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OTHER POSITIONS

Director of Studies at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris (1999-)
Visiting Professor at Princeton University (2010-2016)
Honorary Professor at the University of Hong Kong (2013-2016)

CAREER

Resident in Internal Medicine – “Interne des Hôpitaux de Paris” (1979-1984 and 1986-1987).
Junior Researcher for INSERM, National Institute for Health Research – Senegal (1984-1986)
Assistant Professor in Infectious Diseases and Public Health – Hospital Pitié-Salpêtrière (1987-1989).
Senior Researcher for the IFEA, French Institute for Research in the Andes – Ecuador (1989-1991).
Assistant Professor (1991-1997), then Professor at the University of Paris North (1997-2007)
Distinguished Professor of Sociology at the University of Paris North (2007-2009)
Director of studies Political and Moral Anthropology at the EHESS (1999-)
James D. Wolfensohn Professor of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study of Princeton (2009-)

DEGREES

Doctorate in Medicine (University of Paris 6, 1982).
Master in Public Health (University of Paris 11, 1986).
PhD in Social Science - Advisor: Georges Balandier (EHESS, 1988).
Accreditation as Research Advisor in Public Health (University of Paris 6, 1994).
Accreditation as Research Advisor in Social Sciences (EHESS, 1995).

SCIENTIFIC RESPONSABILITIES

Current

Member of the Scientific Council of the City of Paris since 2007
Member of the Scientific and Strategic International Committee of the Collège de France since 2010
Member of the Ethics Committee of the Institut Pasteur of Paris since 2014

Previous

Director and founder of Iris, Institut de recherche interdisciplinaire sur les enjeux sociaux (CNRS-Inserm-EHESS-University Paris 13) from 2007 to 2010
Director and founder of Cresp, Center for Research on Contemporary Health Issues (1995-2006)
Member of the Administration Board of the Faculty of Medicine of Bobigny (1998-2002)
Chair of the Sociology and Anthropology Committee at the University of Paris North (2004-2008)
Member of the Scientific Council of Inserm, National Institute for Health Research (2001-2003)
Member of the Administration Board of the Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (2001-2005)
Member of the French Group for the Study and Prevention of Racial Discrimination (1999-2002)
President of the Social Science Committee of the ANRS, French Agency for AIDS Research (2003-2006)
Vice-President of the French National Council on AIDS (2004-2006)
President of the Committee for the Evaluation of French University Cooperation Programmes (2005)
Vice-President then President of the Human and Social Sciences Committee of the ANR (2005-2006)
Deputy director and co-founder of the Maison des sciences de l'homme Paris Nord (2001-2009)
Member of the Ethics Committee of INRA, National Institute for Research on Agronomy (2007-2010)
Member of the Scientific Committee of the UNAIDS High Level Commission on HIV Prevention (2010)
Member of the Scientific Council of the University Alliance of Paris Cité (2010-2013)
Member of the Committee on World Anthropologies, American Anthropological Association (2010-2013)
Visiting Professor at the University of Hong Kong (2010-2013)

OTHER RESPONSABILITIES

Academic

Coordinator of the Social Science Courses at the Faculty of Medicine of Bobigny (2001-2009)
Coordinator of the Master Health-Populations-Social Policy, EHESS-University of Paris North (2006-2009)
Member of the Doctorate Committee for Social Sciences, EHESS-Ecole normale supérieure (2008-2009)

Edition

Director of the series "Bibliothèque de l'Iris" at La Découverte Publishers, Paris
Codirector of the series "Sociologiques" at Anthropos/Economica Publishers
Corresponding editor *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* since 2005
Member of the Editorial Committee *International Journal of Migration, Health and Social Care* since 2005
Associate Editor *Medical Anthropology* since 2009
Member of the Editorial Committee *Cultural Anthropology* since 2009
Member of the Scientific Committee *Humanity* since 2010
Member of the Editorial Committee *Cambridge Anthropology* since 2011
Member of the Editorial Board *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* since 2013
Member of the Scientific Committee of *AM. Rivista della Società italiana di antropologia medica* since 2013
Former member of the International Committee of *Social Science and Medicine* (2000-2006)

