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Born February 2, 1978
Nationality: French

Modern languages: French (native); English, German (fluent)
Ancient languages: Akkadian (major); Sumerian (minor)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Akkadian Language, Syrian and Mesopotamian History, Old Babylonian, Amorite, Middle Assyrian, History of Climate, Environment and Landscape, History of Agriculture, Social and Economic History, Ancient Concepts of Space

EMPLOYMENT

2015-	University of Chicago, Oriental Institute, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations & College Assistant Professor of Assyriology
2014-2015	Lycée (<i>senior high school</i>) François-Arago (Villeneuve-St-Georges, France) Qualified teacher (<i>professeur agrégé</i>) in History and Geography
2013-	UMR 7192 : Proche-Orient – Caucase : langues, archéologie, cultures (Paris) Associate Researcher
2011-2012	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (Paris) Full-time Researcher with ANR/DFG project <i>HIGEOMES. La géographie historique de la Haute-Mésopotamie du II^e millénaire av. J.-C.: projet de recherche interdisciplinaire</i>
2008-2010	Freie Universität Berlin, Institut für Vorderasiatische Archäologie / Excellence Cluster 264 - TOPOI: The Formation and Transformation of Space and Knowledge in Ancient Civilisations Post-Doctoral Fellow: “Climate-related Data from Middle and Neo-Assyrian Cuneiform Sources of Upper Mesopotamia (13th-10th c. BCE)”
2007-2008	Russian State University for the Humanities (Moscow) Invited Lecturer for Assyriology and the History of the Ancient Near East
2005-2007	Freie Universität Berlin, Institut für Altorientalistik Teaching and Research Assistant (<i>Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter</i>) for Assyriology
2003-2005	Université de Paris I - Panthéon/Sorbonne Teaching and Research Assistant (<i>ATER</i>) for Ancient History
2001-2003	Collège de France, Institut d'Assyriologie Teaching and Research Assistant (<i>ATER</i>) for Assyriology

COURSES TAUGHT

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL:

- **At the Université de Paris I - Panthéon/Sorbonne (in French)**
 - History of Ancient Greece (Winter 2003/04, 2004/05)
 - History of Mesopotamia and Syria in the 2nd Millenium BCE (Academic year 2003/04, 2004/05)
 - Akkadian and the Cuneiform Script (Academic year 2003/04, 2004/05)
- **At the Freie Universität Berlin, Institut für Altorientalistik (in German)**
 - Akkadian I (Academic year 2006/07)
 - Tutorial to Akkadian I (Summer 2006; Academic year 2006/07)
- **At the Russian State University for the Humanities (in English)**
 - History and Culture of Mesopotamia in the Old Babylonian Period (Academic year 2007/08)
 - History and Culture of Syria and the Levant in the Bronze Age (Academic year 2007/08)

GRADUATE LEVEL:

- **At the École Pratique des Hautes Études, Section des Sciences Historiques et Philologiques, Paris (in French)**
 - Introduction to the Diplomatics of Legal Cuneiform Texts (Academic year 2002/03, 2003/04, 2004/05)
- **At the Russian State University for the Humanities (in English)**
 - Akkadian Lectures: Old Babylonian Administrative and Legal Documents (Academic year 2007/08)
 - Historiography: Introduction to Assyriological Studies in French (Academic year 2007/08)
 - Patrimonial and Official Land Tenure in the 2nd millennium BCE: Mari and Aššur (Invited seminar, february-march 2014)

