



# STÉPHANIE CHLOÉ PERAZZONE

Rue des Deux-Ponts 28  
1205 Geneva  
Switzerland

Tel: +33 624452906 or +41 798525784  
E-mail: [stephanie.perazzone@graduateinstitute.ch](mailto:stephanie.perazzone@graduateinstitute.ch)  
Website: <https://stephanieperazzone.wordpress.com/>

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS & AFFILIATIONS

- 2020 – 2021**     **Academic Coordinator** at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Capstone projects, Applied Research Seminar, Masters of International Affairs, Geneva.
- 2019 – 2021**     **Postdoctoral Researcher** at the Institute of Development Policy (IOB), University of Antwerp, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)-funded project *Localizing Security Sector Reform | A Microsociology of Policing in Urban Congo*.
- 2019 – 2021**     **Communications Officer** for the *Science, Technology and Art in International Relations* (STAIR) Section at the International Studies Association.
- 2019**             **Postdoctoral Researcher** and **Co-lecturer** (w/ Prof. Armelle Choplin) at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland. Course ‘Urban Futures’, Masters in Innovation, Human Development and Sustainability, *Geneva-Tsinghua Initiative* (spring 2019).
- 2018 – 2019**     **Postdoctoral Researcher** at the Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva, Switzerland. *Civil War and State Formation* Project, Swiss Network for International Studies. Project lead: Dr. D. Péclard. July 2018 - March 2019.
- 2018 – 2019**     **Research Associate** at the Centre on Global Governance, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. Geneva, Switzerland. October 2018 - October 2019.
- 2018 – 2019**     **Research Associate** at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. Geneva, Switzerland. October 2018-October 2019.
- 2016 – 2017**     **Visiting Fellow** at the University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Governance and Inclusive Development Programme (GID). Amsterdam, The Netherlands. August 2016 - March 2017.
- 2015 – 2018**     **Affiliated Doctoral Researcher** at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. Geneva, Switzerland. April 2015 – June 2018.
- 2013 – 2014**     **Research Assistant**, at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP), The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. Geneva, Switzerland. April 2013- July 2014.

## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2013 – 2018**     **PhD Candidate in Political Science/International Relations** (*Summa cum laude, with the*

*congratulations of the jury*), “Congo: A State Ecosystem”, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. PhD project funded by the SNSF doc.CH grant.

- 2011 – 2013**     **Masters in International Affairs.** The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.
- 2008 – 2010**     **Bachelor of Arts** (*Summa cum laude*). The City College of New York—CUNY, International Studies and Political Science.
- 2009**             **Undergraduate Exchange Program.** September - December 2009. Columbia University, Graduate School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA).
- 2006 – 2007**     **Language Study Certificate.** September 2006 - May 2007. Marymount College, EF International School of English.
- 2005 – 2006**     **Licence (L3).** Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Political Science.
- 2003 – 2005**     **Bi-Diplôme d’Etudes Universitaires Générales.** University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, History and Political Science.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **PhD Dissertation**

- 2018.**    *Congo: A State Ecosystem*, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, December 2018.

### **Peer-reviewed articles**

- 2020.**    *Forthcoming.* “Book Essay. Dimensions of African Statehood: Everyday Governance and Provision of Public Goods”, *Forum for Development Studies*.
- 2020.**    *Forthcoming.* « L’ennuyeux formalisme d’Etat. ‘Distantiation-Discipline’ et Gouvernance Urbaine en RD Congo », *Politique Africaine*.
- 2019.**    “‘Shouldn’t you be teaching me?’ State Mimicry in the Congo”, *International Political Sociology*, 13(2): 161–180.
- 2017.**    ‘Reintegrating Former Fighters in the Congo: Ambitious Objectives, Limited Results’, *International Peacekeeping*, 24(2): 254-279.

### **Special Issues**

- 2020.**    *Forthcoming.* “Exploring Colonial Durabilities in Africa’s Great Lakes Region”. Co-editor with Drs. Charlotte Mertens and David Mwambari, *Critical African Studies*, University of Edinburgh.

### **Peer-reviewed Book Chapter**

- 2019.**    “Neighborhood Chiefs in Urban Congo: “The state is me, the state is you, the state is all of us””, In *Negotiating Public Services in the Congo. State, Society and Governance*, Tom de Herdt & Kristof Titeca (eds), London: Zed Books.

