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Professor in Arabic and Islamic Studies

- **Senior lecturer at the Department of Arabic Studies, University of Strasbourg, France.**
- Head of the Department of Arabic Studies, University of Strasbourg (2011-2012).
- Recipient of the *Scientific Excellence Reward* ("Prime d'excellence scientifique") from the University of Strasbourg since 2001.
- Visiting Professor at the *Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Islam in the contemporary World* (Cismoc), Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.

TEACHING

- Since 95: Professor at the Department of Arabic Studies, University of Strasbourg, France.
 - Supervision of many PhD theses from students in France and abroad (Lebanon, Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Belgium, Switzerland, Senegal, Mali...). Several of his PhD graduates hold academic positions.
 - Teaching in several Masters of the University of Strasbourg (Ethics, Islamology, Catholic Theology).
- 1993-1995: Arabic teacher at the Ecole Interarmées du Renseignement et des Etudes Linguistiques de Strasbourg (French Ministry of Defense).
- 1992-1993: High-schools Arabic teacher.
- 1987-1989: High-schools Arabic teacher.

EXPERT ASSESSMENTS

- University of Georgia, USA.
- Karabük Üniversitesi, Turkey.
- CAMES : African and Malagasy Council for Higher Education.
- The Research Council of the "Académie universitaire Louvain" (AuL).
- Catholic Theology Faculty at Catholic University of Louvain (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium).

Reports on books

In many scientific journals:

Bulletin Critique des Annales Islamologiques (BCAI) ; *Studia Islamica* ; *Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society* ; *Journal of Qur'anic Studies* ; *Journal of Sufi Studies* ; *Les Cahiers de l'islam* ; *European Review* ; *Journal of Muslims in Europe*...

SCIENTIFIC COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

- Member of the « Conseil d'orientation de la Fondation de l'Islam de France », Paris.
- Member of the scientific council of "pôle ESPAR" (Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Egypt) : instituts français à l'étranger, Ministère des Affaires Étrangères), from 2000 to 2008.
- Member of the jury of MIAS (Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabî Society) Young Writers Award, Oxford (2019-2020).
- Charter member of « Chaire Unesco Emir Abdelkader pour les Droits de l'Homme et la Culture de Paix », Algiers.
- Scientific advisor of the collection *Valeurs d'islam*, Fondapol, 2015 : <http://www.fondapol.org/debats/valeurs-dislam-la-nouvelle-serie-detudes-de-la-fondation-pour-linnovation-politique/>

EDITORIAL RESPONSABILITIES

- Scientific advisor and supervisor of series of booklets about Islam for the French foundation *Fondapol*, Paris: www.fondapol.org
- Member of the *Editorial Board of Encyclopaedia of Islamic Mysticism*, Brill, Leiden, Hollande (till 2016).
- Member of the *Advisory Board of the Journal of Sufi Studies*, Leiden, Nederland.
- Member of the *editing committee* of the *Revue académique Les cahiers de l'Islam*, Paris.
- Member of the *scholarly board* of the publisher *Fons Vitae* (Kentucky, USA).
- *Honorary Fellow* of the *Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society* (Oxford).
- Chairman of the journal *Conscience Soufie*.

MAIN RESEARCH MEMBERSHIPS

- Groupe d'Etudes Orientales, Slaves et Néo-helléniques, University of Strasbourg (team EA 1340).

MAIN ORGANISED CONFERENCES

- 2010: Organiser of study day at the University of Strasbourg on *Les enjeux de la spiritualité en contexte de postmodernité : The stakes of spirituality in the context of postmodernity*. Published in the periodical *Horizons Maghrébins* (University of Toulouse Le Mirail) with the title: *Soufisme et spiritualités en contexte de postmodernité* (2011).

