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Current Position

Spring 2017 – present **Researcher, Médialab, Sciences Po**
Project : Mapping French Russia
Co-Principal Investigator
Principal Investigator : Vincent Lépinay

Mapping conversations on Russia between academic scholars, intellectuals, artists and journalists using digital methods and traces left by their academics publishing and their mass media conversations on Russia, looking exclusively at the French case. The research design into construct profiles of authors, publications and institutions (labs, departments and funding agencies) so as to map the academic and intellectual timelines of the centers and peripheries of russian studies in France.

Previous Research Experience

2015 – 2016 **Visiting Scholar, Department of Government
Harvard University**

Preparation of a book manuscript, topic: "Property and governance in Post-Soviet Russia"
(Advisor: Prof. Timothy Colton, chair of the department.)

Also : an advanced study of the organization of top research universities in the US.

Learning the best practices of running an excellent political science department.

An examination of a possibility to adapt these best practices in the Russian university system, and internationally.

2001- 2005 Fieldwork in Leningrad, Tver', Novgorod, Saratov and Samara regions:
interviews with officials from federal, regional and local administration,
heads of agricultural enterprises, private farmers.

1998 Fieldwork in Russian villages (formalized interviews),
in cooperation with researchers of the Moscow School of Social and
Economic Sciences, as part of the MA thesis preparation, Institut
d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po).

1996 - 1997 Research stay at the Laboratory of the Economic Geography,
Director: Tatiana Nefedova, duration: 6 months
Moscow State University

Administrative Experience

2011-2016 **Chair, Department of Comparative Political Studies,**
Northwestern Branch: Russian Academy of National Economy
and Public Administration (RANEPA St. Petersburg)
(on sabbatical leave at Harvard University in 2015-2016)

Mission: a founding chair of the department, who elaborated new standards of political science programs of a research university in a school famous for training public servants, recruited faculty and students, established cooperation with Sciences Po Paris and Ludwig Maximilian U of Munich.

Achievements: in 2012-13 this new department immediately ranked number 5 in Russia among BA programs in political science in terms of median SAT test scores of admitted students.

International Advisory Board of the department: Dominique Colas (Sciences Po Paris), Vladimir Gelman (EUSP/Helsinki U), Henry Hale (George Washington U), Peter Rutland (Wesleyan U), Petra Stykow (LMU Munich).

2009-2011 **Director, Collège Universitaire Français (CUF)
de Saint-Petersbourg, St. Petersburg State University**

Mission: Administration of this joint venture between St. Petersburg State U and the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, which teaches SPBSU students social sciences and the humanities in French for 2 years, with the best graduating students entering top MA programs in French universities.

Achievements: An overall admin reform, which streamlined and adapted the educational and admin practices of CUF, while retaining the essential French concept and layout of this exceptional program (e.g. Derrida, Touraine, Le Goff and Furet taught there), after the SPBSU Rector had demanded that an entity functioning on the Russian territory should live according to the Russian legislation and educational standards. Expansion of the influence of French social sciences on the Russian intellectual scene through academic teaching, international conferences and a regular series of challenging roundtables on key social issues of the day.

Teaching Experience

- 2017- present Visiting Professor, AEI,
Université Paris-Est Creteil (UPEC)
Introduction to Geopolitical Risks Evaluation (M1)
Global Political Risk (M2)
- 2017 (spring) Visiting Professor, PSIA,
Sciencespo Paris
Junior Lab - Mapping Russian Studies
With Vincent Lépinay, Kathy Rousselet
- 2012-2015 (spring) Professor, Dept of Comparative Political Studies
Northwestern Branch, RANEPa St. Petersburg
Introduction to French Civilization
History of French Political Thought
- 1999-2002 Attachée Temporaire d'Enseignement et de Recherche
Université Paris I - Panthéon-Sorbonne /CUF St. Petersburg
State University, Russia
History of French Sociology; Contemporary Sociology in
Europe.

Education

- 1998 – 2006 PhD, Political Science, Université Paris X-Nanterre.
Topic: *Transformation of Property Relations in Russian
Agriculture in 1991-2003*. Main thesis advisor: Prof. Jean-Charles
Szurek, Directeur de recherche au Laboratoire d'Analyse des Systèmes
Politiques, CNRS-Paris X-Nanterre.

- 1997 – 1998 MA, Political Science
 Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)
 Topic: *Réforme agraire en Russie: acteurs et stratégies – Oblast de Iaroslav*. Thesis directors: Profs. Dominique Colas and Kathy Rousselet
- 1994 – 1997 BA, Russian Language and Civilization,
 Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris, France
- 1992-1994 Classes préparatoires *Lettres Supérieures* (Paris Prep School)
 Lycée Marcelin Berthelot (HK) ; Lycée Fénelon (K)

Awards and Fellowships

- 2017 Passed a State Qualifying Exam for the Post of Maître de conférences, French National Competition, Sections 04 (political science).
- 2002-2003 Visiting Graduate Student, Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University.
 Research topic: *Property Changes in Russian Agriculture after the Introduction of New Legislation on the Sale of Arable Land in 2001*.
- 2000 Research Fellowship, Ministère Français de l'Agriculture.
 Topic: *Marché foncier et structures agraires en Russie*
 Interviews carried out in the Novgorod region (Russia).
- 1999 Lauréate de la Fondation de France
 « Prêts d'honneur aux jeunes » Chair of the award board:
 Prof. Hélène Carrère d'Encausse.
- 1996 - 1997 Research stay at the Laboratory of the Economic Geography,
 Director: Tatiana Nefedova, duration: 6 months
 Moscow State University.

Publications

Une spoliation silencieuse – vingt cinq de réforme agraire dans la Russie post-soviétique (1991-2016)

Monograph on the condition of Russian agriculture after the two decades of reform and the future of this sector in the context of current EU sanctions against the Russian Federation examines how this seemingly minor topic is still very important to Putin's Russia and is a key element for Russian national security. This book will also investigate the influence of property regimes in post-Soviet Russia on the prevalent model of governance in new Russia. (manuscript edited for publication)

« L'agriculture russe en transition ; entre stagnation et modernisation post-soviétiques », a special issue of the journal *Economie rurale*, octobre 2011 (Topic : *20 années de transition agricole et rurale à l'Est : quels enseignements ?*).

« Agriculture : sortir du collectivisme ? » in Radvanyi, J., Wild G., eds., *La Russie entre deux mondes*, Paris : La Documentation française, n°8045, 2006.

« Rurale (sociologie) », in Borlandi, M., Cherkaoui, M., Valade, B., eds., *Dictionnaire de la pensée sociologique*, Paris : Quadrige, PUF, 2005.