

# SOFIAN EL ATIFI

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## CURRENT POSITION

2021 – 2025 Ph.D. student in sociology, CREST, Doctoral Grant from the French Group of Schools in Economics and Statistics (GENES)

Thesis Title: “Cultural and Economic Factors of the Rise in Cohabitation and Separation in France (1975 – 2018)”

Supervisors: François Bonnet, Ivaylo Petev

Advisory Committee: Léa Pessin, Ariane Pailhé

## EDUCATION

Hilary Term 2024, Junior Visiting Scholar at Nuffield College, University of Oxford, mentored by Christiaan Monden

2021 Master of Science in Data Science and Social Sciences, Three-year *Grande École* program, Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Economique (ENSAE)

2017 Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, Aix-Marseille Université

2014 – 2017 *Classe Préparatoire aux Grandes Écoles B/L*, Specialising in Humanities, Social Sciences, and Mathematics, Three-year intensive program preparing for competitive entrance exams to French *Grandes Écoles*, Lycée Thiers, Marseille

## RESEARCH AREAS

Family Dynamics, Labour Market Change, Immigrant Incorporation, Crime

## PUBLICATION

El Atifi S. and Le Mer H. (2021), “Visiter un proche détenu, La place centrale des femmes dans le maintien des liens familiaux en détention”, *Cahiers d'études pénitentiaires et criminologiques*

Visiting an Incarcerated Relative, The Central Role of Women in Maintaining Family Bonds During Incarceration ([pdf link](#))

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

El Atifi S., “The Two Dimensions of the Retreat from Marriage: Effects of Catholic Religiosity and Manufacturing Decline on Births Outside Marriage and Divorce in France, 1975-2018”, In preparation for submission to *Demography*

El Atifi S., “Breaking Tradition: Generational Change in Cohabitation and Separation Among Muslim-Origin Individuals in France”

El Atifi S., “The Defensive Function of Traditions: How Catholic Religiosity Moderated the Impact of Manufacturing Job Losses on Divorce and Single Motherhood in France (1975 – 1990)”

## **PRESENTATIONS**

“Breaking Tradition: Cohabitation and Separation Among Muslim-Origin Individuals in France”

- 5 November 2024 (forthcoming), INED – Seminar series of the research group on International Migration and Minorities

“The Two Dimensions of the Retreat from Marriage”

- ECSR, September 2024

“The Defensive Function of Traditions”

- PAA, April 2024
- LSE Demography Seminar, invited talk

“Why Are Organised Criminals Less Likely to Be Single?”

- ECPR General conference on Organised Crime, July 2022

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistant in sociology for Mirna Safi and Haley McAvey, Autumn and Winter 2019-2020, CRIS - Sciences Po Paris

- Project on the labour market integration of children of immigrants in France

Research Assistant in economics for Christine Erhel and Mathilde Gergoat-Larivière, Spring 2020, CEET - CNAM

- Project on work satisfaction

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Lecturer, “Introduction aux sciences sociales”, ENSAE, Autumn 2024

Teaching Assistant for Pascal Barbier, “Sociologie des relations sociales”, Université Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne, Winter and Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant for Matthieu Lerasle, “Introduction à la statistique et l’économétrie”, ENSAE, Winter and Spring 2022

## **SERVICES**

Co-organiser of the CREST Sociology Seminar, Academic years 2021-2022, 2024-2025

Organiser of the CREST reading group on Family, Gender, and Sexuality, Autumn and Winter 2023

Co-organiser of the CREST Welcome Day, 2022, 2023

Supervisor for a two-month internship on the relationship between unemployment and property crime in France, ENSAE undergraduate, Summer 2023

## **LANGUAGES**

French: Native

English: Proficient

Spanish: Conversational