Medicine

Founder and director of the Villermé Unit (social and medical department for sick persons without social protection), Hospital Avicenne, Assistance publique-Hôpitaux de Paris, Bobigny (1996-2003)

Organizations

Administrator then Vice-President of Médecins sans frontières, Doctors Without Borders (1999-2003)
President of the Comede, Medical Committee for the Exiled since 2006

RESEARCH GRANTS

The social condition of undocumented immigrants (CNRS, 1996-1998)
The management of poor patients in emergency departments (RNSP, 1997-1999)
The politics of suffering and the places of listening (Inserm, 1998-2000)
The history and sociology of lead-poisoning in France (Ministry of Research, 1999-2001)

The political anthropology of AIDS in South Africa (ANRS, 2000-2003)
 The biopolitics of a natural disaster in Venezuela (Ecos, 2001-2002)
 The social signification of racial discrimination in France (Ministry of Social Affairs, 2003-2005)
 The social and racial inequalities in Colombia (with Mara Viveros, Ecos, 2004-2005)
 The social uses of psychic trauma in France (with Richard Rechtman, CNRS-Inserm-MiRe, 2002-2005)
 The body of victims, the spaces of subjects (with Michel Agier, Ministry of Research, 2005-2007)
 Moral sentiments and local justice in health care in South Africa (with Helen Schneider, ANRS, 2006-2008)
 Beyond the question of immigration. The new frontiers of French society (ANR, 2006-2009)
 Towards a critical moral anthropology (European Research Council, 2009-2012)

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)

Books as author

Pouvoir et maladie en Afrique. Anthropologie sociale de la banlieue de Dakar, PUF, Paris, 1992
Antropologia y salud, Abya Yala-IFEA, Quito, 1992
L'Espace politique de la santé. Essai de généalogie, PUF, Paris, 1996
Les Enjeux politiques de la santé. Etudes sénégalaises, équatoriennes et françaises, Karthala, Paris, 2000
Des maux indicibles. Sociologie des lieux écoute, La Découverte, Paris, 2004
Faire de la santé publique, Editions de l'Ecole nationale de santé publique, Rennes, 2005 (2nd édition 2008)
Quand les corps se souviennent. Expérience et politique du sida après l'apartheid, La Découverte, series « Armillaire », Paris, 2006. Translation (2007): *When Bodies Remember. Experience and Politics of AIDS in Post-apartheid South Africa*, University of California Press, Berkeley, series « Public anthropology ».
L'Empire du traumatisme. Enquête sur la condition de victime (with R. Rechtman), series « La bibliothèque des savoirs », Flammarion, Paris, 2007. Translation (2009): *The Empire of Trauma. Inquiry into the Condition of Victimhood*, Princeton University Press, Princeton.
La Raison humanitaire. Une histoire morale du temps présent, Hautes Etudes – Gallimard – Seuil, Paris, 2010. Translation : *Humanitarian Reason. A Moral History of the Present*, University of California Press, Berkeley, 2011.
La Force de l'ordre. Anthropologie de la police des quartiers, Seuil, Paris, 2011. Translation (2013) *Enforcing Order. An Ethnography of Urban Policing*, Polity Press, Cambridge, 2013, and *La Forza dell'ordine. Antropologia de la polizia nelle periferie urbane*, Bologna, La Linea, 2014.
La Question morale. Une anthologie critique (with S. Lézé), Presses Universitaires de France, Paris, 2013. Translation: *Moral Anthropology. A Critical Reader*, Routledge, London, 2013.
Juger, réprimer, accompagner. Essai sur la morale de l'État (with Y. Bouagga et al), Paris, Seuil, 2013. Translation: *At the Heart of the State. The Moral World of Institutions*, Pluto Press, London, 2015.
Ripoliticizzare il mondo. Saggi antropologici su vita, corpo e morale, Milano : Cortina, 2014.
L'Ombre du monde. Une anthropologie de la condition carcérale, Paris : Seuil, 2015.

