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Current position:

Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Political Science / Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA), **Sciences Po**, Paris

Senior Research Fellow, Centre de Recherches Internationales (CERI), **Sciences Po**, Paris

Co-director, Chair for the Study of Religion, **Sciences Po**, Paris

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Habilitation à Diriger les Recherches (HDR), Ecoles des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), 16 September 2022

Book manuscript: "Twilight of the Saints: A Historical and Political Sociology of Salafism in Contemporary Egypt"

Postdoctoral Fellow, Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies/Department of Political Science, **Stanford University, 2008-2009**

Ph.D., Political Science, Sciences Po, Paris, 12 December 2007

Dissertation: "The Fields of Discord: a Political Sociology of Islamism in Saudi Arabia (1954-2005)"

Summa Cum Laude (with the congratulations of the jury)

M.A., Political Science, Sciences Po, Paris, 2003

Dissertation: "The Political-Religious Field in Saudi Arabia after September 11th"

Summa Cum Laude

M.A., Arabic Language and Civilisation, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), Paris, 2002

Dissertation: "From Behind Bars: Translation, Presentation and Commentary of a Correspondence Between Political Prisoners of the 'Free Yemeni Movement' in Yemen in 1953"

Summa Cum Laude

M.S., Fundamental Mathematics, Paris-VI University, Paris, 2000

Degree awarded with Honours

Teaching Experience:

Associate Professor, Political Science, Sciences Po, 2013-...

Assistant Professor, Political Science, Sciences Po, 2009-2013

Lecturer, Chicago University in Paris, 2010-2012

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, 2008-2009

Lecturer, Middle East Studies/Political Science, Sciences Po, 2004-2008

Visiting Lecturer, Civil Service College, Singapore, May 2008

Courses taught (sample):

In English

“The Political Sociology of the State in the Contemporary Arab World”, graduate lecture, Paris School of International Affairs – Sciences Po, 2010-...

“Islam and Politics in a Changing Middle East”, graduate seminar, Paris School of International Affairs - Sciences Po, 2010-...

“States and Societies in the Arab World”, Sciences Po (campus de Menton), 2015-...

“States, Societies and the International System in the Middle East”, undergraduate lecture, Middle East-Mediterranean Campus – Sciences Po, 2012-2015

“Introduction to the Study of Islam”, undergraduate seminar, Middle East-Mediterranean Campus – Sciences Po, 2009-2012

“Comparative Politics of the Middle East and North Africa”, undergraduate seminar, Chicago University in Paris / Sciences Po, 2010-2011

“The ‘Arab Spring’: Change and Retrenchment in the Political Present”, undergraduate seminar, Chicago University in Paris / Sciences Po, 2011-2015

“Making Sense of Political Islam”, undergraduate/graduate seminar, Stanford University, 2008-2009

“The Sociology of the Arab State”, undergraduate course, Stanford University, 2008-2009

“Understanding Saudi Islam”, Civil Service College (Singapore), May 2008

In French

« Les dynamiques du fait religieux dans le monde contemporain » (avec Alain Dieckhoff), Cours de formation commune, Sciences Po, 2021-...

“Introduction à la recherche en sciences sociales sur le Moyen-Orient”, graduate workshop, Sciences Po, 2011-...

« Etats et Sociétés dans le monde arabe », Sciences Po (campus de Menton), 2015-2018

“Etats, sociétés et système international au Moyen-Orient”, undergraduate seminar, Middle-Mediterranean Campus – Sciences Po, 2012-2015

“Introduction au Moyen-Orient contemporain: Idées, Systèmes, Acteurs”, undergraduate seminar, Sciences Po, 2005-2008

“La sociologie des mouvements islamistes”, undergraduate course, Sciences Po, 2006-2008 and 2009-2010

“Introduction à la sociologie de l’Etat arabe”, undergraduate course, Sciences Po, 2006-2007