EDUCATION	
2001-2006	<p>École Pratique des Hautes Études, Section des Sciences Historiques et Philologiques (Paris) Ph.D. (Doctorat) in Assyriology, under supervision of D. Charpin. Passed with distinction (very honourable with the unanimous recommendation of the examiners). Dissertation: <i>Les paysages ruraux du Moyen-Euphrate et de ses affluents au IIe millénaire av. n. è.</i>, Thèse de doctorat de l'École Pratique des Hautes Études, IV^e section, 2006, 1234 pp.</p>
2000-2001	<p>École Pratique des Hautes Études, Section des Sciences Historiques et Philologiques (Paris) M.Phil. (DEA) in Assyriology, under supervision of J.-M. Durand. Passed with distinction. Dissertation: <i>Rythmes et pratiques de l'agriculture à Mari (XIX^e-XVIII^e s. av. n. è.)</i>, Mémoire de DEA de l'École Pratique des Hautes Études, IV^e section, 2001, 161 pp.</p>
1998-2000	<p>École Normale Supérieure (Fontenay/S^t-Cloud) Successful preparation for national competitive teaching diploma « Agrégation » in History. Ranked 75/145.</p>
1997-1998	<p>Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris) M.A. (Maîtrise) in History, under supervision of D. Charpin. Passed with distinction. Dissertation: <i>Le palais d'Uruk à l'époque paléo-babylonienne</i>, Mémoire de maîtrise de l'Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 1998, 346 pp.</p>
1996-1997	<p>Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris) B.A. (Licence) in History.</p>
1996-2001	<p>École Normale Supérieure (Fontenay/S^t-Cloud) Specialty: History and Geography.</p>
1994-1996	<p>Lycée Henri IV (Paris) Successful Preparation for national competitive entrance examinations to leading French « grandes écoles », specializing in History and Geography. Admitted to École Normale Supérieure de Fontenay/S^t-Cloud. Ranked 25/38.</p>
AWARDS AND GRANTS	
2013	<p>Prix Saintour de l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres for <i>Climate, Environment and Agriculture in Assyria in the 2nd Half of the 2nd Millennium BCE</i>, Studia Chaburensia 2, Wiesbaden (2011).</p>
PEER-REVIEWING	
2015-	<p>Member of the Editorial Board of <i>Vestnik Drevnei Istorii</i> (Journal of Ancient History), published by the Institute of World History of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow).</p>
2014-	<p>Peer-reviewing of articles for <i>The Holocene</i>.</p>

