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Education

- 10/2011 – 10/2015 PhD in Philosophy
 Centre for Research in Modern European Philosophy (CRMEP)
 Kingston University, London
 Title: ‘The Inside Passage: Translation as Method and Relation in Serres and Benjamin’
- 09/2009 – 09/2010 MSc in Race, Ethnicity and Post-Colonial Studies
 Sociology Department
 London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- 09/2005 – 09/2008 BA in Philosophy and History (Bachelor ès Lettres)
 Faculty of Humanities, University of Geneva, Switzerland

Professional Appointments

- 09/2021 – 08/2022 Visiting Fellow in the Program in Critical Theory at the University of California, Berkeley, USA.
- 09/2020 – 08/2021 Visiting Fellow in the Laboratoire des logiques contemporaines de la philosophie (LLCP), Department of Philosophy at Université Paris 8 Saint-Denis, France.
- 09/2018 – 08/2019 Lecturer in Modern European Philosophy
 Centre for Research in Modern European Philosophy (CRMEP)
 Kingston University, London.
- 07/2016 – 08/2018 Early Career Research Fellow in Modern European Philosophy, Centre for Research in Modern European Philosophy (CRMEP), Kingston University, London.

Publications

Refereed journal articles

- Mercier, Lucie Kim-Chi (forthcoming **2021**). ‘Warding off the Ghosts of Race in the Historiography of Philosophy’, *Critical Philosophy or Race* (Manuscript accepted, under revision).
- Mercier, Lucie Kim-Chi (**2019**). ‘Michel Serres’s Leibnizian Structuralism’. *Angelaki* 24 (6), pp. 3-21.
- Mercier, Lucie Kim-Chi (**2019**). ‘The Racial Regime of Aesthetics: on David Lloyd’s *Under Representation*’. *Radical Philosophy* 2.06, pp. 57-62.
- Mercier, Lucie Kim-Chi (**2015**). ‘Translation and Introduction to Michel Serres’ ‘Transdisciplinarity as Relative Exteriority’. *Theory, Culture and Society* 32 (5), pp. 37-44.

Book chapters

Mercier, Lucie Kim-Chi (2020). 'Zwischen Formalismus und Geschichte: Serres und Foucault in Clermont-Ferrand', translated by R. Clausjürgens and K. Röttgers, in Reinhold Clausjürgens and Kurt Röttgers (eds.), *Michel Serres: Das vielfältige Denken*. Paderborn: Brill/Wilhelm Fink, pp. 193-211.

Mercier, Lucie Kim-Chi (2019). 'Mathematical Anamneses', in Rick Dolphijn (ed.) *Michel Serres and the Crises of the Contemporary*. London and New York: Bloomsbury Academic, pp. 51-70.

Book reviews

Mercier, Lucie Kim-Chi and George Tomlinson (2018). 'Modern European Philosophy', in *The Year's Work in Critical and Cultural Theory*, Oxford University Press.

Mercier, Lucie Kim-Chi (2016). 'Review of Barbara Cassin (ed.) *Dictionary of Untranslatables: A Philosophical Lexicon*', TCS Website highlights. *Theory, Culture and Society* 33 (7-8), pp. 355-360.

Mercier, Lucie Kim-Chi (2016). Review of Lewis R. Gordon, *What Fanon Said, A Philosophical Introduction to his Life and Thought* and Peter Hudis, *Frantz Fanon, Philosopher of the Barricades*, *Radical Philosophy* 198, pp. 44-46.

Encyclopedia entry

Mercier, Lucie Kim-Chi (2015). 'Négritude' in Immanuel Ness and Zak Cope (eds.) *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Imperialism and Anti-Imperialism*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 893-900.

Other publications

Mercier, Lucie Kim-Chi (2019). 'Michel Serres, 1930-2019', Obituary. *Radical Philosophy* 2.05, pp. 104-106.

Mercier, Lucie Kim-Chi (2018). 'Forgetting Vietnam: An Interview with Trinh T. Minh-ha'. *Radical Philosophy* 2.03, pp. 78-89.

Mercier, Lucie Kim-Chi (2016). 'Benjamin in Ramallah', Conference Report. *Radical Philosophy* 196, pp. 60-64.

