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OVERVIEW

I am a social anthropologist with a PhD from the School for Advanced Study in Social Sciences (EHESS, Paris). I specialise in Pacific societies, particularly rural Papua New Guinea. My main interests cover the domains of kinship, social organization, socio-cultural change, economic anthropology, political anthropology, gender-based issues, the making of a person. I firstly worked on Maurice Godelier's archive collected between the 1960s and the 1980s, before carrying out a longitudinal study of the Baruya of Papua New Guinea (Eastern Highlands), where I conducted 12 months of fieldwork (2013-2014). I am fluent in Tok Pisin, as well as English, Italian, and French (mother tongue).

I am now working as a co-researcher on a project in collaboration with Professor Bruce M. Knauft (Emory University, Atlanta), entirely funded by the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation (New York), to look into the dynamics of violence reduction among rural Gebusi (Western Province, Papua New Guinea).

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2012-2016

PHD in Social and Cultural Anthropology, School for Advanced Study in Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris, France

- Recipient of a three-year State scholarship (Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche).
- Areas of interest: Melanesia, Anga people, kinship, social change, gender-based issues, anthropology of power and the impact of capitalism among Pacific societies.
- Dissertation title: "A wife for money? Changing marriage practices and their socio-cultural impact on the Baruya of Papua New Guinea". Under the supervision of Pascale Bonnemère (CNRS-EHESS, head of the CREDO).
- Degree obtained with highest honors (February 2016)
- Active member of the research centre CREDO (Centre de Recherche et de Documentation sur l'Océanie, UMR 7308, Marseille, France), only European Research Centre dedicated to the study of the South Pacific.
- Carried out a year-long fieldwork among the *Baruya* people of the Eastern Highlands of Papua New Guinea (2013-2014) on a research visa. In collaboration with the National Research Institute of Port Moresby.

- 2005 **Baccalauréat Littéraire (French high school degree), major in literature, minor languages (English, Italian), Lycée Camille Claudel, Blois (41), France.**
- With honours (18,87/20).

EMPLOYMENT

- 2017 Co-researcher with Samuel C. Dobbs Professor of Anthropology (Emory University) Bruce Knauff. Funded by the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation (New York).
- Project investigating the dynamics and mechanisms of violence reduction among the Gebusi (Western Province, Papua New Guinea)
 - Including two months of fieldwork.
 - Funding received: \$28,508
- 2016 Co-researcher with Prof. Bruce Knauff (Emory University). Funded by the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation (New York).
- Project investigating the dynamics and mechanisms of violence reduction among the Gebusi (Western Province, Papua New Guinea)
 - Including two months of fieldwork.
 - Funding received: \$39,985
- 2012-2016 Doctoral Student, School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris, France. Recipient of a 3-year State scholarship
- Including 12 months of fieldwork in rural Papua New Guinea
 - Full State funding for 3 years (Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche)
- 2012-2016 Translator
- August/October 2015: translation of Anna Paini's 2007 monograph, *Il Filo e L'Aquilone*, from Italian into French. Publisher: Presses Universitaires de Nouvelle-Calédonie.
 - Since June 2012, commercial translator with BVA Mystery Shopping (French/English/Italian) and proof-reader (French/English).
- 2010-2011 Tour guide at the Pitt-Rivers and the Ashmolean Museums (Oxford)
- Worked as a volunteer: organization of family-friendly events.
 - Guided tours for adults and children.

FIELDWORK IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

- 2017 Nomad station, Western Province (3 months)
- 2016 Nomad station, Western Province (2 months)
- 2014 Wonenara Valley, Wuyabo village, Eastern Highlands Province (3 months)
- 2013 Wonenara Valley, Wuyabo village, Eastern Highlands Province (9 months)

PUBLICATIONS

- **PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**

2016

- « Dix Commandements mais pas de Dieu. Christianisme et changement socio-culturel chez les Baruya de Papouasie Nouvelle-Guinée », *Journal de la Société des Océanistes*, 142-143, pp.227-242.

- “Women don’t have testicles: the “making” of masculinity among 21st-century Baruya (Eastern Highlands, Papua New Guinea)”. *Paideuma*, 62: 69–89.

- **ENCYCLOPAEDIA ENTRIES**

2017

(*in press*) “Structuralist Theories of Gender”, 2200-word entry co-authored with Prof. Laurent Dousset (EHESS), for the *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology* (Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford).

(*in press*) “Conception Beliefs”, 4000-word entry for the *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology* (Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford).

(*in press*) “Male and Female Cults”, 4000-word entry for the *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology* (Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford).

