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Detailed French CV

Research professor (*directrice de recherche*)
at CNRS (National Center for Scientific Research),
Center for the Sociology of Organizations
since 2012.
Formerly: CNRS associate research professor
(*chargée de recherche*) since 2003, at the Institute
for Early Modern and Modern History until 2010
(École normale supérieure, Paris), then CSO

CNRS bronze medal winner for 2008.
« The CNRS Bronze Medal recognizes a researcher's first work, which makes that person a specialist with
talent in a particular field. » 10 medals are awarded each year in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

2017-: Member of the scientific boards of the new journals *Historical Network Research*,
*ARCS* (network analysis in the humanities and social sciences) and *Humanités numériques*
(French journal in digital humanities)
2015-: Vice-president of the French Modern Historians Association, member of the board of
the French Sociology of Law network
2014-: Elected member of the CNRS Scientific Board
2012-: Member of the steering committee of *The Connected Past*, (network analysis in history
and archaeology), co-organizer of two workshops.
2009-: Member of the editorial board, *Enterprise & Society*
2009-2017: President of the scientific committee of *Openedition*: open access electronic
resources in the humanities and social sciences (journals, books, conferences, blogs).
2008-: Co-editor for history, with Claire Zalc, of the series *Repères-La Découverte*
2005-8: Editor-in-chief, *Histoire & Mesure*

Main research interests:
- 19th-century France (comparisons with the UK and USA); 20th-century French firms, and
  European/international institutions
- Economic institutions: courts, advisory boards, guilds, business interest associations, etc.
- History of law, courts, arbitration (especially commercial and labor law)
- Social history: apprenticeship and child labor / elite trajectories, prosopography
- Commercial practices (travelling salesmen, credit relationships)
- Small-scale industry, especially luxury/fashion goods; history of Paris
- Formal and quantitative methods, esp. network analysis and longitudinal methods

Main courses taught:
- Historical sociology of capitalism (bachelor level, with Pierre François)
- Quantitative methods for historians (with Claire Zalc); network analysis, sequence
  analysis, etc. for the humanities and social sciences (incl. training sessions in France,
  Belgium, Switzerland, the UK); archival methods for sociologists (with Jérôme Aust).
PhD advisor of Sebastian Billows (sociology of law, 2012-2017), Simon Bittmann (historical sociology of credit, 2013-), Jean-Baptiste Pons (historical sociology of finance, 2013-), Amélie Marissal (sociology of legal elites, 2017-), Charles Reveillère (sociology of law, 2017-).

Degrees

2012 Habilitation à diriger des recherches, University of Paris 8 (advisor: Philippe Minard). "Historical sociology of economic institutions in 19th-century France"; includes a manuscript called Un modèle français de jugement des pairs. Les tribunaux de commerce, 1790-1880, available online. English 6-page synopsis here. A shorter, revised version of the manuscript should be published at some point by Presses de Sciences Po.

2001 PhD (History), École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris (advisor: Gilles Postel-Vinay). Dissertation: La chambre de commerce de Paris, 1803-1852. Un "corps consultatif" entre représentation et information économiques [The Paris Chamber of commerce, 1803-1852, considered as an advisory institution, dealing with economic information, but also as a form of representation of commerce]

1998 MA (History), École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris Paper (120 p.) on the municipal council of a small French town, 1831-1871 (prosopography, network analysis, local politics and policy)

1997 Agrégation (History) [exam to become high school teacher – includes all periods and a minor in geography]

1996 Graduate (First Class Hons), Sciences Po [similar to an interdisciplinary MA with bits of history, economics, law, sociology, geography and political science]

1996 BA (History), University of Paris 1


- Claire Lemercier, Un si discret pouvoir. Aux origines de la Chambre de commerce de Paris, 1803-1853, Paris, La Découverte, 2003. [revised version of my PhD]

- Gérard Béaur, Hubert Bonin & Claire Lemercier (eds.), Fraude, contrefaçon et contrebande, de l'Antiquité à nos jours, Genève, Droz, 2006. [conference proceedings on the history of cheating, smuggling and infringement: editorial work + short discussion article on the role of law, courts, unions and economic policy]

- Claire Lemercier & Claire Zalc, Méthodes quantitatives pour l'historien, Paris, La Découverte, "Repères", 2008. With online additional material. [a short, non technical introduction to quantitative methods for historians – has been updated and translated into English, manuscript available upon request, currently examined by a publisher]

Arnaud Bartolomei, Claire Lemercier & Silvia Marzagalli (éd.), « Les commis voyageurs, acteurs et témoins de la grande transformation », Entreprises & Histoire, 66, 2012. [traveling salesmen: see the paper on the same topic below]

Michel Bertrand, Sandro Guzzi-Heeb & Claire Lemercier (eds.), « Analyse de réseaux et histoire », Redes, Revista Hispana para el Análisis de Redes Sociales, vol. 21, décembre 2011. [network analysis and history, includes three English papers and Spanish versions of all papers, including the introduction]

Claire Lemercier & Carine Ollivier (eds.), « Décrire et compter », Terrains & Travaux, 19, 2011. [on the joint use of qualitative and quantitative methods, mostly in sociology]

English papers in peer-reviewed journals


Claire Lemercier, “A History without the Social Sciences?”, Annales HSS, 70-2, 2015, p. 345-357. [a discussion of the History Manifesto by David Armitage & Jo Guldi]


English chapters in edited books


English working papers, paper in newsletter

- Fabien Eloire, Claire Lemercier, Veronica Aoki Santarosa, "Beyond the personal-anonymous divide: Agency relations in powers of attorney in France, 18th-19th centuries", 2016.


Conference papers in English (2012-2017)

- with Pierre François, "The interplay between the social space of firms and that of directors in French capitalism", conference "Understanding the Transformations of Economic Elites in Europe", Lausanne, 2014.


Miscellanea

- Languages: French (mother tongue), English (fluent), German (well understood, not so well spoken anymore)