### **Other Publications**

- 2020.**    *Forthcoming.* ‘Les Femmes de Pakadjuma : De Calais à Kinshasa, récit de la naissance d’un livre’, *En Attendant Nadeau*, June 2020.

2020. 'Rethinking "fieldwork": Ethics and identity in globally unequal structures of research', co-hosted and co-authored with A. Laudati and C. Mertens, Blog series, *Africa at LSE*, January 31<sup>st</sup>-February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2020. 'Circulation et aliénation du « droit à la ville ». Le monde invisible des résistances quotidiennes', Eds. Alexandre Negrus et Romain Bertolino, *La Revue Diplomatique*, dossier n°8, Ambassadeurs de la Jeunesse, January 27<sup>th</sup>.
2019. 'Der kongolesische Staat im Alltag', trans. Dr. Susy Greuter, *Afrika Bulletin*, No.173, ed. Afrika Komitee, Basel und Zentrum für Afrikastudien, Universität Basel.
2019. 'An "Ordinary Critique" of Global Politics', Blog entry. Eds. Velibor Jakovleski and Annabelle Littoz-Monnet, *The Global*, the Global Governance Center Blog, March 1<sup>st</sup>.
2018. 'The Workings of "Soft" Governance in Crisis: Ambiguities of the State in DR Congo', Eds. Velibor Jakovleski and Annabelle Littoz-Monnet, *The Global*, the Global Governance Center Blog, IHEID, March 8.
2017. Contributor. 'Advice for Colombia from countries that have sought peace – and sometimes found it', *The Conversation*, February 17.

## TEACHING

2020. **Capstone projects: Applied Research Seminar**, Co-lecturer, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Masters of International Affairs, Geneva.
2020. '**Theory and Concepts**', Guest lecturer, Institute of Development Policy (IOB), University of Antwerp  
 - 'Discourses of Domination and Resistance', March 23.  
 - 'The Will to Improve: Community Forest Management', March 24  
 - 'The Everyday State Arena', March 25.
2020. '**Local Governance**', Guest lecturer, Institute of Development Policy (IOB), University of Antwerp  
 - 'Local governance and State effects: Theories, Practices and Ambiguities of Statehood', April 24.
2019. '**Urban Futures**', Co-lecturer, (spring semester), Innovation, Human Development and Sustainability Masters program, The University of Geneva.
2018. '**The post-colonial and "neo-patrimonial" African state**', Guest lecturer, The Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, Geneva.
2018. '**Visual Analysis**' & '**Visual Analysis Exercise seminar**', Guest lecturer, The Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, Geneva.
2016. '**Feat and Failure of the [Post]Colony: Questioning International Intervention's Key Assumptions**', Guest lecturer, University of Amsterdam.
2015. '**Le Congo c'est foutu? Questioning 'state failure' with an open mind**', Guest lecturer, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.

## SELECT ORGANIZED SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

2020. '*Fields' of IR(Epistemic) Violence, Real-Life Encounters and Methodologies*, Workshop, co-convener, EWIS 2018, **COVID-19 cancelation**.

2019. *'Disrupting' Fieldwork: Interrogating Current Methodological Perspectives in the Study of IR*, Section Chair. EISA PEC 2019, Sofia, Bulgaria, September 2019.
2019. *Researching (Societal) Conflict. Doing Fieldwork in Divisive and Violent Context*, International Workshop, co-organizer. The Graduate Institute, Geneva, June 2019, with the financial support of the Graduate Institute and the SNSF.
2018. *Civil war and State formation*, International Conference, co-organizer. The Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva, Switzerland, November 2018.
2018. *Doing Visual IR: Methods, Power and Politics*, Panel, co-convener. EISA PEC 2018, Prague, Czech Republic, September 2018.
2018. *Doing Visual IR: Methods, Power and Politics*, Workshop, co-convener. EWIS 2018, Groningen, The Netherlands, June 2018.
2018. *Elephants' Dream, Public Documentary Screening and Debate* with director Mr. Bilsen and Kofi Annan Foundation's Executive Director, Mr. Alan Doss, Organizer. The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland, February 2018.
2017. *Unheard Voices, Everyday Power and Social Organization in Urban Congo*, Panel, Convener. ISA annual Convention. Baltimore, USA, February 2017.
2016. *Elephants' Dream, Public Documentary Screening and Debate* with director Mr. Bilsen and Antwerp University Pr. Tom De Herdt, Co-organizer. University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, February 2016.

