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**Date of birth:** October 11, 1991.

**Nationality:** French

**Languages:** French mother language; advanced English, Italian; reading of Latin and ancient Greek.

### ACTUAL POSITION

**Research fellow** at University College London (Department of Anthropology) in the framework of Research Project *Animal inventiveness: a new insight on agency in evolution*, funded by the Leverhulme Trust (under the supervision of Dr Alecia Carter). <https://animalinventiveness.com/>

**Qualified by the French National Counsel of Universities to be “Maître de conférences”, i.e.**, to teach philosophy (qualification 17) and epistemology & history of science (qualification 72) at the university level.

**Qualified to be “Maître de conférences” at the Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle.** These qualifications are awarded after a peer-reviewed process.

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

**Co-organiser (with Alecia Carter) of the seminar series “Agency: Between Biology and Philosophy”** at UCL (in the framework of the research project “Animal inventiveness : a new insight on agency in evolution”, funded by the Leverhulme Trust) since 2024: (latest programme: <https://www.animalinventiveness.com/post/seminar-agency-between-biology-and-philosophy-2025-2026> )

**Co-organiser (with Caterina Zanfi) of the seminar “Atelier Bergson”** (École Normale Supérieure de Paris – CNRS, in the framework of the IRN project “Global Bergsonism”), since 2022 (latest programme: <https://bergson.hypotheses.org/4319> )

**Member of the research group “Thanatobase : A project to understand primates’ responses to death and dying”** since 2025 (A. Carter, UCL) <https://thanatobase.mystrikingly.com/>

**Member of AFFECT-EVO** since 2024 <https://affect-evo.eu/>

**Member of the Primate Reading Group London** since 2024 (A. Carter & A. Piel)

**Collaborator on the Zoogestures project** since 2026 (Universität zu Köln) funded by the VolkswagenFoundation (2026-2029). <https://zoogestures.uni-koeln.de/>

### PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Assistant teacher and researcher at the Université de Lille, 2022/2023 ; 2023/2024.

Assistant teacher at the Université de Rouen, 2021-2022.

Doctoral candidate at the Université Toulouse 2-Jean Jaurès and the Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle, 2018-2022.

## EDUCATION

### 2018-2022

#### **Ph. D. in Philosophy of Biology.**

At the Université Toulouse 2-Jean Jaurès (ED Allph@, Erraphis) and the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (Institut de Systématique, Évolution, Biodiversité).

Dissertation subject: “Evolution beyond all finalism: Bergson’s critique of evolutionists”.

Advisors: Prof. Paul-Antoine Miquel (Université Toulouse 2-Jean Jaurès), and Prof. Pierre-Henri Gouyon (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle-CNRS).

Defence: September 23, 2022. Committee: Prof. Arnaud François (Université de Poitiers), Prof. Giuseppe Longo (CNRS, UAR 3608, École Normale Supérieure), Dr Matteo Mossio (CNRS, Université Paris I, IHPST), Prof. Charles Wolfe (Université Toulouse 2-Jean Jaurès), Prof. Frédéric Worms (École Normale Supérieure), Dr Caterina Zanfi (CNRS, UMR 8547, École Normale Supérieure).

### 2016

**Agrégation de philosophie**, the most selective comprehensive national examination in philosophy.

Ranking: 50. Language: Ancient Greek.

### 2015-2016

#### **Preparation to *agrégation*.**

École Normale Supérieure Ulm.

### 2013-2015

#### ***Étudiante normalienne* (École Normale Supérieure Ulm)**

#### **Master of Arts (honors) – Contemporary Philosophy.**

École Normale Supérieure Ulm and École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales.

Dissertation: “Beyond finality: élan vital, disorder and creation from Bergson” (honors). Advisor: Prof. Frédéric Worms.

### 2010-2013

#### **Bachelor of Arts (honors) – Philosophy.**

Université Paris IV Paris-Sorbonne.

#### **Bachelor of Arts (honors) – History.**

Université Paris IV Paris-Sorbonne

#### **University-Level Preparation Courses for entrance to Grandes Écoles – Philosophy.**

Lycée Henri IV, Paris.

## OTHER TRAINING COURSES

Training “**Primate Ecology and Conservation**” at UCL (University College London), 2025-2026.

