theses supervision class, quantitative sociology
- Jury member – Victor Sudrot's M.A thesis "Oxfam – a particular nonprofit in the French associations landscape"

Research positions and grants

- 2026 Research Fellow, **International Rescue Committee** – AI Perceptions Fellow
 Research Assistant, Prof. Rachel Sherman
- 2025 Research Assistant, Prof. Elzbieta Matynia
 Prize Fellow
 Zolberg Student Fellow
- 2024 Research Assistant, **J-PAL-Paris School of Economics**, May-July
 Qualitative impact study of an AI-driven learning tool in primary schools
- 2023 Research Fellow, Villa Albertine San Francisco, March-June
 Research report: « Schools to the test of educational technologies »
- 2022-2024 Excellence scholarship, "PhD Track", ENS Paris-Saclay
 2-year research-based merit scholarship
- 2022 Graduate travel grant, Paris-Saclay University, September

Selected Presentations

- 2026 [forthcoming] « The best of both worlds: children, privilege and the anxieties of internationality. » American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Children and Youth Section Roundtable, New York, NY (08/10)
- « Going International: How families navigate the anxieties of transnational social mobility [with Conor McCutcheon, NYU], New School Sociology Brown Bags Series #3 (04/01)
- « The best of both worlds. Privilège et anxiétés de l'éducation internationale. » Doctoriales de l'ENS Paris-Saclay (02/11)
- 2025 « Apprendre à donner. Philanthropie, solidarité de classe et conscience écologique dans une école primaire parisienne favorisée. » Congrès de l'AFS (RT42), Toulouse,

France (07/08)

« [Elites and the "suffering others"](#). Teaching care and solidarity in a privileged Parisian school. » Ethnography and Qualitative Research Conference, Trento, Italy (07/11)

« Parler des autres, éduquer les siens : comment les élites internationales cultivent l'ouverture culturelle et sociale », Doctoriales de l'ENS Paris-Saclay (05/26)

« What role for social sciences in public expertise? » (04/09)
Roundtable moderator, Paris-Saclay University

2024 « Investigating a philanthropic school. Social inequalities and organizational decoupling » (03/28), "Master's encounters", ENS Paris-Saclay

2023 « This is where it all happens. Contradictions of the techno-philanthropy » (05/15), Social Science Matrix, UC Berkeley

« From the classrooms to the cloud. On AI and education » (03/04), Night of Ideas, San Francisco Public Library

2022 « From virtue to maximization. Financialization of French foundations » (11/23), Master's encounters, ENS Paris-Saclay

Memberships, Affiliations, Organizing

American Sociological Association – Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity Section
& Children and Youth Section

Association Française de Sociologie – Sociologie des Élités (RT 42)

Chair – Society for Emerging Ethnographers ([Our Team](#))

Elected doctoral representative, Graduate School Sciences Sociales Humanités Paris-Saclay

2026 – New School Sociology Department Student Conference, Organizer (04/11-12)

2025 – « Les Héritiers, 50 ans après », Organizer, ENS Paris-Saclay (03/07)

« What role for social sciences in public expertise? », Roundtable moderator, ENS Paris-Saclay (04/09)