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Affiliated Researcher in Sociology at Linköping University

Research areas: Political sociology,
Methods, epistemology and sociology of the social sciences

Education

2007-2012	PhD. in Sociology at Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris). <i>Dissertation title: Cults into Causes. State – Mobilizations – Religions in Contemporary France</i>
2006-2007	Master Degree in Political Science, University Paris-1 Panthéon Sorbonne.
2004-2005	Agrégation in Economics and Social Sciences (rank #1).
2003-2004	Master Degree in Sociology and in Economics, University Paris-1 Panthéon Sorbonne.
2002-2003	B.A [Licence] in Sociology and in Econometrics, University Paris-1 Panthéon Sorbonne.
2002	Admission: École Normale Supérieure-Paris, Sciences Po Paris (declined)

Professional Experience

2014-present	Visiting professor: École normale supérieure (2013-), University of California-Berkeley (Spring 2015, Fall 2016); Instituto de Alta Estudios Sociales (Buenos Aires, Spring 2015), Sciences Po-Paris (2014 - 2016), Polytechnique (Fall 2017), ENSAE (November 2017), University of Chicago (Spring 2018).
2013-2014	Lecturer at the Département de Sciences Sociales de l'École Normale Supérieure (Paris).
2012-2013	Post-Doctoral Student, Sciences-Po (Centre de Sociologie des Organisations). Researching on the <i>Go Science</i> project (funded by the French National Research Association, 2011-2014).
2010-2012	Adjunct lecturer in Political Science, Université Paris-1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (and part time lecturer at Sciences Po Paris).
2007- 2010	Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago.
2005-2006	Visiting Lecturer, Romance Literature and Languages Department, University of Chicago.

TAUGHT COURSES

Workshop

- In the shadow of the law. Parliaments and parliamentarians at work (ENS, 2014-)

Lectures with discussion sessions

- Introduction to statistics with R (ENS, 2013, Master level)
- Statistics and computer analyses (Paris-1, 2012, entry-level)
- Introduction to Sociology (Sciences Po, 2011 & 2012, entry-level).

Lectures without discussion sessions

- From Archives to Algorithms. An Introduction to Quantitative Description (doctoral program, Berkeley, 2017)
- (with J. Boelaert) Introduction to Machine Learning (doctoral program, University of Strasbourg, 2016)
- Digital Methods for Social Sciences (doctoral program, Berkeley, 2016)
- Sociological Theory (University of Strasbourg, 2015, Master level)
- (with A. Hobeika) : Big data and social sciences (ENS, 2013, Master and doctorate level)
- Readings in the Social Sciences [Social Theory] (ENS, 2013- 2014, Master level)
- Sociology in the USA. Theories – Actors – Dynamics (ENS, 2013- 2014, Master level).
- (with A. Christin) Sociology in the USA – Contemporary Perspectives (ENS-Ulm, 2011 - 2013, Master level).
- Methods of Sociological Investigation (Paris-1, 2010, entry-level).
- Social Theory: Classical & Contemporary Perspectives (University of Chicago, 2009, upper level).
- Social Movements and Globalization (University of Chicago, 2009, upper level)
- Bourdieu and Contemporary Social Theory (University of Chicago, 2007, upper level)

- French Through Reading (University of Chicago, summer 2006, Ph.D.)

Discussion sessions

- Introduction to Statistics (Paris-1, 2011, entry-level)
- Epistemology of the Social Sciences (Paris-1, 2011, entry-level)
- Introduction to Sociology (Sciences Po, 2011, entry-level)
- French Society, French Social Science (University of Chicago, 2008 and 2009)
- Power, Identity & Resistance I [Classics in Political Philosophy] (University of Chicago, 2007, *entry level*)
- Power, Identity & Resistance II [Classics in the Social Sciences] (University of Chicago, 2007, *entry level*)

Supervising, tutoring:

- Master thesis supervisor (ENS-Paris, 2014-): E. Nostrati (2014); L. Loubaton, A. Delpierre (2015); J. Bresson, C. Platten (2016); I. Tiab, A. Richebourg, T. Portelli (2017).
- *B.A. Preceptor*, University of Chicago, 2006.