Training “**Vivre avec les autres animaux**” at UVED (Université Virtuelle Environnement et Développement durable) – completion certificate obtained in March 2022.

Courses “**Biodiversity and Evolution**” at AgroParisTech – 2019-2020, second semester.

Master 1 “**Systematic, Evolution, Paleontology – Ecology, Biodiversity, Evolution**” as an auditor at the Université Pierre et Marie Curie – 2017-2018.

## PRIZES AND AWARDS

**Thesis Award** from the Maison des Sciences de l’Homme et de la Société de Toulouse (2023).

**Prize at the *Concours général*** (a national contest) in Philosophy (2009).

## FUNDINGS AND FELLOWSHIPS

**ASAB Interdisciplinary Workshop grant** on the theme “Agency between biology and philosophy”, September 2026, at UCL (University College London) (co-organised with Dr Alecia Carter).

**Leverhulme Research Project Grant RPG-2023-320** “Animal inventiveness: a new insight on agency in evolution” 2024-2027 (with Dr Alecia Carter). Host university: University College London.

**Fellowship for the Villa Vigoni Trinationnal Summer School** (Germany-Italy-France) on the theme “Life and Form”, July 2023, July 2024, July 2025.

**EMBO Grant for the Venice Summer School 2022** on the theme “The Future of Evolutionary Systems Biology”, August 2022. [*Declined*]

**Research fellowship awarded by the CNRS** (in the framework of the IRN project “Global Bergsonism”), May-July 2022. Host university: University of Fukuoka.

**Research fellowship awarded by the Alpha Doctoral School** (Université Toulouse 2-Jean Jaurès), September-December 2020. Host university: University of Verona. [*Cancelled: Covid-19 epidemic*]

**Doctoral research fellowship of the Université Toulouse 2-Jean Jaurès**, 2018-2022.

## RESEARCH

### PUBLICATIONS

#### MONOGRAPHS

1. Tahar, M. *Du finalisme en biologie. Bergson et la théorie de l'évolution*. Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 2024. <https://www.puf.com/du-finalisme-en-biologie>
2. Tahar, M. *Le temps du vivant*. Paris: Vrin, under contract, to be published in 2026.

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. Tahar, M. (2025) Élan vital et conscience du vivant : penser la créativité non humaine à partir de la philosophie bergsonienne. *Archives de philosophie*, 88 (2), 61-81. <https://shs.cairn.info/revue-archives-de-philosophie-2025-2-page-61>
2. Tahar M. (2024) La philosophie animale de Bergson. Conscience du vivant, créativité instinctive et biologie contemporaine, *Thaumazein Rivista di Filosofia*, 12 (1), 83-107. <https://doi.org/10.13136/thau.v12i1.277>
3. Tahar M. (2023). Agency, inventiveness, and animal play. Novel insights into the active role of organisms in evolution. *Special Issue on Levels of Biological Agency, Spontaneous Generations*, 11 (1). <https://doi.org/10.4245/spongen.v11i1.19966>
4. Tahar, M. (2022). Biological constraints as norms in evolution. Special Issue “Normativity and the Life Sciences”, *History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences*, 44 (1), 9. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40656-022-00483-1>
5. Tahar, M. (2022). Bergson’s vitalisms, in M. Tahar (ed.) *Bergson and vitalism(s)*, *Parrhesia*, 36. <https://parrhesiajournal.org/index.php/parr/article/view/379/292>
6. Tahar, M. (2022). The history of the Bergsonian interpretation of Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution. *Bergsoniana*. 2, 73-90. <https://doi.org/10.4000/bergsoniana.740>
7. Tahar, M. (2021). The historicity of biodiversity. A Bergsonian look at the theory of evolution. *Thaumazein Rivista di Filosofia*, 8, 89-106. <https://doi.org/10.13136/thau.v8i1.113>

### **Co-authored:**

8. Boisseau, A. and Tahar, M. (2022). Remettre à l’œuvre les processus du vivant. Repenser le lien de l’histoire humaine avec l’histoire naturelle : lectures croisées de Bergson et Ruyer. *Rue Descartes*, 101 (1), 23-39. <https://doi.org/10.3917/rdes.101.0023>

### CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

1. Tahar, M. (under review). Rationality beyond the human: evolution, animal minds, and play. In Z. McConaughy and S. Yiauzki, *Engaging Rationality Today*, München, Philosophia Verlag.
2. Tahar, M. (forthcoming). Playful relationships and the development of agency in animals. Some ethological and evolutionary considerations. In A. Franco and O. Tarragnat, *Biological Relationalism: The Relational Turn in Contemporary Science and Theory*, Heidelberg/New York/Dordrecht, Springer.
3. Tahar, M. (forthcoming). Déterminisme et liberté de Claude Bernard à Henri Bergson, en passant par la psychologie expérimentale. In L. Loison (ed.) *Claude Bernard : Histoire et philosophie d’une théorie physiologique*, Paris: Vrin.
4. Tahar, M. (2025). Le jeu animal, laboratoire d’inventions pour l’évolution. In M. Triclot, V. Puig and F. Cormerais (eds.) *Jeux, gestes & savoirs. Jouer, une puissance d’émancipation dans un monde de calcul*, Caen, Editions C&F, 68-86. <https://cfeditions.com/jeux-gestes-savoirs/>
5. Tahar, M. (2024). Historicity, Temporalities, and Causality: A Confusion at the Heart of Debates on Darwinism. In R. G. Delisle, M. Esposito and D. Ceccarelli (éds.), *Deconstructing Darwinism: Toward A New*

*Historiography*, Heidelberg/New York/Dordrecht, Springer, 551-573. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-42629-2\\_19](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-42629-2_19)

6. Tahar, M. (2024). Bergson et Haeckel : enquête sur un silence. In L. Bossi and N. Wanlin (eds.) *Ernst Haeckel et les Français*, Paris: Gallimard, 213-241.
7. Tahar, M. (2023). A Bergsonian Perspective on Causality and Evolution. In G. Bianco, G. Van de Vijver, C. Wolfe (eds.) *Canguilhem and Continental Philosophy of Biology*, History, Philosophy and Theory of the Life Sciences, 31, Heidelberg/New York/Dordrecht: Springer, 251–267. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-20529-3\\_14](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-20529-3_14)
8. Tahar, M. (2021). Bergson as visionary in evolutionary biology. In M. Sinclair and Y. Wolf (eds.) *Bergsonian Mind*, Oxon/New York: Routledge, 446–460. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429020735-40>

### BOOK REVIEWS

1. Tahar, M. (2023). Review of T.S. Posteraro (2022). *Bergson's Philosophy of Biology. Virtuality, Tendency and Time*, in *Le carnet de la Société des amis de Bergson* : <https://doi.org/10.58079/lx68>
2. Tahar, M. (2022). Review of E. Kessler (2022). *Bergson, notre contemporain*, in *Le carnet de la Société des amis de Bergson* : <https://doi.org/10.58079/lx5r>
3. Tahar, M. (2019). Review of A. Lefebvre and N. F. Schott (eds.). (2019). *Interpreting Bergson : Critical Essays*, in *Le carnet de la Société des amis de Bergson* : <https://doi.org/10.58079/lx4v>
4. Tahar, M. (2019). Review of M. Sinclair (2019). *Being Inclined : Felix Ravaisson's philosophy of habit* in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* : <https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/being-inclined-felix-ravaissons-philosophy-of-habit/>

### ENCYCLOPAEDIA ENTRIES

1. Tahar, M. (forthcoming). “Henri Bergson”, *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
2. Tahar, M. (forthcoming). “Henri Bergson. *Essai sur les données immédiates de la conscience*”. In E. Ballanfat, A. Benoit, C. Nouët and J.-F. Suratteau (eds.), *Encyclopédie des Œuvres Philosophiques*, Paris: Ellipses.
3. Tahar, M. (forthcoming). “Henri Bergson. *L'évolution créatrice*”. In E. Ballanfat, A. Benoit, C. Nouët and J.-F. Suratteau (eds.), *Encyclopédie des Œuvres Philosophiques*, Paris: Ellipses.