In Arabic

“The Middle East in the 20th century”, 1st year undergraduate course for non-francophone Arab students, Middle East-Mediterranean undergraduate program, Menton Campus of Sciences-Po, 2006-2007

“Introduction to Political Sociology”, 1st year undergraduate course for non-francophone Arab students, Middle East-Mediterranean undergraduate program, Menton Campus of Sciences-Po, 2006-2007

In Spanish

“Los procesos revolucionarios en el mundo árabe” (co-taught with Jean-Pierre Filiu), undergraduate seminar, 2012-2013

Other academic responsibilities

Coordinator of Work Package 7 (Middle East) in the H2020 European-funded PREVEX project, CERI, Sciences Po, since 2020

Member of the steering committee of the REMENA (Research Ethics in the Middle East and North Africa) project, Columbia University, since 2020

Member of the Academic Advisory Council of the Transnational Policy Network on Religion and Diplomacy, Georgetown University, since 2018

Academic advisor to the Kuwait Sciences Po Program (KSP), Sciences Po (2009-2021)

Member of the scientific committee of the Institut Français du Proche-Orient, MFA/CNRS (2012-2020)

Member of the scientific committee of the Rendez-Vous de l’Histoire du Monde Arabe, Institut du Monde Arabe (2016-2019)

Member of jury for the Michel Seurat award for Middle East studies (2018-2019)

Co-supervisor of the Middle East track of the Master de Sociologie Politique Comparée, Sciences Po (2011-2018)

Core Researcher, When Authoritarianism Fails in the Arab World (WAFAW) – 5-year research project funded by the ERC, Université d’Aix-en-Provence/CERI (2013-2017)

Member of the advisory committee of the ERC-funded 5-year research project “Changing Structures of Islamic Authority and Consequences for Social Change: A Transnational Review”, Oxford University (2012-2017)

Associate researcher, Centre d’Études et de Documentation Économiques, Juridiques et Sociales (CEDEJ), Cairo (Egypt) (2010-2015)

Visiting researcher, American University in Cairo, Cairo (Egypt) (2010-2011)

Member of the peer review committees of the Egypte-Soudan-Monde Arabe and Arabian Humanities; former member of the peer review committee of the International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies (IJMES).

Peer reviewer for various academic journals (International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, Middle East Journal, Islamic Law and Society, Journal of North African Studies, Revue des Mondes Musulmans et de la Méditerranée, Arabica, etc.) and publishers (Harvard University Press, Cambridge University Press, Hurst, Lynne Rienner, etc.)

Related professional experience:

Former Gulf consultant for the International Crisis Group (ICG)

Languages:

French – fluent
English – fluent
Arabic – fluent
Spanish – fluent
Russian – good
German – fair

Publications:

Books

Le crépuscule des saints : une sociologie historique et politique du salafisme dans l’Égypte contemporaine. Paris : CNRS Éditions, 2024
(Translation with Columbia University Press, 2024)

Les politiques de lutte contre la radicalisation (co-dirigé avec Juliette Galonnier et Nadia Marzouki). Paris : Presses de Sciences Po, collection Enjeu Mondial, 2022.

Revisiting the Arab Uprisings. The Politics of a Revolutionary Moment (co-edited with Jean-Pierre Filiu). London/Oxford: Hurst/Oxford University Press, 2018. 288 p.

Egypt's Revolutions: Politics, Religion and Social Movements (co-edited with Bernard Rougier). The Sciences Po Series in International Relations and Political Economy. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016. 281 p.

Translated from *L'Egypte en révolution(s)*. Paris : Presses Universitaire de France, 2015. 324 p.

Saudi Arabia in Transition: Insights on Social, Political, Economic and Religious Change (co-edited with Bernard Haykel and Thomas Hegghammer). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2015. 351 p.

Awakening Islam. The Politics of Religious Dissent in Contemporary Saudi Arabia. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2011. 384 p.