Grants:

- DataParl (On digital data for the study of parliaments, 2015-2016, € 84,000), RaPPEUR (On political careers, 2016-2018, € 75,000)

Publications

BOOKS

- *Raison d'État. Histoire de la lutte contre les sectes en France* (La Découverte, 2017) [Reason of State. A History of the 'French War on Cults']
- (with J. Boelaert and S. Michon), *Métier: Député. Enquête sur la professionnalisation de la politique* (Raisons d'agir, 2017) [MPs at Work. An Investigation on the Professionalization of Politics in France].
- (with A. Christin) *La sociologie contemporaine aux États-Unis*. La Découverte, 2012. [Contemporary Sociology in the USA]

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- (with S. Michon) "Retour sur la profession politique", in *Sociologie du travail*, forthcoming.
- (with A. Abbott) "French Connections. The Receptions of French Sociology in the USA (1970-2012)", in *European Journal of Sociology*, 2016, p. 331-372.
- (with J. Boelaert, N. Mariot and J. Pagis) "Les aléas de l'interdisciplinarité. Genèses et les sciences sociales françaises (1990-2014)", in *Genèses*, octobre 2015, pp. 20-49.
- (with J. Boelaert) "Au-delà des big data. Les sciences sociales et la multiplication des données numériques", *Sociologie*, vol 5(3), 2015, pp. 276-296.
 - Adaptation: "L'abondance et ses problèmes. Big data, open data et recherche en sciences sociales", *Informations sociales*, mars 2016.
- "Des mobilisations discrètes. Sur le plaidoyer et quelques transformations de l'action collective contemporaine", in *Critique internationale*, juin 2015, pp. 17-31.
- (with M. Fourcade and Y. Algan) "The Superiority of Economists", in *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2015
 - Translation (Russian) in *Вопросы Экономики* [Voprosy Ekonomiki (Moscou)], vol 7, 2015
 - Translation (Spanish) in *Revista de Economía Institucional* (Bogotá), december 2015.
 - Translation (Swedish) in *Fronesis*, fall 2016.
- "Sommet d'information. Mobilisations feutrées et production de l'information à un sommet international, in *Politiques de communication*, 1, 2013, pp. 35-57 [Adapted translation from *Summits of information*, 2010].
- "De la sociologie en Amérique. Éléments pour une sociologie de la sociologie étasunienne contemporaine", *Sociologie*, November 2011, pp. 279-294.
- "Summits of Information. Advocacy Officers, Journalists, and the Making of International Summits", *Qualitative Sociology*, Septembre 2010, n°33 (3), p. 211-227.
- "La secte sécularisée. Processus de requalification conceptuelle dans la lutte contre les sectes," *Genèses*, March 2010, pp. 25-47.
- "A 'luta contra as seitas' revisitada'. Deslocamentos e desenvolvimentos de oposições em seitas em seitas na França a partir de 1970", *Religare*, June 2009, pp. 75-92.
- "(Que) Faire de la sociologie publique ?" *Actes de la Recherche en Sciences Sociales*, March 2009, pp. 112-118.

- “Le jeudi de Charonne. Notes sur l’historien et l’événement.” *Genèses*, n°69, novembre 2007, pp. 128-138.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- (with A. Abbott) : “Quarante ans de sociologie française aux États-Unis. Notes sur la réception des sociologues Français outre-Atlantique (1970-2010)”, in D. Demazière et C. Paradeise, *Transmissions. Une communauté en héritage*, 2015.
- “Pierre Bourdieu”, commented bibliographic entry in Jeff Manza (dir.), *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Sociology*, Oxford University Press, 2012 (70 000 signs).
- “Comment les Témoins de Jéhovah sont redevenus une ‘secte’? Les définitions changeantes du sectarisme en France”, in Zwilling A.-L. (dir.), *Minorités religieuses, religions minoritaires dans l’espace public*, Presses de l’Université de Strasbourg, 2014.
- “The French ‘War on Cults’ revisited. Three remarks on an ongoing debate,” in E. Barker & D. Kirkham, *States Responses to Minority Religions*, Ashgate publishers, 2014.

