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Current Positions

Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique Paris, France
IRISSO, Université Paris Dauphine, PSL, UMR 7170
Researcher, Class 1, section 36

Research Institute of Anthropology, East China Normal University Shanghai, China
Position: Associate Professor
Courses: Political Anthropology, Anthropology of Money and Finance, Professional English for Sociology

Education and Diplomas

PhD in Social Anthropology
Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales Paris, France, 2008

Dissertation Title: “Anthropologie politique de la finance contemporaine : évaluer, investir, innover”
Advisor: Marc Abélès, Professor of Social Anthropology, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales
Jury : Marc Abélès, Robert Boyer, Keith Hart, George Marcus, Philippe Steiner

Conseil National des Universités: Qualification in Anthropology, Sociology and Business Administration,
France, 2010

Certified International Investment Analyst
Société Française des Analystes Financiers,
Association of Certified Investment Analysts Paris, France, 2010

M.A. in Philosophy
New School for Social Research New York City, USA, 2006
Thesis title: “Max Weber’s ethics of social sciences and Friedrich Nietzsche”
Advisors: Jay Bernstein, Agnès Heller

M.A. in Social Anthropology**Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales****Paris, France, 1998**

Thesis title : “Le marché d’Aligre comme espace social”

Advisor: Michèle de La Pradelle

Mention : Très Bien

B.A. in Political Science**Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po)****Paris, France, 1997**

Majors: Political Science, Economics, Social Sciences

Mention: Mention d’honneur

French Baccalauréat,**Lycée Français de Madrid****Madrid, Spain, 1993**

Mention: Très Bien

Publications**Book****2014**

- *Valeur financière et vérité. Enquête d’anthropologie politique sur l’évaluation des entreprises cotées en bourses*, Presses de Sciences Po, Paris.

Editor of special volume in refereed journal**2014**

- with Sabine Montagne, “Sociologie de l’agence financière. Vol. 2”, *Sociétés Contemporaines*, 2014/1, n°93

2013

- Sabine Montagne, “Sociologie de l’agence financière. Vol. 1”, *Sociétés Contemporaines*, 2013/4, n°92

Articles in Refereed Journals**2016**

- “Imaginarios de la finanza global en la inversión transfronteriza en el territorio chino”, *Etnografías contemporáneas* (in press)

2014

- “The limits of financial imagination: free investors, efficient markets and crisis”, *American Anthropologist*, Vol. 116, n°1, pp. 38-50.
- with Keith Hart, “The Anthropology of Money and Finance: Between Ethnography and World History”, *Annual Review of Anthropology*, 43, pp. 465-482.
- “Funcionalismo, idealismo y pragmatismo : dilemas sobre el dinero en las ciencias sociales”, *Perspectivas : Revista de Análisis de Economía, Comercio y Negocios Internacionales*, Vol. 8, n°1, pp. 135-154.

2013

- with Sabine Montagne, “Sociologie de l’agence financière: enjeux et perspectives. Introduction”, *Sociétés Contemporaines*, 2013/4, n° 92, pp. 7-33.
- “Investir: une décision disséminée. Etude de cas dans les dérivés de crédit”, *Sociétés Contemporaines*, 2013/4, n°92, pp. 35-57
- “Financial value: economic, moral, political, global”, *HAU Journal of Ethnographic Theory*, 3 (1), pp. 64-79.
- “La valeur dans l’industrie financière: les prix des actions cotées comme “vérité” technique et politique”, *L’Année Sociologique*, 2013/1 - Vol. 63, pp. 107-136.

2011

- “Marchés efficients, investisseurs libres et Etats garants : trames du politique dans les pratiques financières professionnelles”, *Politix*, n°95, 2011/3, pp. 155-180.

2005

- “Evaluer, apprécier : les relations entre *brokers* et gérants de fonds d’investissement”, *Economie Rurale*, n°286-287, mars-juin 2005, pp. 56-70.

