

# Claire Lemerrier

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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)



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.

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](#), co-organizer of two workshops (plus two other workshops of the French equivalent [Res-Hist](#)).

2009-: Member of the editorial board, [Enterprise & Society](#)

2009-: 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:

- 19<sup>th</sup>-century France (comparisons with the UK and USA); 20<sup>th</sup>-century French firms, and European/international institutions
- Economic institutions: courts, advisory boards, guilds, business interest associations...
- 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-), [Simon Bittmann](#) (historical sociology of credit, 2013-) and [Jean-Baptiste Pons](#) (historical sociology of finance, 2013-).

## Degrees

- 2012 *Habilitation à diriger des recherches*, University of Paris 8 (advisor: Philippe Minard). "Historical sociology of economic institutions in 19<sup>th</sup>-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

## Book – Handbook – Edited book – Special issues of journals

- Claire Lemerrier, *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 Lemerrier (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 Lemerrier & 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 translated into English by Arthur Goldhammer, manuscript available upon request, currently examined by a publisher]
- Claire Lemerrier & Claire Zalc (eds.), "[History of Credit in the Modern Era](#)", *Annales HSS*, 67-4, 2012.
- Arnaud Bartolomei, Claire Lemerrier & 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 Lemerrier (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 Lemerrier & 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 Lemerrier, « [Une histoire sans sciences sociales ?](#) », *Annales HSS*, 70-2, 2015, p. 345-357. [soon to be published in English translation, a discussion of the *History Manifesto* by David Armitage & Jo Guldi]
- Arnaud Bartolomei & Claire Lemerrier, “[Travelling salesmen as agents of modernity in France \(18th to 20th centuries\)](#)”, *Zeitschrift für Unternehmensgeschichte/Journal of Business History*, 59 (2), 2014, p. 135-153.
- Claire Lemerrier & Claire Zalc, “[For a New Approach to Credit Relations in Modern History](#)”, *Annales HSS*, vol. 67, n° 4, 2012, p. 661-691.
- Claire Lemerrier, “Formale Methoden des Netzwerkanalyse in den Geschichtswissenschaften: Warum und Wie?”, *Österreichische Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaften/Austrian Journal of Historical Studies*, n° 23, 2012, p. 16-41 [[English version online](#) – also published in a slightly different version as “Formal network methods in history: why and how?”, in Georg Fertig (ed.), *Social Networks, Political Institutions, and Rural Societies*, Turnhout, Brepols, 2015].
- François Buton, Claire Lemerrier & Nicolas Mariot, “[The Household Effect on Electoral Participation. A Contextual Analysis of Voter Signatures from a French Polling Station \(1982-2007\)](#)”, *Electoral Studies*, vol. 31, n° 2, 2012, p. 434-447.
- Claire Lemerrier, “[Looking for ‘industrial confraternity’. Small-scale industries and institutions in 19th-century Paris](#)”, *Enterprise & Society*, 10-2, juin 2009, p. 304-334.
- Emmanuel Lazega, Claire Lemerrier & Lise Mounier, "[A Spinning top model of formal organization and informal behavior: Dynamics of advice networks among judges in a commercial court](#)", *European Management Review*, 3, 2006, p. 113-122.

## English chapters in edited books

- Claire Lemerrier, "Taking time seriously. How do we deal with change in historical networks?", in Markus Gamper, Lida Reschke & Marten Düring (eds.), *Knoten und Kanten III. Soziale Netzwerkanalyse in Geschichts- und Politikforschung*, Bielefeld, Transcript Verlag, 2015, p. 183-211.
- Pierre François & Claire Lemerrier, "Ebbs and Flows of French Capitalism"», in Thomas David & Gerarda Westerhuis (eds.), *The Power of Corporate Networks. A Comparative and Historical Perspective*, New York, Routledge, 2014, p. 149-168.