### GENERAL INTEREST PUBLICATIONS

1. Tahar, M. (2025). “Penser l'animal avec Bergson”. *La Vie des idées*. <https://laviedesidees.fr/Penser-l-animal-avec-Bergson>
2. Tahar, M. (2025). “Why the cat wags her tail”. *Aeon*. <https://aeon.co/essays/how-evolution-favoured-costly-and-frivolous-animal-play>

3. Tahar, M. (2023). “ Les animaux, ces inventeurs de génie”. *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/les-animaux-ces-inventeurs-de-genie-206646>
4. Tahar, M. (2019). “Les mains sales de Bergson”. *iPhilo*. <https://iphilo.fr/2019/06/13/les-mains-sales-de-bergson-mathilde-tahar/>

## SELECTED LECTURES

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

1. TBA, Agency in Biological Practice, Bielefeld University & ZiF, October 2026.
2. TBA, Workshop Philosophy of Lineages, Oviedo, May 2026.
3. TBA, Colloque Matière, Vie et Conscience, Université Fédérale du Paraná, May 2026.
4. “Is play just a frivolous activity ?”, Function and Dysfunction in Human and Animal Behaviours, Hybrid Workshop (Online/Japan), May 2026.
5. “Enlarging the concept of animal agency: inventing with non-humans”, Common Ground on Animal Ethics, London School of Economics, April-May 2026.
6. “Agency in the wild: is inventiveness a luxury? A study of chacma baboons”, International Society for Applied Ethology, Nottingham, April 2026.
7. **Keynote speaker.** “Animal agency and playful relationships”. In Relation to Life Biological Relationality in Contemporary Science, Theory, and Politics. Université Paris 8, Aubervilliers, October 2024.
8. “Causation in evolution. Linking tendency with consciousness”, PBJ International Workshop : Dispositions, Virtuality, Tendency: Bergson and the Metaphysics of Powers, Queen’s University, Belfast, June 2024.
9. “Agency, invention, and play”, Workshop Defining Agency. Between Cognition and Biology, Université Paris I, March 2024.
10. “Agency, Inventiveness and animal play”, Paris Toronto Agency Workshop, IHPST Toronto, November 2023.
11. “How to account for the unpredictability of evolution?”, Colloquium Open Historicity of Life. Theory, epistemology, practice, Ecole Normale Supérieure, November 2023.
12. “Does agency always mean goal-directedness? How to avoid a chicken-and-egg situation”, Workshop Reasons for Action in Non-Human Organisms, UK Leuven, October 2023.
13. “Time(s) in evolutionary biology: the historicity of evolution and the histories of organisms”, Workshop Dynamic Time, Leiden University, December 2022.

14. “Élan vital et conscience du vivant : penser la créativité non-humaine à partir de la philosophie bergsonienne”, Conférence Réceptions de Bergson, usages, controverses, problèmes contemporains, Université de Bordeaux Montaigne, December 2022.
15. “L’évolution par-delà tout finalisme : Bergson critique des évolutionnistes”, Journées Jeunes Chercheurs de la Société Française d’Histoire des Sciences et des Techniques, Université Paris-Diderot, December 2022.
16. “Time and Evolutionary History”, Deconstructing Darwinism Workshop (online), September 2022.
17. “Les grands problèmes de l’organicisme aujourd’hui”, Organicism Workshop, Maison des Associations, Castelnau-dary, September 2022.
18. “Individualité et liberté : constitution biologique d’un problème philosophique de Claude Bernard à Henri Bergson”, Conférence Claude Bernard, Histoire et Philosophie d’une Théorie Physiologique, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, September 2022.
19. “The agency of the living: a creativity at play in evolution”, Bergson Workshop, Fukuoka University, June 2022.
20. “The *élan vital* as a tendency. Causality in evolution beyond Aristotelian modalities”, 45<sup>th</sup> Husserl-Abend lecture, Tohoku University, June 2022.
21. “Creative consciousness, non-human invention and playfulness: for a new theory of evolution”, Philosophy of science Conference, Tohoku University, June 2022.
22. “Biological interactions and practices of the living world: for a thinking of normativity”, PBJ International workshop: Time and Biology in Bergson’s *Creative Evolution*, Fukuoka University, June 2022.
23. “Teleology in contemporary evolutionary theory”, PBJ International workshop: Time and Biology in Bergson’s *Creative Evolution*, Fukuoka University, June 2022.
24. “Bergson’s critique of the theories of evolution”, PBJ International workshop: Time and Biology in Bergson’s *Creative Evolution*, Fukuoka University, June 2022.
25. “Bergson, a philosopher of biology?”, Contemporary Philosophy Conference, Kyushu University, May 2022.
26. “Le problème de l’individuation biologique de Claude Bernard à Henri Bergson”, Conférence Claude Bernard, histoire et philosophie d’une théorie physiologique, Université du Québec à Montréal, May 2022.
27. “Norms and Animal Behaviour”, Morphogenesis in Living Systems, CNRS Conference, Piombino, January 2022.
28. “A Bergsonian Perspective on Causality in Evolution”, Canguilhem and Continental Philosophy of Biology Workshop (online), September 2021
29. Keynote “Bergson’s vitalisms ?”, Workshop Bergson and vitalism(s), Ghent University – Université Toulouse 2-Jean Jaurès (online), April 2021.