#### **APPROVED RESEARCH GRANTS** (~250,000 Euros)

**July 2019 – February 2021.** P2GEP1\_181547. *Localizing International Security Sector Reform*. Swiss National Science Foundation, Early Postdoc-Mobility.

**June 2019.** IZSEZO\_186585. *Researching (Societal) Conflict | Doing Fieldwork in Divisive or Violent Contexts*. Swiss National Science Foundation, Scientific Exchanges.

**March 2015 - September 2017.** P0GEP1\_158966 *Le Congo c'est foutu »? Metropolitan interactional strategies and state trans/formation in the Democratic Republic of Congo*. Swiss National Science Foundation, Doc.CH.

#### **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Small Arms Survey, External Reviewer** for Briefing Paper on illicit arms trafficking in West Africa, Geneva, Switzerland. April- May 2019.

**Small Arms Survey, Chapter Contributor.** Geneva, Switzerland. August to September 2014.

- Hired as freelance contractor for expert writing contribution to chapter on mining and urbanization in the 2015 Small Arms Survey Yearbook.

**Small Arms Survey, Consultant Researcher.** Geneva, Switzerland. January-March 2014.

- Edited, proof read, fact-checked and referenced 500 page draft book manuscript and liaised with author to ensure adequate standards for publication.

**CREDDHO, Centre de Recherche sur la Démocratie, les Droits Humains, et l'Environnement, Volunteer.** Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo. June – August 2012

- Thoroughly edited and translated CREDDHO's main annual and bi-annual reports from French to English;
- Conducted field research on human rights abuses perpetrated by various armed groups and the FARDC in North-Kivu, as well as the associated illegal exploitation and trading of minerals from the Rutshuru and Walikale territories to domestic and foreign destinations.
- Carried out additional fieldwork on former combatants, Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) programs, International organizations' staff and military personnel.

**CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Participation, Intern.** Geneva, Switzerland. February – June 2012.

- Produced official statements and briefing notes for the UN Human Rights Council 19th session and the Universal Periodic Review;
- Monitored and attended daily the UN Human Rights Council 19th session and Universal Periodic Review;
- Researched human rights abuses and civil society endeavors worldwide;
- Drafted/edited articles for CIVICUS blog and authored a blog entry on Syria;
- And liaised with CIVICUS office in Johannesburg and its members/supporters to organize meetings and side events at the UN Human Rights Council 19th session.

**United Nations Development Program (UNDP) – Unité de Lutte Contre la Pauvreté, HIV/AIDS Programme, Intern.** Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. February – August 2011.

- Participated in the Programme's daily administrative and research tasks and the design and development of various on-going projects (Women's rights leaflets, translation work, formatting funding applications) of the Programme;
- Assisted field mission to Bukavu city and the Walungu Territory in South-Kivu to help in the coordination of the South-Kivu UNDP field office's HIV/AIDS projects in the Province;
- Helped in the planning of the March 2011 HIV/AIDS and Human Rights Forum and conducted background research;
- And was appointed UNDP focal point for the entire planning and design of the July 2011, 150 participants, 'Youth and the MDGs' Forum co-sponsored by multiple UN agencies and the Congolese government.

## LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

- French (L1, Native)
- English (C2, Fluent Reading/Writing/Speaking/Listening)
- Spanish (B2, Functional Reading/Listening/Speaking)
- Computer skills: MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel, NVivo 10, InDesign, Adobe Acrobat Reader DC and Internet applications literacy.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- The **European International Studies Association's** Best Dissertation Award 2020: *Honourable Mention*.
- **Thomas Karis Prize** for Research in International Relations 2009-2010
- **Bennett Prize** for Outstanding Essay in Political Science 2009-2010
- **Weston Scholarship**, The City College of New York—CUNY 2009

## OTHER

- 2016-2018: Completed peer-reviews for the African Security Review, ACME (International Journal for Critical Geographies) and the European Journal of International Security.
- Completed translation works on academic papers for the Institut Français des Relations Internationales
- Member of the Swiss Society for African Studies, the International Studies Association, the American African Studies Association and the European International Studies Association.