This book has been translated into Arabic (*Zaman al-sahwa: al-harakat al-islamiyya al-mu'asira fi-l-sa'udiyya*, Beirut: Al-shabaka al-'arabiyya li-l-abhath wa-l-nashr, 2012, 370 p.)

The Meccan Rebellion (with Thomas Hegghammer). Bristol, UK: Amal Press, 2011. 70 p.

This book has been translated into Arabic (*Hatta la ya'ud Juhayman: hafriyyat idiolojiyya wa malahiqa wa watha'iq nadira*, Beirut: Muntada al-ma'arif, 2013, 304 p)

Les islamistes saoudiens. Une insurrection manquée. Paris : Presses Universitaires de France, 2010. 392 p.

Co-author (together with Gilles Kepel, Jean-Pierre Milelli, Omar Saghi and Thomas Hegghammer) of *Al-Qaïda dans le texte* - presented by Gilles Kepel, Presses Universitaires de France, 2005. 440 p.

This book has been translated into German (*Al-Qaida: Texte des Terrors*, Berlin: Piper, 2006), Italian (*Al Qadea. I testi*, Roma: Laterza, 2006), Chinese and English (*Al-Qaeda in its Own Words*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2008).

Articles in edited volumes

"The Revolutionary Salafi Movement in Egypt: Hazim Salah Abu Isma'il as a Populist Leader" In Soraya Batmanghelichi, Sami Al Daghistani, Erin Wilson (dir.), *Populism and Religion in the Middle East* (to be published).

« Les quatre R de la déradicalisation dans le monde arabe » (avec Erik Skare) In Juliette Galonnier, Stéphane Lacroix, Nadia Marzouki (dir.), *Les politiques de lutte contre la radicalisation*. Paris : Presses de Sciences Po, collection Enjeu Mondial, 2022.

« La Sahwa en Arabie Saoudite » In François Burgat, Matthieu Rey (dir.), *Histoire des mobilisations islamistes (XIXe-XXIe siècles)*. Paris : CNRS éditions, 2022. p. 309-313.

« Le wahhabisme, une révolution conservatrice? » In *Il était une fois... les révolutions arabe*, Institut du Monde Arabe, Araborama n°2, 2021.

“Unpacking the Saudi-Salafi connection in Egypt” In Peter Mandaville (dir.), *Wahhabism in the World: Understanding the Global Impact of Saudi Religious Influence*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021.

“Saudi Arabia and the Muslim Brotherhood: From symbiosis to breakdown” In *The Muslim Brotherhood Within Islamic Geopolitical Dynamics*, SIAS lectures 2, Center for Islamic Studies, Sophia University, Japan : 1-20.

“Religious Sectarianism and Political Pragmatism: The Paradox of Egypt’s al-Nour Salafis” In Frederic Wehrey (dir.). *Beyond Sunni and Shia: The Roots of Sectarianism in a Changing Middle East*. London: Hurst, 2017 : 265-282.

« L’islamisme, au prisme des Frères Musulmans » In Sabrina Mervin, Nabil Mouline (dir.). *Islams Politiques : Courants, doctrines et idéologies*. Paris : CNRS éditions, 2017 : 71-92.

« Djihad » (avec Brigitte Curmi) In Benoît Durieux, Jean-Baptiste Jeangène Vilmer et Frédéric Ramel (dir.). *Dictionnaire de la guerre et de la paix*. Paris : Presses Universitaires de France, 2017 : 396-402.

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« L’Arabie Saoudite, un État prosélyte » In Alain Dieckhoff and Philippe Portier (dir.). *L’Enjeu mondial. Religion et politique*. Paris: Presses de Sciences Po, 2017 : 243-251.

“To Rebel or not to Rebel: Saudi Salafi Dilemmas in a Revolutionary Age” In Francesco Cavatorta, Fabio Merone (eds.). *Salafism After the Arab Awakening: Contending with People’s Power*. Oxford: Hurst/Oxford University Press, 2016 : 61-82.

