

# Gaélane Wolff

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International Organizations | International Relations | Disaster Management | Humanitarian Aid | Environmental Policies

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- **Research assistant and Teaching Fellow**, *University of Geneva & The Global Studies Institute (GSI)*, 08/2019 -

Teaching & supervision:

- As part of the Bachelor in International Relations (BARI) :
  - Self-designed seminar for B.A. theses in International Relations (class methods to 150 students and 60 supervision of theses in French and in English);
  - International Relations Seminar (B.A. level, lecturer) « environmental policy and governance and disaster management » ;
  - Complementary courses in International Environmental Policy (B.A. level);
  - Organization, creation, supervision and correction of exams.
- As part of the Institute of Environmental Sciences (University of Geneva):
  - Invited lecturer for the Risk Management and Environmental Security course (Rémi Baudoui), M.A. level.

## VISITING POSITIONS, INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Visiting scholars, Department of Political Sciences and International Relations, Leiden University, Netherlands, 01/2023 - 08/2023
- Member of the Equality Commission of the Faculty of Social Sciences, *University of Geneva*, 2021 -
- Member of the Equality Commission of the Department of Political Science, (SPERI) *University of Geneva*, 2019 -

## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Geneva</b> PhD in International Relations & Political Science	<b>Geneva, Switzerland</b> 08/2019 - /2023
• Thesis : L'investissement humanitaire comme nouvelle norme de la gestion post-catastrophe (2023). [ <i>Humanitarian investment as the new standard for post-disaster management (2023).</i> ]	
<b>University of Lausanne</b> M.A. in Political Sciences and Globalization	<b>Lausanne, Switzerland</b> 09/2017 - 01/2019
<b>Institut d'Etudes Politiques ( Sciences Po Strasbourg)</b> M.A. in Political Sciences	<b>Strasbourg, France</b> 09/2016 - 08/2017
<b>University of Strasbourg</b> BA in Sociology and political science	<b>Strasbourg, France</b> 09/2013 - 08/2016

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- Wernli D., Clausin M., Antulov-Fantulin N., Berezowski J., Biller-Andorno, N., Blanchet, K., Böttcher L., et al. 2021. Governance in the age of complexity: Building resilience to COVID-19 and future pandemics. Geneva Science-Policy Interface Policy Brief. Geneva, Switzerland.
- Wernli D, Clausin M, Antulov-Fantulin N, et al Building a multisystemic understanding of societal resilience to the COVID-19 pandemic *BMJ Global Health* 2021;6:e006794.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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Under review or ready for submission:

- Resilience as an Excuse to Develop New Markets in Disaster Management: Private Foundations and Humanitarian Aid in Haiti (*Under review*) - Wolff, Gaélane, Resilience as an Excuse to Develop New Markets in Disaster Management: Private Foundations and Humanitarian Aid in Haiti. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4554716> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4554716>
- From local to local, or how to build resilience that respects vulnerable populations: a case study from Malawi (*Under review*)
- International Organization Research Methods: A Systematic Review (1945-2020), with Fanny Badache (IHEID), Leah Kimber (Bar-Ilan University) and Lucile Maertens (UNIL & IHEID) (*in preparation*)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PANELS

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- Presentation - « From local to local, or how to build resilience that respects vulnerable populations: a case study from Malawi », Nairobi, *IASC*, 2023;
- Roundtable - « International Organizations and Research Methods : An Introduction », Montréal, *International Studies Association (ISA)*, 2023;
- Chair - « Beyond Agreements & Institutions: Interests, Emotions, and Stratagems in Global Environmental and Climate Governance panel », Montréal, *International Studies Association (ISA)*, 2023;
- Presentation - « International Organization Research Methods: A Systematic Review (1945-2020) », Nashville, *International Studies Association (ISA)*, 2022;
- Discutant - Workshop session n°5 « The Pandemic, Minorities and Migration », Online, *Association Suisse de Science Politique*, 2022;
- Presentation - « Resilience, a new way of disaster management? », Geneva, 2021;
- Co-organization - « Resilience Studies : Sharing knowledge and methodologies towards interdisciplinary collaboration », Geneva, 2020 - 2021.

