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Switzerland

## SKILLS

### AREAS OF SPECIALTY

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Time

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Science, Philosophical  
Logic, 20th-Century Philosophy

## LANGUAGES

**FRENCH:** Mother tongue

**ENGLISH:** Fluent

**GERMAN:** Good knowledge

**LATIN:** 4-year studies

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER

SNSF Postdoc.Mobility Fellowship: Time Regained, Reconciling the  
Phenomenological and Physical Perspectives on Time  
University of Oxford | February 2022 – January 2024

### LECTURER

Institute of Philosophy  
University of Neuchatel | August 2020 – June 2022

### PHD STUDENT

SNSF Consolidator Grant: The Metaphysics of Time and its Occupants  
University of Geneva | January – July 2020

### SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATOR

Institute of Philosophy  
University of Neuchatel | October 2019 – February 2020

### INTERN

European Affairs and Partnerships & Institutional Learning Team  
Search for Common Ground (Brussels) | September – December 2018

### SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATOR

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie European Training Network DIAPHORA  
University of Neuchatel | October 2016 – September 2019

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

Institute of Philosophy  
University of Neuchatel | October 2013 – August 2014

## EDUCATION

### PH.D. IN PHILOSOPHY

University of Geneva | 20.04.2021

Distinction: *High honours, with unanimous jury congratulations*

Dissertation title: *The Asymmetric Nature of Time*

Advisors: Prof. Fabrice Correia (main), Prof. Richard Glauser

Jury members: Prof. Jérôme Dokic (EHESS), Prof. Kristie Miller (Sidney), Prof. Oliver  
Pooley (Oxford), Prof. Christian Wüthrich (Geneva)

### MASTER OF ARTS IN CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY

École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) | 06.02.2017

Distinction: *Very good*

### ENS DIPLOMA

École Normale Supérieure (ENS-Paris) | 20.01.2017

Main speciality: Philosophy

### MASTER OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY AND COMPARATIVE HISTORY

University of Neuchatel | 14.09.2015

Distinction: *Summa cum laude*

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY AND HISTORY

University of Neuchatel | 12.09.2013

Distinction: *Magna cum laude*

## TEACHING

### PERSONAL IDENTITY (BA)

University of Neuchatel | February – June 2022

### THE PARADOXES (BA)

University of Neuchatel | September 2020 – January 2021

## MILITARY

I was a sub-officer in the Special Forces Commando (KSK) of the Swiss Army. I did the Grenadier Recruit School in Isonne (Ticino) in 2009, and I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant the following year. I then served in the Grenadier Battalion 20/3 for ten years.

## ICE HOCKEY

I am a former ice hockey player. I played as goaltender for EHC Biel-Bienne and HC Fribourg Gotteron in the Junior League, and for HC Neuchâtel Young-Sprinters in the National B-League.

## HOBBIES

I am interested in Austrian literature (e.g. Karl Kraus, Robert Musil), music (classical, post-punk and electronic) and sports (e.g. ice hockey, running, LesMills BA & BP).

## REFERENCES

### PROF. FABRICE CORREIA

University of Geneva

Department of Philosophy  
Rue de Candolle 2

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### PROF. OLIVIER MASSIN

University of Neuchâtel

Institute of Philosophy  
Espace Tilo-Frey 1  
CH-2000 Neuchâtel

Email: [olivier.massin@unine.ch](mailto:olivier.massin@unine.ch)

### PHILOSOPHY OF TIME (BA)

University of Neuchâtel | September 2019 – January 2020

### FIRST-ORDER LOGIC (BA) – PRACTICAL EXERCISES

University of Neuchâtel | February – June 2014

## INTERNATIONAL VISITING

### UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA (UB)

Supervisor: Prof. Sven Rosenkranz | September 2017 – May 2018

### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (NYU)

Supervisor: Prof. Kit Fine | January – May 2016

## ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### CHIEF EDITOR (WITH JEAN-BAPTISTE GUILLON)

Section "Metaphysics" of the Encyclopédie Philosophique

<https://encyclo-philo.fr/> | August 2021 – Present

### JOURNAL REFEREE

Acta Analytica, Analytic Philosophy, Erkenntnis, Organon F, Philosophical Studies, Canadian Journal of Philosophy

### CONFERENCE REFEREE

Neuchâtel Undergraduate Conference | October 2021

Lake Geneva Graduate Conference | December 2018

### CONFERENCE ORGANISER (WITH FABRICE CORREIA)

Diaphora Workshop V "Determinism and Open Choices"

University of Neuchâtel | December 2018

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

### POSTDOC.MOBILITY N° P500PH\_206602 / 1

"Time Regained: Reconciling Phenomenological and Physical Perspectives on Time"