Grants, Fellowships and Awards

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| 09/2020 – 08/2022 | Postdoc.Mobility , Postdoctoral Fellowship, awarded by Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) for research stay at The Program in Critical Theory, UC Berkeley & Département de Philosophie, Paris 8. Research project title: 'The Territories of Critique: Decentering Philosophy in Postcolonial Times'. |
| 07/2016 – 08/2018 | Early Career Research Fellowship in Modern European Philosophy , Postdoctoral Fellowship, awarded by the School of Humanities, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Kingston University. |
| 09/2014 – 12/2015 | Doc.Mobility Scholarship (for completion of PhD thesis at CRMEP, Kingston University), awarded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) |
| 10/2011 – 09/2014 | PhD Studentship , awarded by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Kingston University, UK |
| 10/2010 | Hobhouse Memorial Prize (for best overall performance for MSc Race, Ethnicity and Post-Colonial studies), awarded by the Department of Sociology, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK |

- 09/2009 – 09/2010 **Full Tuition Fees Grant** for Postgraduate Studies at the LSE, awarded by Helene & Victor Barbour Foundation, Switzerland
- 07/2004 **Prix Romand de philosophie** (for best final exam essay for High School graduation), Swiss Society of Philosophy

Invited talks

- ‘Warding off the Ghosts of race in the Historiography of Philosophy’, The Geography of Truths: Nations, Territories and the History of Philosophy, The London Historiography of Philosophy Working Group, Coram’s Campus, London, 12 March 2020.
- ‘A Problem of (A)symmetry? Rethinking the Translational Approaches to Alterity’, International Symposium in Phenomenology, Perugia, Italy, 9 July 2019.
- ‘Geometry of the Incommunicable: Spatial Divisions and Philosophical Language’, Topologies Workshop, Warburg Institute, London, 23 November 2018
- ‘Translation as Counter-Anthropology: Reframing the “universal” with Spivak, Balibar and Viveiros de Castro’, The Politics of Translation: Questioning Universality (with Prof. Barbara Cassin), Institute of the University of London in Paris, France, 14 June 2018.
- “Exemplarity”, “authority” and the Boundaries of the Philosophical’, ‘Blackness and the Asian Century (BASIC)’, University of California Irvine, USA, 3 June 2018. (online)
- “Exemplarity”, “authority” and the Boundaries of the Philosophical’, Workshop ‘On the Margins of European Philosophy’, London School of Economics and Political Science, 21 May 2018.
- ‘Geometry of the Incommunicable’, ‘Words and Voices’ Symposium, AA School of Architecture, London, 11 May 2018.
- ‘Introduction: Exemplarity, Authority, Universalisability’, ‘Exemplarity, Authority, Universalisability: How is a Geopolitics of Philosophy to be conceptualized?’, Conference, Kingston University, 4 May 2018.
- ‘Structuralisme et histoire archéologique: Serres et Foucault à Clermont-Ferrand’, Colloque ‘La philosophe ventriloque’, Université Aix-Marseille, France, 14 February 2018.
- ‘Decolonizing theory through practice’, Workshop, Chelsea College of Arts, 17 November 2017.
- ‘The Point of Indifference: Benjamin, Leibniz and (Anti-)Method’, On Expression: Benjamin and Leibniz, Goldsmiths University, 27-28 June 2017.
- ‘The Symbolic as Multiplicity: Michel Serres on the Leibnizian Theory of Representation’, *Lalangue and the Intersections of Politics, Law, and Desire*, Birkbeck College, 25-6 April 2017.
- ‘An Intermittent Foundation? Race and Postcoloniality in Translation’, series ‘Sediments and Arrhythmias’, Institute for Advanced Studies, University College London (UCL), 22 March 2017.
- ‘Translation as Method: Geopolitics of the Postcolonial’, Department of English, University of California Riverside, Los Angeles, USA, 10 January 2017.
- ‘A Counter-Epistemology? Michel Serres’s Material Languages’ and ‘Philosophy and the Postcolonial Problem: Structuralism, Universality, Translation’, Performance Art Forum (PAF), Philosophy Summer University, Saint-Erme-Outre-et-Ramecourt, France, 8-15 August 2016.