(*in press*) “Pollution”, 4000-word entry for the *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology* (Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford).

(*in press*) “Ghost Marriage”, 500-word entry for the *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology* (Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford).

(*in press*) “Levirate”, 500-word entry for the *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*, (Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford).

(*in press*) “Elementary Structures of Kinship”, 1000-word entry for the *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*, (Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford).

- **RESEARCH REPORT**

2016

KNAUFT, Bruce M. and Anne-Sylvie Malbrancke. « Homicide Reduction among the Gebusi of Papua New Guinea ». Final research report submitted to the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation.

- **ACADEMIC THESES**

2016. “Une épouse pour de l’argent ? Des pratiques matrimoniales en mutation et leurs répercussions socioculturelles chez les Baruya de Papouasie Nouvelle-Guinée”, PhD thesis, School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), France.

2012. “Les pratiques matrimoniales des Baruya de Papouasie Nouvelle-Guinée : les archives de terrain de Maurice Godelier au crible des logiciels informatiques”, Master’s thesis, School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), France.

COMMUNICATIONS

- **CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS**

2016

- “Sorcery, violence and conflict management among the Gebusi of the Western Province of Papua New Guinea”. Invited by the CREDO, Marseilles (November).

2015

- “Revisiting the Baruya and the Concept of ‘Male Domination’”, *European Society for Oceanists (ESfO)* 2015, “Europe and the Pacific”, Brussels, Belgium, June 24th-27th. Session: “Weapon of the Weak”. Publication to follow.
- “‘Great men’, ‘Big men’: Revisiting the Baruya of Papua New Guinea and muddling the models”, *European Society for Oceanists (ESfO)* 2015, “Europe and the Pacific”, Brussels, Belgium, June 24th-27th. Session: “Muddle in the Models”.
- “Doing fieldwork among the Baruya people of Papua New Guinea: from the 60s to 2014”, Joint talk with Prof. Maurice Godelier, on the 40th Anniversary of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Marseilles).
- “Substance, Sex, Gender and Marriage: Baruya and Gebusi Across Decades of Change”, with Prof. Bruce Knauft (Samuel C. Dobbs Professor of Anthropology, Emory University, Atlanta, USA), at the CREDO (Marseilles).
- “Matrimonial Metamorphosis, and new Representations of bodily substances and procreation: what causality?”, talk given at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, invited by Prof. Enric Porqueres i Gené.

2014

- “The Baruya of Papua New Guinea: Three Decades After Maurice Godelier”: talk given at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, invited by Prof. Maurice Godelier.

ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

- **SEMINAR**

2015

Organization of a day-long seminar at the CREDO, Marseilles with Prof. Bruce Knauft (Samuel C. Dobbs Professor of Anthropology, Emory University, Atlanta, USA), on a comparison between Baruya and Gebusi across thirty years of changes.

- **INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP**

2015

Organization of a two-day symposium on the theme of “Death and societies” (Marseilles and Aix-en-Provence, January 30th and April 17th). In collaboration with five research centers located in Marseilles and Aix-en-Provence. Entailed the invitation of renowned international researchers.

RESEARCH GRANTS

2017

- Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Research Grant (\$28,508)

2016

- Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Research Grant (\$39,985)

2012-2015

- 3-year State scholarship awarded by the Ecole Normale Supérieure (Lyon) to carry out fully funded doctoral research (€48,800)

PUBLIC DIFFUSION OF RESEARCH

2015

SCIENCE & VIE HORS-SERIE n°272, *Les nouvelles lois de la famille*. Short text and picture to illustrate the notion of kinship and social change among the Baruya family. « Anthropologie : la famille modèle n'existe pas. Petit tour du monde des modes de vie familiaux ».

2014

“Science week”. The research laboratory, its activities and its library were presented to groups of high-school students, CREDO (AMU, CNRS, EHESS), Marseille, France, October 4th 2014.

PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC BODIES

Since 2015

Member of the European Society for Oceanists (ESFO). <http://esfo-org.eu/>

Since 2014

Member of the Pacific-studies.net: European-based network and platform on social sciences and humanities in and on the Pacific region. <http://www.pacific-studies.net>

Since 2010

Member of e-Toile Pacifique: pluridisciplinary network of exchange and information on francophone social sciences research on Oceania. www.e-toilepacifique.fr

LANGUAGES

According to the Common European framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):

- French: writing C2; speaking C2; listening C2 (mother tongue)
- English: writing C2; speaking C2; listening C2
- Italian: writing C2; speaking C2; listening C2
- Tok Pisin: writing C2; speaking C2; listening C2
- Spanish: writing B1; speaking B1; listening B2

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