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Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
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Core qualifications and interest

Teaching/Training – Research – Applied research - Consultancy - Publications/editing - Extensive field research experience

Core domains: agrarian change and rural development; agroecology; livelihoods; inequality, poverty and poverty reduction policy; gender relations; emerging economies; development policy; research design

Main regions of interest: continental Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Cambodia) and West and Central Africa (Burkina Faso, Republic of Congo, Burundi); more recently: Bolivia and South India

Current position (since 2008) - Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

- Senior lecturer in Political Economy and Development Studies
- Faculty Lead, Applied Research Project
- Deputy-Director, Master in Asian studies <http://unige.ch/maspea>
- Deputy Editor-in-chief and Executive Director, *International Development Policy* <http://poldev.revues.org/>

Teaching (Master programs)

- Master in International and Development Studies
 - *Agrarian change and mobility/migration*
 - *Applied research projects*
- Master in Asian Studies (University of Geneva and IHEID)
 - *Développement, pauvreté et inégalités en Asie du Sud-est*
- Executive Master in Development Policies and Practices (Ouagadougou, Hà Nội, Bishkek)
 - *Agrarian change, development policy, human development*
- Master of Advanced Studies in Humanitarian Action (Geneva Centre of Humanitarian Studies)
 - *Humanitarian-Development nexus (2017-2020)*
- *Academic research methods and practice (fall 2020)*; special program for Afghan scholars and project leaders; Jesuit Refugee Service in Afghanistan)

Invited Professor - Institut d'étude du développement économique et social Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (Winter 2024) ; Université de Montréal, Département de science politique (Winter 2019)

Research (current and recent)

- *Scaling agroecology in India, Bolivia and Burkina Faso*, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, Solution-Oriented Research For Development program (2024-26)
- *Gender equity in climate change participation to ensure adoption of agroecological-based vegetable production in Eastern Africa (Ethiopia and Kenya)*, funded by the Cluster of Cooperation (CLOC) Eastern Africa, University of Bern (2024)
- *Transfer of knowledge and best practices for financial inclusion in Colombia*, Swiss Expert Network SEN/Colombia+Competitiva (2024)
- *Agroecological educational farm for food security in Southwestern Ethiopia*, funded by the Cluster of Cooperation (CLOC) Eastern Africa, University of Bern (2023-24).
https://www.cde.unibe.ch/research/projects/cloc_eastern_africa
- *Mekong State of Land Initiative*, Mekong Region Land Governance project (MRLG), funded by the Swiss Development Cooperation, Bern and Vientiane (2021-2022) <https://www.mrlg.org/>
- *Agricultural commercialization, gendered livelihood transformation and food security (Cambodia and Ghana)*, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (2015-2022).
<https://r4d-demeter.info/>
- *Large Scale Land Acquisitions in Southeast Asia: Rural Transformations between Global Agendas and Peoples' Right to Food*, funded by the Swiss Network for International Studies, Geneva (2011-2014). http://www.snis.ch/project_large-scale-land-acquisitions-southeast-asia-rural-transformations-between-global-agendas
- *Les hévéacultures familiales au Cambodge et au Vietnam et leur intégration dans la région du Mékong*; funded by l'Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, Hanoi (2010-2012)
- *Contemporary Forms of Bonded Labor in Southeast Asia - Indebtedness, debt-bondage and migration in Vietnam*, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (2006-10)

Publications

Peer reviewed articles

- Beban, A., & **Gironde, C.** (2023). Surviving cassava: smallholder farmer strategies for coping with market volatility in Cambodia. *Journal of Land Use Science*, 18(1), 109-127. DOI: [10.1080/1747423X.2023.2190744](https://doi.org/10.1080/1747423X.2023.2190744)
- Ehrensperger, A., Nanhthavong, V., Beban, A., **Gironde, C.**, Diepart, J. C., Scurrah, N., ... & Ingalls, M. (2024). The agrarian transition in the Mekong Region: pathways towards sustainable land systems. *Journal of Land Use Science*, 19(1), 1-23. DOI : [10.1080/1747423X.2024.2288728](https://doi.org/10.1080/1747423X.2024.2288728)
- Nguyen, A. T., Oya, C., Beban, A., **Gironde, C.**, Cole, R., & Ehrensperger, A. (2023). Agricultural commercialization in the Mekong region: A meta-narrative review and policy implications. *Journal of land use science*, 18(1), 128-151. DOI: [10.1080/1747423X.2023.2191599](https://doi.org/10.1080/1747423X.2023.2191599)
- J. C. Diepart, N. Scurrah, A. Beban, **C. Gironde**, & N. Y. Campbell, (2023). The recognition and formalization of customary tenure in the forest landscapes of the Mekong region: a Polanyian perspective. *Journal of Land Use Science*, 18(1), 211-226. DOI: [10.1080/1747423X.2023.2206814](https://doi.org/10.1080/1747423X.2023.2206814)
- C. Hett, Zar Chi Aye, **C. Gironde**, A. Beban, J.-C. Diepart, J.-C. Castella, R. Bernhard and A. Ehrensperger (2023), Agroecological initiatives in the Mekong Region: a systematic literature review and mapping reveals their implications for transitioning to sustainable food systems, *Journal of Land Use Science*, 18:1, 334-355, DOI: [10.1080/1747423X.2023.2248980](https://doi.org/10.1080/1747423X.2023.2248980)