Conference activity/participation

Conference Convener

- Organisation of a One-day Conference on ‘Exemplarity, Authority, Universalisability: How is a Geopolitics of Philosophy to be Conceptualised?’, Kingston University, London, 4 May 2018.
- Workshop organisation, ‘Grammars of the Fugitive’, Goldsmiths University, London, 6 December 2013.

Organisation of the CRMEP Graduate conference, 'Philosophy and the Outside' and 'Material/Immaterial', Kingston University, London, 14-15 June 2012 & 04 June 2013.

Respondent and Panel Chair

Respondent to Hourya Bentouhami, 'Phénoménologie du Passing', Séminaire 'Race et Culture: Questionnements philosophiques', Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2 April 2021. (online)

Respondent to Arno Renken, 'Aesthetics and Critique', Université de Fribourg (CH), 27-28 November 2020.

Session chair, '*Capital*, Science and Ecology', 'Capitalism: concept and idea' conference, CRMEP, London School of Economics and Political Science, 13-14 October 2017.

Roundtable chair, 'Translating Simondon', 'Simondon on Technics: On the Mode of Existence of Technical Objects' conference, Kingston University, 17 May 2017.

Panel chair, 'Nietzsche and the Political', 'Nietzsche, Psychoanalysis, Feminism' conference, Kingston University, 25- 26 November 2016.

Respondent to Matthieu Renault, 'Fanon and Philosophy' Workshop, CRMEP, Swedenborg Hall, London, 20 November 2015.

Papers Presented

'Les versions du mythe hégélien : une autre histoire de la philosophie ? Traduction, structuralisme, décentrement', Guest lecture for: *Maître et Esclave (ou Hegel en mode mineur)*, Université Paris 8 Saint-Denis, France, 24 March 2021 (online)

'The Nexus of Translation in Serres's Early Philosophy', SEP-FEP Joint Annual Conference, Online, 30-31 October & 6-7 November, 2020.

'L'universel comme traduction: Spivak, Balibar, Castro', Shifting the Geography of Reason XV, 'Ways of Knowing, Past and Future', Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal, 20-22 June 2018.

'The Point of Indifference: Benjamin, Leibniz and (Anti-)Method', International Walter Benjamin Society Conference 2017, 'Walter Benjamin and Method', Worcester College, University of Oxford, 24-27 September 2017.

'The Wall and the Arcade : Translation as Geopolitics', Boundary Conditions, Modern Language Association (MLA) Annual Convention, Philadelphia, USA, 5-7 January 2017.

'Traduction et histoire : entre relativisme et continuisme', La Philosophie et son histoire : un débat actuel, Symposium of the Swiss Society of Philosophy, Geneva, Switzerland 15-17 September 2016.

'Introduction to "The Task of the Translator"', Benjamin in Palestine: On the Place and Non-Place of Radical Thought, Reading Workshop, Ramallah, Palestinian Territories, 7-9 December 2015.

'Translation', Royal Institute for Art (KKH) and Kingston University Workshop, Stockholm, Sweden, 28 April 2015.

'Translating between Varieties of Spaces: Michel Serres' Early Works', Littérature et Géographie International Colloquium, University Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Lyon, France, 12-13 March 2015.

'Between Expression and Reflection: Problematising Translation in the Early Michel Serres', Philosophy After Nature, SEP-FEP Joint Annual Conference, Utrecht University, Netherlands, 3-5 September 2014.

'Enjeux Philosophiques de la Traduction postcoloniale', Lectures Postcoloniales, Post-Cit bi-annual Seminar, University of Geneva, Switzerland, 23 May 2014.

'Translation and Relational Metaphysics: Serres and Leibniz', Serres and Deleuze, CRMEP Departmental Seminar, Kingston University, London, 17 February 2014.

'Serres' Leibnizian Structuralism', Modern European Philosophy and its Politics, SEP-FEP Joint Annual Conference, Kingston University, London, 5-6 September 2013.

'La traduction chez Michel Serres: structuralisme et monadologie', Work in Progress Philosophy Seminar, University Paris 8, Paris, 21 November 2013.

