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Agriculture and food, Environment, policies and governance, identities

Current research activities

Since 01.01.2023, participation to the project "Résulterre" coordinated by Agrigenève (Federal Office of Agriculture resources projects)

Since 01.11.2021, participation to the project "SYNAGRI: Developing synergies between the bioeconomy and regional food systems for a sustainable future", coordinated by Ruralis, Trondheim, Norway (Norwegian Research Council)

Since 01.01.2020, participation to the project "Agroforesterie" coordinated by Agridea (Federal Office of Agriculture resources projects)

Since 01.01.2019, participation to the project "Terres Vivantes" coordinated by the Fondation Rurale Interjurassienne (Federal Office of Agriculture resources projects)

Current scientific commitments

Board member of the Swiss Anthropological Society (SSE-SEG).

Member of the Platform for rural sociology of the Swiss Society for Rural Economics and Sociology (SGA-SSE)

Member of the Swiss Biodiversity Forum (SCNAT)

Research grants

As main applicant and project leader

01.06.2019-28.02.2022, SNF-Professorship follow-up project: *New directions in agri-environmental governance: Everyday digitalization in agri-environmental governance*; funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (PP00P1_183710); hosted by University of Neuchâtel, Anthropology Institute, CHF 735'833, 24 months

01.06.2015-31.05.2019, SNF-Professorship: *New directions in agri-environmental governance: re-assembling food, knowledge and autonomy*; funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (PP00P1_157414); hosted by University of Neuchâtel, Anthropology Institute, CHF 1'570'979.00, 48 months

01.12.2017-30.10.2018, Mandate: *Etude DIAF-DSAS sur les risques psychosociaux chez les agriculteurs du canton de Fribourg : Mandat pour une étude qualitative* ; funded by Dep. of agriculture and dep. of public health of the Canton of Fribourg; hosted by the University of Neuchâtel, CHF 20'000.00, 12 months

- 01.12.2016-31.12.2017, *Initiating a research collaboration on agri-environmental governance in Switzerland and Indonesia: University of Neuchâtel-Institut Teknologi Bandung*; funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI); hosted by the University of Neuchâtel, CHF 10'000.00, 12 months.
- 01.01.2013-31.12.2014, *Ambizione : Alternatives in the Swiss dairy industry: reconfiguring networks and producers empowerment*; funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (PZ00P1_142481); hosted by Bern University for Applied Sciences, School for Agricultural, Forest and Food sciences, CHF 383'510.00, 24 months
- 01.09.2010-29.02.2012, Fellowship for prospective researchers: *Agriculture familiale et libération: processus d'adaptation chez les agriculteurs néozélandais (Otago)*; funded by the SNF Research Commission University of Neuchâtel (PBNEP1-129464); hosted by the University of Otago, Centre for Sustainability, New Zealand, CHF 78'750.00, 18 months
- 01.04.2006-31.03.2007, Fellowship for prospective researchers: *Rester paysan. Reformulation sociales et identitaires chez les paysans romands* ; funded by the SNF Research Commission University of Neuchâtel (PBNE1-110372); hosted by INRA, LISTO-D, Dijon, France, CHF 50'000.00, 12 months

As co-applicant

- Since 01.01.2019, *Projet ressources "Agroforesterie"*; funded by the Swiss Federal Office of Agriculture; coordinated by Agridea; co-leading the anthropological contribution (CHF 104'000), 72 months.
- Since 01.01.2019, *Projet ressources "Terres Vivantes"*; funded by the Swiss Federal Office of Agriculture; coordinated by the Fondation Rurale Interjurassienne; leading the anthropological contribution (CHF 104'000), 72 months.
- 01.01.2014-31.07.2017, NRP 69 "Healthy Nutrition and Sustainable Food Production": *Alternative agro-food networks: innovative integration of sustainable eating habits and food production?*, Project leader Prof. Marion Fresia; funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (406940_145163); hosted by University of Neuchâtel, Anthropology Institute, CHF 188'797.00, 43 months.
- 01.10.2013-30.04.2017, *Lebensbedingungen und Handlungsansätze von Bauernhaushalten in schwierigen Situationen*, Project leader Sandra Contzen (BFH-HAFL): Funded by the Federal Office for Agriculture, hosted by Bern University for Applied Sciences.

