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Languages

French and English

Academic background

1973 : Doctoral thesis : "Factors and mechanisms governing the contemporary spatial growth of Bangkok".
University of Paris IV - Sorbonne

1971 : M.A. in Geography, University of Paris-Sorbonne. Research methodology in developing countries.
master thesis : "Three villages in the Bangkok suburban area".

Present position

- Directeur de Recherche, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France.
- Assignment : Laboratory "Societes en Developpement dans l'Espace et dans le Temps" (SEDET)
University of de Paris VII - Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique.
- Scientific Co-ordinator of the European Science Foundation Network on "Innovative practices and emerging concepts for sustainable urban management in developing countries: a European contribution" (1999-2001)
- Member of the UN-Habitat Advisory Board (HS-Net), 2004 onwards
- Member of the Prague Institute's Advisory Board, Community Productivity Project.

Personal research topics

Housing policies for the low incomes

Urban land management (tenure systems, strategies, actors) in cities in developing countries

Land and tenure securities policies for the urban poor (tools, techniques)

Tenure upgrading, tenure regularisation and land titling in urban and peri-urban areas

Teaching responsibilities

Post Graduate Seminar on "Housing Policies in Developing Countries", University of Paris 7, Department of History, Geography, Social Sciences (1995-2002)

Master Course on "Emerging and Developing Countries", University of Paris I and Paris VII, 2005-2007

Post Graduate Seminar on "Local Development in Developing Countries", University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne (2000-2003)

Post Graduate teaching in Belgium (La Cambre, Brussels) , Italy (IUAV Venice), Germany (Univ. of Munich)
Supervision or co-supervision of Master and Doctoral Thesis in France and in South Africa

Responsibilities for the following collective research projects (after 1990)

- Responsible, jointly with Geoffrey Payne and Carole Rakodi of the research project entitled: "Social and economic impact of land titling in urban and periurban areas". UN-Habitat, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SIDA (May 2006 – December 2007)

- Responsible, jointly with Michael Mattingly, DPU, London, for the research programme entitled; "The new urban custom: a comparative analysis of changes affecting customary land delivery systems in 9 sub-Saharan African Countries". Programme de Recherche Urbaine pour le Développement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France. (January 2002-Mai 2004).

- Scientific co-ordinator of the European Science Foundation Network on "Innovative practices and emerging concepts for sustainable urban management in developing countries : a european contribution" (1999-2001)

- Co-responsibility with Dr AbdouMaliq Simone, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg and Prof. Alan Mabin of the Franco-South African project for Co-operation in Scientific Research on " Security of Tenure Policies in South African Cities " (1999-2001)

- Co-responsibility with Lauren Royston, Johannesburg, of the research project on :
"Security of Tenure in Post Apartheid Urban South Africa" (CNRS, Institut Français d'Afrique du Sud and other agencies)
April 1998- April 2000.

- "Urban land management, regularization policies and local development in Africa and the Arab States" (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Cooperation, France , UNCHS, The World Bank, UNDP, Urban Management Programme, GTZ-Germany. June 1994 - February 1996).

- "The French research on urban issues in developing countries". Plan Urbain and Ministry of Research, French Gouvernement, Interurba. January1990 - June 1992).

- "For a comparative analysis of urban crisis issues in the North, the South and the East".
Plan Urbain and Ministry of Research, French Gouvernement, Interurba. January1993 - December1994.

- "Managing the access of the poor to urban land. New approaches for regularization policies in Asia and Latin America". Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France , UNCHS, The World Bank, Urban Management Programme. January 1991-mars 1993.

- "Present needs of developing countries regarding land information systems : what can French expertise supply ?" Plan Urbain, French Government. January 1988 - December 1990.

