

### Participants Biographies

#### **Peter AWN**

**Dean, School of General Studies, Columbia University**

Peter Awn, Ph.D., is in his eighteenth year as Dean of the School of General Studies. For 35 years, Awn has also been a professor of Islamic and Comparative Religion at Columbia University. He has also been visiting professor at Princeton University and has lectured widely to academic and business professionals on the role Islamic religion plays in the current political and social development of the Muslim world. Awn was the first recipient of the Phillip and Ruth Hettleman Award for distinguished teaching and research. His book, "Satan's Tragedy and Redemption: Iblîs in Sufi Psychology," a study of the devil in Islamic mysticism (Sufism), was the recipient of a book award from the American Council of Learned Societies.



#### **Stéphanie BALME**

**Research Fellow, CERI (Centre de recherches internationales),  
Sciences Po**

Stéphanie Balme is research fellow at Sciences Po/CERI, Professor and Scientific Advisor at Sciences Po/PSIA and head of the Sciences Po research group "Law, Justice and Society in China".

She is also 2014 Alliance Fellow at Columbia Law School, permanent visiting professor at Tsinghua University Law School (2006-2012), and former research fellow at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (2003-2012).

Her last book to be published is entitled "Between Facts and Law: Faces of Ordinary Justice in China" (Presses de Sciences Po, April 2016).



**Teun DEKKER****Acting Dean, University College Maastricht, Maastricht University**

Teun J. Dekker seeks to use the methods of Analytical Philosophy to cast light on social issues, bridging the humanities and the social sciences. His current research, supported by an NWO Veni grant, studies and evaluates the moral justifications of high wages in the public sector in a variety of political cultures. He completed his graduate studies at Oxford under G.A. Cohen, focusing on desert-based theories of justice, and continued this research at Yale University.

**Nicolas DELALANDE****Associate Professor, History Department, Sciences Po**

A graduate from Sciences Po and holder of the agrégation (highest state teaching degree), Nicolas Delalande defended in November 2009 his dissertation on contemporary history, "Tax consent and resistances : the state, citizens, and the issue of trust under the Third Republic", at the university Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

His fields of interest are the history of the state and of political economy in the contemporary era, the circulation of economic and administrative knowledge between Europe and the United States (1850-1950) and the history of anti-tax mobilizations and revolts.

He is chief editor of the online journal "La vie des idées".

**Bénédicte DURAND****Dean of the College, Sciences Po**

Associate professor of history with a doctorate in geography, Bénédicte Durand began her career as senior lecturer at Paris-Sorbonne University (Paris IV). In 2009, she was named Inspector General of National Education and Research Administration.

From 2005 to 2007, Durand was tasked by the Education Minister with a nationwide push to integrate France's network of teachers colleges into the university system. In 2007, the newly-appointed Minister of Education, Valérie Pécresse, named Durand advisor for human and social sciences and later Deputy Chief of Staff in charge of education. In 2011, Pécresse became Budget Minister and Government Press Secretary, during which time Durand served as Deputy Chief of Staff of the Office of the Press Secretary.

As Inspector General, Durand worked across the fields of higher education and primary and secondary schooling on dossiers including a reform of the high school system, an overhaul of vocational education, and an audit of university instruction.

Bénédicte Durand will bring to Sciences Po her expertise on scholastic and university curricula and programs, her experience leading large-scale reforms, and a firsthand knowledge of higher education teaching and administration.



**Marcia GRANT**  
**Provost, Ashesi University**

Dr. Grant earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Swarthmore College in 1960, a Master of Arts and a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy at the Fletcher School of Tufts University in 1962, and a Ph.D. in African Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1975.

She has taught African, Latin American and International Politics at Oberlin College, served as foreign affairs consultant for the US Departments of State, Justice, and Labor, as Director of the Fulbright Program in Mexico, as Assistant Cultural Attaché for the American Embassy in Paris, as Director of the Edward S. Mason Program for Mid-Career Fellows at the Kennedy School at Harvard, and as Executive Director of the Institute of North American Studies in Barcelona.

In 1999, at the invitation of Queen Effat of Saudi Arabia, Dr. Grant served as the founding Dean of Saudi Arabia's first liberal arts college for women. Since then, she has also served as Dean of the American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy in Paris, as a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, and as Academic Planning Head of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at The Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan. She joined Ashesi University as Provost in 2013.