## OTHERS PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

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- Participation in Badache, Kimber and Maertens. (2023). « International Organizations and Research Methods : An Introduction », *University of Michigan Press*. <https://doi.org/10.3998/mpub.11685289> ;
- « Comment une fondation privée, intervient dans la gestion des catastrophes ». Under the direction of Lucile Maertens (2019) ;
- Production of a short film in the format of a documentary on wheat trading under the direction of Rahel Kunz and Lucile Maertens (2018);
- G20 Simulation, University of Lausanne, December, 2017. Country represented: South Africa. Reports, communication plan management, coordination of an international project. Under the direction of Jean-Christophe Graz (2017-2018);
- Collective research for the Eurométropole of Strasbourg « Accès aux services publics et rapport aux institutions des habitants des quartiers populaires. Enquête sur le QPV Neuhof-Meinau, SAGE/ PEAP/ Eurométropole de Strasbourg, November 2017, 99 p.» Under the direction of Vincent Dubois (2017) ;
- « Les inégalités entre les hommes et les femmes sont-elles toujours présentes dans la société car elles sont inscrites dans les moeurs et traditions? » Under the direction of Elise Marsicano and Mélanie Lepori (2016).

## FUNDINGS

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- Travel grant (2'500 CHF) for congress participation (IASC in Nairobi), 2023;
- Travel grant (1'000 CHF) for congress participation (International Studies Association's Annual Convention in Montréal) - Global Studies Institute, 2023;
- Grant (2'500 CHF) for a two-week fieldwork in Malawi - Fondation Schmidheiny, 2022;
- Grant (1'500 CHF) fo a week fieldwork in London, England - Fondation Schmidheiny, 2022;
- Grant (1'500 CHF) for a week fieldwork in Marbella, Spain - Fondation Schmidheiny, 2022;
- Grants for colloquium organisation - Fond Général (4'900 CHF), SACAD (5'000 CHF), FNS (5'000 CHF), CO-MAD (1'500 CHF), Rectorat UNIGE (3'000 CHF), Association Suisse (3'000) and Global Studies Institute (3'000 CHF), 2020 - 2021.

## FIELDWORK

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- *London*, interviews with international elites, November 2022;
- *Malawi*, Humanitarian research field in Malawi with the Malawian NGO School of Agricultural for Family Independence, participant observation and 40 interviews, August-September 2022;
- *Spain*, international conference by the private foundation of Nu Skin, participant observation and 7 interviews, April 2022.

## PARTICIPATION IN M.A. DISSERTATION'S JURY

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- Matthieu Volet: "La représentation des acteurs locaux par les ONG humanitaires et les logiques sous-jacentes : Les rapports annuels de Care France et d'Enfants du Monde" - *University of Lausanne*, Jan. 2023.

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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### **Global environmental politics**

Global environmental governance, climate change, climate negotiations, political ecology, international environmental policy, resilience, DDR

### **Critical security studies**

Disaster management, environmental security, securitization, international security

### **International organizations and multilateralism**

Humanitarian aid, discourses and practices of international organizations, United Nations, gender international relations

### **Qualitative research methods**

Ethnographic methods, interviews, discourse analysis, content analysis, process tracing

## LANGUAGE AND IT SKILLS

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- IT : NVivo, MAXQDA, Wordpress, Moodle, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel, Safari, Pages, Numbers, iMovie and OpenOffice.
- Languages: French (native), English (fluent), Span (intermediate), Russian (beginner), Japanese (beginner) and German (beginner).

## KEY SKILLS

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- Monitoring, management, organization and coordination of projects.
- Organizational skills and administrative management.
- Ability to create, innovate and proven discernment.
- Collective work/writing of scientific articles and policy paper.
- Public relations and internal relations management.
- Organizing and carrying out missions with the objective of promoting equality and fighting for fairness.

## REFERENCES

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