Chapters in academic books

2017

- “Finance”, in Calan, H. (ed.), *The International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*, Wiley Blackwell (accepted).

2016

- “Imaginaires politiques et moraux des pratiques financières”, in Chambost, I., Lenglet, M., Tadjeddine, Y. (eds.), *La Fabrique de la Finance*, Presses Universitaires du Septentrion, pp. 59-66.
- “Wittgenstein’s critique of representation and the ethical reflexivity of anthropological discourse”, in Evens, T., Handelman, D., Roberts, C. (eds.), *Reflexing on reflexivity. The Human Condition as an Ontological Surprise*, Berghann Press, pp. 124-141.

2015

- “Hedge funds and the limit of market efficiency as a regulatory concept”, in Jessop, B., Young, B., Scherrer, C. (eds.), *Financial Cultures and Crisis Dynamics*, Routledge, pp. 191-207.
- “What financial crisis? The global politics of the financial industry: distributional consequences and legitimizing narratives”, in Hart, K., Sharp, J. (eds.), *Economy for and against Democracy*, Berghann Press (in press)

2013

- “Financial Professionals as a Global Elite”, in Abbink, J., Salverda, T. (eds.), *Anthropology of Elites*, Palgrave MacMillan, New York, pp. 185-205.

2012

- “Anthropology – of the financial crisis”, in Carrier, J., *Handbook of Economic Anthropology*, Edward Elgar Publishing, pp. 585-596.
- “« Dans ses tendances, l’industrie financière ne se trompe pas, mais elle exagère toujours ». Enjeux moraux dans les pratiques professionnelles de la finance” (“In its tendencies, finance is never wrong, but it always exaggerates”. Moral stakes in financial professional practice”), in Fassin, D., Eideliman, J.-S. (eds.), *Economies Morales Contemporaines*, Editions La Découverte, Paris, pp. 53-72.

2010

- “Value and Power: some questions for a political anthropology of global finance”, in Acosta, R., Rizvi, S., Santos, A. (eds.), *Making Sense of the Global. Anthropological Perspectives on Interconnections and Processes*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Cambridge, pp. 63-81.

Book reviews

2014

- Bell, S., Feng, H., *The Rise of the People’s Bank of China : The Politics of Institutional Change*, Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA., in *Perspectives Chinoises*, n°2014/3, pp. 59-61.

2013

- Fisher, M., 2012, *Wall Street Women*, Duke University Press, Durham and London, in *Sociologie du Travail*, Vol. N. pp. 545-547.

2012

- Lépinay, V. A., 2011, *Codes of Finance. Engineering Financial Derivatives in a Global Bank*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, in the online journal *La Vie des Idées*, 2012, <http://www.booksandideas.net/Value-in-Trading-Rooms.html?lang=fr>

2010

- Gaillard, N., *Les Agences de Notation (Rating Agencies)*, Editions La Découverte, Collection Repères, Paris 2010, in *Genèses. Sciences sociales et histoire*, 2010/2, n° 79, p. 152-153.

2009

- Heurtin, J.-P. & Molfessis, N. (dir.), *La Sociologie du droit de Max Weber (Max Weber's Sociology of Law)*, Dalloz, Paris, 231 p., in *Archives de philosophie du droit*, Tome 52-2009, pp. 453-456.

2007

- Colliot-Thélène, C., *La sociologie de Max Weber (The Sociology of Max Weber)*, La Découverte, Paris, 2006, in the online academic journal www.liens-socio.org, http://www.liens-socio.org/article.php3?id_article=1492

Other

2015

- "Chinese Stock Exchanges in Historical and Political Economic Perspective. A comments on Kai Lyu, "The Institutional Transformation of China's Stock Exchanges: A Comparative Perspective", AEL: A Convivium (2015)", *Accounting, Economics and Law: A Convivium (AEL)* (cf. attestation en annexe)

2012

- "Why Does (or Doesn't) Finance Need an Anthropology?" *Theorizing the Contemporary, Cultural Anthropology Online*. May 17, <http://culanth.org/?q=node/568>

2009

- "Investors and efficient markets: the everyday imaginaries of investment management", *European Newsletter of Economic Sociology*, Volume 11, Number 1, November 2009, pp. 34-40.
 - "Embarking on Financial Industry Research: A Response to Anthropologists' Common Methodological Concerns", "Knowledge exchange" note in *Anthropology News*, Volume 50, Issue 7, October 2009, p. 25.