Consultancies (after 1990)

- Consultancy : Ministère des Affaires Étrangères, France, Agence Française de Développement.
Preparation of the White Book entitled « Land Governance and Tenure Securitisation in Developing Countries », in collaboration with Philippe Lavigne-Delville. April-July 2008

- Consultancy : Department for International Development (DFID) United Kingdom, and Ministry of Land (MINITERE) Rwanda. « Urban Land Administration and Security in Rwanda » (in collaboration with Geoff Payne, GPA, Londres et Thierry Ngoga, Rwanda). June – July 2007
- Commissioned paper presented for the preparation of the Fourth World Bank Symposium on Urban Research, Washington DC, May 2007, 'Tenure formalisation policies". December 2006 in collaboration with Harris Selod. April 2007
- SENEGAL. Restructuration et regularisation foncière des quartiers non lotis de Pikine Sud. Analyse des interventions passées et actuelles, identification des contraintes et definition d'une stratégie d'intervention. APIX - Agence Nationale Chargée de la Promotion de l'Investissement et des Grands Travaux. Juin-Juillet 2006
- Consultancy : Contribution of Social Sciences to Poverty Reduction in Burkina Faso. Perceptions and expectations of communities. (Contribution des sciences sociales à la lutte contre la pauvreté au Burkina Faso. Perceptions/attentes des communautés). Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France – University of Ouagadougou – Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique et Technique, Burkina Faso. 2006-2007
- Consultancy UN-Habitat – UNDP. Preparation of the implementation bylaws of the New Land Law of Rwanda to urban areas, November-December 2005.
- Consultancy for the World Bank: Mali Urban Sector Stocktaking. Assistance to the Government of Mali and the World Bank in the preparation of an urban sector strategy for Mali. April-June 2005.
- Consultancy for the World Bank. Rwanda: Defining a National Urbanisation Policy. Urban Infrastructure and City Management Project (June-October, 2004)
- Consultancy for the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Definition of a long term housing strategy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (February – December 2004)
- Consultancy for UN-Habitat : Expert Group Meeting on Housing indicators, (Nairobi, Kenya, October-November 2003)
- Participation in the UN Millenium Project. Member of the Task Force 8 on Improving in the Lives of Slum Dwellers. 2002 - 2006
- Participation in the preparation of the Fourth Global Report on Human Settlements, "Cities without Slums" UNPHS, 2002-2003
- Participation in the study carried out by the Inter-American Development Bank on: "Delivery mechanisms for low-income housing issues and best practices in progressive housing ". In charge of the study of the Indian and South African experience, and comparison with Latin American situation. ACT- Consultants, Paris. (September 2000-April 2001).
- Consultancy for the German Technical Co-operation (GTZ) Egypt, Participatory Urban Management Programme. "Tenure security policies. Lessons to be learnt from Mexico, India, Jordan and Brazil". (March-April 2001).
- Consultancy for Geoff Payne and Associates in the research for the "Department of International Development" (DFID) on " Innovative approach to tenure for the urban poor ". Responsible for country case studies in Francophone sub-Saharan Africa: Burkina Faso, Mali and Benin. January 2000-June 2001.
- Consultancy for the World Bank and AMEXTIPE, Nouakchott, for the preparation of the Second Urban Project of Mauritania, co-ordinated by the Center for Urban development Studies, Harvard University

(CUDS. "Analysis of the policy and the regulatory framework regarding urban and land management in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania" (June-July 2000).

- Consultancy for the German Technical Co-operation (GTZ) "Egypt, Participatory Urban Management Programme", Berlin, August 1999 and Cairo, October 1999.
- Consultancy , UNCHS-Habitat. Expert group meeting for the preparation of the " Global Report on Human Settlements ", Nairobi, April 1999
- Consultancy on "The city and squatter settlements", a Symposium organised by the Arab Urban Development Institute, Riyadh, in Meknes, April 1998.
- Consultancy on "Implementing the Land Code in Guinea-Conakry". UNDP-UNCHS. May to July 1997.
- Contribution to the preparation of the International Federation of Surveyor's Ikusasa Conference "Surveying Tomorrow's opportunities ", Durban, South Africa, August 1997.
- Contribution to the Habitat II United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, 21st Century Dialogue IV on : "Land and urban rural linkages", Istanbul, Turkey, 3-14 June 1996.
- Contribution to the "Global conference on access to land and security of tenure as a condition to sustainable shelter and urban development", Habitat II Preparatory Conference. New Delhi, India, 17-19 January 1996
- "Evaluation of regularisation policies in Burkina Faso, Benin, Ivory Coast, Cameroun, Senegal". Urban Management Programme (October - November 1994).
- "Identification of land and housing delivery systems in Abidjan, Ivory Coast". the World bank, Atelier d'Urbanisme d'Abidjan - DCGTx. (June - July 1993).
- "Evaluation of the land regularization programme in Dakar, Senegal" GTZ-Germany, DUA, Ministry of Urban Planning and Housing, Gouvernement of Senegal (October 1992).
- "Implementation of a simplified land register in Conakry, Guinea. Feasibility study, phase 2". BCEOM, and Ministry of Cooperation, France (February - May 1992).
- "Prerequisite for the implementation of land information systems in cities of sub-saharan french speaking African Countries", the World bank (January 1990- May 1992).
- Contribution to the "Urban land management seminar for the World bank staff". Annapolis, December 1990
- Scientific organisation of the Agence de Cooperation Culturelle et Technique (ACCT) training session on : "Decentralisation and urban management : mobilizing financial and human resources at local authorities level" (November 1989 - December 1990)
- "Implementation of a simplified land register in Conakry, Guinea. Feasibility study, phase 1". BCEOM, and Ministry of Cooperation, France (October 1989 - february 1990).