30. “The History of the Bergsonian Interpretation of Charles Darwin’s Theory of Evolution”, Global Bergsonism Project, Penn State University (online), October 2020.

### SEMINARS

1. “Animal agency, inventiveness and play. Focus on chacma baboons”, Integrative biophilosophy seminar, University of Kassel, June 2026.
2. “Bergson et Haeckel — les raisons d’un silence, dans le contexte d’une réception controversée”, Research group *Oecologie*, Sorbonne nouvelle, June 2026.
3. “Inventiveness in chacma baboons and beyond”, UCL Evolutionary Anthropology Seminar, UCL, London, March 2026.
4. “L’agentivité animale et sa relation paradoxale à l’humain: des tensions théoriques aux paradoxes pratiques”, Seminar of the Evolutionary Anthropology department, Institut des Sciences de l’Évolution de Montpellier, February 2026.
5. “Animal play and inventiveness : from theory to field work”, University of Edinburgh, November 2025.
6. “Agency in non human animals: an operational definition”, Royal Institute of Philosophy, Londres, November 2025.
7. “Le jeu animal : ou quand les relations ludiques servent de laboratoire d’inventions pour l’évolution”, PhiTeCo Séminar Concevoir au milieu des milieux, Université de technologie de Compiègne, January 2025.
8. “Biological Agency: Thinking the role of non-human organisms in evolution”, Seminar of the Leibniz-Institut für Evolutions- und Biodiversitätsforschung. Museum für Naturkunde Berlin, December 2024.
9. “L’agentivité biologique comme inventivité : Repenser le rôle des organismes non-humains dans l’évolution”, Seminar on the living world, Centre Cavailles, École Normale Supérieure, March 2024.
10. “Biological time(s)”, Seminar PhilLiSci, University of Bielefeld, December 2023.
11. “Biological agency as inventiveness: the role of playful organisms in evolution”, I2SoS, University of Bielefeld, December 2023.
12. “La philosophie animale de Bergson. Conscience du vivant, créativité instinctive et biologie contemporaine”, Atelier Bergson, École Normale Supérieure, November 2023.
13. “Gradualisme et variations insensibles : un débat oublié du darwinisme”, Seminar H&P Bio, SPHERE, (UMR 7219), October 2023.
14. “Teleology and evolutionary biology”, Seminar of the Institut d’Histoire et de Philosophie des Sciences et des techniques, Université Paris I, May 2023.
15. “The selection of insensible variations: history of a debate from Bergson back to Darwin”, Seminar of the Évo-Éco-Paléo lab (UMR CNRS 8198, Université de Lille), May 2023.