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) | 14.12.2021

114'600 CHF

### TOP-5 AT "PRIX JEUNES CHERCHEURS ET JEUNES CHERCHEUSES"

Société de la Philosophie des Sciences (SPS) | 02.11.2020

### BOURSE DE LA SOCIÉTÉ ACADÉMIQUE DE GENÈVE

University of Geneva | 02.07.2020

10'000 CHF

### PRIX WERNER GÜNTER

University of Neuchâtel | 04.12.2015

2'500 CHF

### ENS-NYU SCHOLARSHIP

École Normale Supérieure (ENS-Paris) | 01.04.2015

3'500 USD

### BOURSE FRANÇOIS VERDIER

University of Neuchâtel | 01.04.2015

9'000 CHF

### ENS INTERNATIONAL SELECTION SCHOLARSHIP

École Normale Supérieure (ENS-Paris) | 11.07.2014

1'000 EUR/month for two years

## MEMBERSHIPS

### ALUMNI UNIGE

University of Geneva  
2021 – Present

### SOCIÉTÉ ACADÉMIQUE DE GENÈVE

University of Geneva  
2020 – Present

### EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (EPSA)

2019 – Present

### GROUPE D'ÉTUDES EN MÉTAPHYSIQUE (GEM)

Collège de France (Paris)  
2018 – Present

### SOCIETY FOR PHILOSOPHY OF TIME

University of Bonn  
2018 – Present

### LOGOS – RESEARCH GROUP IN ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY

Universitat de Barcelona  
2017 – 2018 (Visitor)

### EIDOS – THE CENTRE FOR METAPHYSICS

University of Geneva  
2016 – Present

### ASSOCIATION DES ANCIENS ÉLÈVES DE L'ÉCOLE NORMALE SUPÉRIEURE

École Normale Supérieure (Paris)  
2016 – Present

### INSTITUT JEAN NICOD

CNRS – EHESS – ENS (Paris)  
2015 – 2016

## OUTREACH

### RTS – LA 1ERE : PHILO D'UN MOT

"Le hasard"  
09.08.2019

### UTBM : EN DIRECT N°273

"Quid de la physique quantique ?"  
01.11.2017

### ESPACE 2 : LE LABO

"Karl Kraus, combattant du verbe"  
16.02.2014

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

**GRANDJEAN, V.**, (accepted) *The Asymmetric Nature of Time: Accounting for the Open Future and the Fixed Past*. Berlin: Springer.

**GRANDJEAN, V.**, (accepted) *La nature asymétrique du temps*. Hermann: Paris.

### ARTICLES

[1] **GRANDJEAN, V.**, (2021) 'Symmetric and Asymmetric Theories of Time', in *Synthese*. Vol. 199, pp. 14403-14426.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-021-03427-7>.

[2] **GRANDJEAN, V.**, (2021) 'How is the Asymmetry between the Open Future and the Fixed Past to be characterized?', in *Synthese*. Vol. 198, n°3, pp. 1863-1886.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-019-02164-2>.

[3] **GRANDJEAN, V.**, **PASCUCCI, M.**, (2021) 'The Machine Scenario: A Computational Perspective on Alternative Representations of Indeterminism', in *Minds and Machines*. Vol. 31, pp. 59-74.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11023-020-09530-x>.

[4] **GRANDJEAN, V.**, (under review) 'The Bare Past'.

[5] **GRANDJEAN, V.**, (in preparation) 'A Naturalistic basis of the Growing Block Theory of Time'.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

[6] **GRANDJEAN, V.**, (2020) 'Une asymétrie temporelle : passé fermé et futur ouvert', in *Les principes métaphysiques*. A. Declos & J.-B. Guillon (dir.), Paris : Ed. du Collège de France.

<https://books.openedition.org/cdf/7845>.

[7] **GRANDJEAN, V.**, (2021) 'Les particuliers nus à la rescousse de la théorie du bloc en croissance', in *La métaphysique du temps : Perspectives contemporaines*. A. Declos & C. Tiercelin (dir.), Paris : Ed. du Collège de France.

<https://books.openedition.org/cdf/10534>.

[8] **GRANDJEAN, V.**, (forthcoming) 'Qu'est-ce que la ponctualité ?', in *Aristote chez les Helvètes*. Vol. II. O. Massin & A. Meylan (eds.), Paris : Ithaque.

### REVIEWS

[9] **GRANDJEAN, V.**, (2021) 'Christopher Peacocke: *The Primacy of Metaphysics*', in *Revue de Métaphysique et de Morale*. Vol. 2, pp. 266-267.

<https://www.cairn.info/revue-de-metaphysique-et-de-morale-2021-2-page-263.htm>.

