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29.07.1988 – married with no children



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CH-2000 Neuchâtel  
Switzerland

## SKILLS

### AREAS OF SPECIALTY

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Time

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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

## LANGUAGES

**FRENCH:** Mother tongue

**ENGLISH:** Fluent

**GERMAN:** Good knowledge

**LATIN:** 4-year studies

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER

SNSF Return.Grant Fellowship: Time Regained II: Epistemological Perspectives  
University of Zürich | February 2024 – January 2025

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

### LECTURER

Institute of Philosophy  
University of Neuchatel | August 2020 – January 2023

### PHD STUDENT

SNSF Consolidator Grant: The Metaphysics of Time and its Occupants  
University of Geneva | January 2020 – 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 2018 – 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*

## MEMBERSHIPS

### SENIOR COMMON ROOM

Oriel College, University of Oxford  
2022 – 2024

### FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY (ASSOCIATE MEMBER)

University of Oxford  
2022 – Present

### AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION (APA)

2022 – Present

### 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

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

## TEACHING

### PARTS AND WHOLES (BA)

University of Neuchatel | September 2023 – January 2024

### UNITY RELATIONS (RS)

University of Oxford | January 2023 – March 2023

### CONSEQUENTIALISM (BA)

University of Neuchatel | September 2022 – January 2023

### PERSONAL IDENTITY (BA)

University of Neuchatel | February – June 2022

### THE PARADOXES (BA)

University of Neuchatel | September 2020 – January 2021

### PHILOSOPHY OF TIME (BA)

University of Neuchatel | September 2019 – January 2020

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

University of Neuchatel | 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 2016 – May 2016

## ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### LEAD GUEST EDITOR (WITH MATTEO PASCUCCI)

*Synthese* – Topical Collection "Temporal Reasoning and Tensed Truths" | 2022

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

Section "Metaphysics" of the *Encyclopédie Philosophique*

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

### JOURNAL REFEREE

Acta Analytica, Analytic Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Erkenntnis, International Studies in the Philosophy of Science, Journal for General Philosophy of Science, Journal of Philosophy, Organon F, Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy of Science

### CONFERENCE ORGANISER (WITH BAPTISTE LE BIHAN)

Time and Contradictions  
University of Geneva | May 2023

### CONFERENCE ORGANISER (WITH FABRICE CORREIA)

Diaphora Workshop V "Determinism and Open Choices"  
University of Neuchatel | December 2018

### CONFERENCE REFEREE

Neuchâtel Undergraduate Conference | October 2021  
Lake Geneva Graduate Conference | December 2018

## GRANTS

### RETURN.GRANT N° P5R5PH\_222045

Time Regained part. II: Epistemological Perspectives  
Swiss National Science Foundation | 13.12.2023  
116'276 CHF

## ESPACE 2 : LE LABO

"Karl Kraus, combattant du verbe"  
16.02.2014

## 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  
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### PROF. RICHARD GLAUSER

University of Neuchâtel

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

Email: [richard.glauser@unine.ch](mailto:richard.glauser@unine.ch)

### SUBVENTION POUR LA PUBLICATION

Le futur ouvert  
Commission des publications de la FLSH (UNINE) | 23.10.2023  
2'200 EUR

### BOOK PROCESSING CHARGES GRANT N° 10BP12\_213555

The Asymmetric Nature of Time  
Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) | 29.06.2022  
15'685 CHF

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

Time Regained  
Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) | 14.12.2021  
114'600 CHF

### BOURSE DE LA SOCIÉTÉ ACADÉMIQUE DE GENÈVE

University of Geneva | 02.07.2020  
10'000 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

## AWARDS

### PRIX NEXANS

University of Neuchâtel | 09.12.2022  
5'000 CHF

### PRIX WERNER GÜNTER

University of Neuchâtel | 04.12.2015  
2'500 CHF

### PRIX D'EXCELLENCE DE LA SOCIÉTÉ DES ALUMNI DE L'UNINE

University of Neuchâtel | 27.11.2013  
1'000 CHF

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

[1] GRANDJEAN, V., (2023) *Le futur ouvert*. Paris: Hermann.

[2] GRANDJEAN, V., (2022) *The Asymmetric Nature of Time: Accounting for the Open Future and the Fixed Past*. Springer Nature.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-09763-8>.