'Walter Benjamin on Translation: a Strategic Hermeneutics of History?', The Philosophy of Walter Benjamin Conference, Goldsmiths University, London, 14-15 December 2012.

'Decolonizing culture, decolonizing the intellectual: The First Congress of Black Writers and Artists', Society for French Postcolonial Studies Annual Conference, The French Institute, London, 19-20 November 2011.

Teaching Experience

- 01/2019 – 05/2019 Module Leader (and syllabus design): 'Topics in Modern European Philosophy: Humanism and Anti-Humanism: Lévi-Strauss, Foucault, Fanon', 12-week MA module (Spring) CRMEP, Kingston University.
- 09/2018 – 01/2019 Module Leader: 'Kant and the Aesthetic Tradition', 12-week MA module, core module for the MA in Philosophy and Art Theory, CRMEP.
- 09/2018 – 01/2019 Module Leader (and syllabus design): 'Contemporary European Philosophies', 12-week MA module, core module for MA in Contemporary European Philosophy, CRMEP.
- 01/2018 – 05/2018 Module Leader (and syllabus design): 'Topics in Modern European Philosophy: Structuralism, Anthropology, Decolonisation', 12-week MA module, CRMEP.
- 10/2016 – 05/2018 MA Lectures: 'Method and Essay Writing', 'Critique, Power, Practice: Frantz Fanon', 'Frantz Fanon's *Black Skin White Masks*' (Autumn 2016); 'Michel Serres's *Le Système de Leibniz*', 'Introduction to Structuralism' (Spring 2017); 'Aristotle's *Categories*' and 'Michel Foucault's Archaeology' (Spring 2018), CRMEP.
- 01/2013 – 05/2013 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Etienne Balibar: 'Topics in Modern European Philosophy: The Dispute over Humanism and the Idea of a Philosophical Anthropology', graduate module, CRMEP. (Spring)
- 09/2012 – 01/2013 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Howard Caygill: 'Contemporary European Philosophies', MA module, CRMEP. (Autumn)
- 01/2012 – 05/2012 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Catherine Malabou: 'Plasticity and Form: Habit', MA module, CRMEP. (Spring)
- 09/2011 – 01/2012 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Stella Sandford, 'Psyche, Subject, Sex', MA module, CRMEP. (Autumn)
- 03/2011 Guest lecture: 'Introduction to Cultural studies and Postcolonial theory', BA lecture, Department of History, University of Geneva.
- 09/2006 – 08/2007 Teaching Assistant (Monitorat) in Logics for undergraduate students, Department of Philosophy, University of Geneva

Service to profession

Member of the **Editorial Board** of the Journal *Radical Philosophy* (<https://www.radicalphilosophy.com>), 02/2017 – to date.

External Assessor for DAAD Research Grant Application (German academic exchange service), 05/2018.

Journal referee for the *British Journal of the History of Philosophy* (BJHP), *Hypatia, a journal of feminist philosophy* and *Darkmatter*.

Panel member, TECHNE Humanities doctoral scholarship attributions (Royal Holloway, Roehampton University, Kingston University and University of Brighton), 2018 & 2019.

Membership in scientific societies

2017 - to date	British Society for the History of Philosophy (BSHP).
2016 - to date	Centre for Postcolonial Studies (CPS), School of Advanced Study, University of London.
2018 - 2019	Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA)
2012 - 2018	Independent Research Collective, 'Black Study Group', London.
2008 - 2019	Research Collective, 'PostCit – Thinking Postcolonial and Racial Difference', Institut d'études de la citoyenneté, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

Community outreach

2016 & 2017	Guest Lectures in Philosophy, The IF 'Free University' Project, Toynbee Hall and Diorama Arts Centre, London.
2014	Public Workshop, 'Translation as Social Relation' (in collaboration with Svenja Bromberg and Stefan Nowotny), Institute for Contemporary Arts (ICA), London, 24 April 2014.
2009	Conception and teaching of a philosophy module of 'Introduction to Gender studies', pilot project for High-school, Collège Claparède, Geneva.

Languages

French (native speaker)
 English (fluent)
 Vietnamese (conversational)
 German (good command in speaking and writing, read with dictionary)
 Latin (good command)

Career breaks

Maternity leave: 10/2019 – 08/2020