Scientific organisation of Seminars and Conferences (after 1990)

- Co-organisation, jointly with Geoff Payne (GPA & Associates) and Carole Rakodi (Birmingham University), of the International Seminar on "The Social and Economic Impact of land Titling Policies in Urban and Peri-Urban Areas". Charney Manor, UK, December 2006
- Scientific responsibility, jointly with Michael Mattingly, DPU, of the seminar on " Land for housing in sub-Saharan African countries: changing customary / traditional informal systems of delivery". Programme de Recherche Urbaine pour le Développement, France, and DFID, U.K.. Johannesburg, 16-20 February 2004.
- Scientific responsibility for the organisation of the International Workshop on: "Beyond the neo-liberal consensus on urban development. Other voices from Europe and the South". Network Association of European researchers on Urbanisation in the South" in collaboration with the University of Paris VII and AITEC (Paris 15-17 May 2003).
- Scientific responsibility for the organisation of the International Workshop on : "Coping with informality and illegality in human settlements in developing cities". European Science Foundation, in collaboration with the Institute of Housing Studies, Rotterdam, l'Institut Supérieur d'Architecture de la Communauté Française, La Cambre, Bruxelles, and the Post-Graduate Course on Human Settlements, K.U. Leuven, Belgium. Leuven, 23-26 mai 2001.
- Scientific responsibility for the organisation of the International Workshop on "Cities of the South: sustainable for whom? Sustainable development in the urban context: Interactions between technical innovations and social change". European Science Foundation, in collaboration with the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, the Ecole Fédérale Polytechnique de Lausanne. Geneva, Palais des Nations, 3-6 May 2000. Publication on the proceedings in "Development in Practice", Oxfam Journal, N° 2-3, May 2001.
- Scientific responsibility and organisation of the International Seminar on "Tenure security policies in South African, Indian, Brazilian and sub-Saharan African cities : a comparative analysis", Lincoln Institute of Land Policies, Boston, Institut Français d'Afrique du Sud, Department of Applied Legal Studies, Witwatersrand University Johannesburg, Development Works, Department of Land Affairs, Pretoria, Johannesburg, 26-29 July 1999.
- Scientific responsibility and co-organisation of the Workshop on " Security of Tenure in post-apartheid urban South Africa. Dealing with customary rights and informal practices". Nelspruit, Mpumalanga, South Africa, 13-14 June 2001
- "Regional Seminar of sub-Saharan African professionals on "Amenagement foncier urbain et gouvernance locale en Afrique francophone. Enjeux et opportunités après la Conférence Habitat II", UNCHS-Habitat, Urban Management Programme, Coopération Française, Ouagadougou, May 1999
- International Workshop on " Concepts and paradigms of urban management in the context of developing countries. ", Istituto Universitario di Architettura di Venezia. DAEST, Venice, March 11-12 1999
- International Seminar on " Urban land management, regularization policies and local development in Africa and the Arab States", Urban Management Programme, The World Bank, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Cooperation, French Government, GTZ - Germany (Abidjan, March 1995).
- International seminar on "Managing the access of the poor to urban land : new approaches for regularization policies in Asia and Latin America". Urban Management Programme, The World Bank, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, French Government. (Mexico, February 1993).

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- The formalisation of urban land tenure in developing countries, in collaboration with Harris Selod, *in Urban Land Use and Land Markets.*, To be published in 2008 by Springer.

