



# “Sociology is a combat sport”

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0kEU6XdgZc>

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, Allies Julie Billaud, Alessandro Chidichimo, Miriam Odoni, Marie-Claire Peytrignet, together with other members of the Swiss-based non-profit association [Programme Indépendant de Recherche](#) (PIR) which also hosts our beloved website [Allegralaboratory.net](#), organized a “[boxed conference](#)” at Fonderie Kugler in Geneva.

Yoann Kongolo, a Swiss kick-boxing champion, and [Akim Oualhaci](#), a French



sociologist specializing in combat sports, came together on a ring created by artist [Thomas Schunke](#) especially for this occasion, for a performance combining sociology and a boxing lesson. While Oualhaci talked about his research in boxing clubs in the working-class neighborhoods of Paris and New York, Yoann Kongolo introduced the audience to a few kick-boxing moves. A punchy and joyful experimentation with Pierre Bourdieu's motto: "Sociology is a combat sport".

The film-story of the event was produced by the experimental graphic studio [leidy.com](http://leidy.com)