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## EDUCATION

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| 2009 – Present | <b>SCIENCES PO PARIS</b><br>PhD in International Relations, Political Science  |
| 2007 – 2009    | <b>SCIENCES PO PARIS</b><br>Research Master's Degree (Summa cum laude)<br>International Relations, Political Science                                     |
| 2002 – 2006    | <b>MCGILL UNIVERSITY</b><br>Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours, Dean's Honour List)<br>Honours East Asian Studies, Minor Concentration in Linguistics |
| 2007           | <b>ANKARA UNIVERSITY TURKISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE RESEARCH<br/>AND APPLICATION CENTRE (TÖMER)</b><br>Turkish Language Education                          |
| 2004 – 2005    | <b>KEIO UNIVERSITY</b><br>One-Year Exchange Programme<br>Japanese Language Programme at the Center for Japanese Studies                                  |
| 2001 – 2002    | <b>WESTFÄLISCHE WILHELMS-UNIVERSITÄT</b><br>Auditor in Political Science, French Literature, East Asian Studies  |

## CONFERENCES

- **“Relocating Boundaries through the Institutionalisation of Islam in France and Germany: the French Council of the Muslim Faith (CFCM) and the German *Islamkonferenz*.”** Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Conference: “Insiders and Outsiders,” 14 June 2010, King's College, London.
- **“Managing Islam Abroad: The Foreign Activities of the Turkish Presidency of Religious Affairs (Diyanet) in France and Germany.”** 3rd Graduate Network Conference: “Political and Social Challenges in Europe,” 18-20 March 2010, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona.
- **« Les relations UE-OTAN : quelle autonomie pour la défense européenne ? »** avec Sihem Djebbi, Volker Gitekunst, Paul Hérault, Paul Legrand, et Michele Zingari, Séminaire transdisciplinaire : « L'Europe : acteur des Relations internationales », 11-12 Mars 2009, CERI, Paris.

## **RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS**

- « **Disregarding the Local in the Swiss Minaret Ban : When a National Referendum is an International Phenomenon** », *13 janvier 2010, 12 pages*,

Published on line, available on the website of euro-islam.info (<http://www.euro-islam.info/key-issues/switzerlands-minaret-ban/>)

- « **Le rôle de la Diyanet en France et en Allemagne : La gestion de l’islam comme enjeu international** », *September 1, 2009, 116 pages*.

Master’s Thesis, Research Master’s Programme in International Relations, Political Science.  
Supervisor: Catherine Wihtol de Wenden, [dewenden@ceri-sciences-po.org](mailto:dewenden@ceri-sciences-po.org)

- “**The Ishihara Who Can Say ‘No’: A Plurality of Nationalisms in the Work of Ishihara Shintaro,**” *April 12, 2006, 83 pages*.

East Asian Studies BA Honours Thesis.  
Supervisor: Anne McKnight, [mcknight@usc.edu](mailto:mcknight@usc.edu)

- “**Chua Thuyen Thon: Field Research Project,**” *April 14, 2004, 30 pages*.

Ethnographic Field Research Project on a Montreal Vietnamese Buddhist Church.  
Supervisor: Victor Hori, [victor.hori@staff.mcgill.ca](mailto:victor.hori@staff.mcgill.ca)  
Published on the website of the Montreal Religious Sites Project:  
<http://mrsp.mcgill.ca/buddhist.htm>

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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| 2009 – 2012 | <b>FRENCH MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH</b><br>“DOCTORANT CONTRACTUEL” Three-year PhD Fellowship  |
| 2009        | <b>SCIENCES PO PARIS</b><br>Research Travel Grant   |
| 2006        | <b>MCGILL UNIVERSITY</b><br>Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre of Montreal Prize                               |
| 2004 – 2005 | <b>JAPANESE STUDENT SERVICES ORGANIZATION (JASSO)</b><br>Study Bursary for One-year Student Exchange to Japan |

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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| <i>Oct. 2007 – Oct. 2008</i><br><i>Paris, France</i>    | <b>INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION</b><br>AUTHOR of article abstracts for publication   |
| <i>Oct. 2006 – Feb. 2007</i><br><i>Istanbul, Turkey</i> | <b>INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC MIGRATION COMMISSION (ICMC)</b><br>INTERN with the UNHCR Social Services Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accompaniment and interpreting for asylum seekers and refugees</li> <li>• Registration of asylum seekers for the UNHCR</li> </ul> |

- Participation in counselling services
- Translation of statements

*Sept. 2005- June 2006*  
*Montréal, Canada*

**MCGILL UNIVERSITY EAST ASIAN STUDIES' STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
VICE PRESIDENT and TREASURER

- Organised cultural events for the McGill community
- Responsible for financial management and budgeting

*Nov. 2004- Feb. 2006*  
*Tokyo, Japan*

**KEIO UNIVERSITY**  
PROOFREADER

- Proofread and prepared Keio and other Japanese Professors' articles for publication in academic journals

## **LANGUAGES**

- **English** – native language, **French** – fluent, **German** – fluent, **Japanese** – fluent, **Spanish** – proficient, **Turkish** – proficient

## **OTHER INTERESTS**

- Swimming, martial arts, music (trumpet and piano)