### ARTICLES

[3] GRANDJEAN, V., (forthcoming) 'Ni subjectivisme, ni scientisme : Pour une réactualisation de l'intuition cartésienne', in *Klesis*.

[4] GRANDJEAN, V., (2022) 'The Bare Past', in *Philosophia*. Vol. 50, pp. 2523-2550.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11406-022-00534-8>.

# SUPERVISION

## MOMMER JULIEN

BA Dissertation  
University of Neuchatel  
2023

## GEISER CAROLINE

BA Dissertation  
University of Neuchatel  
2022

## 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

[5] 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>.

[6] GRANDJEAN, V., (2021) 'How is the Asymmetry between the Open Future and the Fixed Past to be characterized?', in *Synthese*. Vol. 198, pp. 1863-1886.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-019-02164-2>.

[7] 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>.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

[8] GRANDJEAN, V., (2023) 'L'Approche non-modale de l'essence', in *Connaissance philosophique et connaissance des essences*. C. Tiercelin & A. Declos & (dir.), Paris : Ed. du Collège de France, pp. 132-144.  
<https://books.openedition.org/cdf/13801>.

[9] 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>.

[10] 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>.

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

## EDITORIAL WORK

[12] GRANDJEAN, V., PASCUCCI, M. (EDS.), (forthcoming) 'Temporal Reasoning and Tensed Truths', in *Synthese*.

## REVIEWS

[13] 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>.

# TALKS

## KEY CONCEPTS MA PROSEMINAR

"Introduction à la philosophie du temps"  
University of Neuchatel | 20.12.2023

## LE GROUPE D'ÉTUDES EN MÉTAPHYSIQUE

"Moral Duties to Past-Selves"  
Collège de France (Paris) | 08.12.2023

## 13 QUESTIONS INCONTOURNABLES

"Dieu existe-t-il ?"  
University of Neuchatel | 25.10.2023

## CONFÉRENCE UNAB

"Intuitions et science : L'impossible réconciliation sur la nature du temps"  
University of Bern | 14.09.2023

**9<sup>TH</sup> BIENNAL MEETING OF THE SOCIÉTÉ DE PHILOSOPHIE DES SCIENCES**

"Indeterminate Personal Identity"

Université Paris Nanterre | 02.06.2023

**LE GROUPE D'ÉTUDES EN MÉTAPHYSIQUE**

"Indeterminate Personal Identity"

Collège de France (Paris) | 14.04.2023

**UNITY RELATIONS SEMINAR**

"Indeterminate Personal Identity"

University of Oxford | 09.03.2023

**CÉRÉMONIE PRIX NEXANS 2022**

"Intuitions et science : L'impossible réconciliation sur la nature du temps"

University of Neuchâtel | 09.12.2022

**M&E SEMINAR**

"The Bare Past"

University of Oxford | 08.11.2022

**COLLOQUE DE RECHERCHE IPHILO**

"Ni subjectivisme, ni scientisme : Pour une réévaluation cartésienne de l'intuition"

University of Neuchâtel | 01.11.2022

**LA PHÉNOMÉNOTECHNIQUE DU TEMPS EN 2022**

"Intuitions et science : L'impossible réconciliation sur la nature du temps"

Université de Franche Comté | 27.10.2022

**SOPHA TRIENNAL CONFERENCE "EPISTEMIC VALUES"**

"Quel plan B pour la théorie-A ?"

University of Neuchâtel | 18.06.2022

**CONFERENCE "THINGS, EVENTS, AND LOGICAL SPECIFICATION"**

"Distinguished Successor and Actuality"

Palacký University Olomouc | 19.05.2022

**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> BIENNAL 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

**DIAPHORA WORKSHOP V**

"A Non-Existent Future in a Non-deterministic World"  
University of Neuchatel | 13.12.2018

**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

**CONFÉRENCE "LES PRINCIPES MÉTAPHYSIQUES"**

"La métaphysique comme science de la réconciliation"  
Collège de France (Paris) | 03.10.2018

**WORKSHOP "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 | 02.08.2018

**7TH BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE SOCIÉTÉ DE PHILOSOPHIE DES SCIENCES**

"The Asymmetric Nature of Time"  
Université de 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 de Paris | 06.06.2017

**COURS D'INTRODUCTION À LA PHILOSOPHIE 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 Geneva | 26.04.2017