

Stanford



Angele Christin

Assistant Professor of Communication and, by courtesy, of Sociology

Bio

BIO

Angèle Christin is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication, and, by courtesy, in the Sociology Department at Stanford University. She studies fields and organizations where algorithms and analytics transform professional values, expertise, and work practices. She received her PhD in Sociology from Princeton University and the EHESS (Paris).

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Communication
- Assistant Professor (By courtesy), Sociology
- Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Modern Thought and Literature
- Science, Technology and Society

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Angèle Christin studies how algorithms and analytics transform professional values, expertise, and work practices.

Her book, *Metrics at Work: Journalism and the Contested Meaning of Algorithms* (Princeton University Press, 2020) focuses on the case of web journalism, analyzing the growing importance of audience data in web newsrooms in the U.S. and France. Drawing on ethnographic methods, Angèle shows how American and French journalists make sense of traffic numbers in different ways, which in turn has distinct effects on the production of news in the two countries. She discussed it on the New Books Network podcast.

In a related study, she analyzed the construction, institutionalization, and reception of predictive algorithms in the U.S. criminal justice system, building on her previous work on the determinants of criminal sentencing in French courts.

Her new project examines the paradoxes of algorithmic labor through a study of influencers and influencer marketing on YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok.

Teaching

COURSES

2021-22

- Ethnographic Methods: COMM 314 (Win)
- The World of Influencers: Labor, Power, and Celebrity on Social Media: COMM 355 (Spr)

2019-20

- Communication Colloquium: COMM 390 (Aut, Win)
- Ethnographic Methods: COMM 314, SOC 319 (Aut)
- The Politics of Algorithms: COMM 154, COMM 254, CSRE 154T, SOC 154, SOC 254C (Aut)

2018-19

- Communication Colloquium: COMM 390 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Ethnographic Methods: COMM 314, SOC 319 (Win)
- The Politics of Algorithms: COMM 154, COMM 254, CSRE 154T, SOC 154 (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Prachee Jain, Abisola Kusimo, Yingdan Lu, Jeff Nagy, Morgan Weiland

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Sanna Ali, Anna Gibson

Doctoral (Program)

Sanna Ali, Anna Gibson, Marijn Nura Mado

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Race after Technology (Book Review)** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY*
Book Review Authored by: Christin, A.
2021; 127 (3): 1004-1005
- **Technologies of Crime Prediction: The Reception of Algorithms in Policing and Criminal Courts** *SOCIAL PROBLEMS*
Brayne, S., Christin, A.
2021; 38 (3): 608-624
- **The Drama of Metrics: Status, Spectacle, and Resistance Among YouTube Drama Creators** *SOCIAL MEDIA + SOCIETY*
Christin, A., Lewis, R.
2021; 7 (1)
- **"This Seems to Work!": Designing Technological Systems with The Algorithmic Imaginations of Those Who Labor**
Cameron, L., Christin, A., DeVito, M., Dillahunt, T. R., Elish, M., Gray, M., Qadri, R., Raval, N., Valentine, M., Watkins, E., ACM ASSOC COMPUTING MACHINERY.2021
- **The Metric Society: On the Quantification of the Social (Book Review)** *ARCHIVES EUROPEENNES DE SOCIOLOGIE*
Book Review Authored by: Christin, A.
2020; 61 (3): 486-89
- **Algorithmic ethnography, during and after COVID-19** *COMMUNICATION AND THE PUBLIC*

- Christin, A.
2020; 5 (3-4): 108–11
- **The ethnographer and the algorithm: beyond the black box** *THEORY AND SOCIETY*
Christin, A.
2020
 - **ALGORITHMS AT WORK: THE NEW CONTESTED TERRAIN OF CONTROL** *ACADEMY OF MANAGEMENT ANNALS*
Kellogg, K. C., Valentine, M. A., Christin, A.
2020; 14 (1): 366–410
 - **METRICS AT WORK JOURNALISM AND THE CONTESTED MEANING OF ALGORITHMS Introduction** *METRICS AT WORK*
Christin, A., Christin, A.
2020: 1-14
 - **Technologies of Crime Prediction: The Reception of Algorithms in Policing and Criminal Courts** *Social Problems*
Brayne, S., Christin, A.
2020; 68 (3): 608–624
 - **What Data Can Do: A Typology of Mechanisms** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF COMMUNICATION*
Christin, A.
2020; 14: 1115–34
 - **Down and Out in the New Economy: How People Find (or Don't Find) Work Today (Book Review)** *WORK AND OCCUPATIONS*
Book Review Authored by: Christin, A.
2019; 46 (1): 94–96
 - **Counting Clicks: Quantification and Variation in Web Journalism in the United States and France** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY*
Christin, A.
2018; 123 (5): 1382–1415
 - **Work and Identity in an Era of Precarious Employment: How Workers Respond to "Personal Branding" Discourse** *WORK AND OCCUPATIONS*
Vallas, S. P., Christin, A.
2018; 45 (1): 3–37