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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Since 2022	Full Professor
2001-2022	Associate Professor
	Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris
	Affiliations :
	Centre de Recherche Historique (CRH)

EDUCATION

2015	Habilitation in History, *Université Sorbonne Paris-1*, Paris
1995	Ph.D. Demography and Social Sciences**,** *EHESS*, Paris
1987	M.A. Economics**,** *Institut d'Études Politiques,* Paris
1985	M.A Demography, *Institut d'Études Démographiques,* Paris

RESEARCH and TEACHING AREAS

Biopolitics and Population expertise in Eastern Europe (Interwar period, Cold war)
Nations and Nationalism in Central and Eastern Europe (19th-20th)
Comparative history of the welfare state
Socio-History of quantification and social science

International Research Groups:

- 2025- : COST Action, EuroHealthHistories

- 2018-2023: COST Actions (European Cooperation in Science and Technology), "Who cares in Europe?". Member of the Management Committee and of Research Groups.

- 2016-2023: Eurasemploi: Growth and Forms of Employment: An Eurasian Comparison of Employment Insecurity (Inalco, EHESS, SciencesPo, University Paris-Diderot) funded by French National Research Agency (ANR). Member of Research Groups.

- 2016-2017: European Research Network, European University Institute, Florence – "The Quest for Welfare and Democracy: Voluntary Associations, Families and the State, 1880s to the Present".

- 2011-2013: International Research Network of the German Research Foundation (DFG) on "Population, Knowledge, Order, Transformation: Demography and Politics in the Twentieth Century in Global Perspective".

Teaching experience

- Social welfare, public and private actors. Central and South-Eastern European perspectives (19th-20th century) (2022-2027)
- Biopolitics and Population politics in Eastern Europe (2024-2027)
- Central and Eastern Europe in the field of the Area studies. Populations and territories (19th-21th century).(2022-2023)
- From philanthropy to social welfare. Between empire and nation-state (19th-20th Central and Eastern Europe) (2017-2022)
- Anthropology of measurements (2017−2021, 2025-2027)

- Population policies in Eastern Europe in the 20th century. Between social reform and biopolitics (2014-2017)
- Population, ethnicity, numbers: from national imagination to statistical engineering (19th-20th century). (2009-2012).
- Administration, science and nation-building in Central Europe (19th-20th century), (2002-2008).

PUBLICATIONS

Book

2022 *Public and Private Welfare in Modern Europe. Productive Entanglements* (with Fabio Giomi and Célia Keren, eds.), Routledge, 226 p.

2019 *La nationalité, une histoire de chiffres. Politique et statistiques en Europe centrale (1848-1919),* Presses de SciencesPo, 382 p.

2000 *La population à l'échelle des frontières. Une démographie politique de l'Europe contemporaine*, Editions de l'EHESS, 264 p.

Articles and Book Chapters (last 10 years)

2026 "Introduction "L'État social autoritaire. Entre servitude et providence", *Histoire@Politique*, 59.

2026 « Feeding the children on the Eastern Front. Voluntary associations and globalization of welfare in the Polish town of Łódź (1914-1922) », in Fabien Théophilakis, Michele Mioni, Simon Unger (eds.), *Total Warfare and the Mixed Economy of Welfare. Entangling European Experiences, 1914–1950*, Palgrave MacMillan.

2024 „Badania społeczne w Polsce międzywojennej. Problem Obiektywności statystyk w obliczu narracji biograficznej", [Social surveys in interwar Poland. Statistical objectivity facing narrative biography], *Teksty Drugie*, 2, p. 144-160. https://journals.openedition.org/td/25980.

2024 « La régulation des naissances dans la Pologne des années 1930. Une providence raisonnée » [Birth control in 1930s Poland. A reasoned providence], *Revue de Synthèse*, 145, 1-2, 83-130. https://doi.org/10.1163/19552343-14234046

2023 « L'histoire politique de la statistique, les mirages du panoptique et le pouvoir du Big Data », [The Political History of Statistics, the Illusion of the Panopticon, and the Power of Big Data], *Histoire@Politique*, https://journals.openedition.org/histoirepolitique/15845

2023 « Les enquêtes sociales oubliées de la Pologne de l'entre-deux-guerres », *Le Mouvement social*, 283, p. 23-44. https://doi.org/10.3917/lms1.283.0023

2022 (with Fabio Giomi and Célia Keren), "Productive entanglements. The dynamics of public-private interactions in the history of social protection", in *Public and Private Welfare in Modern Europe. Productive Entanglements*, (F. Giomi, C. Keren, M. Labbé, eds.), Routledge, 1-15.

2022 "Social movement and economic statistics in interwar Poland: Building an alternative expert knowledge on the condition of the working class", in *Public and Private Welfare in Modern Europe. Productive Entanglements*, (F. Giomi, C. Keren, M. Labbé, eds.), Routledge, 79-106.

2019 "National indifference, statistics, and the constructivist paradigm: The case of the "Tutejsi" ('the people from here') in interwar Polish censuses", *in* Maarten Van Ginderachter & Jon Fox (eds.), *National indifference and the History of Nationalism in Modern Europe*, London, Routledge, 161-179.