**Melissa HARDIE**  
**Associate Dean Undergraduate in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney**

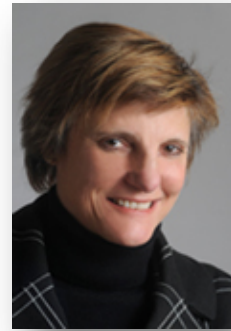
Her research began with Modernism and she wrote her PhD on Djuna Barnes and American expatriate writing. She still publishes on Barnes in this context, most recently a chapter titled "That Man In My Mouth: Editing, Modernism and Masculinity" in an edited collection *Modernism and Masculinity: Literary and Cultural Transformations* (Cambridge University Press 2014). Now she is interested in the afterlives of Modernist texts, and is currently writing a chapter on the cinematic citation of Djuna Barnes that expands a keynote paper she gave at The First International Djuna Barnes Conference hosted in collaboration with the Institute English Studies, Birkbeck College, and the British Association for American Studies in September 2012.



**Carla HESSE****Executive Dean, College of Letters and Science, University of California Berkeley**

Professor of History Carla Hesse is a prize-winning scholar with 20 years of experience teaching at Berkeley. Her focus has been modern European history, including its social and cultural aspects, with a specialty in modern European women's history. She holds the Peder Sather Chair in the Department of History, and in 2007 won the prestigious Aby Warburg Prize.

Previously, Hesse taught at Rutgers University. She earned her M.A. and Ph.D. from Princeton University and her B.A. from UC Santa Cruz.

**Elise HUILLERY****Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Sciences Po**

Elise Huillery joined the Department of Economics at Sciences Po in 2009. She holds a PhD in Economics from the Paris School of Economics, a MA in Management from HEC and a MA in Philosophy from the University of Paris-Sorbonne. Her research is mainly focused on development economics, economics of education and economic history, with a strong interest in inequalities and the constraints faced by poor countries and poor people to accumulate human capital. She is currently conducting field experiments on health, education and micro-entrepreneurship in Niger, Morocco, Cameroun, Congo, Bulgaria, and France.

**Frédéric MION****President, Sciences Po**

A lawyer, educator and experienced French civil servant, Frédéric Mion has served as Sciences Po's president since 2013. Prior to his appointment at Sciences Po, Mion occupied various roles in both the private and public sectors. Most recently, he served as the Secretary Counsel of Canal+, France's largest media group.

Previously, he was a part of the British law firm Allen & Overy, where he was named Partner in 2005. A member of the French Council of State, from 1996 to 2003, he occupied various roles within the French government; first as a member of the "Attali Commission" whose report "For a European Model of Higher Education" laid the foundations for a harmonized European higher education system, then as an advisor to the Minister of Education, Jack Lang.

He later served as the Deputy Head of the General Directorate in charge of the French civil service and taught public law at Sciences Po.

Mion is an alumnus of Sciences Po, the Ecole Normale Supérieure, Princeton University and the Ecole Nationale d'Administration.



**Jeremy PERELMAN****Assistant Professor, Law School, Sciences Po**

Jeremy Perelman has been involved in a variety of research, teaching and advocacy projects in the fields of human rights and development in the U.S., South Africa, Ghana and Latin America. He notably co-directed a research project for French institutions on access to justice in South Africa in 2000-2001, and was a researcher and consultant for the Center for Economic and Social Rights, an international NGO based in New York.

A member of the Paris Bar, Perelman holds Masters degrees in International Law and International Affairs from Stanford Law School and the Fletcher School at Tufts University, as well as a Doctorate (S.J.D.) from Harvard Law School. His research focuses on the intersection between human rights based approaches to development, global economic governance, and social change advocacy in the Global South. He is the co-editor of *Stones of Hope: How African Activists Reclaim Human rights to Challenge Global Poverty* (with Lucie E. White eds., Stanford University Press, November 2010), a volume co-authored by African human rights advocates and social justice scholars. He is since 2012 a Faculty Member of Harvard Law School's Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP)'s Annual Workshop, and has received an IGLP grant to co-direct a research project on Human Rights, Poverty and Heterodox Approaches to Development.

Before joining Sciences Po Law School in September 2011, Jeremy Perelman has been a Lecturer-in-Law and Fellow in Residence at the Human Rights Institute at Columbia Law School, and a Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Connecticut School of Law.

**Deborah PRENTICE****Dean of the Faculty, Princeton University**

Deborah Prentice is Princeton's Alexander Stewart 1886 Professor of Psychology and Public Affairs and has been Dean of the Faculty since July 2014. She served as Chair of the Psychology Department from 2002 to 2014. She began teaching at the University as an instructor in 1988 while completing her Ph.D. in psychology from Yale University. She became an assistant professor in 1989, associate professor in 1995 and full professor in 2000.

Prentice is a member and former chair of the resources committee of the Council of the Princeton University Community; faculty associate in the University Center for Human Values and in the Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies; faculty fellow in the McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning and in Whitman College; and faculty council member in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Prentice is a social psychologist and a member of the behavioral policy group in the Wilson School. Prentice is a fellow of a number of professional associations, including the American Psychological Association, Association for Psychological Science, Society of Experimental Social Psychology and Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues.



