



Profile of Laurent Lesnard, winner of CNRS Bronze Medal 2011

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Laurent Lesnard is a sociologist of time in contemporary societies. He studies questions of individual and domestic working hours and the transformation of social ties.

This young sociologist has developed a quantitative method that takes into account the chronological dimension of everyday activities, previously understood only in terms of time-budgets, durations.

Thanks to this method, Laurent has shown that many couples today have highly desynchronised working days. The effects on family relationships has led him to speak of "disarticulated families."

A former student of the École Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Economique (ENSAE) and the École normale supérieure of Cachan, Laurent Lesnard is a researcher at CNRS, a member of the Observatoire sociologique du changement (OSC) and Director of the Centre de données sociopolitiques (CDSP), units of Sciences Po/CNRS. He is also an associate researcher at the Laboratoire de sociologie quantitative du Centre de recherche en économie et statistique (CREST-INSEE) and the Centre for Time Use Research (Oxford University).