2008

- "Anthropology in the financial crisis", *Guest editorial* with Keith Hart, *Anthropology Today*, December 2008, vol. 24, n°6, pp. 1-3

2006

- "Dragon" (on the ethics of social sciences according to Howard Becker), *EspacesTemps.net*, Mensuelles, 08.06.2006 : <http://www.espacestemp.net/document2026.html>

Organization of academic conferences

American Anthropological Association, Denver, USA, November 20, 2015

Co-organization of the panel "*Money, finance, power and everyday life in China*", with 邵京(Shao Jing)

International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Societies, Bangkok, Thailand, July 17, 2015

Co-organization of the panel "Money and the Global South: New Objects of Study, New Epistemological and Methodological Horizons", with Maximo Badaro

East China Normal University Research Institute of Anthropology, June 19, 2015

Co-organization of the international conference "*Money, finance and everyday life in China*", with 邵京(Shao Jing) and 朱宇晶 (Zhu YuJing)

East China Normal University Research Institute of Anthropology, Mines ParisTech, European Research Council

East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, April 18, 2014-04-03

Co-organization of the research symposium "*New Perspectives in the Sociology and Anthropology of Business*", with 朱宇晶 (Zhu YuJing)

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics

Universita degli Studi di Milano, Milan, Italy, June 27-29, 2013

Co-organization of a three panel “mini-conference”: “*States within the Categories of Financial Stability*”, with Benjamien Lemoine and Sabine Montagne

Social Studies of Finance Association

Université de Paris X, Nanterre, France, 21-22 May, 2010

Co-organization of the international interdisciplinary colloquium “*Reembedding finance*”, with the bureau of the Social Studies of Finance Association

Association Française de Sociologie (French Sociological Association)

Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan, Paris, France, 25-26 March, 2010

Co-organization of the conference “*Faire crédit dans la France contemporaine*”, with Economic Sociology Network of the AFS

Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris France, 5 April, 2005

Organization of the interdisciplinary conference “*Terrains de la finance*”

Presentations in Academic Conferences

2016

East China Normal University

Shanghai, China

International conference “发展—财富—流动” (“Developpement, wealth, circulation”), organized by the Research Institute of Anthropology, ECNU
“Imaginarities of cross-border investment in Shanghai : profits, states and cultures”, April 16

2015

American Anthropological Association

Denver, United States

“Cross-border investment in China: a reflection on financial and political imaginaries of global finance”, November 20

Thammasat University

Bangkok, Thailand

International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Societies

“Cross-border investment in China: a reflection on financial and political imaginaries of global finance”, July 17

**London School of Economics,
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics**

London, United Kingdom

“Value, Investors, Markets, States and the Global: Exploring the Meanings of Everyday Practice of Cross-Border Financial Investment in China”, July 1
“Establishing “Value” Across the Chinese Border: Some Questions about the Relation Between Fieldwork, History and the Transformations of Global Finance”, July 2

East China Normal University

Shanghai, China

International conference “*Money, finance and everyday life in China*”

“Cross-border investment in China: a reflection on financial and political imaginaries of global finance”, June 19

2014

Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)

Paris, France

“Transformations de la finance globale en Chine” (“Transformations of global finance in China”), in Septième rencontre européenne d’analyse des sociétés politiques, February 6-7.

International Institute of Social Studies

The Hague, Netherlands

“Financial valuation and investment: techniques, organizations, politics” in “Finance, Food and Farming Workshop”, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), January 25

2013

United Arab Emirates University

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

“Investing across the Chinese border. Qualitative research on FDI in China: the transformation of financial standards, social identities and expectations”, in the Second Critical Studies in Accounting and Finance (CSAF) Conference, December 15-17 (paper accepted).