PUBLICATIONS	
Monographs	
2012	<i>Mittelassyrische Urkunden aus dem Archiv Assur 14446</i> , Keilschrifttexte aus mittelassyrischer Zeit 10, WVDOG 130, Wiesbaden (co-authored with B. Feller).
2011	<i>Climate, Environment and Agriculture in Assyria in the 2nd Half of the 2nd Millennium BCE</i> , Studia Chaburensia 2, Wiesbaden.
Book Chapters and Articles	
accepted ms	Patrimonial and Official Land Tenure in 2 nd Millennium BCE Upper Mesopotamia, in S. Procházka, L. Reinfandt & S. Tost (eds.), <i>Land and Power in the Ancient and Post-Ancient World. Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference of the NFN Imperium & Officium (Vienna, 2013)</i> . Wien.
accepted ms	6.4. Agriculture, in G. Rubio (ed.), <i>A Handbook of Ancient Mesopotamia</i> , Berlin-New York.
in press	Claiming Land and People: Conceptions of Power in Syria and Upper Mesopotamia during the 2 nd millennium BCE, in S. Schmidt-Hofner, Cl. Ambos & P. Eich (eds.), <i>Raum-Ordnung. Raumkonzepte und soziopolitische Ordnungen im Altertum</i> , Heidelberg.
2015	Middle Assyrian Agrarian Management in the West in the Light of its Forerunners, in B.S. Düring (ed.), <i>Understanding Hegemonic Practices of the Early Assyrian Empire. Essays dedicated to Frans Wiggermann</i> , PIHANS 125, Leiden, pp. 199-219.
2014	The Sutean Nomads in the Mari Period, in D. Morandi Bonacossi (ed.), <i>Settlement Dynamics and Human-Landscape Interaction in the Dry Steppes of Syria</i> , Studia Chaburensia 4, Wiesbaden, pp. 209-226 (co-authored with N. Ziegler).
2010c	The Lower Hābūr before the Assyrians: Settlement and Land Use in the First Half of the Second Millenium BCE, in H. Kühne (ed.), <i>Dūr-Katlimmu 2008 and Beyond</i> , Studia Chaburensia 1, Wiesbaden, pp. 187-215.
2010b	Périphérique ou local? Le vocabulaire des paysages de la vallée de l’Euphrate au IIe millénaire av. n. è., <i>Babel und Bibel</i> 3 [= CRRAI 53], Moscow, pp. 505-520.
2010a	Über den Beitrag der historischen Geographie zum Verständnis der Sesshaftigkeit am Beispiel des Mittleren Euphrat-Raumes im 2. Jt. v.Chr., in E. Cancik-Kirschbaum & N. Ziegler (ed.), <i>Entre les Fleuves I. Untersuchungen zur historischen Geographie Obermesopotamiens im 2. Jahrtausend</i> , BBVO 20, Gladbeck, pp. 303-322.
2009b	Le point sur la “plante à huile”: réflexions sur la culture du sésame en Syrie-Mésopotamie à l’âge du Bronze, <i>Journal des Médecines Cunéiformes</i> 13, pp. 13-37.
2009a	L’implantation sédentaire dans la vallée de l’Euphrate à l’âge du Bronze: un modèle centre/périphérie? Le cas du Royaume de Mari (Syrie) au XVIIIe s. av. n. è., in J.-M. Durand & A. Jacquet (ed.), <i>Centre et Périphérie: Approches nouvelles des Orientalistes</i> , CIPOA 1, Paris, pp. 57-81.
2008b	Tell Hariri/Mari: Textes. V. Environnement et occupation de l’espace. II. Les sédentaires, <i>Supplément au Dictionnaire de la Bible</i> XIV (fasc. 77-78), Paris, col. 324-356.
2008a	Late Bronze Age Rural Landscapes of the Euphrates according to the Emar Texts, in L. d’Alfonso, Y. Cohen & D. Sürenhagen (ed.), <i>The City of Emar among the Late Bronze Age Empires. History, Landscape, and Society. Proceedings of the Konstanz Emar Conference, 25.–26.04. 2006</i> , AOAT 349, Münster, pp. 129-140.
2002	Lever d’astres et calendrier agricole à Mari, in J.-M. Durand & D. Charpin (ed.), <i>Recueil d’études à la mémoire d’André Parrot</i> , FM VI, Mémoires de N.A.B.U. 7, Paris, pp. 517-538.
Short Notices	
2013	Small or Ancient <i>sātu</i> ? Some remarks on the reading of BATSH 9 72, 8-9, <i>N.A.B.U.</i> 2013/29
2012	R. Bagnall, K. Brodersen, C. Champion, A. Erskine & S. Huebner (eds.), <i>The Encyclopaedia of Ancient History</i> , Oxford. Entries: “Amorites”; “awīlum, muškēnum, and wardum”; “Hana, Hanaean” & “ilkum”
2008	Roi temporaire de Sumer et d’Akkad: Sumu-El de Larsa à Nippur, <i>N.A.B.U.</i> 2008/22
2002	Données nouvelles sur l’astronomie amorrite, <i>N.A.B.U.</i> 2002/64
2002	Cinq textes néo-sumériens d’Umma, <i>N.A.B.U.</i> 2002/26 (co-authored with L. Marti)