## SUPERVISION

### GEISER ANTOINE

BA Dissertation  
University of Neuchatel  
2021

### PICARD JONATHAN

BA Dissertation  
University of Neuchatel  
2021

### DÉLÉTROZ MATHIAS

BA Dissertation  
University of Neuchatel  
2020

## SCHOOLS

### INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL IN PHILOSOPHY OF PHYSICS

"The Chimera of Entropy"  
University of Split  
2018

### EIDOS WINTER GRADUATE SCHOOL IN METAPHYSICS

"Identity"  
University of Neuchâtel  
2017

## TALKS

### COLLOQUE "CONNAISSANCE PHILOSOPHIQUE ET CONNAISSANCE DES ESSENCES"

"L'approche non-modale de l'essence"  
Collège de France (Paris) | 07.10.2021

### 8<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE SOCIÉTÉ DE PHILOSOPHIE DES SCIENCES

"A Naturalistic Basis for the Growing Block Theory of Time"  
University of Mons | 09.09.2021

### WORKSHOP: THINGS AND THEIR EXPLANATORY POWER

"A Naturalistic Basis for the Growing Block Theory of Time"  
University of Bern | 26.08.2021

### COLLOQUE DE RECHERCHE IPHILO

"Vers une redéfinition des théories du temps"  
University of Neuchatel | 11.05.2021

### COLLOQUE DE RECHERCHE IPHILO

"Un défi sceptique pour la théorie du bloc en croissance"  
University of Neuchatel | 05.05.2020

### EIDOS, THE CENTRE FOR METAPHYSICS

"Bare Particulars to the Rescue of the Growing Block Theory"  
University of Geneva | 20.02.2020

### LE GROUPE D'ÉTUDES EN MÉTAPHYSIQUE

"Bare Particulars to the Rescue of the Growing Block Theory"  
Collège de France (Paris) | 25.10.2019

### COLLOQUE "LA MÉTAPHYSIQUE DU TEMPS"

"Vers une redéfinition des théories du temps"  
Collège de France (Paris) | 03.10.2019

### MODAL METAPHYSICS: ISSUES ON THE (IM)POSSIBLE VII

"A Model for the Open Future"  
Slovak Metaphysical Society (Bratislava) | 30.05.2019

### EIDOS, THE CENTRE FOR METAPHYSICS

"A Model for the Open Future"  
University of Geneva | 02.05.2019

### COLLOQUE DE RECHERCHE IPHILO

"La Métaphysique comme Science de la Réconciliation"  
University of Neuchatel | 19.02.2019

### DIAPHORA WORKSHOP V: DETERMINISM AND OPEN CHOICES

"A Non-Existent Future in a Non-Deterministic World"  
University of Neuchatel | 12.12.2018

### LE GROUPE D'ÉTUDES EN MÉTAPHYSIQUE

"How is the Asymmetry between the Open Future and the Fixed Past to be characterized?"  
Collège de France (Paris) | 28.11.2018

### COLLOQUE "LES PRINCIPES MÉTAPHYSIQUES"

"La métaphysique comme science de la réconciliation"  
Collège de France (Paris) | 03.09.2018

### MODAL METAPHYSICS: ISSUES ON THE (IM)POSSIBLE VI

"How is the Asymmetry between the Open Future and the Fixed Past to be characterized?"  
Slovak Metaphysical Society (Bratislava) | 02.08.2018

### 7<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE SOCIÉTÉ DE PHILOSOPHIE DES SCIENCES

"The Asymmetric Nature of Time"  
University of Nantes | 04.07.2018

**EIDOS, THE CENTRE FOR METAPHYSICS**

"How is the Asymmetry between the Open Future and the Fixed Past to be characterized?"

University of Geneva | 29.03.2018

**PERSP METAPHYSICS SEMINAR**

"A Temporal Asymmetry: The Open Future and the Fixed Past"

Universitat de Barcelona | 17.11.2017

**JOURNÉE D'ÉTUDE "MÉTAPHYSIQUE"**

"L'Ouverture du futur"

Institut Protestant de Théologie (Paris) | 06.06.2017

**COURS D'INTRODUCTION AUX NOUVELLES THÉORIES DU TEMPS**

"Quel fondement pour l'asymétrie passé/futur ?"

EHESS (Paris) | 03.05.2017

**EIDOS, THE CENTRE FOR METAPHYSICS**

"A Temporal Asymmetry: The Open Future and the Fixed Past"

University of Neuchatel | 26.04.2017

**COLLOQUE DE RECHERCHE IPHILO**

"A semantic Approach to the Problem of Future Contingents"

University of Neuchatel | 14.03.2017

**COLLOQUE DE RECHERCHE IPHILO**

"De la nature et des causes de la vérité : une tentative d'articulation"

University of Neuchatel | 08.11.2016

**COLLOQUE DE RECHERCHE**

"Comment sauver la dépendance ontologique de la vérité envers l'être ?"

University of Neuchatel | 05.05.2015

**JOURNÉE D'ÉTUDE DU PHILMASTER**

"Qu'est-ce que la vérité ?"

EHESS (Paris) | 23.03.2015

**ASSOCIATION DES LECTEURS ET AMIS DE J. ROMAN**

"Kraus et l'autorité"

Espace Éclair (Lausanne) | 15.02.2013