Education

- 12.05.2010: **PhD in Human Sciences, (Social Anthropology)**, University of Neuchâtel.
Summa Cum Laude
 Title : "*Produire du lait, créer du sens. Adaptations et résistances quotidiennes chez les producteurs de lait suisses romands*".
 Advisors : Yvan Droz (IHEID, Geneva) and Christian Ghasarian (Anthropology Institute, Neuchâtel)
- 2005-2006: Fellow of the Swiss Postgraduate Programme in Ethnology/Anthropology
- 1997-2002: Licence (equivalent MA). Ethnology, History and Hermeneutic
Award : Prix Werner Günter, University of Neuchâtel
 MA thesis: "*Des paysans, il en faudra toujours... La reprise de l'exploitation familiale et les perspectives d'avenir de jeunes agriculteurs fribourgeois*"

Work experience

Academic

- 01.06.2015-28.02.2022: **Assistant professor**, SNF-Professorship, at the Anthropology Institute, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
- 01.2013-04.2015: **Research Associate, project leader**, at Bern University of Applied Sciences, School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences, Switzerland
SNF Ambizione, project PZ00P1_142481
- 09.2012-02.2013: **Lecturer (20%)** at the Anthropology Institute, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
- 08.-12.2012: **Post-doctoral Fellow (90%)** at IHEID, Geneva, Switzerland
SNF NRP 60
- 09.2010-02.2012: **Post-doctoral Fellow** at CSAFE, University of Otago, **New Zealand**,
www.csafe.org.nz
SNF Fellowships for prospective researchers, collaboration with the [Rural Futures project](#)
- 02.2005-07.2010: **Teaching assistant** at the Anthropology Institute, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
- 04.2006-03.2007: **Visiting researcher** at LISTO-D (INRA-SAD) in Dijon, **France**.
SNF Fellowships for prospective researchers
- 10.2003-01.2005: **Research scientist** at the Anthropology Institute, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
SNF NRP 48
- 10.2002-04.2003: **Research assistant** at the Anthropology Institute, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Selected publications list

Peer-reviewed articles

- Forney, Jérémy** & Dwiartama, A. 2022 "The project, the everyday, and reflexivity in sociotechnical agri-food assemblages: proposing a conceptual model of digitalization". *Agriculture and Human Values*. doi:10.1007/s10460-022-10385-4
- Forney, Jérémy**, Dwiartama, A., Bentia D. 2022 "Everyday digitalization in food and agriculture: Introduction to the symposium", *Agriculture and Human Values*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10460-022-10382-7>
- Forney, Jérémy**, & Epiney, L. 2022 "Governing Farmers through data? Digitization and the Question of Autonomy in Agri-environmental governance". *Journal of Rural Studies*, 95, 173-182.
- Forney Jérémy** 2021. "Farmers' empowerment and learning processes in accountability practices: An assemblage perspective", *Journal of Rural Studies* 86: 673-683
- Vuilleumier Julien, **Forney Jérémy** & Fresia Marion 2020, « La contrainte et l'alimentation comme vecteurs d'autonomisation dans des réseaux agroalimentaires alternatifs », *Anthropology of food* [Online], <http://journals.openedition.org/aof/10501>
- Emery Steven B., **Forney Jérémy** & Wynne-Jones, Sophie 2017 (editorial of the Special Issue, with S. Wynne-Jones & S. Emery), "The more-than-economic dimensions of co-operation in food production", *Journal of Rural Studies* 53: 229-235.
- Forney Jérémy** & Häberli Isabel 2017, "Cooperative values and hybridity of farmers' organisations in the Swiss dairy sector", *Journal of Rural Studies* 53: 236-246.
- Contzen Sandra & **Forney Jérémy** 2017, "Family farming and gendered division of labour on the move: a typology of farming family configurations", *Agriculture and Human Values*, 34(1): 27-40.
- Forney Jérémy** 2016, "Blind spots in agri-environmental governance: some reflections and suggestions from Switzerland", *Review of Agricultural and Environmental Studies* 97(1): 1-13.
- Forney Jérémy** & Häberli Isabel 2016, "Introducing 'seeds of change' into the food system? Localisation strategies in the Swiss dairy industry", *Sociologia Ruralis* 56 (2): 135-156.

