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EDUCATION

École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL), Institut Jean Nicod <i>PhD Psychology</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervisor: Hugo MercierThesis: How do we infer other's competence?	<i>Expected graduation: Fall 2027</i> <i>Paris, FR</i>
École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL) <i>MA Cognitive Science — ENS Diploma</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervisor: Hugo MercierFinal Year Ranking: 1/78Thesis: One Feeling, Many Domains: The Consistent Appeal of Insight across Knowledge Areas and Modalities	2021 – 2024 <i>Paris, FR</i>
University of Princeton <i>Visiting Student Research Collaborator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervisor: Alin Coman	Feb. 2023 – Jun. 2023 <i>Princeton, NJ, USA</i>
University of Cambridge <i>Visiting Research Student</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervisor: Lee de-Wit	Sep. 2022 – Jan. 2023 <i>Cambridge, UK</i>
Sciences Po Bordeaux <i>BA Political Studies</i>	2018 – 2021 <i>Bordeaux, FR</i>
University Paul Valéry <i>BA Philosophy</i>	2018 – 2021 <i>Montpellier, FR</i>

PUBLICATIONS

¹*first author*

Peer Reviewed Publications

- Mercier, M.¹, Dubourg, E. & Mercier, H. (2025). Insight-seeking is consistent across domains and distinct from other forms of curiosity. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 237, 113051.

Working Papers

- Mercier M.¹, Garsmeur, A. & Mercier, H. (2025). The Appeal of Insight: Why Riddles and Whodunits Captivate Us. (*Under review*)
- Dubourg, E., Thouzeau, V., ..., Mercier, M., ..., Baumard, N. (2025). The Cognitive Foundations of Fictional Stories. (*Under review*)

TEACHING

Courses

Human Behaviour Culture and Societies <i>École Normale Supérieure (ENS-PSL)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Teaching Assistant, Graduate CourseTaught with Nicolas Baumard & Jean-Baptiste André	2024 – 2025
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Student internship supervision

- Nina Vivier Barte, *undergraduate* 2024
- Clementine Allais, *undergraduate* 2024

WORK EXPERIENCE

Data Scientist <i>Noèse</i>	2023 – Present
Radio Columnist <i>La Grâce Matinale & Anachroniques</i>	2021
Popular Science Writer <i>Phébé, Le Point</i>	2021
Private Teacher	2014 – 2021

SCIENCE OUTREACH

General Audience Talks

1. Interactive experience and game on psychological consequences of inequalities. **Nuit Européenne des Chercheurs**, Brest 2023

Popular Science Writing

1. **Mercier M.** (2021). Pourquoi nous créons des mondes imaginaires, Phébé, Le Point.
2. **Mercier M.** (2021). Le mal n'est pas un concept allant de soi, Phébé, Le Point.