“Le salafisme révolutionnaire dans l’Egypte post-Moubarak” (avec Ahmad Zaghoul) In Stéphane Lacroix, Bernard Rougier (eds.). *L’Egypte en révolution(s)*. Paris : Presses Universitaires de France, 2015 : 193-211.

“Understanding Stability and Dissent in the Kingdom: the Double-Edged Role of the *jama’at* in Saudi Politics” In Bernard Haykel, Thomas Hegghammer, Stéphane Lacroix (eds.). *Saudi Arabia in Transition: Insights on Social, Political, Economic and Religious Change*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2015: 167-180.

« Arabie Saoudite: de la fusion à la rupture » In Pierre Puchot (ed.). *Les Frères musulmans et le pouvoir*. Paris: Galaade, 2015: 55-74.

“No Spring in Riyadh: Saudi Arabia’s impossible revolution” In Ellen Lust-Okar, Lina Khatib (eds.). *Taking to the Streets: Activism, Arab Uprisings and Democratization*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014.p 298-321.

« L’Egypte, entre révolution et contre-révolution » In Frédéric Charillon, Alain Dieckhoff (eds.). *Afrique du Nord – Moyen-Orient 2014-2015 : l’échec du rêve démocratique*. Paris : La Documentation Française, 2014.

“Saudi Arabia and the Limits of Post-Islamism” In Asef Bayat (ed.). *Post-Islamism: The Changing Faces of Political Islam*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013: 277-298.

« Egypte : les Frères musulmans face à la réalité du pouvoir », *Afrique du Nord - Moyen-Orient 2013-2014 : la double recomposition*, Paris : La documentation française, 2013.

« L’irrésistible politisation du salafisme égyptien » In Marc Lavergne (ed.), *L’Emergence d’une nouvelle scène politique : Egypte, an 2 de la révolution*, Paris : Bibliothèque de l’IREMMO, 2012.

« Du peuple à l’Oumma : la place du religieux dans les révolutions arabes » In Michel Wieviorka (ed.), *Le peuple existe-t-il ?*, Paris : Editions Sciences Humaines, 2012: 147-160.

“Between Revolution and Apoliticism: Muhammad Nasir al-Din al-Albani’s Influence on the Shaping of Contemporary Salafism” In Roel Meijer (ed.), *Global Salafism : Islam’s New Religious Movement*, London/New York: Hurst/Columbia University Press, 2009: 58-80.

« L’apport de Muhammad Nasir al-Din al-Albani au salafisme contemporain » in Bernard Rougier (ed.), *Qu’est-ce que le salafisme?*, Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 2008: 45-64.

“Islam Liberal Politics in Saudi Arabia” in Gerd Nonneman/Paul Aarts (eds.), *Saudi Arabia in the Balance: Political Economy, Society, Foreign Relations*, London: Hurst, 2006: 35-57.

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“Egypt’s Salafi Awakening: Revisiting the history of 1970s Islamic activism in Egypt”, *Religions*, vol. 13, n°4.

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« Arabie Saoudite: un magistère sur l'Islam contesté », *Pouvoirs*, n°152, Janvier 2015 : 43-52.

« Les Frères musulmans égyptiens à l'épreuve du pouvoir », *Politique Internationale*, n°138, Hiver 2013.

"Comparing the Arab Revolts: Is Saudi Arabia Immune?", *Journal of Democracy*, Washington, vol. 22, n°4, October 2011: 48-59.

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« Les nouveaux intellectuels religieux saoudiens: le Wahhabisme en question », *Revue des Mondes Musulmans et de la Méditerranée (REMMM)*, Paris, n°123, 2008 : 141-159.

"Muhammad Nasir al-Din Al-Albani's Revolutionary Approach to Hadith", *ISIM Review*, Spring 2008 : 6-7.