Books as editor

Santé publique (with G. Brückner), Ellipses, Paris, 1989
Sociétés, développement et santé (with Y. Jaffré), Ellipses-AUPELF, Paris, 1992
Mujeres de los Andes (with AC Defossez and M. Viveros), Un. Nacional de Colombia-IFEA, Bogota, 1992
Les métiers de la santé. Enjeux de pouvoir et quête de légitimité, Anthropos, Paris, 1994 (with P. Aïach)
Les lois de l'inhospitalité (with A. Morice et C. Quiminal), La Découverte, Paris, 1997
Les figures urbaines de la santé publique. Enquête sur des expériences locales, La Découverte, Paris, 1998
Les inégalités sociales de santé (with A. Leclerc et al.), La Découverte, Paris, 2000
Critique de la santé publique (with J.P. Dozon), Balland, Paris, 2001
Le gouvernement des corps (with D. Memmi) Editions de l'EHESS, Paris, 2004
Afflictions. L'Afrique du sud, de l'apartheid au sida, Karthala, Paris, 2004
Les constructions de l'intolérable. Etudes d'anthropologie et d'histoire sur les frontières de l'espace moral (with P. Bourdelais), La Découverte, Paris, 2005
De la question sociale à la question raciale ? (with E. Fassin), La Découverte, Paris, 2006
Les politiques de l'enquête. Epreuves ethnographiques (with A. Bensa), La Découverte, Paris, 2008

Les nouvelles frontières de la société française, La Découverte, series Bibliothèque de l'Iris, Paris, 2010.
Contemporary States of Emergency. The Politics of Military and Humanitarian Intervention (with M. Pandolfi), Zone Books, New York, 2010.
État des savoirs de la santé publique (with Boris Hauray), La Découverte, Paris, 2010.
Économies morales contemporaines (with Jean-Sébastien Eideliman), La Découverte, Paris, 2012.
A Companion to Moral Anthropology, Malden, MS, Wiley-Blackwell, 2012.