IN PROGRESS

- (with J. Boelaert) “A Statistical Revolution? Machine learning, econometrics, and the future of quantification” (*submitted*).
- (with J. Boelaert and F. Tarissan), “De Gaulle’s Nightmare. A Network Based Approach to the Transformations of Party Discipline in Fifth Republic France” (*working paper*).
- (with J. Boelaert) How to (quantitatively) Represent the Social World? Geometric data analysis meets the machine learning revolution” (*working paper*).

OTHER ARTICLES

- (with J. Boelaert and S. Michon) “Le temps long de la politique” (*Pouvoirs*, April 2017).
- (with J. Pacewicz) “Et Obama conquiert l’Amérique”, *Mouvements*, January 2009, pp. 174-184.
- “L’abondance et ses revers. Big data, open data, et la recherche sur les questions sociales”, in *Informations sociales*, 2016, p. 70-79.
- (with J. Siméant) “Internationales et usages locaux du plaidoyer”, introduction to the thematic issue on “Advocacy and advocacy officers” in *Critique internationale*, June 2015.
- “Activists. Social Movements and Protest in Brussels”, in H. Michel and E. Lambert Abdelgawad (eds.), *Dictionary of European Actors*, Bruxelles, Larcier, 2015
 - Translation (French) in H. Michel and E. Lambert Abdelgawad (eds.), *Dictionnaire des acteurs de l’Europe*, Larcier 2015
- (with J. Pacewicz) “Et Obama conquiert l’Amérique ? La victoire démocrate de 2008 revisitée”, *Mouvements*, January 2009, pp. 174-184.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Gardey, D. *Le linge du Palais-Bourbon. Corps, genre et matérialité à l’ère démocratique*, Editions Le bord de l’eau, 2015, in *Sociologie du travail*, 2016.
- Pétric, B. (dir.), *Democracy at large, NGO, Political Foundations, Think Tanks and International Organizations*, Palgrave McMillan, 2012, 296p in *Revue Française de Science Politique*, December 2013.
- Prakash, A and M.K. Gugerty, *Advocacy Organizations and Collective Action*, 2010. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 334p. *Revue Française de Science Politique*, 2014.
- Steensland, Brian, *The Failed Welfare Revolution. America’s Struggle over Guaranteed Income Policy*, Princeton, Princeton University Press, 2008, 304 p. in *Annales. Histoire et Sciences Sociales*, 2014.
- (with E. Didier) Calhoun, C. (ed.), *Sociology in America: A History*, University of Chicago Press, 2008, 913 p. in *Revue Française de Sociologie* (March 2010).
- Israël L. et D. Voldman, “Michaël Pollak. De l’identité blessée à une sociologie des possibles”. Paris, éditions complexes, “Histoire du temps présent”, 2008, 265 p. in *Sociologie du Travail*, décembre 2010.
- Vauchez A. et L. Willemez, *La justice face à ses réformateurs (1980-2006)*. Paris, PUF, Droit, 2007, 260p. in *Raisons Politiques*, December 2007.

OTHER

- (with M. Hauchecorne) “What is the ‘New Sociology of Ideas.’ A Discussion with Charles Camic and Neil Gross”, in www.transeo-review.com, n°1, January 2009.

- Interview with Alain Dewerpe on his book “Charonne, 8 février 1862. Anthropologie historique d’un massacre d’État. *Vacarme*, n°40, summer 2007.

GUEST EDITOR FOR SPECIAL ISSUES

- (with J. Siméant) Les politiques du plaidoyer, in *Critique internationale*, 2015.
- Special issue on Public Sociology (featuring texts by A. Abbott, C. Calhoun, D. McAdam, P. Hill Collins), in *Actes de la Recherche en Sciences Sociales*, March 2009.

