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CURRENT POSITION

2023 - ... Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne – Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne (CES)
Ph.D. Candidate in Economics

Areas of research: Governance theory and strategic interaction; Ostromian institutionalism; Common-pool resource management; Classical liberalism; Property rights; Complex systems

Provisional title: The Political Economy of Elinor Ostrom: Analyzing and Developing Institutional Self-Governance

Supervisors: Dorian Jullien (CES) and Jean-Sébastien Lenfant (PRISM)

EDUCATION

2022-2023 **Master's Degree in Economics and the Humanities** – Epistemology, Methods, Theories | With *Highest Honors*
Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, Paris, France

Thesis in Epistemology of Economics: The Ontological Foundations of Elinor Ostrom's Framework: Conceptualizing Institutions as Complex Systems

Supervisor: Annie L. Cot (CES)

2020-2024 **Engineering Degree (Ingénieur Centralien)** | With *Highest Honors*
CentraleSupélec (French Grande École), *Université Paris-Saclay*, Gif-sur-Yvette, France

General Engineering Program, specialization in Analysis and Design of Complex Systems

2022 Erasmus Exchange in Engineering at *Sapienza Università di Roma*, Rome, Italy

2020-2023 **Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy** | With *High Honors*
Université Paris-Nanterre, Nanterre, France

2020-2021 **Bachelor's Degree in Fundamental Physics** | With *High Honors*
Université Paris-Saclay, Gif-sur-Yvette, France

2018-2020 **Preparatory Courses for the Grandes Écoles, MP*** (Mathematics-Physics, *top track*)
Lycée Louis-le-Grand, Paris, France

2018 **French Baccalauréat, Scientific Track** | With *Highest Honors*
Lycée Léonard de Vinci, Levallois-Perret, France

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

2025 Cervesato Massimo. “Elinor Ostrom, reader of Herbert A. Simon: The Sciences of the Artificial as a methodological guide “To deal with complexity.”” *Journal of Institutional Economics*. [Link](#).

Book Reviews in Peer-Reviewed Journals

2025 Cervesato Massimo. “Common Boundaries: The Theory and Practice of Environmental Property, Michael Cox”. *Ecological Economics*. [Link](#).

2024 Cervesato Massimo and Gaillard Adèle. “François Allisson et Nicolas Brisset, Aux origines du capitalisme. Robert Brenner et le marxisme politique.” *Œconomia – History, Methodology, Philosophy*. [Link](#).

Working Papers

2026 Cervesato Massimo. “Conceptualizing Common Property Rights: An Institutionalist Reading of Elinor Ostrom.”

Cervesato Massimo and Guigourez Mathieu. “Accounting for Ecological Choices through Individual Commitments in Collective Actions: The Covenant Model.”

2025 Cervesato Massimo. “Why Bloomington is not in Virginia. Contrasting the Social Ontologies of the Ostroms and Buchanan.” [Link](#). (*Submitted*.)

Referee for Academic Journals

2025 *Journal of Institutional Economics* (3)

PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Conferences

2025 **17th Biennial INEM Conference**
Philosophy & Economics program at the University of Bayreuth, *International Network for Economic Method (INEM)*
Paper presentation: “Why Bloomington is not in Virginia. Contrasting the Social Ontologies of the Ostroms and Buchanan.”

Other Conferences & Seminars

2025 **Doctoral Summer Conference**
Philosophy of Economics and History of Economic Thought, *Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, CES & PHARE*
Paper presentation: “Comparing the Social Ontologies of the Ostroms and Buchanan: From Shared Ambitions to Conflicting Analytical Perspectives.”

Interdisciplinary Seminar in Political Economy (STEP)

Internal Seminar in Political Economy, *Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, CES*

Paper presentations: “Accounting for Ecological Choices through Individual Commitments in Collective Actions: The KOVENANT Model” (with Mathieu Guigourez), and “Comparing the Social Ontologies of the Ostroms and Buchanan: From Shared Ambitions to Conflicting Analytical Perspectives.”

