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## EDUCATION

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2018	PhD in Strategy, ESSEC, France
2015	MS in Business Research (Strategy), ESSEC, France
2010	International MBA, IAE de Lyon, France
2008	ABD in Marketing, FMS, University of Delhi, India
2002	MA in Social Science (History), University of Delhi, India
2000	BA (H) in Social Science (History), University of Delhi, India

## DISSERTATION

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A multi-level perspective on technology search and selection: three essays.

- Supervisor: Elisa Operti (ESSEC)
- Referees: Stefano Breschi (Bocconi); Keld Laursen (CBS)
- Examiners: Sen Chai (ESSEC); Corey Phelps (McGill); Raymond Alan Thietart (ESSEC)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Search and selection; R&D organization; Knowledge-networks; Geography of innovation  
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## RESEARCH AND WORKING PAPERS

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- Exit from strategic and organizational perspectives: a review, conceptualization and research agenda
- Missed chances, unfulfilled hopes – Why do firms make error in selecting technological opportunities? (Elisa Operti). *Revise and Resubmit (R&R)* at *Strategic Management Journal*
- Economic crisis and regional exploration (Elisa Operti)
- Emergence of a regional entrepreneurial ecosystem (Elisa Operti and Juha Uotila)

## GRANTS

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Co-investigator: *How can regions react to economic or technological shocks? A network perspective* (principal investigator: Elisa Operti).

- AAPG, National Agency of Research (ANR), France 2018 [90000 EUR].
- iSite, Paris-Seine initiative [39000 EUR]

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Best PhD-student Paper Award Finalist, Strategic Management Society (SMS) Annual Conference, Berlin, 2016.

- Best Paper Award in TIM track (with E. Operti) at Administrative Sciences Association of Canada (ASAC) Annual Conference, HEC Montreal, 2017.
- Best PhD-student Paper Award in Strategy track at Administrative Sciences Association of Canada (ASAC) Annual Conference, HEC Montreal, 2017.
- Tuition waiver and merit scholarship
  - ESSEC Business School (2013-2017)
  - International MBA (2009-10) at IAE de Lyon.
- Lectureship Eligibility (NET), University Grant Commission, India, 2003
- Topper in MA (Final), Department of History, University of Delhi, 2002

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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- Frankfurt School of Finance & Management (Jan 2018)
- Innovation & Organizational Economics, Copenhagen Business School (Dec 2017)
- Warwick Business School (Dec 2017)
- IESEG Business School (February 2018)

## RESEARCH

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- “Missed chances, unfulfilled hopes – Why do firms make error in selecting technological opportunities?”
  - Second round R&R at Strategic Management Journal (Elisa Operti)
  - Wharton Innovation Doctoral Symposium, U Penn, 2017 (Elisa Operti).
  - Strategy, Entrepreneurship & Innovation (SEI) Doctoral Consortium, U of Bath, 2017 (Elisa Operti).
  - Academy of Management Annual Conference, Atlanta, 2017 (Elisa Operti).
  - Administrative Sciences Association of Canada Annual Conference, HEC Montreal, 2017 (Elisa Operti). Best Paper Award (TIM).
  - DRUID Annual Conference, NYU, 2017 (Elisa Operti).
  - SKEMA Paper Development Workshop, 2016 (Elisa Operti).
  - Strategic Management Society Annual Conference, Berlin, 2016. Best Student Paper Award Finalist.
- “Strategic exit by multinational firms: a review, conceptualization and extension”
  - Administrative Sciences Association of Canada Annual Conference, HEC Montreal, 2017. Best PhD-Student Paper Award (Strategy).
  - DRUID Annual Conference, NYU, 2017.
- “This cloud has a silver lining: Economic crisis and regional exploration”
  - British Academy Paper Development Workshop, University of Essex, 2019 (Elisa Operti)
  - Academy of Management Annual Conference, Boston, 2019 (Elisa Operti)
  - Strategy Science Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah (Elisa Operti)
  - Strategic Management Society Annual Conference, Houston, 2017 (Elisa Operti)
- Emergence of regional entrepreneurial ecosystem: the case of Helsinki (2007-2017)
  - Strategic Management Society Annual Conference, Paris, 2018 (Elisa Operti and Juha Uotila)

## INVITED DOCTORAL CONFERENCES

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- Academy of Management Doctoral Consortium, TIM division, Atlanta (2017)
- Strategic Management Society Doctoral Consortium, Berlin (2016)
- EURKIND Summer School on Knowledge dynamics, Industry Evolution, and Economic Development, University of Cote d'Azur and CNRS France (2013).

#### ADVISORY, TRAINING, AND INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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- Political and Economic Advisor at Royal Norwegian Embassy, Delhi, India. Period: January 2011 – April 2011. Project: Development funding and economic diplomacy.
- Intern (Global Strategic Marketing) at MERIAL SAS (animal health subsidiary of Sanofi Aventis), Lyon, France. Period: May 2010 – November 2010. Project: market entry to India (acquisition).
- Consultant at G-Cube Solutions, Delhi, India. Period: January 2008 – November 2008. Project: product-development and institutional sale of learning solutions.
- Trainer, at T.I.M.E. Private Limited and Career Launcher Limited, Delhi. Period: May 2005 – August 2007. Project: training students and professionals in Verbal Abilities and Communications.

#### ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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- Elisa Operti. Associate Professor, ESSEC Business School  
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- Alfonso Gambardella. Professor, Bocconi University  
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