16. “Le pouvoir évolutionnaire des contraintes biologiques, le comportement animal et les explications historiques”, Seminar Philosophie, biologie, écologie : interfaces épistémiques, École Normale Supérieure (Ulm, Paris), December 2022.
17. “Le finalisme de la théorie de l’évolution par sélection naturelle et les acteurs introuvables”, Seminar Histoire et Philosophie du vivant, September 2021.
18. “L’influence rétrospective d’Henri Bergson sur Claude Bernard”, Seminar Claude Bernard, Fondation des Treilles, July 2021.
19. “La philosophie de Claude Bernard par Henri Bergson”, Research group Claude Bernard, Institut d’Histoire et de Philosophie des Sciences et des Techniques, February 2021.
20. “La philosophie pour prolonger la science ? Claude Bernard et Bergson”, Research group Claude Bernard, Institut d’Histoire et de Philosophie des Sciences et des Techniques, October 2020.
21. “La plasticité bergsonienne comme piste de réflexion pour la biologie contemporaine”, Research group Plasphen, Muséum National d’Histoire naturelle, November 2019.
22. “Bergson et Haeckel : enquête sur un silence”, Seminar Haeckel, Fondation des Treilles, September 2019.
23. “Les acteurs de l’évolution”, Seminar PhiloDoctes, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, February 2019.

#### COMMUNICATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

1. “Dans la tête des animaux : les secrets de la pensée et de l’imagination non humaines”. Les soirées Philosophie, sciences et société à la Sorbonne, hosted by Fabien Trécourt. April 2025. <https://podcast.ausha.co/soirees-philosophie-sciences-et-societe-a-la-sorbonne/dans-la-tete-des-animaux>
2. “Le jeu animal, laboratoire d’inventions?”, Association Des Savoirs à Dunkerque, October 2024. <https://www.dessavoirsadunkerque.fr/les-conferences/programme>
3. “L’énergie vitale, mystère ou mythe ?”, Programme ‘Avec philosophie’ hosted by Géraldine Muhlmann, France Culture, September 2024. <https://www.radiofrance.fr/franceculture/podcasts/avec-philosophie/l-energie-vitale-mystere-ou-mythe-2996139>
4. “Le jeu animal, laboratoire d’inventions pour l’évolution ?”, ENMI, Institut de Recherche et d’Innovation, Centre Pompidou, Paris, December 2023. <https://iri-ressources.org/collections/collection-2/season-71/video-938.html>
5. “Au sujet du temps, physique, biologique”, Programme ‘Parcours scientifiques’ hosted by Giuseppe Longo, Radio Fréquence Protestante, December 2023. <https://frequenceprotestante.com/2023/12/15/le-temps-qui-passe/>
6. “Nos sociétés ont-elles encore de la mémoire?”, Les Voix de la paix (online), October 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSI2rsHEGUc>

#### POSTER SESSIONS

1. « Selection shapes diverse animal minds », Scientific meeting of the Royal Academy, Bath, June 2024.

## OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

### RESEARCH GROUPS

**Member of the research group “Thanatobase : A project to understand primates’ responses to death and dying”** (A. Carter) <https://thanatobase.mystrikingly.com/>

**Member of the Primate Reading Group London** (A. Carter & A. Piel)

**Member of the research group “Claude Bernard: Histoire et philosophie d’une théorie physiologique”** (L. Loison, project funded by the “Politique Scientifique” of the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), 2019-2024.

**Member of the research group “Deconstructing Darwinism”** (R. G. Delisle, M. Esposito and D. Ceccarelli), 2021-2024.

### ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

**Co-organiser (with Alecia Carter) of the Workshop “Agency between biology and philosophy”**, funded by ASAB and hosted by University College London, September 10-11, 2026.

**Co-organiser (with Adrien Gouletquer, Sébastien Massart, Maël Montévil, et Anton Robert) of the Cerisy Conference « Théoriser le vivant »**, July 24-30, 2026.

**Co-organiser (with Alecia Carter) of the seminar series “Agency: Between Biology and Philosophy”** at UCL (in the framework of the research project “Animal inventiveness : a new insight on agency in evolution”, funded by the Leverhulme Trust) since 2024: (latest programme: <https://www.animalinventiveness.com/post/seminar-agency-between-biology-and-philosophy-2025-2026> )

**Co-organiser (with Caterina Zanfi) of the seminar “Atelier Bergson”** (École Normale Supérieure de Paris – CNRS, in the framework of the IRN project “Global Bergsonism”), since 2022 (latest programme: <https://bergson.hypotheses.org/4319> )

**Member of the organisation team of the project Global Bergsonism**, with partners in France (SAB/CNRS/ENS Paris), USA (Penn State College), Canada (McGill), Japan (Hosei), Cameroon (Yaounde 1), Brasil (Federal U. São Carlos), Turkey (Yildiz Istanbul), 2019-2024.