National University of Ireland

Galway, Ireland

“As a matter of truth: stock valuation in contemporary finance”, paper presented at the workshop “Performing business and social innovation through accounting inscriptions”, workshop organized by *Accounting, Organizations and Society* and hosted by JE Cairnes School of Business and Economics, September 22-24.

University of Pretoria

Pretoria, South Africa

“What financial crisis? The global politics of the financial industry: distributional consequences and legitimizing narratives”, in “The Human Economy: Economy and Democracy” 2013 International Conference, August 22-24

Università degli Studi di Milano

Milan, Italy

““Risk free interest rate”: sovereignty in financial formulas”, paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, June 27

2012

National University of Ireland

Maynooth, Ireland

“A political anthropology of global finance”, 3rd Govemark workshop, *Business and politics – tensions and contributions*, October 5-6

Pontifícia Universidade do Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS)

Porto Alegre, Brazil

“Inversores, mercados eficientes y diseminacion de las instancias de decision en los derivados de credito” (“Investors, efficient markets and the dissemination of the instances of decision in credit derivatives”), Seminario Internacional “Perspectivas Cruzadas sobre as Finanças e o Consumo”, August 20-21

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Boston, United States

““Risk free interest rate”: sovereignty in financial formulas”, paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, June 30

2011

James Cook University, Cairns Campus

Cairns, Australia

“Financial value: economic, moral, political, global”, paper presented at the workshop “The Anthropology of Value”, December 15-17

Irmgard Coninx Foundation

Berlin, Germany

“Imaginaries of financial agency in credit derivatives”, presented at the 14th Berlin Roundtables on Transnationality: Financialization and Everyday Life, June 25-28.

Université de Paris VIII

Paris, France

“Hedge funds and the limits of market efficiency as a regulatory concept”, in “Remodeling finance and its governance in times of uncertainty”, European Cost IS0902 Project (“Systemic Risks, Financial Crises and Credit), Laboratoire d’économie dionysien (LED), May 12-14.

2010

University of Bielefeld

Bielefeld, Germany

“Angels and Demons: Hedge Funds and the Limits of Financial Imagination”, in “Systemic Risks, Financial Crises and Credit”, European Cost IS0902 project, interim conference, Economic Sociology Research Network, European Sociological Association, December 3-5.

2009

American Anthropological Association

Philadelphia, USA

“Trust in Finance: “Trust” and the constitution of “personalities” in commercial relations between brokers and fund managers”, paper presented in the panel “Trust and markets. Investigating social and cultural dimensions of trust”, 108th Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association “The End/s of Anthropology”, December 2-6.

Facultés Universitaires St-Louis

Brussels, Belgium

“A political anthropology of the “weighted average cost of capital””, in Critical Finance Studies Conference II, August 6-7

Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)

Paris, France

“Fragmented value in financial derivatives: a case study”, in “Economic Regulation and Social Solidarity after the Fall of Financial Capitalism”, conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, July 16-18.

Danish Institute of International Studies

Copenhagen, Denmark

“Financial professionals as a global elite”, in “The Elite: Power Structures, Authority and Legitimacy in Contemporary Societies”, workshop of the Danish Institute of International Studies and the Institut de recherche interdisciplinaire sur les enjeux sociaux, Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, June 15-16.