**John RICHARDSON****University Scholars Programme Director (2009 - 2015), National University of Singapore**

Professor John Richardson is the Head of the Department of English Language and Literature. Before joining USP in June in 2009, he was Vice Dean in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. He has served on many university committees, particularly those concerned with the development of curriculum and teaching.

Prof Richardson's research focuses on eighteenth-century British literature and the relationship of that to major currents in social and political history. His most recent book considers the place of slavery in a number of early eighteenth-century texts, and the ways in which those texts both reflect and help shape public sentiment. He is currently working on war and literature. The eighteenth century saw the advent of global warfare, and with it, important changes in the conception of martial heroes and victims. His research seeks to define the emergence of a new and modern imagination of war.

Prof Richardson received his BA from the University of East Anglia and his PhD from the University of Manchester.

**Pramath Raj SINHA****Co-founder and trustee, Ashoka University**

Pramath Raj Sinha participated in the creation of Ashoka University, a collective philanthropic effort of several leaders from Indian industry, established in 2014. Ashoka University offers an innovative liberal arts education, and has been a strategic partner for Sciences Po since its inception. It focusses on 21st century skills of critical thinking, communication and leadership. The institution is also promoting interdisciplinary education and advanced research in the humanities, social sciences, and the natural and applied sciences.

Besides his commitment to Ashoka, Pramath Sinha is a Senior Advisor of the Indian branch of the American business advisory firm Albright Stonebridge Group and the Founder and Managing Director of 9.9 Mediaworx Private Limited, an Indian media company. He also helped set up and served as the Founding Dean of the Indian School of Business (ISB). Pramath holds a Bachelor's degree from IIT Kanpur and an MSE and PhD from University of Pennsylvania.



**Francis VERILLAUD****Vice President for International Affairs, Sciences Po**

Francis Vérillaud, Vice President of Sciences Po since 2002 and the director of international affairs and exchanges at Sciences Po since 1995, has been the principle architect of Sciences Po's internationalization strategy. He has vigorously pursued the institution's growing engagement with international students and faculty, negotiating and helping launch educational and scientific programs such as the dual degrees with the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs and the London School of Economics and Political Sciences and many others, including the Global Public Policy Network.

Before coming to Sciences Po, Francis Vérillaud held several positions in the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including postings in Washington and Santiago, Chile. He has taught economics classes in several French lycées, at the Universidad Católica de Chile and at Sciences Po.

Francis Vérillaud is a graduate in philosophy from Paris University Nanterre and a graduate from Sciences Po. He is a board member of External Evaluate Committee for Waseda University International Program.

**Stephen WHITEFIELD****Professor of Politics, Rhodes Pelczynski Tutorial Fellow in Politics, Pembroke College, University of Oxford**

Stephen Whitefield is Professor of Politics in the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Oxford. After completing his doctorate also in Oxford in 1991 on Soviet political and economic institutions (published as *Industrial Power and the Soviet State* by Oxford University Press in 1993 - Ed A. Hewett Prizewinner), he has spent the last 20 years studying post-Communist politics and society via mass surveys conducted repeatedly in 13 post-Communist countries. He is also interested in the character of post-Communist and now West European political parties, which he investigates with Robert Rohrschneider (Kansas university) (*The Strain of Representation: How Parties Represent Diverse Votes in Western and Eastern Europe*: Oxford University Press, 2012). His research has expanded recently to include Egyptian politics and a study of how parties differ among themselves and over time in their emotional appeals to voters.



**Renée ZICMAN**

**Executive Director, FAUBAI (Brazilian Association for International Education)**

Renée Zicman is since 1980 Professor in the School of Social Sciences at Pontifical Catholic University of Sao Paulo (PUC-SP).

She is author of books and articles on Internationalization of Higher Education and Religious Movements and consultant in Internationalization of Higher Education. She is member of the Academic Committee of the Latin American Memorial Foundation. She has been named Officier (Officer, 2012) and Chevalier (Knight, 2002) of the Order of the Palmes Academiques by the French Ministry of National Education.

From 2012 to 2016, she was Vice-President of the Board Director of Alliance Française of Sao Paulo. She has served as Director for International Affairs at PUC-SP (1994-2012) and Vice-President of the Cendotec - Franco-Brazilian Center of Technical and Scientific Documentation and the Campus France Agency in Brazil (2010-2015).

She earned a BA in History from Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP), a B.A. in Architecture from Mackenzie University, a Master and a PhD in History from the Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne.

In the last 20 years she has been involved in a variety of programs and projects in the fields of internationalization of higher education and in the Brazilian national internationalization strategy.

She is since 2013 Executive-Director of the Brazilian Association for International Education (FAUBAI).