Selection of recent articles

La supplique. Stratégies rhétoriques et constructions identitaires dans les demandes d'aide d'urgence, *Annales. Histoire, Sciences sociales*, 2000, 55 (5), 955-981.
The Biopolitics of Otherness. Undocumented Immigrants and Racial Discrimination in the French Public Debate, *Anthropology Today. Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, 2001, 17, 1, 3-7.
Une double peine. La condition sociale des immigrés malades du sida, *L'Homme. Revue française d'anthropologie*, 2001, 160, 137-162.
Le capital social, de la sociologie à l'épidémiologie. Analyse critique d'une migration transdisciplinaire, *Revue d'épidémiologie et de santé publique*, 2003, 51, 403-413.
Justice Principles and Judgment Practices in Allotting Emergency State Financial Aid, *Revue française de sociologie* (annual English selection), 2003, 44, 109-146.
The South African Politics of AIDS. Beyond the Controversies (cover article, with H. Schneider), *British Medical Journal*, 2003, 326, 495-497.
La cause des victimes, *Les Temps modernes*, Special issue L'humanitaire, 2004, 59, 627 : 73-91.
Plumbism Reinvented. The Early Times of Childhood Lead Poisoning in France 1985-1990 (with A.J. Naudé), *American Journal of Public Health*, 2004, 94, 11, 1854-1862.
Et la souffrance devint sociale, *Critique*, Special issue Frontières de l'anthropologie, 2004, 680-681, 16-29.
Compassion and Repression. The Moral Economy of Immigration Policies in France, *Cultural Anthropology*, 2005, 20 (3), 362-387.
Humanitarian Exception as the Rule. The Political Theology of the 1999 'Tragedia' in Venezuela (with P. Vasquez), *American Ethnologist*, 2005, 32 (3): 389-405.
The Truth from the Body. Medical Certificates as Ultimate Evidence for Asylum-seekers (with E. d'Halluin), *American Anthropologist*, 2005, 107 (4), 597-608.
Riots in France and Silent Anthropologists (guest editor), *Anthropology Today. Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, 2006, 22 (1), 1-3.
Souffrir par le social, gouverner par l'écoute. Une configuration sémantique de l'action publique, *Politix*, numéro spécial Expérience et critique du monde psy, 2006, 19 (73) : 137-158.
Humanitarianism as a Politics of Life, *Public Culture. Society for Transnational Cultural Studies*, 2007, 19 (3): 499-520.
La biopolitique n'est pas la politique de la vie, *Sociologie et sociétés*, Special Issue Michel Foucault et la sociologie, 2007, 38 (2), 32-47 : 35-48.
The Elementary Forms of Care. An Empirical Approach of Ethics in a South African Hospital, *Social Science and Medicine*, 2008, 67: 262-270.
La politique des anthropologues. Une histoire française, *L'Homme. Revue française d'anthropologie*, 2008, 185-186 : 165-186.
Life and Times of Magda A. Biography of Violence in South Africa (with F. Le Marcis and T. Lethata), *Current Anthropology*, 2008, 49 (2): 225-246.
Beyond Good and Evil ? Questioning Anthropological Discomfort with Morals, *Anthropological Theory*, 2008, 8 (4): 333-344.
The Embodied Past. From Paranoid Style to Politics of Memory, *Social Anthropology*, spécial issue on The Past as it Lives Now, 2008, 16 (3) : 312-328.
What Is it to Become French? Naturalization as a Republican Rite of Institution, *Revue Française de Sociologie (English Selection)*, 2009, 37-64.
Les économies morales revisitées. Etude critique suivie de quelques propositions, *Annales. Histoire, sciences sociales*, 2009, 6, 1237-1266.
Another Politics of Life is Possible, *Theory, Culture and Society*, 2009, 26 (5): 44-60.
Ethics of Survival. A Democratic Approach to the Politics of Life. *Humanity*. 2010, 1 (1) : 81-96.
The Trace: Violence, Truth and the Politics of the Body, *Social Research*, 2011, 78 (2) 281-298.

How Asylum Claims are Adjudicated. The Institution as a Moral Agent, *Revue Française de Sociologie*, special issue Moral economies and social justice, 2012, 53 (4) : 444-472.

On Resentment and Ressentiment. The Politics and Ethics of Moral Emotions, *Current Anthropology*, 2013, 54 (3) : 249-267.

Scenes from Urban Life. A Modest Proposal for a Critical Perspectivist Approach, *Social Anthropology*, 2013, 21 (3) : 371-377.

Why Ethnography Matters. On Anthropology and Its Publics, *Cultural Anthropology*, 2013, 28 (4) : 621-646.

True Life, Real Lives. Revisiting the Boundaries Between Ethnography and Fiction, *American Ethnologist*, 2014, 41 (1) : 40-55.

Pouvoir discrétionnaire et politique sécuritaire. Le chèque en gris de l'État à la police, *Actes de la recherche en sciences sociales*, 2014, 201-202 : 72-86.

The Ethical Turn in Anthropology. Promises and Uncertainties, *HAU. Journal of Ethnography Theory*, 2014, 4 (1) : 429-435.

L'asile et la prison, *Esprit*, special issue 'Aux bords de la folie', 2015, 413 (3-4): 82-95.

In the Name of the Republic. Untimely Meditations on the Aftermath of the Charlie Hebdo Attack, *Anthropology Today*, 2015, 31 (2): 3-7.