- 2008-2009: co-organiser and scientific advisor of the international conference on *L'émir Abd el-Kader à Damas*, in partnership with the IFPO and « Damascus, Capital of Arabic Culture 2008 », - and organizer of a complementary conference on Emir Abd el-Kader at the University of Strasbourg. Proceedings of both conferences have been published in 2010.
- 2008: co-organiser and scientific advisor of the symposium organized by *Aljazeera Center for Studies* at Doha (Qatar) on: *Science, cultures and future of humanity*.
- 2003: organiser of an international conference (30 speakers) at the *Bibliotheca Alexandrina*, Alexandria, 2003, on the Sufi path *Shâdhiliyya*.

INFLUENCE: LECTURES AND MEDIAS

Member of the Arabic Academy of Cairo (*Majma' al-Lugha al-'Arabiyya*), since 2018.

Invitations in foreign universities

- Seminar at the EHESS, on the Sufi orders, **Paris**, 18 dec. 2018.
- Teacher at a seminar: *Studies In Sufism – Winter School*, Tamacine, **Algeria**, 8-15 January 2018.
- Lecture at the 4th Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies, **Abu Dhabi**, déc. 2017.
- Lecture at the SOAS, London, 6 May 2017, **Great-Britain**.
- « Centre de Recherche en Anthropologie Sociale et Culturelle, CRASC », lecture, March 2017, Oran, **Algérie**.
- University of Fribourg, seminar, December 2016, **Switzerland**.
- Lecture at the *Zentrum für Islamische Theologie (ZITH)*, University of Tübingen, **Germany**, 3 June 2014.
- Series of lecture at the University of Comoros, **Comoros**, invited by the French embassy, November 2012.
- Lecture at Worcester College, **Oxford** (invited by the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society), May 2012.
- Lecture and seminar at the University of Leuven (**Belgium**), March 2012.
- Series of lecture in **Algeria**, invited by the French embassy, December 2011.
- Lectures at the University of Niamey, **Niger**, February 2010.
- Series of lecture in **Indonesia** (invited by the French embassy) in December 2007 (in French and Arabic).
- Lectures in Arabic at the University Al-Jinan, Tripoli, **Lebanon**, June 06.
- Lectures at Columbia University, New York and Georgetown University, Washington DC, April 2005.

Scientific popularisation

- Regular articles published in French periodicals such as *Le Monde des Religions* : http://www.lemondedesreligions.fr/mensuel/2014/63/une-triple-revolution-08-01-2014-3594_203.php; http://www.lemondedesreligions.fr/mensuel/2014/64/le-soufisme-voie-interieure-de-l-islam-03-03-2014-3717_204.php ;

http://www.lemondedesreligions.fr/actualite/le-prophete-mohammed-demande-de-ne-pas-prendre-les-armes-16-01-2015-4479_118.php, etc.

- Interviews in many TV programmes : "Connaître l'islam", "Vivre l'Islam" (France 2), El-Jazeera, Moroccan, Algerian, Egyptian channels...
 - Lectures and presentations of his books: Marseille, Paris, Toulouse, Strasbourg, Algiers, Tangier, Cairo, etc.
- Co-chairman of the « Festival soufi de Paris ».

UNIVERSITY QUALIFICATIONS

- 1997: Research Supervision Accreditation, University of Aix-Marseille I.
- 1993 : PhD in Arabic and Islamic Studies: " Le soufisme en Egypte et en Syrie sous les derniers Mamelouks et les premiers Ottomans : orientations spirituelles et enjeux culturels ", *highly commended*. (University of Aix-Marseille I).
- 1989: Master in Arabic Studies, University of Aix-Marseille I.
- 1987 Higher Education Teaching Certificate in Arabic language.
- 1986: Bachelor in Arabic, Lyon II and Lyon III Universities.
- 1985: Master in History, Arabic civilisation) University of Aix-Marseille I.
- 1983: Bachelor in History, Arabic civilisation, University of Lyon II.
- 1980: Bachelor in Ethnology, University of Lyon II.
- 1977: Undergraduate Diploma in Art History and Archaeology, University of Lyon II.

Arabic language courses: *Faculté des Lettres*, Tunis (86-87), *Institut Français d'Etudes Arabes*, Damascus (86), *Département d'Etudes de l'Arabe*, Cairo (83-84).

BOOKS AND ARTICLES: See my CV in French
