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Born on July 15th, 1980 (42 years old) in Paris. French Nationality



Education

Initial training in Physics (1998-2002).

Competitive admission to the *École Normale Supérieure* in 2000.

Master in social sciences (2002-2005) at the ENS Jourdan (now Paris School of Economics).

Trained in economic ethnography and fieldwork methodology (Supervisor Florence Weber, ENS).

Trained in historical anthropology of Mediterranean Islam (Supervisor Jocelyne Dakhlia, EHESS).

Fairly good level in literal Arabic (fluent in the Yemeni dialect).

Fluent in English.

Scientific field researches in the Middle East (2003-2013)

24 months of immersion fieldworks in the Yemeni city of Taiz between 2003 and 2010.

Teaching assistant at the Department of Anthropology in Aix-Marseille University (2005-2008).

Research on a charismatic authority amongst the young urban unemployed ([publication 2005](#)).

Research on the condition of rural day-laborers (*shuqat*) in the urban space ([publication 2008](#)).

Doctoral research on the role of honor and vulgarity in masculine sociability ([CNRS award in 2009](#))

Essay on Taiz' role in the 2011 Yemeni revolution, from a historical and epistemological perspective ([publication 2012 in an edited volume](#), and [Arabic translation](#)).

PhD finally not defended.

Rediscovery of French society (2014-2022)

Relocation to Sète (Southern France).

Professional experiences in a supermarket, as a maths private teacher, in public vocational schools.

Involvement in several local citizen movements.

Lessons from my Yemeni fieldwork repatriated to France.

Intimate knowledge of the Muslim associative community and its interactions with the social sector.

Uninterrupted personal research in epistemology, history of sciences and compared theology.

Training on "laïcité" in 2017 (Montpellier Law Faculty / French Ministry of the Interior).

Elaboration of the entrepreneurial project [ORIENT laïcité](#).

Knowledge about Islam and monotheisms (since 2007)

Good knowledge of the Holy Quran, familiar with its classical commentaries.

Main areas of Islamic research:

- Translation of the Hanbalite credo (Saudi Arabia) by systemic anthropology (G. Bateson).
- Quranic theses concerning Jesus in the light of the historico-critical approach.
- Systemic approach to monotheistic plurality in history.

Hobbies

Swimming, hiking. Lyrical singing.