- **C. Gironde**, F. Reysoo, A. Torrico Ramirez & Seng Suon (2021), No cash, no food. Gendered reorganization of livelihoods and food security in Cambodia, *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, DOI: [10.1080/03066150.2021.1960826](https://doi.org/10.1080/03066150.2021.1960826)
- G. Carbonnier et **C. Gironde** (2019), The ILO @ 100: in Search of Renewed Relevance. *International Development Policy | Revue internationale de politique de développement* 11 | 2019, <http://journals.openedition.org/poldev/2987> ; DOI : 10.4000/poldev.2987
- **C. Gironde** et A. Torrico Ramirez (2019), Dépossession foncière, transition agraire et capacité d'adaptation. Devenir des populations autochtones de Ratanakiri (Cambodge), *Revue internationale des études du développement*, 2019/2 (N° 238), p. 291-322. <https://www.cairn.info/revue-internationale-des-etudes-du-developpement-2019-2-page-291.htm>
- **C. Gironde** et G. Carbonnier (2019), L'OIT centenaire : pertinence et défis dans un monde du travail en mutation, *International Development Policy | Revue internationale de politique de développement* [En ligne], 11 | 2019, URL : <http://journals.openedition.org/poldev/3128> ; DOI : 10.4000/poldev.3128
- **C. Gironde** et O. Tessier (2015), Viêt Nam : les « nouveaux territoires » d'une modernisation inégalitaire, *Hérodote*, Les Enjeux Géopolitique du Viêt Nam, Paris : La Découverte, pp. 161-183. https://www.cairn.info/resume.php?ID_ARTICLE=HER_157_0161
- **C. Gironde** and G. Senties Portilla (2015), From Lagging Behind to Losing Ground: Cambodian and Laotian Household Economy and Large-Scale Land Acquisitions, *International Development Policy | Revue internationale de politique de développement* No.6, Geneva: Graduate Institute Publications, Boston: Brill-Nijhoff, pp. 172–204. <http://poldev.revues.org/2043>
- **C. Gironde** and C. Golay (2015), Large-Scale Land Acquisitions, Livelihoods and Human Rights in South-East Asia, in *International Development Policy | Revue internationale de politique de développement* No.6, Geneva: Graduate Institute Publications, Boston: Brill-Nijhoff, pp. 275–292. <http://poldev.revues.org/2065>
- Phi Van Evelyne Nguyễn and **C. Gironde** (2010), Negotiating (In)dependency: Social Journeys of Vietnamese Women to Cambodia, *Asian Journal of Social Science*, 38: 930–944. DOI: [10.1163/156853110X530813](https://doi.org/10.1163/156853110X530813)
- **C. Gironde** (2009), Réformes, croissance et augmentation des inégalités dans le delta du Fleuve Rouge (1980-2000), *Moussons*, 13-14: 269-308. URL : <http://moussons.revues.org/1025>
- **C. Gironde** (2008), Grandes réformes et petits arrangements dans les campagnes vietnamiennes, *Autrepart*, (numéro : Les mondes post-communistes – Quels capitalismes ? Quelles sociétés?), 48: 113-128. DOI [10.3917/autr.048.0113](https://doi.org/10.3917/autr.048.0113)