Translations (selection)

BOOK

- Pierre Bourdieu, Loïc Wacquant, “Invitation à la sociologie réflexive”, Le Seuil, 2014.

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- (with M. Hauchecorne) Michael Burawoy, “Pour la sociologie publique”, *Actes de la recherche en sciences sociales*, pp. 122-144.
- Megan Comfort, “C’est plein de mecs bien en taule. Incarcération de masse et transformation des relations amoureuses aux Etats-Unis”, *Actes de la Recherche en Sciences Sociales*, n°169, Paris, September 2007, pp. 21-47.
- (with M. Hauchecorne) André Béteille, “Etre anthropologue chez soi : un point de vue indien”, *Genèses*, n°67. Paris, June 2007.
- Loïc Wacquant, “Un trafiquants de chair à l’œuvre : souffrance, pouvoir et profit dans l’économie de la boxe professionnelle”, *Actuel Marx*, May 2007 (translation and edition)
- (with A. Lentacker) Viviana Zelizer, “L’argent social”, *Genèses*, n°65. Paris, December 2006, pp. 126-137.
- Brenda Cossman, “Dresser les indisciplinés : Les hors-la-loi sexuels et la Cour suprême du Canada” in *La liberté sexuelle*, dir. D. Borrillo, D. Lochak, Presses Universitaires de France. Paris, 2005, pp. 187-218.

Presentations and Panels (selection)

ORGANIZATION

- (with A. Lambert & A. Bringé), “Sciences XXL. Ce que l’abondance et la diversité des données numériques font aux sciences sociales” (March 16th & 17th, 2017)
- (with P. Blavier, S. Coavoux, J. Dauvieu, A. Fine, P. Mercklé, A. Perdoncin) Co-organizer of the colloquium “Enseigner le quanti. Les sciences sociales face aux chiffres”, Maison des sciences économiques, June 5th 2015.
- (with J. Siméant) Co-organizer of the panel on “Plaidoyer et *advocates*. Acteurs et formats internationaux des mobilisations”, meetings of the French Political Science Association, July 2013.
- (with A. Hobeika et T. Venturini) Co-organizer of a plenary session on “la ‘révolution des données’ en science politique. Enjeux et futur des ‘data social sciences’”, meetings of the French Political Science Association, July 2013.
- (with M. Hauchecorne), July 8th 2011, plenary session on the internationalization of social sciences, Meetings of the French Sociological Association, Grenoble (panel: G. Sapiro, L. Jeanpierre, C. Martin, A. Abbott, J.-L. Fabiani).

KEYNOTES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

- Invited speaker by the French Embassy in Canada for a series of conferences on digital data.
- “Au-delà des big data. Les sciences sociales et la révolution des données”, keynote speaker at the Société francophone de sondages meetings, October, 15th 2016.
- “La abundancia y sus problemas. Qué hacer con los datos digitales en las ciencias sociales?”, Instituto de Altos Estudios Sociales, Buenos Aires, March, 22nd 2016.
- (with A. Abbott), “Sociologues et sociologie Français aux États-Unis”, keynote speaker at the colloquim “Les sociologues français de 1970 à nos jours” (organization D. Demaziere, D. Lorrain et C. Paradeise).
- “Sociology in America”, Distinguished Lecture Series, Sciences Po, 2013.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- “The Superiority of Economists,” invited talks at Colegio Carlo Alberto, Torino; EHESS; Banque de France).