- Pierre François & Claire Lemerrier, "[State or Status Capitalism? Some Insights on French Idiosyncrasis Using an Interlocking Directorates Approach](#)", *Economic Sociology European Electronic Newsletter*, 15-2, 2014, p. 17-33.
- François Buton, Claire Lemerrier & Nicolas Mariot, "A Contextual Analysis of Electoral Participation Sequences", in Philippe Blanchard, Felix Bühlmann & Jacques-Antoine Gauthier (eds.), *Advances in Sequence Analysis : Theory, Method, Applications*, New York, Springer, 2014, p. 191-212.
- Claire Lemerrier, "Economic and Social Committee (Members)", in Elisabeth Lambert Abdelgawad, Hélène Michel (eds.), *Dictionary of European Actors*, Bruxelles, Larcier, 2014, p. 105-108.
- Claire Lemerrier, "[The Judge, the Expert and the Arbitrator. The Strange Case of the Paris Court of Commerce \(ca. 1800-ca. 1880\)](#)", in Christelle Rabier (ed.), *Fields of Expertise. A Comparative History of Expert Procedures in Paris and London, 1600 to Present*, Newcastle, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2007, p. 115-145.

## Unpublished English working papers

- Claire Lemerrier & Jérôme Sgard, [Arbitrage privé international et globalisation\(s\)](#), rapport à la Mission de recherche Droit et Justice, 176 p., 2015 [a history of the birth of international commercial arbitration from the 1920s to the 1960s]
- Claire Lemerrier & Tiago Mata, "[Speaking in tongues, a text analysis of economic opinion at Newsweek, 1975-2007](#)", 2011.
- Claire Lemerrier & Paul-André Rosental, "[The Structure and Dynamics of Migration Patterns in 19th-century Northern France](#)", 2010 [still in the process of submission].

## Conference papers in English (2012-2015)

- with Nicolas Barreyre, "'In stark contrast to France'? An Early-Nineteenth-Century French Perspective on the American State", conference "[The Democratic State in Trans-Atlantic Context](#)", University of Chicago in Paris, 2015.
- with Pierre François, "Converted to finance. Changing organizations, stable elites and shareholder value in France", workshop "[Politics and Society in the Age of Financialization](#)", MPIfG Köln, 2015.
- with Clare Crowston, "Apprenticeship in 18th and 19th-century France. Training bodies for trade and gender roles", workshop "[Learning How. Training Bodies, Producing Knowledge](#)", MPIWG Berlin, 2015.
- 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, "Finance in the French interlocking directorates networks: which financialization?", conference "[La finance au travail / Finance at Work](#)", IDHES, Nanterre, 2014.

- 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.
- "[Were Commercial Courts Tools of 'Self-Regulation' for the Merchants? The Case of Nineteenth Century Paris](#)", workshop "New Approaches to the History of Commercial Justice", Paris, 2013.
- with Jérôme Sgard, "Waiting for the Markets to Catch Up. The Construction of International Commercial Arbitration between Two Global Eras (1920-1960)", conference "Law and Globalization in a Comparative Perspective: The Interwar versus the Post-Cold War Periods" Sciences Po-Northwestern University, Paris, 2013.
- [European Business History Association-Business History Society of Japan Conference](#), Paris, 2012: discussant of *Reimagining Business History* ([plenary session, video here](#)); member of the jury for the best paper prize; with Pierre François, "The Evolving Structure of French Capitalism. Interlocking Directorates among the French Largest Firms, 1911-2000" (paper also presented at the workshop "The Power of Corporate Networks. A Comparative and Historical Perspective", Lausanne, 2012)
- 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.
- European Social Science History Conference, Glasgow, 2012: "Apprenticeship during the industrial revolution. Lessons from the Parisian case" (session "Working with Kin: Unpaid Work, Apprenticeship and Kin's Labour in Family Business"), and, with Pierre François, "Everything Changes So That Nothing Changes? The French Economic Elite Networks, 1840-2009" (session "Social Networks and Historical Change").
- with Paul-André Rosental, "Networks in time and space. The structure and dynamics of migration in 19th-century Northern France" conference "[The Connected Past: People, Networks and Complexity in Archaeology and History](#)", Southampton, 2012.

## Miscellanea

- Languages: French (mother tongue), English (fluent), German (well understood, not so well spoken anymore)
- Various tools: Office, Openoffice, Zotero, Wordpress, R (esp. FactoMineR, TraMineR, IRaMuTeQ), Ucinet, Netdraw, Siena, Pajek.