2024

Doctoral Summer Conference

Philosophy of Economics and History of Economic Thought, *Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, CES & PHARE*

Paper presentation: “Elinor Ostrom and the Design Principles: A Functionalist Approach to the Commons.”

Interdisciplinary Seminar in Political Economy (STEP)

Internal Seminar in Political Economy, *Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, CES*

Paper presentation: “Elinor Ostrom, Reader of Herbert A. Simon: A Functionalist Approach to the Commons.”

Workshops

2025

Albert O. Hirschman Workshop (AOH)

Internal Ph.D. Workshop, *Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, CES*

Workshop paper: “Comparing the Social Ontologies of the Ostroms and Buchanan: From Shared Ambitions to Conflicting Analytical Perspectives.”

2024

Albert O. Hirschman Workshop (AOH)

Internal Ph.D. Workshop, *Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, CES*

Workshop paper: “Elinor Ostrom, Reader of Herbert A. Simon: A Functionalist Approach to the Commons.”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Sorbonne School of Economics

2025-2026 **Teaching Assistant**

- Institutions: Public Finance and Taxation (2nd year – 30h)
The origins of taxation, the State, and social protection; Fiscal balance and public debt; French taxation; Major trends in public expenditure

2024-2025 **Teaching Assistant**

- Microeconomics: Market Structure and Firm Strategy (2nd year – 30h)
Competition vs. monopoly; Natural, regulated, and discriminating monopolies; Cournot and Bertrand duopoly and oligopoly; Game theory, Nash equilibrium, and strategic behaviors with perfect and imperfect information
- Microeconomics: Competitive Equilibrium and Market Failure (2nd year – 30h)
Perfect competition model: pure exchange and production economies; General equilibrium analysis (Debreu and Arrow); Optimality and social justice; Externalities and market failures
- Mathematics and Economic Modeling (1st year – 36h)
Characterization of potential extrema; Partial and total derivatives of multivariable functions; Modelling macroeconomic dynamics; Modelling income as a function of

working time; Modelling a company's profit function; Modelling the effects of GDP per capita on life expectancy and inequality

Co-organizer of the AOH Junior Workshop for Master's students in Economics and Human Sciences (ESH)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2025-2026 **Co-organizer of the Albert O. Hirschman Workshop**
Internal Ph.D. Workshop, *Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, CES*

2024-2025 **Co-organizer of the Doctoral Summer Conference** in Philosophy of Economics and History of Economic Thought, *Paris 1, CES & PHARE*
Secured and managed funding from the Doctoral Schools Council at Université Paris 1.
Organized sessions for around twenty doctoral students and their discussants over three days.

2024-... **Managing Editor Assistant**, *Œconomia – History, Methodology, Philosophy*.
Œconomia is a peer-reviewed journal (in French and in English) published four times a year revolving around the history, the epistemology, and philosophy of economics.

EMPLOYMENT

2024 **Research internship in Applied Mathematics**, with Philippe Bich, Paris 1, CES (5 months)
Internship Report: Governance Structures and Strategic Behavior: A Hybrid Optimization Model

2023-2024 **Knowledge management Project**, with Edvance, EDF Group (4 months)
Developed management tools for nuclear plant engineers to enhance knowledge sharing and workflow efficiency

2021-2022 **Low-carbon startup Project**, with Team for the Planet (4 months)
Developed quantitative tools to identify the most promising low-carbon technologies in startups

2021 **Co-organizer of the Big Review Project**, with The Shift Project (6 months)
Qualitative study to assess the social acceptability of policies for a sustainable transformation of the French economy

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2025 Honorable Mention, 2025 INEM Young Scholars Award, by the *International Network for Economic Method*

2023 Doctoral Fellowship, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, French Ministry of Research

2017 7th Place in Académie de Versailles at the National Mathematics Olympiad, France

MISCELLANEOUS

Programming: Overleaf, Python, Lodel CMS, SQL

Languages: English (proficient), French (native)