2018 "Introduction" - "De la philanthropie à la protection sociale en Europe centrale et du Sud-Est (fin du XIXe siècle - entre-deux-guerres) » *Revue d'Histoire de la Protection Sociale*, 11, 13-22.

2018 « Les débuts de la protection infantile à Łodz. Associations locales et réseaux transnationaux (1900−1919) », *Revue d'Histoire de la Protection Sociale*, 11, 47-71.

2018 "Eugene Romer's 1916 Atlas of Poland: Creating a new Nation-State", *Imago Mundi, The International Journal for the History of Cartography*, 70, 94 -113.

Guest Editor (Special issue)

2026 *Histoire@Politique*: "L'État social autoritaire. Nouvelle figure de l'État providence ?", nr 59.

2018 *Revue d'Histoire de la Protection Sociale*, « De la philanthropie à la protection sociale en Europe centrale et du sud-est (Fin du 19e siècle - Entre-deux-guerres) », 11.

2013 *Histoire & Mesure*, with Isabelle Backouche, « Réparer, dédommager », vol. 28, 1.

2009 *Critique internationale*, « Recensement ethnique et changement de régime », vol. 45.

Book Reviews

Annales HSS / American Historical Review / Austriaca / Bulletin de la Mission Historique Française en Allemagne (MHFA) / Cahiers du Monde Russe / Clio. Femmes, Genre, Histoire / Comparative Studies in Society and History / Critique Internationale / Genèses / Histoire et Mesure/ Isis / Revue Française des Affaires Sociales / Scientia Canadensis. Canadian Journal of the History of Science, Technology and Medicine / Statistique et Société/ Vie des Idées / 20 & 21. Revue d'histoire /

(Last 10 years)

2025 Les comptes du salut. Quantifier et réformer l'alimentation au 19e siècle, by Thomas Depecker (Presses Universitaires François-Rabelais), *Statistique et Société*, 2025.

2022 Les Polonais en France au lendemain de la seconde guerre mondiale (1944-1949). Histoire d'une intégration by Paweł Sękowski (Sorbonne Université Presses, 2019) *20 & 21. Revue d'histoire*.

2020 The Body Populace. Military Statistics and Demography in Europe before the First World War by Heinrich Hartmann (Cambridge, MIT Press, 2018), *Isis*.

2018 The Politics of Reproduction in Ottoman Society, 1838-1900, by Gülhan Balsoy (Pickering & Chatto 2013), *Clio. Femmes, Genre, Histoire*.

2017 Zensus und Ethnizität. Zur Herstellung von Wissen über soziale Wirklichkeiten im Habsburgerreich zwischen 1848 und 1910 by Wolfgang Göderle, (Wallstein Verlag, 2016), *Austriaca*.

2018 The Habsburg Empire: A New History, by Pieter M. Judson, (Harvard University Press, 2016), *La Vie des Idées*

2017 Global Population. History, Geopolitics, and Life on Earth, by Alison Bashford, (Columbia University Press, 2014), in *Annales HSS.*

INVITED LECTURE, WORKSHOP, CONFERENCE (PAST 5 YEARS)

- « Opinion Surveys in the Military Occupation Administrations in Germany (1945-1949), Colloque du groupe d'Histoire de la Statistique de la Société Française de Statistique (SFdS), Paris, (January 2026)

- O różnych zapisach dotyczących jednej ankiety nad rozrodczością w Polsce (1932)" [On the textual practices of a fertility survey conducted in Poland] University of Warsaw, Institute IKP (September 2025)

- Another history of social welfare in Central Europe: Associations and social philanthropies in the Polish territories before 1918, Atelier EHESS-Université ELTE, Budapest (April 2025)

- The little-known beginnings of Birth Control in Poland in the 1930s: Women's movement, demographers and physicians, Atelier EHESS-Université ELTE, Budapest (April 2025)

- « Que font les femmes quand elles ne veulent pas avoir d'enfants ? » Une enquête à tiroirs sur les pratiques anticonceptionnelles des femmes dans la Pologne des années 1930 », Workshop Paris, INED : Enquêter sur les populations au temps de la mécanographie (January 2025).

- "Feeding families and children in occupied Polish territories: The fight of charities and relief associations (Łódź, World War I)", Conference Wartime occupations in Europe 20th-21th centuries. Socio-Historical Perspectives, Paris EHESS-CERCEC (November 2024)

- Feeding the children on the Eastern Front (1914-1922). Child welfare associations and the globalization of wartime relief in Łódź (Poland), Department seminar, Johns Hopkins University (April 2024)

- "From local women's knowledge to Birth control in interwar Poland: How a demographic survey can be a source on the contraceptive and abortion experiences of ordinary women?", Doctoral lecture, Johns Hopkins University, (March 2024)

- Feeding the children on the Eastern Front. Voluntary associations and globalization of welfare in the Polish town of Łódź (1914-1922), Workshop: "Warfare and Welfare in Europe. Transnational Perspectives on Social, Military, and Religious Actors from one World War to Another, 1914-1950", German Historical Institute, Rome, (December 2022).