- Stock Paul, **Forney Jérémy**, Steven Emery, Wittman Hannah 2014, "Neoliberal Natures on the Farm: Farmer Autonomy and Cooperation in Comparative Perspective", *Journal of Rural Studies* 36, special issue on *Neoliberal Natures*: 411-422.
- Stock Paul & **Forney Jérémy** 2014, "Farmer Autonomy and the Farming Self", *Journal of Rural Studies* 36: 160-171.
- Forney Jérémy** & Häberli Isabel 2014, "Is 'local' enough? New localised food networks in the Swiss dairy industry", *Farming systems facing global challenges: Capacities and strategies, 11th European IFSA Symposium, 1-4 April 2014, online proceedings*, http://project2.zalf.de/IFSA_2014
- Forney Jérémy** & Stock Paul, "Family Farms' Conversions and Resilience in Southland", New Zealand, *International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food*, 21(1): 7-29.
- Forney Jérémy** 2013 "Social sciences and farmers in Switzerland: the story of a strange absence", *Geography Compass* 7(12): 843-852.

Books

- Forney Jérémy** & Matasci Lena 2022. *Enraciner l'agronomie en terre romande : 100 ans d'AIASR*, Château & Attinger.
- Burton Rob, **Forney Jérémy**, Stock Paul & Sutherland Lee-Ann 2021. *The Good Farmer. Culture and identity in food and agriculture*, Earthscan Food and Agriculture/Routledge.
- Forney Jérémy**, Rosin Chris & Campbell Hugh, 2018 (eds). *Agri-environmental Governance as an Assemblage: Multiplicity, power, and transformation*. Earthscan/Routledge, 236 p.
- Forney Jérémy** 2012 *Les éleveurs laitiers dans le 21^{ème} siècle*. Coll. Le Savoir Suisse, Lausanne : PPUR. 128 p.
- Droz Yvan, Miéville-Ott Valérie, **Forney Jérémy** & Spichiger Rachel 2009, *Anthropologie politique du paysage. Valeurs et postures paysagères des montagnes suisses*. Paris: Karthala. 172 p.
- Droz Yvan & **Forney Jérémy** 2007, *Un métier sans avenir? La Grande Transformation de l'agriculture suisse romande*. Paris/Genève: Karthala/IUED. 186 p.

Book chapters

- Forney Jérémy** 2023 « Coexistence as Assemblage: The Multiplicity of Dairy Models in Switzerland », in GASSELIN P., LARDON S., CERDAN C., LOUDIYI S., SAUTIER D. (eds), *Coexistence and Confrontation of Agricultural and Food Models A New Paradigm of Territorial Development?* Editions QUAE/Springer.
- Loodt Nicolas, Hermesse Julie, **Forney Jérémy**, Christine Frison Corentin Hecque & Scaffidi Cinzia (in print) "Résilience des systèmes alimentaires : Pistes de pour une réflexion sur pour redessiner nos territoires alimentaires en l'articulation des territoires agricoles en Europe" in J. Hermesse & O. Servais (eds) *Déconfiner l'Europe!*, Paris : Karthala
- Forney Jérémy** & Sutherland Lee-Ann 2021 "5. Identities on the family farm: agrarianism, materiality and the 'good farmer'" in James, H. S. (ed), *Handbook on the Human Impact of Agriculture*, Edward Elgar Publishing, pp. 65-84.
- Forney Jérémy** 2021« La coexistence comme agencement : Multiplicité des modèles laitiers en Suisse : », in GASSELIN P., LARDON S., CERDAN C., LOUDIYI S., SAUTIER D. (eds), *Coexistence des modèles agricoles et alimentaires : un nouveau paradigme du développement territorial*, collection Nature et Société, Editions QUAE.
- Forney Jérémy**, Rosin Chris & Campbell Hugh 2018, "Introduction: Agri-Environmental Governance as Assemblage", in J. Forney, C. Rosin & H. Campbell (eds), *Agri-environmental Governance as an Assemblage: Multiplicity, power, and transformation*. Earthscan/Routledge, pp. 1-16.
- Bentia Dana & **Forney Jérémy** 2018 "Beyond Soyisation – Donau Soja as Assemblage", in J. Forney, C. Rosin & H. Campbell (eds), *Agri-environmental Governance as an Assemblage: Multiplicity, power, and transformation*. Earthscan/Routledge, pp. 177-192.
- Forney Jérémy** 2016, "Enacting Swiss cheese: about the multiple ontologies of local food", in R.Le Heron, H.Campbell, N.Lewis & M. Carolan (eds), *Biological Economies: Experimentation and the politics of agrifood frontiers*, Routledge, pp. 67-81

Diverse reports, Working papers, and theses

- Forney Jérémy** & Epiney Ludivine 2022, "Gouverner les agriculteurs par les données ? Digitalisation et autonomie dans la gouvernance agro-environnementale", MAPS Working Papers 2/2022 https://www.unine.ch/files/live/sites/maps/files/shared/documents/wp/WP_2_2022_Forney_Epiney.pdf