Monographs

- Martignoni, J.B., **Gironde, C.**, Golay, C., Prügl, E. and Tsikata, D. eds., 2022. *Agricultural Commercialization, Gender Equality and the Right to Food: Insights from Ghana and Cambodia*. Taylor & Francis. <https://www.routledge.com/Agricultural-Commercialization-Gender-Equality-and-the-Right-to-Food-Insights/Martignoni-Gironde-Golay-Prugl-Tsikata/p/book/9781032063768>
- **Gironde C.** and Carbonnier G. eds., 2019. *The ILO @ 100 - Addressing the Past and Future of Work and Social Protection*, International Development Policy series No.11 (Geneva, Boston: Graduate Institute Publications, Brill-Nijhoff. <https://journals.openedition.org/poldev/2953>
- **Gironde, C.**, Golay, C. and Messerli, P. eds., 2015. *Large-Scale Land Acquisitions: Focus on South-East Asia*, International Development Policy series No.6, Geneva: Graduate Institute Publications, Boston: Brill-Nijhoff. <http://poldev.revues.org/2015>
- Fortunel, F. et **Gironde, C.**, 2014. *L'Or Blanc. Petits et grands planteurs à l'épreuve du 'boom' de l'hévéaculture : regards croisés Viêt-Nam-Cambodge*, Bangkok: Institut de Recherche sur l'Asie du Sud-Est Contemporaine (IRASEC) - <http://www.irasec.com/ouvrage113>
- **Gironde, C.** et Maurer, J.-L., (sous la direction de), 2004. *Le Vietnam à l'aube du XXI^{ème} siècle – Bilan et perspectives politiques, économiques et sociales*, Paris: Karthala.

- **Gironde, C.**, 2001. *Réhabilitation et transformations de l'économie familiale au Nord-Vietnam - Systèmes d'activités villageois et réseaux de relations dans le delta du Fleuve Rouge*, Doctoral Dissertation, Institut Universitaire d'Etudes du Développement / University of Geneva, Thèse n° 3, 406 p. + Annexes

