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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-)

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).
Habilitation in Public Health (University of Paris 6, 1994).
Habilitation in Social Sciences (EHESS, 1995).

SCIENTIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Current

Member of the Scientific Council of the City of Paris since 2007
Member of the Ethics Committee of the Institut Pasteur of Paris since 2014
Member of the Scientific Committee of the Ombudsman on Prison in France since 2017

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)
Member of the Scientific and Strategic International Committee of the Collège de France (2010-2014)
Visiting Professor at the University of Hong Kong (2010-2013)

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Associate Editor *Medical Anthropology* since 2009
Member of the Editorial Board *Cultural Anthropology* since 2009
Member of the Editorial Board *Cambridge Anthropology* since 2011
Member of the Scientific Board *L'Homme* since 2016
Member of the Scientific Board *Cartografie sociali* since 2016
Member of the Scientific Board *Humanity* since 2010
Member of the Scientific Board *Materiali Foucaultiani* since 2012
Member of the Editorial Board *International Journal of Migration, Health and Social Care* since 2005
Member of the Scientific Board of *AM. Rivista della Società italiana di antropologia medica* since 2013
Member of the International Scientific Board of *Cuestiones Criminales* since 2017
Former member of the Editorial Board *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* (2013-2016)
Former corresponding editor *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* (2005-2015)

Former member of the International Board of *Social Science and Medicine* (2000-2006)
Former director of the series “Bibliothèque de l’Iris” at La Découverte Publishers, Paris (2008-2013)
Former codirector of the series “Sociologiques” at Anthropos/Economica Publishers, Paris (1994-2012)

Medicine

Founder and director of the Villermé Unit (social and medical unit for uninsured patients), 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)

DISTINCTIONS

Professeur de Classe Exceptionnelle (French highest distinction for professorship) 2007
Chevalier des Palmes Académiques ((French distinction for academic achievement) 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
Gold Medal of the Swedish Society of Anthropology and Geography in 2016
Tanner Lectures at the University of California at Berkeley in 2016
Adorno Lectures at the Goethe University of Frankfurt in 2017
Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Cambridge in 2017