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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
2014-2018: 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).

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 interisciplinary MA with bits of history, economics, law, sociology, geography and political science]

1996  
BA (History), University of Paris 1


- 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. [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


See also occasional book reviews in Business History Review, Economic History Review, Law & Politics Books Review.
English working papers

- Arnaud Bartolomei, Claire Lemercier, Viera Rebolledo-Dhuin et Nadège Sougy, "Becoming a correspondent: The foundations of new merchant relationships in early modern Europe (1730-1820)", January 2018 [submitted to a journal].
- Fabien Eloire, Claire Lemercier, Veronica Aoki Santarosa, "Beyond the personal-anonymous divide: Agency relations in powers of attorney in France, 18th-19th centuries", 2016. [forthcoming in a journal in a revised version]

Conference presentations in English (2012-2018)

• Keynote of the "Historical Network Research Conference 2014" in Ghent, 2014: "Taking time seriously. How do we deal with change in historical networks?" (See my Prezi).


• 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.

• organizer of the conference "The Connected Past Paris", Sciences Po, 26 avril 2014.


• with Philippe Buton and Nicolas Mariot, "A Contextual Analysis of Electoral Participation Sequences", Lausanne Conference on Sequence Analysis, Université de Lausanne, 6-8 juin 2012.


Miscellanea

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