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- **Gironde, C.**, Ramirez, A.T., Peeters, A. and Thida, K., 2022. From food crop to food shop. Agricultural commercialization, food security, and gender relations in Cambodia. In *Agricultural Commercialization, Gender Equality and the Right to Food* (pp. 26-47). Routledge.
- Martignoni, J.B., **Gironde, C.**, Golay, C., Prügl, E., Reysoo, F. and Tsikata, D., 2022. From the unequal harvests of commercialization to the right to food and gender equality: What roles for governments, agribusinesses, and rural communities?. In *Agricultural Commercialization, Gender Equality and the Right to Food* (pp. 241-254). Routledge.
- **Gironde, C.**, 2019. Les espaces ruraux : une mise en valeur et une intégration renforcée. In *L'Asie du Sud-Est. Une géographie régionale*, Céline Pierdet et Éric Sarraute (Coordinateurs), Paris : Ellipses, pp. 143-153
- **Gironde, C.**, 2018. Le monde rural. In *Histoire du Viêt Nam de la colonisation à nos jours*, B. de Tréglodé (Editeur), Paris: Editions de la Sorbonne, pp. 139-159
- **Gironde, C.**, 2018. « Agrarian transition, adaptation and contained conflict in Cambodia and Vietnam since the 1990s », in Zurayk R. Woertz E. and Bahn R. (eds), *Crisis and Conflict in the Agrarian World: An Evolving Dialectic*, Oxfordshire : CABI Publishers, pp. 214-231
- **Gironde, C.**, 2014. Etudier la diversité de la paysannerie, in *Vietnam en transitions*, in G. de Terssac G., Truong An Quoc et M. Catlla (eds.), Lyon: ENS EDITIONS, pp 31-51.
- F. Fortunel et **C. Gironde** (2014), La fabrique des territoires de l'hévéa, in L'Or Blanc. Petits et grands planteurs à l'épreuve du 'boom' de l'hévéaculture : regards croisés Viêt-Nam-Cambodge, Bangkok: Institut de Recherche sur l'Asie du Sud-Est Contemporaine (IRASEC), pp 11-22. <http://www.irasec.com/ouvrage113>
- **C. Gironde** et F. Fortunel (2014), Le 'boom' de l'hévéaculture au Cambodge : une conversion hasardeuse pour les petits producteurs autochtones de Ratanakiri, in L'Or Blanc. Petits et grands planteurs à l'épreuve du 'boom' de l'hévéaculture : regards croisés Viêt-Nam-Cambodge, Bangkok: Institut de Recherche sur l'Asie du Sud-Est Contemporaine (IRASEC), pp. 143-171. <http://www.irasec.com/ouvrage113>
- **C. Gironde** et C. Golay (2012), "Pauvreté et droits humains", *CERISCOPE Pauvreté*, 2012, [en ligne], URL: <http://ceriscope.sciencespo.fr/pauvrete/content/part5/pauvrete-et-droits-humains>
- M. Razafindrakoto, J.-P. Cling, **C. Gironde**, F. Roubaud (2011), "Transitions sur le marché du travail: lectures macro et micro", in *Transitions décrétées, transitions vécues – Du global au local: approches méthodologiques, transversales et critiques*, S. Lagrée (Ed scientifique), Hanoi: Nha Xuât Ban Tri Thuc, Paris: Agence Française de Développement, pp. 59-81.
- **C. Gironde** et B. de Tréglodé (2011), "Viêt Nam : une année à l'ombre du Congrès", in *L'Asie du Sud-Est 2011*, Bangkok: Institut de Recherche sur l'Asie du Sud-Est Contemporaine (IRASEC), pp. 309-332.
- F. Fortunel et **C. Gironde** (2011), "Transitions agraires et recompositions sociales en Asie du Sud-Est", in *Dynamiques des espaces ruraux dans le monde*, J. Guibert (Editeur), Paris: Armand Colin (collection U), pp. 215-235.
- **C. Gironde** et B. de Tréglodé (2010), "Viêt Nam : la crise, quelle crise ?", in *L'Asie du Sud-Est 2010*, Bangkok: Institut de Recherche sur l'Asie du Sud-Est Contemporaine (IRASEC), pp. 289-310.
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- **C. Gironde** (2007), “Manque de crédit ou manque de profit? L’économie familiale au Vietnam”, in *Annuaire Suisse de politique de développement 2007 – Financer le développement par la mobilisation des ressources locales*, Volume 26, Numéro 2, Genève: Institut Universitaire d’Etudes du Développement, pp. 157-172. <http://aspd.revues.org/139>
- **C. Gironde** (2004) “L’évolution de l’économie familiale dans le delta du Fleuve Rouge”, in *Le Vietnam à l’aube du XXI^{ème} siècle – Bilan et perspectives politiques, économiques et sociales*, Christophe Gironde et Jean-Luc Maurer (sous la direction de), 2004, Paris: Karthala, pp. 193-227
- **C. Gironde** (2004), “Les transformations de l’agriculture et de la société rurale vietnamienne”, in *Viet Nam Contemporain*, Stéphane Doyet et Benoît de Tréglodé (sous la direction de), Paris : Les Indes Savantes et Bangkok : Institut de Recherche sur l’Asie du Sud-Est Contemporaine (IRASEC), pp 209-230
- **C. Gironde**, A. Dormeier-Freire et Lê Ngu Binh (2003), “Changements, mécanismes, tendances : le débat contemporain” in Nolwen Henaff et Jean-Yves Martin, *Travail, emploi et ressources humaines au Viêt-nam, 15 ans de rénovation*, Paris : Karthala, pp 277-285
- **C. Gironde** (2001), “Transition et restructuration de l’économie rurale au Nord-Vietnam”, in *Vietnamese Society in Transition – The Daily Politics of Reform and Change*, J. Kleinen Ed., Amsterdam: Het Spinhuis, pp. 117-132
- **C. Gironde** (1998), “Libéralisation et développement agricole au Nord-Vietnam : 10 ans de Renouveau dans une commune du delta du Fleuve Rouge”, in *Tradition et modernisation des économies rurales : Asie - Afrique - Amérique Latine*, sous la direction de Claude Auroi et Jean-Luc Maurer, 1998, Publications de IUHEI Genève, Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, pp. 79-118. <http://books.openedition.org/iheid/1587>
- **C. Gironde** (1998), “Household economy : ten years of changing occupations in rural communes of the Red River delta”, *Vietnam’s Socio-Economic Development*, N. 15, Autumn, pp. 56-66

Documentary movies

- **Double Loss** (2022), Christophe Gironde (Executive director and producer), produced by the Graduate Institute, Geneva, in partnership with Louvain Cooperation; *Agricultural commercialization, gendered livelihood transformation and food security (Cambodia and Ghana)*, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (2015-2022). SNF-SDC <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7h1t5h4b4aek57o/AADneOG18gbps2TpuZL8OvF8a?dl=0>
- **Rubber in a Rice Bowl** (2014), Helena Zihlerl, Reto Steffen, and Christophe Gironde (directors), Swiss Network for International Studies, Geneva <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEzp2e8WRP0>