- 'What do women do to avoid pregnancy?' When Polish demographers faced the hard facts of birth control practices in the 1930s", Polish Institute of Advanced Studies PIASt, Warsaw (July 2022).

- The associational archive as an administrative archive. Productions and reappropriations in turn of the 20th century Poland, Workshop « Les archives des associations en Europe et au Moyen-orient: perspectives croisées », IREMAM-Cost-Action Who Cares in Europe? Aix-en-Provence (May 2022).

- The emergence of the Welfare State in Central and Eastern Europe: towards a new history, Polish Institute of Advanced Studies PIASt, Warsaw (April 2022).

- The lost World of the Polish Social Surveys in the interwar period. An unfinished transnational circulation, Institute of Polish Culture (IKP), University of Warsaw (March 2022).

- La statistique comme technique de gouvernement des nationalités en Europe centrale, « Histoire, politique et culture en Europe médiane », Paris, INALCO (December 2021).

- Making Objective the Conditions of living of the Working Class. Between Public and Private Statistics (Interwar Poland), Workshop: Making the Social World Objective, University of Zürich (November 2021).

Co-organizer of International Conferences

- "80 ans de l'INSEE. Nouveaux regards sur la statistique publique", Montrouge, (April 2026)

- "The War in Ukraine. Views from the (Eastern) Border of Europe", EHESS Symposium, Paris (October 2022)

- "Polish-German History. A New Historiographical Field and its Contribution to the History of Europe", German Historical Institute, Polish Academy of Science, EHESS, Paris (February 2020).

- The Co-Constitution of Public and Private Actors. Panels (I): Building the Field of Social Protection in the 19th and 20th Centuries; (II): Building the Transnational Field of Welfare in the 19th and 20th Centuries, European Social Science History Conference (ESSHC), Belfast (April 2018).

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022 **Polish Institute of Advanced Studies PIASt, Warsaw**

	Senior research Fellow (Spring)
2016	**Polish History Museum, Warsaw** Research Grant (1 month)
2012	**Collegium Budapest-Central European University (CB-IASCEU)** Senior research Fellow (Spring)
2011	**Rockefeller Archive Center** Grant-in-aid, New-York, 14-23 December
2005	**Research Grant** *Max Planck Institute for History* September-October, Göttingen (Germany)
1998-99	**Research Grand** *Max Planck Institute for History* and French Research Institute for History (MHFA), Göttingen (Germany)
1996-98	**Post-Doctoral Fellowship MPI-CNRS** in the *Max Planck Institute for the History of Science*, Berlin (Germany)

SERVICE

Editorial Contributions

Since 2025: Member, Editorial Board, *Statistique et Société*
Since 2023: Member, Editorial Board, *Histoire@Politique*
2018-2022: Co-Director, Editorial Board, *Histoire & Mesure*
Since 2008: Member, Editorial Board, *Histoire & Mesure*
2017-2021: Member, Editorial Board, *Critique internationale*

Ad Hoc Referee

Annales HSS ; Atelier du CRH, AUC Studia Territorialia ; Critique internationale ; Clio, Femmes, Genre, Histoire ; Crown Papers ; Éditions de l'INED ; Éditions de la Sorbonne ; European Review of History, Genèses ; Histoire@Politique Histoire et Mesure ; Histoire, médecine et santé ; Imago Mundi ; Instytut Historii PAN ; Journal of Baltic Studies ; Le Mouvement Social ; Minerva ; Monde(s) ; Passés-Futurs ; Population ; Revue comparative Est-Ouest ; Revue Européenne des Migrations Internationales ; Revue.org ; Statistique et Société ; Střed./Centre. Journal for Interdisciplinary Studies of Central Europe in the 19th and 20th Centuries ; Sociologias.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Committee Member

2026-	Evaluation Committee (CEVA) of the National Institute of Demography (INED). Interim Director for the April and September sessions
2025 -	Administrative Committee of the EHESS
2017- 2021	Scientific Committee of the EHESS (2017-19 substitute)
2018-2022	Scientific Committee of the Historial Centre (CRH) of the EHESS
2014-2021 2003-2008	Teaching Committee in History (EHESS) (substitute)

2005-2009 Teaching and Training Committee of the EHESS

International Cooperation

2001-2023 Responsible for the program between the EHESS and the University of Warsaw
Since 2018 Responsible for the program between the EHESS and the University of Michigan

LANGUAGES

French (native), English, German, Polish

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

2024 **Visiting Professor**
University of Johns Hopkins, Baltimore (United-States), Department of History, (Spring semester)

2018 **Visiting Professor**
University of Peking, (China), Department of History, (two weeks)

2012 **Visiting Professor**
University of Ann Arbor, Michigan (United-States), Department of History, (Fall semester)

2009 **Visiting Professor**
University of Warsaw (Poland), (Spring semester)

2006 **Visiting Professor**
University of Bielefeld (Germany), Department of History (one month)