City University London

London, United Kingdom

“The everyday of two conflicting imaginaries of Asset Backed Securities as investment”, in “Securitization, Risk and Governance: Understanding Uncertainty in the Age of Finance”, workshop organized by the City University London and the International Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), 6-7 May

2008

Université Paris Est-Marne-la-Vallée

Marne-la-Vallée, France

“Autonomie, créativité, projets et marché: l’interaction entre méthodes de management et techniques d’investissement dans une équipe de gérants de fonds” (“Autonomy, creativity, projects and market: the interaction of management methods and investment techniques in a team of fund managers”), Conference of the Programme Pluriannuel de Formation « Histoire de la pensée et des pratiques managériales françaises XIXème/XXème », December 11-12

Université of Ljubljana

Ljubljana, Slovenia

“Wittgenstein and the ethical reflexivity of anthropological discourse”, Biennial Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, August 26-30

London School of Economics

London, United Kingdom

“Everyday investment in Asset Backed Securities: an anthropology of contemporary global credit relations”, Final conference in the ESRC seminar series “Rethinking economies”, January 11-12

2007

Society for the Social Studies of Science

Montreal, Canada

“Making stock pricing methods performative: the everyday logics of interaction of professionals in contemporary finance”, “Ways of Knowing”, Conference of the Society for the Social Studies of Science, October 10-13

University of Manchester

Manchester, United Kingdom

“From “buy and hold” to “active management”: the everyday logics of change in ABS investment management”, Conference of the Center for Research on Socio-Cultural Change “Re-thinking Cultural Economy”, September 5-7

Oxford University

Oxford, United Kingdom

“The practices of “value” in contemporary finance: an anthropological approach of a disseminated global power”, Conference: “21st Century Anthropology: Global Process and Power”, June 27-29

2006

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

Mexico D.F., Mexico

“El dinero y la alegría” (“Money and joy”), Segundo Coloquio Internacional sobre el Gesto Teatral Contemporáneo, November 27-30

Université de Nanterre, Paris X

Paris, France

“La multiplicité des pratiques de la monnaie à partir d’une enquête sur les pratiques de la valeur financière”, Graduate conference of the GdR “Economie & Sociologie”, November 17

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Madrid, Spain

“The reproduction of knowledge about financial risk: assessing stock pricing in a brokerage company”, “Knowledge and Society” Conference organized by the Social Theory Committee of the European Sociological Association, September 21-22

University of Bristol

Bristol, United Kingdom

“Wittgenstein and the ethical reflexivity of anthropological discourse”, Biennial Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), September 18-21

London School of Economics (LSE)

London, United Kingdom

“Multiple logics in investment management : the case of Asset Backed Securities investment management from an anthropological perspective”, Association for Heterodox Economics 8th Annual Conference, “Economics, Pluralism and Social Sciences”, June 14-16

2005

Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)

Paris, France

“Comment décrire la constitution de la valeur financière ? Le rôle de l’enquête de terrain” (“How to describe the constitution of financial value? The role of fieldwork based research”), “Terrains de la finance” (“Fields of Finance”) Conference of the Laboratoire d’Anthropologie des Institutions et des Organisations Sociales (LAIOS-IIAC)/ Social Studies of Finance Association (SSFA), April 5

2001

McGill University

Montreal, Canada

“To do (with and without) the notion of “culture””, Annual meeting of the American Ethnological Society and the Canadian Anthropology Association, May 3-6

Previous Research Affiliation:

Centre de Sociologie de l’Innovation, Mines ParisTech, Paris, France, 2011-2014

Post-doctoral researcher in the project PERFORMABUSINESS, directed by Fabian Muniesa

LAIOS, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France, 2004-2011

Associated researcher, Laboratoire d’Anthropologie des Institutions et des Organisations Sociales, Institut Interdisciplinaire d’Anthropologie du Contemporain (LAIOS-IIAC)

Social Studies of Finance Association, Paris, France, 2004-2010

President of the association, 2008-2010

Member of the bureau, 2004-2008

Association Française de Sociologie (French Sociological Association) Paris, France, 2008-2010

“Economic Sociology” Network: member of the Bureau

Language Skills:

Spanish and French: native

English: excellent speaking, reading and writing

Chinese Mandarin: very good speaking and reading, fair writing (HSK 6)

German: good speaking, very good reading, fair writing

Portuguese: excellent speaking and reading, fair writing

Italian: fair speaking and reading, poor writing.