Social and economic impact of land titling programs in urban and peri-urban areas. A review of the literature. In collaboration with Geoff Payne and Carole Rakodi *in Urban Land Use and Land Markets.*, To be published in 2008 by Springer.

- Phnom Penh : Quelle politique de l'habitat à l'échéance 2020? (Forthcoming). CDROM edited by the Institut d'Aménagement et d'Urbanisme de la Région Ile de France, Paris and Phnom Penh, 2007. Editor: E. Huybrechts.

- La question foncière dans les villes du tiers-monde. Un bilan. in: « Économies et Sociétés ». Tome XXXVIII N° 7/2004 de la revue pp. 1183-1211

- Market-driven displacements and the perpetuation of informal settlements. In: The perpetuating challenge of informal settlements. Sous la direction de Marie Huchzermeyer and Aly Karam. University of Cape Town Press, South Africa , Forthcoming, December 2005.

- Land for housing the poor in African cities. Are neo-customary processes and effective alternative to formal systems?" In: "Urban Futures: economic development and poverty reduction". Edited by Nabeel Hamdi. ITDG Publishing, forthcoming, September 2004

- Cuidad y suelo. La propiedad del suelo: el debate y las perspectivas". In: " La ciudad Inclusiva", Edited by M. Balbo, R. Jordan and D. Simioni D. CEPAL, Naciones Unidas, Cooperazione Italiana Santiago de Chili, 2003 pp. 105-128

- Les milieux de la recherche française sur les villes du Sud : Évolutions actuelles et perspectives . A paper presented at the annual meeting of the « Association des professionnels-Développement urbain et coopération). In : Villes en Développement, ISTED, December 2003.

- "Holding their Ground: Secure Land Tenure for the Urban in Developing Countries" In collaboration with Lauren Rosyton (Eds). 264 p., Earthscan Publications, London, March 2002

- "Sticking with tradition: how effective are new customary land delivery systems?". In: Insights, Londres, Novembre 2003.

- "Secure Tenure for the Urban Poor". En collaboration avec Fernandes E., Payne, G. Smolka M. Civis - Cities Alliance, September 2002. 9 p.

- "Tenure Security in Egypt and Integration of Informal Urban Settlements. Lessons from Brazil, India, Jordan, and Mexico. Policy Discussion Paper". In collaboration with A. Azuela, B. Banashree, N. Saule Jr, H. Zagha. Arab Republic of Egypt, Ministry of Planning & German technical Co-operation. Cairo, 2001, 43 p.

- "La loi ou la ville?" in collaboration with Jean-François Tribillon . in Revue Urbanisme, N° 318, juin 2001. pp 72-77.

- "Innovative approaches to tenure for the urban poor. Current changes and trends in sub-Saharan francophone African countries: Benin, Burkina Faso and Senegal". In "land, Rights and Innovation", Geoffery Payne (Ed.). May 2002. Intermediate Technologies, pp 114-134.