**Organiser of the international workshop “Bergson and vitalism(s) – an online workshop”**, Ghent University – Université Toulouse 2-Jean Jaurès, April 29-30, 2021. <https://bergson.hypotheses.org/1887>

**Co-organiser (with Alexis Boisseau and Jonathan Racine) of the international workshop “Heredity of information and biological innovation, how to think about the emergence of novelty”**, Université Toulouse 2-Jean Jaurès, October 7, 2021.

## SUPERVISING, MENTORING ACTIVITIES AND EXPERTISE

**Member of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee**, Mental Wellbeing and Health section, Department of Anthropology, University College London since 2025.

**Member of the editorial board of *Dialectical Systems*** since 2024.

**Member of the board of the Société des amis de Bergson** since 2019.

**Member of the editorial board of *Bergsoniana***, Société des amis de Bergson, OpenAccess, since 2020, and of the **scientific committee** since 2025.

**Reviewer for:** *Bergsoniana*; *Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal*; *Progress in Biophysics and Molecular Biology*; Palgrave Macmillan.

**Reviewer** of applications for the National Science Center Poland (SONATA funding scheme).

**Guest editor of the Special Issue on Henri Bergson for *Parrhesia***, published in 2022. <https://parrhesiajournal.org/index.php/parr/issue/view/40/3>

**Contribution to the edition of the *Leçons sur Aristote*** from the manuscripts of Jacques Brunschwig, Paris, *Ellipses*, 2016.

**Member of the scientific committee** Sciences-Éthique-Humanités (Comité Consultatif National d'Éthique – Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris), 2013-2015.

## TEACHING

### 2025-2026

**Tutorials in Evolutionary Anthropology** (Department of Anthropology, University College London). Being Human module (ANTH0015). Topics: Why do animals play?; Creativity at the heart of culture.

### 2022-2024

**Visiting Associate Professor (*Attachée temporaire d'enseignement et de recherches*)** in Philosophy of Science at the Université de Lille. 192 hours/year teaching.

Undergraduate classes: philosophy of biology; general philosophy; animal philosophy; history of philosophy; epistemology; methodology of academic work.

### 2023

**Invited Professor** at the Université Sorbonne Paris-Nord. (12 hours)

Graduate class to prepare the university diploma of canine mediator in social intervention: animal philosophy.

### 2021-2022

**Assistant teacher** at the Université de Rouen. (36 hours)

Undergraduate classes: history of modern philosophy; Kantian philosophy.

### 2018-2021

**Doctoral student and teacher** at the Université Toulouse 2-Jean Jaurès. 64 hours/year teaching.  
Graduate classes: philosophy of biology; philosophy of time for students preparing for the *agrégation de philosophie*.  
Undergraduate classes: philosophy of moral and politics; methodology of academic work; philosophy of sciences.

**Invited teacher (*Colleuse*) in philosophy** at the Lycée Henri IV, Paris (being a *colleuse* consists of preparing students for the oral exam of the Ecole Normale Supérieure competition).

#### 2016-2017

**Philosophy teacher** at the Lycée Racine, Paris. 360 hours/year teaching.  
Philosophy classes for high school students preparing the “Baccalauréat”.

#### 2011-2015

**Invited teacher** at the Lycée Victor Duruy, Paris.  
Occasional lectures on Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason* (2011; 2012) and on Bergson (2015).

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Editorial assistant** of Erik Orsenna for *La Fabrique du neuf*, Paris, *Cherche-Midi*, 2018.

**Glowbule – Vivre avec le cancer: president**, 2015-2018.

Communication and event organisation. Fundraising. Contacting hospitals. Creation of the newsletter.

**Institut Jean Nicod – Hôpital Albert-Chenevier: internship**, February-June 2014.

Under the supervision of Dr Tiziana Zalla and Dr Giovanna Girardi. Theoretical and practical research internship on emotional management in patients with autistic disorders: setting up protocols for neuroscience and cognitive science experiments, assisting with the experiments themselves, handling the humanoid robot FACE, interviewing patients.