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Doctor in History of the Graduate School of Social Studies (EHESS, Paris)  
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## Specialization

History and Sociology of Central Eurasia, especially Volga-Urals region  
(XIX - XXI<sup>th</sup> Centuries)

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## Education and academic training

- 2006: Doctorate thesis at the Advanced School for Social Sciences (EHESS, Paris), “History of Identities in Muslim Russia: the Republic of Bashkortostan (1969-2004)”, supervisor: Prof. Jutta Scherrer. Honorable mention with unanimity. Examining board: Alain Blum (Director of the Center for Russian, Caucasian and East-European Studies, EHESS, Paris), Marcel Gauchet (Director of Studies at EHESS), François Georgeon (Director of the Center for History of the Turkish Domain, EHESS), Andreas Kappeler (Full professor at Vienna University), and Jean Radvanyi (Professor at National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations, Paris).
- 1996: M. Phil. (DEA) of political and juridical philosophy, University of Caen, with a thesis in philosophy “Citizenship and Stalinism,” supervisor: Prof. Robert Legros.
- 1994: Diploma of the Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po), Bordeaux, with a thesis in political science “Analysis of Vaclav Havel’s Dissident Discourse,” supervisor: Mr. Slobodan Milacic.

## Teaching experience

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- Teaching Assistant, *History of Russia from the Origins to Nicholas II* (100 hours per year), and *Methodology applied to Russian Language* (30 hours per year), Russia & Eurasia Department, National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INaLCO, Paris), 2002-2009.
- Students' guidance in political science, 35 hours, Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po), Paris, September 2001-January 2002.
- Teaching Assistant in political science, 50 hours, Master of International Studies, Moscow State Institute for International relations (MGIMO), Moscow, September 1999-June 2000.

## Field Works

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- September 2008: Research Mission in Cheboksary (Chuvashia), Joshkar-Ola (Mari El) and Nijni-Novgorod with the support of the Islamic Area Studies Center (University of Tokyo).
- July - August 2008: Research Mission in Ufa, Orenburg and Izhevsk (Udmurtia) with the support of the Center for Russian, Caucasian and East-European Studies (EHESS).
- February 2008: Research in the State Archives of the Russian Federation (GARF), ANR / French Ministry of Research, *Language policy in the Russian Empire and USSR*.
- October 2007: Research Mission in Istanbul at the French Institute for Anatolian Studies, with the support of the Center of History of the Turkic Domain (EHESS).
- July 2007: Research in the Party Archives of Ufa on the project "*Solidarities & Loyalties in Russian Society, History and Culture*" ACI coordinated by Isabelle Ohayon, with the support of the Center for Russian, Caucasian and East-European Studies (EHESS).
- August - September 2006: Research in the Party Archives of Ufa on the project "*Languages, Education, and Politics: Volga-Urals in the 1950-60s*", coordinated by Juliette Cadiot, with the support of the National Agency for Research.
- October 2002: Participant on a multi-year collaborative international research project on the "*2002 Russian Census*" organized by Dominique Arel and Catherine Goussef between the Watson Institute of International Studies at Brown University (US), the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology (Moscow, Russia), and the Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques (Paris, France).

- July 1997 - August 1997: Invited scholar at the French Institute for Central Asian Studies (IFEAC), Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

- June 1996 - September 1999: Work on the field in Ufa as Lavoisier Research Fellow on the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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### Research Administration

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- Organization of a round-table *Cultural Diversity and Nation-Building: Anglo-Saxon, French and Russian Experiences in Perspective*, 8<sup>th</sup> Congress of Ethnologists and Anthropologists, Orenburg, July 1-5. 2009.

- Organization of a conference *The Nationalisation of Internationalism, National Writers and Historians in Post-War USSR*, Center for Russian, Caucasian and East-European Studies (EHESS), Center of Russian and Euro-Asiatic Studies (INaLCO), Paris, EHESS, May 29, 2009.

- Referee for *The Journal of Power Institutions in Post-Soviet Societies*, online international social sciences journal devoted to the armed forces and power institutions of post-Soviet societies, 2009.

- Sub-editor and Redaction Comity member of *Central Eurasian Reader*, a biennale journal of critical bibliography and epistemology of modern and contemporary Central Eurasian studies, (Berlin: Klaus Schwarz), since 2007.

- Organization of a seminar *Federalism and Nation-Building in Russia since 2000*, in collaboration with Elena Filippova ((Institute of Ethnography and anthropology, Russian Academy of sciences), Observatory of Post-Soviet States (INaLCO), Paris, April 5, 2007.

- Secretary of International Colloquium *The Transmission of Learning and Authority in Muslim Northern Eurasia (Eastern Europe, Russia, the Caucasus, Central Asia, China) through the 20th Century*, held by the ESA 7043 of the CNRS “Sociétés et Cultures en Europe” (Strasbourg) with the support of the European Science Foundation, the Islamic Area Studies Project (Tokyo), MSH (Paris), Paris, November 12-13, 2001.

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### Research Valorization

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- Interview, *Russia Intelligence* 89, Dec. 11, 2008, p. 7.

- Interview with Jean Leclerc, broadcast *Histoire vivante*, Radio Suisse Romande, Oct. 16, 2008.

- Interview on Radio broadcast *News from Grozny*, Radio fréquence Paris plurielle, April 10, 2006.

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## Languages

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- Russian (reads, writes, speaks)
- Tatar (reads)
- English (reads, writes, speaks)
- German (reads)