- Forney Jérémy**, Bentia Dana, Dwiartama A. 2022, Final Scientific Report New directions in agri-environmental governance: Everyday digitalization in agri-environmental governance, University of Neuchâtel.
- Forney, Jérémy** 2020, "Interdépendances et collaborations dans les systèmes agro-alimentaires : penser l'autonomie en agriculture au-delà de l'agricole", MAPS Working Papers (1-2020), <https://doc.rero.ch/record/328046>
- Forney Jérémy**, Bentia Dana, Vetter Thomas, Tall Ismaël 2019, Final Scientific Report New directions in agri-environmental governance: re-assembling food, knowledge and autonomy, University of Neuchâtel.
- Forney Jérémy** 2018, Beyond fascinating smart tools: everyday challenges in the digitalization of agriculture. *Geoagenda* (2018/5), pp.10-11.
- Forney Jérémy & Buxtorf, Romane** 2018. Etude conjointe DSAS-DIAF sur les risques psycho-sociaux des agriculteurs et agricultrices du canton de Fribourg, University of Neuchâtel
- Forney Jérémy & Dind Alice** 2018, Risques psycho-sociaux dans l'agriculture fribourgeoise, rapport préliminaire.
- Forney Jérémy & Bebb Heledd** 2017, Changing attitudes and facilitating knowledge exchange in the Welsh agricultural sector: The historic and on-going contribution of Menter a Busnes. OB3 Research.
- Contzen Sandra, Crettaz Eric & **Forney Jérémy** 2015, Schlussbericht Projekt „Lebensbedingungen und Handlungsansätze von Bauernhaushalten in schwierigen Situationen“ BFH-HAFL/ HES-SO-HETS.
- Droz Yvan, Miéville-Ott Valérie, Reysoo Fenneke, **Forney Jérémy & Contzen Sandra** 2014, Genre, générations et égalité en agriculture ; Transformations des configurations familiales et des représentations de la masculinité et de la féminité en Suisse, Final report, SNFS-NRP 60.
- Forney Jérémy** 2012 Family farms' conversion in Southland. A case study for "RURAL FUTURES: Building adaptive management capability to deliver sustainable pastoral farm systems". CSAFE, University of Otago, New Zealand. 55 p. + appendices. [\[http://www.academia.edu/4393225/THE_CONVERSION_OF_FAMILY_FARMS_IN_SOUTHLAND\]](http://www.academia.edu/4393225/THE_CONVERSION_OF_FAMILY_FARMS_IN_SOUTHLAND)
- Forney Jérémy** 2010 Produire du lait, créer du sens. Adaptations et résistances quotidiennes chez les producteurs de lait suisses romands. PhD Thesis, Faculté des lettres et sciences humaines, University of Neuchâtel, 521 p. [\[http://doc.rero.ch/record/18279?ln=fr\]](http://doc.rero.ch/record/18279?ln=fr)
- Ethical and Deontological Think Thank 2010, "Une charte éthique pour les ethnologues? Projet de prise de position de la SSE", *Tsantsa* (15), pp. 148-165.
- Droz Yvan, Miéville-Ott Valérie, **Forney Jérémy & Spichiger Rachel** 2005, *Le champ du paysage; Représentations paysagères et processus de légitimation des usages sociaux du paysage; De la Vue-des-Alpes au Pays-d'Enhaut*. Neuchâtel: Institut d'ethnologie de Neuchâtel & SNFS-NRP 48, pp. 67. [\[http://doc.rero.ch/record/5980?ln=fr\]](http://doc.rero.ch/record/5980?ln=fr)
- Droz Yvan & **Forney Jérémy** 2004. *Les exclus du terroir*. Neuchâtel: Institut d'ethnologie de l'Université de Neuchâtel et Institut Universitaire d'Etude du Développement de Genève, pp. 85.
- Forney Jérémy** 2002. Des paysans, il en faudra toujours. La reprise de l'exploitation familiale *et les perspectives d'avenir de jeunes agriculteurs fribourgeois*. MA thesis. Anthropology Institute, University of Neuchâtel, 103p. [\[http://doc.rero.ch/record/4953?ln=fr\]](http://doc.rero.ch/record/4953?ln=fr)
- Forney Jérémy & Hirt Caroline** 2001. *Etudes en ethnologie et devenir professionnel : petite enquête*. Université de Neuchâtel, Institut d'ethnologie. 20 p.