And more than 120 articles as only or first author in

Social science journals including *Public Culture, Cultural Anthropology, American Ethnologist, American Anthropologist, Current Anthropology, Anthropological Theory, Social Anthropology, Anthropology Today, Ethos, Social Science and Medicine, Dissent, Qui parle?, L'Homme, Gradhiva, Anthropologie et sociétés, Theory, Culture and Society, Actes de la Recherche en Sciences Sociales, Revue française de sociologie, Cahiers internationaux de sociologie, Sociologie et sociétés, Sociétés contemporaines, Tracés, Annales, Genèses, Enquête, Revue française de science politique, Politix, Revue Tiers Monde, Critique internationale, Cahiers d'études africaines, Cahiers des Amériques latines, Sciences sociales et santé, Revue européenne des migrations internationales, Critique, Les temps modernes, Esprit, Études, Mouvements, Antropologia (Italie), Revista de Antropologia Social (Spain), Biograf (Czech Republic), Tempo Social (Brazil), Palimpsestus (Colombia), Cuadernos de Antropologia Social (Argentina)*

Medical journals including *The Lancet, British Medical Journal, British Medical Bulletin, AIDS, EMBO Reports, American Journal of Public Health, International Journal of Epidemiology, Transcultural Psychiatry, Revue de médecine interne, Revue d'épidémiologie et de santé publique, L'Évolution psychiatrique.*

INVITED AND KEYNOTE LECTURES (SELECTION)

Global Health and Social Sciences in Africa, *Symposium Social Science and Globalization in Africa*, Wits University, Johannesburg, 14-18 September 1998.

The Political Anthropology of AIDS in Southern Africa, *Keynote Speech, 3rd EMBL/EMBO Conference on Science and Society*, Heidelberg, 8-9 November 2002.

L'espace moral de l'action humanitaire, *Conférence Autour de l'intervention. Protagonistes, logiques, effets*, University of Montreal and McGill University, 23-25 October 2003.

The Moral Construction of Childhood in Post-Apartheid South Africa, *Conférence Comparative approaches to child health in the 20th century*, Montréal, 29 October 2004.

The Embodied Past. Reconciliation and Resentment in Postapartheid South Africa, *Introductory Plenary, 9th Conference European Association of Social Anthropology*, Bristol, 18 September 2006.

A Violence of History. Accounting for AIDS in Post-apartheid South Africa, *Global Health in the Time of Violence, School of Advanced Research*, Santa Fe, 13-17 March 2006.

The Humanitarian Politics of Testimony, *Conférence on Culture and Mental Health Power, Affect and Subjectivity*, Harvard University, 22-23 February 2007.

Local Worlds, Private Lives, Public Engagements. Ethnography of an Anti-Crime Squad in France, *Conférence Reinhabiting the Local*, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, 15-16 May 2007.

That Obscure Object of Life, *Conférence The State of Governmentality. Current Issues and Future Challenges*, University of Leipzig, 14-15 September 2007

When Critique Goes Critical. The Morals of Humanitarianism and the Politics of Anthropology, *Between Politics and Ethics, School of Advanced Research*, Santa Fe, 8-14 March 2008.

Conspiracy Theories and Nationalist Ideologies. The Global Politics of Infections, *Keynote Speech, 18th European Congress of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases*, Barcelona, 19-20 April 2008.

Humanitarianism as Value, *Conference on Global Values for Global Health*, University of California, Berkeley, 5-6 May 2008.

Global Health, *Conference Medical Anthropology at the Intersections*, Yale University, New Haven, 25 September 2009.

The Trace: Violence, Truth and the Politics of the Body, *Keynote Address, Conference "The Body and the State"*, the New School for Social Research, 10 February 2011.

Humanitarianism: A Moral Economy of our Time, *Munro Lecture*, the University of Edinburgh, 17 March 2011.

The Vanishing Truth of Asylum, *Elisabeth Colson Lecture for the 60th Anniversary of the Geneva Convention on Refugees*, Center for Refugee Studies, Oxford University, 15 June 2011.

In the Heart of the State. The Moral Economies of Justice, *Society for the Anthropology of Europe & Political and Legal Anthropology Society Distinguished Lecture*, Montreal, 18 November 2011.