- “America! America? The appropriations of French Sociology in the USA,” January 13th 2015, EHESS.
- “Au-delà des big data. Les sciences sociales et la révolution des données” : Sciences Po Paris (2014) ; UC Berkeley (2015) ; Workshop for the computer science and statistics workshop Modal’X, Paris-X (mai 2015) ; ENS-Cachan (2015); Université de Strasbourg – SAGE (2015) ; Sciences Po Strasbourg (2015), ENS-EHESS (2015)
- “Les sciences sociales n’ont pas (vraiment) besoin des big data”, invited talk at the “Big data, sciences sociales et entreprises” colloquium, Collège de France, June 2nd, 2014.
- “De la sociologie en Amérique aujourd’hui. Approches classiques et nouvelles perspectives”, Invited talk at the Université Catholique de Louvain (chaire Jean Leclerc), February 3rd, 2014.
- “America! America? Big data et étude de la réception des sociologues français aux États-Unis”, invited presentation at the SAMM department (Statistiques Appliquées à la Modélisation Multidisciplinaire, Université Paris-1), January 17th, 2013.
- “Publier à l’étranger?”, présentation au séminaire de rentrée du CURAPP, September, 12th 2013.
- (with A. Abbott), “Sociologues et sociologie Français aux États-Unis”, invited keynote lecture at the “Les sociologues français de 1970 à nos jours” conference, convened by D. Demaziere and C. Paradeise, June 6th 2013.
- “Contemporary sociology in the USA. Common conceptions and alternative views of the discipline”, invited presentation in the “Distinguished Lecture Series”, Sciences-Po, February 6th 2013.

CONFERENCES (SELECTION)

- “How to (Quantitatively) Represent the Social World?”, invited presentation, “Visualizing Theory” Panel, ASA Theory section, Seattle, August 2016.
- (with J. Boelaert and F. Tarissan), “de Gaulle’s Nightmare. A Network Based Approach to Party Discipline (and its decline)”, European Social Networks Conference, 15 juin 2016, Paris.
- (with J. Boelaert), “Are the old statistical methods doomed? Geometric data analysis meets the machine learning revolution”, Representing the Social Space II conference, Bonn Universität de Bonn, October 15th 2015 (org. J. Bläsius & A. Schmitz).
- (with A. Abbott), “America! America? The appropriations of French sociology in the USA”, American Sociological Association, Theory section, August 22nd, 2015.
- “Agents de la circulation. Les responsables du plaidoyer, médiateurs invisibles des relations internationales”, talk given at the conférence on “Des producteurs à la production symbolique” (A. Mariette, O. Roueff), Centre de Sociologie Urbaine, May 18th 2013.

Service

- Editorial board of *Actes de la Recherche en Sciences Sociales* (2016-), in charge of the non-thematic issues.
- Book review editor at *Sociologie du Travail* (2013-2015)
- Occasional manuscript referee for: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Actes de la Recherche en Sciences Sociales*, *Current Sociology*, *Ethnography*, *La Découverte*, *Max Planck Institute for Social Sciences*, *Politis*, *Revue d’anthropologie des connaissances*, *Review of Political Economy*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Quality & Quantity*, *Sociologie et Société*.

Research dissemination

- Media (2015-2017)
 - Texts: “Un sociologue au Palais-Bourbon”, invited double page in *Le Monde*, July 5th 2017.
 - Interviews: *Le Monde*, *Alternatives économiques*, *France inter*, *France info*, *Europe 1*, *RTL*, *Radio classique*, *Le Parisien*, *Agence France Press*, *Hors-Série*, *Médiapart*, *Contexte*, *Le Monde des religions*.
 - Work discussed (in France): *Libération*, *Le Figaro*, *Le Parisien*, *Les Inrockuptibles*, *Rue 89*, *Slate*, *France inter*, *France culture*, *L’Alsace*, *Les dernières nouvelles d’alsace*, *La Croix...*; (abroad): *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Economist*, *The Financial Times*, *Tagesanzeiger*, *Basler Zeitung*, *Colombo Telegraph*, *China Politics*, *Daily Zhihu*, *El País*, *Wirtschaftswoche...*

Other

- Languages: French (native), English (read, spoken, written); Spanish (read, spoken), Swedish (read, spoken)
- Programming: Fluency in html, CSS, R. Knowledge in Python.
- Statistical software: R.

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