Other publications from research and consultancies

- *The Agrarian Transition in the Mekong Region: Pathways Towards Sustainable Land Systems*. Ehrensperger, A., Nanhthavong, V., Beban, A., **Gironde, C.**, Diepart, J-C., Scurrah, N., Nguyen, A-T., Cole, R., Hett, C., and Ingalls, M., 2022: Mekong Region Land Governance Policy Brief (forthcoming)
- *Agrarian Transition in the Mekong Region Recognition of customary tenure in forest landscapes of the Mekong region*. Diepart, J.-C., Scurrah, N., Beban, A., **Gironde, C.** and Campbell, N.Y., 2022. MRLG Policy Brief (forthcoming)
- *Agrarian Transition in the Mekong Region. Agricultural commercialisation: Balancing efficiency, equity, and justice*. Nguyen A-T, Cole, R., Oya, C., Beban, A., **Gironde, C.**, and Ehrensperger, A. 2022. MRLG Policy Brief (forthcoming)
- *Agrarian Transition in the Mekong Region: Creating agricultural landscapes with positive environmental outcomes*. Hett C., Aye Z.C., Bernhard R., Beban A., **Gironde C.**, and Ehrensperger A., 2022. MRLG Policy Brief (forthcoming)

- *Agricultural and Land Commercialisation: Do they foster gender equality and the right to food?* 2020. Ankrah, D. Anna Antwi, P. Atupare, M. Awo, J. Bourke Martignoni, F. Dzanku, P. Eweh, C. Gironde, C. Golay, S. Joshi, E. Prügl, F. Reysoo, S. Suon, S. Suon, A. Torrico Ramirez, D. Torvikey and D. Tsikata. DEMETER Research Brief 2/2020. Geneva: The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. <https://www.geneva-academy.ch/joomlatoolsfiles/docmanfiles/Agricultural%20and%20Land%20Commercialization.pdf>
- *Land Grabs, Big Business and Large-Scale Damages*. 2019. Global Challenges, Issue no. 6 – November 2019. The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. <https://globalchallenges.ch/issue/6/land-grabs-big-business-and-large-scale-damages/>
- *L'application des principes et droits fondamentaux au travail et la santé et la sécurité au travail: état des lieux dans des secteurs d'activités de cinq pays d'Afrique francophone*; 2018 ; commissioned by the International Labor Organization
- *Housing Microfinance - Evaluation of interventions in Cambodia and El Salvador, funded by the Swiss Capacity Building Facility*
- *Analysis of medicinal plants value-chain in Nam Dinh province*. Development of biotrade activities within the natural ingredients sector in Vietnam (*Biotrade project*). Helvetas, Hanoi
- *Rice sector assessment – Cambodia and Vietnam*. The Joint UNIDO-UNEP Programme on Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production (RECP) in Developing and Transition Countries. Industrial Waste Minimization for Low Carbon Production. United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Sofies, Geneva, Switzerland
- Decentralized Decision Making and Participation under Program 135-II for Poverty Reduction. A study in Five Provinces of Vietnam (2009); The World Bank in Vietnam
- *Living conditions indicators for poverty monitoring and evaluation in Mali* (2006) Swiss Development Cooperation in Mali, Bamako

Board Membership

- *International Development Policy* (Iheid) ; deputy-editor-in-chief & executive director
- *Canadian Journal of Development Studies* ; member of the Editorial Board
- *Journal of Agrarian Change*; member of the International Advisory Board
- *Swiss Forum for International Agricultural Research* (member since May 2019)
- Membre du Comité exécutif de l'Association Genève-Asie
- Deputy-mayor, Archamps commune (since 2020), Municipality counselor (2014-2020).

Professional experience (before 2004)

2005-2007	Senior Lecturer, Graduate Institute of Development Studies (IUED), University of Geneva
2000-2004	Researcher, Fafo Applied International Studies (Fafo-AIS), Oslo, Norway
1993	Researcher, Programme d'Appui au Développement des Communes (PADC), Rural Bujumbura Province, Burundi
1991-1992	Manager, Food Crop Programme, Opération Village-Centre Mindouli, Association Française des Volontaires du Progrès (AFVP), Republic of Congo

Education

- 2001 Ph.D. in Development Studies, Graduate Institute of Development Studies (IUED), University of Geneva
- 1994 Master of Arts: « Politiques et pratiques comparées de développement », Institut d'Etudes du Développement Economique et Social / University Paris I
- 1990 Diploma in Development Studies, Graduate Institute of Development Studies (IUED) / University of Geneva
- 1988 Bachelor of Arts in Economics, University Paris I

Language

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