On Resentment and Ressentiment, *Roger Allan Moore Lecture*, Harvard Medical School, Boston, 3 February 2012.

The Changing Landscape of Asylum. A Global Perspective, *Imigrantes e Refugiados. Deslocamentos em um Mundo em Crise Conference*, Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, São Paulo, 1st May 2012.

Why Ethnography Matters for Democracy, *1st Walter Goldschmidt Lecture*, University of California Los Angeles, 30 May 2012.

The Denial of Racial Discrimination, *Annual Distinguished Lecture on Europe*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 29 January 2013.

A Critical Moral Anthropology of Migration and Displacement, *A.W. Mellon Public Lecture*, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, 21 May 2013.

Humane, All Too Humane. Ethics and Politics of Humanitarianism, *Christian Michelsen Annual Lecture*, Christian Michelsen Institute, Bergen, 14 March 2014.

The Uncertain Promises of Ethnography, *Keynote Lecture CASCA, Canadian Anthropological Society*, York, 30 April 2014.

What Is (a) Life Worth? Biogitimacy and Inequality, *Nicholson Annual Lecture*, The Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 9 May 2014.

The Discreet Charm of Police Ethnography, *Keynote Lecture British Society of Criminology Annual Conference*, Liverpool, 11 July 2014.

Invited lectures at the Universities of Berkeley, Stanford, Harvard, Princeton, Brown, Yale, Columbia, New York, Fordham, New School, Duke, Michigan, Montreal, McGill, Quebec, Toronto, Cambridge, Oxford, Essex, Sussex, Edinburgh, Berlin, Leipzig, Geneva, Fribourg, Siena, Madrid, Barcelona, Brussels, Warsaw, Moscow, Tsinghua, Peking, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Sydney, Melbourne, São Paulo, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Los Andes, Nacional de Colombia, Central de Venezuela, Católica and Diego Portales in Santiago de Chile, Wits in Johannesburg, Bir Zeit in Ramallah, American University of Beirut.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZATION (SELECTION)

Principal Organizer, *Conference Politiques des villes et gouvernement des corps*, CNRS, Paris, 21-22 January 1998.

Principal Organizer, *Symposium Life and death in the time of AIDS*, Wits University and EHESS, ANRS, Johannesburg, 18-19 October 2004.

Principal Organizer, *Conference Les économies morales des sociétés contemporaines*, EHESS, Paris, 8 juin 2005.

Scientific Committee, *8th International Conference AIDS Impact. Biological and Psychosocial Aspects*, Marseille, 1-4 July 2007.

Scientific Committee, *Conference Terrains d'asile. Corps, espaces, politiques*, EHESS, Ministry of Research, Paris, 18-20 September 2008.

Scientific Committee, *Conference Santé et Mondialisation*, Cité des Sciences et des Techniques, Paris, 21-22 October 2008.

Principal Organizer *International Conferences Borders and Boundaries* I, Columbia University, New York, and II, Paris, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, June and October, 2009.
Principal Organizer *International Conference Secularism, Religion and Politics*, Paris, Collège de France, June 2011.
Principal Organizer, *International Conference On Borders*, Princeton, Institute for Advanced Study, June 2012.
Principal Organizer, *International Conference Au Cœur de l'État (In the Heart of the State)*, Paris, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, June 2012.

DISTINCTIONS

Professeur de Classe Exceptionnelle (French highest distinction for professorship) 2007
Chevalier des Palmes Académiques ((French distinction for academic commitment) 2007
Laureate of the Advanced Grant IDEAS (European Research Council) 2008
Douglass Prize for the Best Book in the Anthropology of Europe of 2010 for *The Empire of Trauma*
France Culture Prize of the Best Essay of 2010 for *Les Nouvelles Frontières de la Société Française*
Honorable Mention for the Bateson Prize of 2012 for *Humanitarian Reason*
Mellon Distinguished Visiting Scholar Fellowship of 2013 at Wits University, Johannesburg
Honorary Professor at the University of Hong Kong as of 2013