- "Tenure Security in Egypt and Integration of Informal Urban Settlements. Lessons from Brazil, India, Jordan, and Mexico. Policy Discussion Paper: ". In collaboration with A. Azuela, B. Banashree, N. Saule Jr, H. Zagha. Arab Republic of Egypt, Ministry of Planning & German technical Co-operation, Cairo, 2001, 43 p.
- Third Global Report on Human Settlements UNCHS - Habitat. Collaboration in the preparation of the 2001 Global report on Human Settlements " Cities in a Globalising World" , UNCHS; Earthscan Publications Ltd. London, 2001.
- "Amenagement foncier urbain et gouvernance locale en Afrique francophone" Ed. UNCHS-Habitat. Serie Gestion Fonciere . April 2000. 95 p.
- "Politiques de l'habitat et approche de la lutte contre la pauvreté en Inde, au Brésil et en Afrique du Sud", in, Villes en Developpement, N° 53, September 2001.
- "The benefits of regularising informal settlements", Habitat Debate, vol. 5 N° 3, 1999
- " Les relations entre chercheurs et professionnels", in Villes en Developpement, N° 46. December 1999, pp. 5-7
- "Partnership between public actors and informal land owners and developers. Some comments on sub-Saharan African case studies", in : Payne, G., Ed. Making Common Ground: Public-private partnerships in land for housing, Intermediate Technology Publications, London 1999 256 pages.
- "Illegal Cities : law and the urban Change in developing countries : trends and issues ". Edesio Fernandes & Ann Varley (Ed). August 1998. ZED Books, London.
- "Regularizing Land Markets". Habitat Debate, june 1997. Vol 3 n° 2
- "Gestion Foncière à l'échelle des régions urbaines. Quelques questions sur les rapports entre le rural et l'urbain". In Urban Rural Linkages in the 21st Century. Habitat II UNCHS-FIG-FIABCI, 1997..pp3-15
- "L'integration des quartiers irreguliers dans les villes des pays en developpement". In : *Villes*, le Courrier du CNRS, Special issue, Habitat II, Istanbul, Paris, May 1996. pp. 69-72.
- "Regulariser et equiper les quartiers informels ?" Special issue of *Vivre Autrement*, ENDA-Tiers-Monde, prepared for the Habitat II Conference. Paris & Istanbul, May 1996. 4 pages.
- "Regularization and integration of irregular settlements : lessons from experience" Urban Management Programme, Working paper series, n° 6. March 1996, 94 p.
- "Urban Land Management, regularization policies and local development in Africa and the Arab States". in collaboration with Jean-Francois Tribillon. Urban Management Programme. Research and Development Division, Nairobi, 1995, 83 p.
- "L'accès des pauvres au sol urbain. Nouvelles orientations en matière de gestion foncière". In le Courrier ACP-Union Européenne, February 1995, p. 68-72
This paper has also been published by the *Revue Urbanisme*, n° 283, Paris, July-August 1996.

- "Cities in developing countries. Integration of irregular settlements . Current questions in Asia and Latin America". In collaboration with V. Clerc, F Luciano, R. Pajoni et L. Vidal. Pratiques urbaine n° 12 1995, 127 p.
- "Ameliorer les systemes d'immatriculation fonciere dans les villes d'Afrique subsaharienne francophone". Publication of the United Nation Center for Human Settlements - Habitat. Serie Gestion Fonciere. June 1995, 98 p.
- "Researching the relationship between economic liberalization and changes to land markets and land prices: the case of Conakry, Guinea, 1985, 1991". In : Methodology for land and housing market analysis. Edited by Gareth Jones and Peter Ward. UCL press. University College, London 1994, pp. 55-69.
- "Le dispositif francais de recherche et d'etudes urbaines dans les pays en developpement". Pratiques Urbaine n° 11. In collaboration with Allou, Feix, Lamicq and Le Bris. Groupement de Recherche Interurba. Septembre 1993. 160 p.
- "La recherche francaise et les problemes urbains du Tiers-Monde". In : Villes en Developpement. Bulletin de la Cooperation Francaise pour le developpement urbain. n° 19, Mars 1993. p. 2
- "Quelles politiques urbaines pour les villes du Sud ?" in : Premieres rencontres internationales de la ville "Fonder une Ecole". Lyon, 30-31 January 1992. Les Cahiers de l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes Urbaines Fernand Braudel. pp 87-90
- "Conditions de mise en place des systemes d'information fonciere dans les villes d'Afrique Sub-Saharienne Francophone". Programme de Gestion Urbaine, PNUD-Banque Mondiale. Document de travail n° 8, 103 p.
- "Les Politiques de regularisation des etablissements irreguliers dans les villes des pays du tiers-monde : objectifs, enjeux et limites". In : Etat et Societes dans le tiers-monde. De la modernisation a la democratisation ? Publications de la Sorbonne, Paris, 1992, 367 p. pp.83-97.
- "Information fonciere dans les Pays en Developpement de la gestion technique a la gestion sociale". In : Etudes Foncieres, ADEF, n°50, March 1991, pp. 49-55.
- (1) "Le cadastre" and (2) "L'experimentation de systemes d'information fonciere en milieu urbain". In : l'appropriation de la terre en Afrique noire. Manuel d'analyse, de decision et de gestion fonciere. Le Bris, Le Roy, Mathieu (Eds). Karthala 1991, 359 p.
- "Articulation between formal and informal land markets in Cities in Developing Countries. Issues and Trends". In : BAROSS, P; The transformation of land supply systems in third world cities. Avebury. Gower Publishing Co UK. 1990. 340 p. PP. 37-56.