"Rejectionist Islamism in Saudi Arabia: The Story of Juhayman al-'Utaybi Revisited", *The International Journal of Middle East Studies (IJMES)*, n°39, vol.1, February 2007 : 103-122. (with T. Hegghammer)

"Dissidenz und Institutionalisierung: die zweiseitige Debatte der Modernisierung" [Dissent and Institutionalization: The Double-Edged Debate of Modernization], *INAMO*, Berlin, vol. 42, 2005: 4-9 (with S. Hertog).

"Die islamischen Strömungen nach dem 11. September" [Islamist Trends after September 11th], *INAMO*, Berlin, vol. 42, 2005: 10-11.

"Post-Wahhabism in Saudi Arabia?", *ISIM Review*, vol. 15, Spring 2005: 17

« L'Arabie Saoudite, entre violence et réforme », *Politique Etrangère*, n° 4/2004 : 743-754.

"Between Islamists and Liberals: Saudi Arabia's New Islamo-Liberal Reformists", *The Middle East Journal*, vol. 58, n°3, Summer 2004 : 345-365

Workings Papers

“Saudi Islamists and the Arab Spring”, Programme in Development, Governance and Globalisation in the Gulf States, paper n°36, London School of Economics and Political Science. 29 p.

“Sultat al-hadith fi-l-salafiyya al-mu‘asira : qira’a fi ta’thir al-shaykh Nasir al-Din al-Albani wa madrasatihi” [The power of hadith in contemporary Salafism : Understanding the influence of Nasir al-Din al-Albani and his school], *Marasid – Research papers of the Biblioteca Alexandrina* n°6, Alexandria (Egypt), January 2012. 26 p.

Reports

“Sheikhs and Politicians: Inside the New Egyptian Salafism”, *Brookings Doha Center Publication* n°16, June 2012, Brookings Institution, 14 p. - <http://www.brookings.edu/research/papers/2012/06/07-egyptian-salafism-lacroix>.

“Islamism and the Question of Religious Authority”, *Religion and Violence paper series*, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), May 2012, 5 p.

“Public Views of Politically Motivated Violence in the Arab World and in the West”, *Gallup Report*, December 2011, 21 p. – available online at <http://www.gallup.com/file/se/ms/153866/The%20Abu%20Dhabi%20Gallup%20Forum%20--%20Research,%20Dialogue,%20and%20Solutions.pdf> (with Dalia Mogahed)

“Saudi Arabia Backgrounder: Who are the Islamists?”, *International Crisis Group Middle East Report* n°31, 21 September 2004, 32 p. – available online at http://www.icg.org/library/documents/middle_east_north_africa/iraq_iran_gulf/31_saudi_arabia_backgrounder.pdf (with T. Hegghammer).

Other (recent selection)

“Salafisme et contre-révolution en Egypte”, *Vacarme*, n°74, février 2016

“Le problème saoudien. Le wahhabisme, rempart ou inspirateur de l’Etat islamique” (avec Laurent Bonnefoy), *La revue du Crieur*, n°3, février 2016

“Entre revolution(s) et autoritarisme: où va l’Egypte?” (avec Bernard Rougier) *Revue Moyen-Orient*, n°24, Octobre-Décembre 2014

“Saudi Arabia’s Muslim Brotherhood Predicament”, *Washington Post*, 20 March 2014, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/03/20/saudi-arabias-muslim-brotherhood-predicament/>

“Le prévisible échec de Mohamed Morsi”, *Le Monde*, 4 juillet 2013

“Osama bin Laden and the Saudi Muslim Brotherhood”, *Foreign Policy*, 3 October 2012

“L’Egypte, l’armée et les islamistes”, *Le Monde*, 24 June 2012

“Saudi islamists and the Potential for Protests”, *Foreign Policy*, 2 June 2011

Recent interviews and quotes in The Economist, The Wall Street Journal, Le Monde, Le Figaro, Libération, L’Express, France Culture, France Inter, France 24, Al-Jazeera, RMC Moyen-Orient, etc.