2001	Nabi-ilišu, un roi d'Uruk vaincu par Rîm-Sîn, <i>N.A.B.U.</i> 2001/75 (co-authored with D. Charpin)
2001	Nabişatum, reine de Karkémiš? (suite), <i>N.A.B.U.</i> 2001/61
2001	Le sceau de Puzur-Šamaš, <i>N.A.B.U.</i> 2001/20
2001	Compléments au <i>Harem de Zimrî-Lîm</i> , <i>N.A.B.U.</i> 2001/19
2001	Nabişatum, reine de Karkémiš?, <i>N.A.B.U.</i> 2001/18
Reviews	
submitted ms	[Review of] Miglio, A.E. <i>Tribe and State: The Dynamics of International Politics and the Reign of Zimri-Lim</i> , (GSANE 8), 2014; forthcoming in <i>Journal of the American Oriental Society</i> .
accepted ms	[Review of] Dercksen, J.G. (ed.), <i>Anatolia and the Jazira during the Old-Assyrian Period</i> , Old Assyrian Archives, Studies, Volume 3 (= OAAS 3), PIHANS 111, Leiden, 2008, <i>AfO</i> 53, 2012.
2009	[Review of] Heimpel W., <i>Letters to the King of Mari, A New Translation with Historical Introduction, Notes and Commentary</i> , Winona Lake (2003), <i>BiOr</i> 66, pp. 269-276.
Democratization of Research	
2012	Interview for documentary “Babylon Unveiled”, produced and directed by Dongjoon Kim for Educational Broadcasting System (Seoul).
2011	Tukulti-Ninurta I ^{er} : la démesure, <i>Les Dossiers d'Archéologie</i> n° 348, pp. 42-46.
2011	Nabuchodonosor I ^{er} et le renouveau de Babylone, <i>Les Dossiers d'Archéologie</i> n° 348, p. 47.
2005	Les fugitifs au Proche-Orient ancien, <i>Les Dossiers d'Archéologie</i> 300, pp. 32-39.
Work in progress	
book	<i>L'agriculture irriguée au royaume de Mari</i> , to appear in <i>Florilegium Marianum</i> , Paris.
book	<i>La terre, l'eau et les hommes: les paysages ruraux du Moyen-Euphrate et de ses affluents au IIe millénaire av. n.è.</i>
article	De l'influence des conditions environnementales sur les communications en Haute-Mésopotamie, forthcoming in N. Ziegler & E. Cancik-Kirschbaum (ed.), <i>Entre les Fleuves III. Untersuchungen zur historischen Geographie Obermesopotamiens im 2. Jahrtausend</i> , BBVO, Gladbeck.
article	Some reflections on the name ‘Ḥanigalbat’, forthcoming in N. Ziegler & E. Cancik-Kirschbaum (ed.), <i>Entre les Fleuves III. Untersuchungen zur historischen Geographie Obermesopotamiens im 2. Jahrtausend</i> , BBVO, Gladbeck (co-authored with B. Alexandrov)
review	[Review of] Rüster, Ch. & G. Wilhelm. <i>Landschenkungsurkunden hethitischer Könige</i> (STBOT-Bh. 4), Wiesbaden, 2012; forthcoming in <i>Journal Asiatique</i> .
review	[Review of] B. Kärger, <i>Leben in der amurritischen Welt Nomaden und Sesshafte im Reich von Mari im 19. und 18. Jahrhundert vor Christus</i> , <i>Philippika</i> 68, 2014; forthcoming in <i>Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes</i> .
review	[Review of] J. Lauinger, <i>Following the Man of Yamhad. Settlement and Territory at Old Babylonian Alalah, Culture and History of the Ancient Near East</i> 75, 2015; forthcoming in <i>Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes</i> .
CONFERENCE TALKS AND INVITED LECTURES (SELECTION)	
2014	Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of World History (Moscow) Conference <i>Why and how did they keep accounts? Administrative practices in Bronze Age Mesopotamia</i> Lecture: More or less ? Book-keeping of <i>ilkum</i> -land at Mari
2014	Lomonosov Moscow State University, Faculty of History Lecture: Rethinking Land Tenure in 2nd Millennium BC Upper Mesopotamia
2013	Universiteit Leiden Conference <i>Understanding Hegemonic Practices of the Middle Assyrian Empire</i> Lecture: Middle Assyrian Agrarian Management in the West in the Light of its Forerunners

2013	Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz Conference <i>Space-describing and Space-structuring Terms in the Ancient World</i> Lecture: The Terminology of Regional Entities in Bronze Age Upper Mesopotamia
2013	Universität Wien 3rd International Conference of the Research Network <i>Imperium & Officium: Land and Power in the Ancient and Post-Ancient World</i> Lecture: Patrimonial and Official Landholding in 2 nd Millenium Upper Mesopotamia
2012	University of Warsaw 8th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East Lecture: The Sutean Nomads in the Mari Period (with N. Ziegler)
2012	Université de Bourgogne, IUT de Dijon Conference <i>Itinéraires en Haute-Mésopotamie, Colloque international du projet ANR/DFG "HIGEOMES »</i> Lectures: L'indexation des données géographiques dans la base de données ARCHIBAB et son emploi pour HIGEOMES De l'influence des conditions environnementales sur les communications en Haute-Mésopotamie
2011	Akademie der Wissenschaften Heidelberg Conference <i>Normative Raumordnungen in der europäischen Antike und im Alten Vorderen Orient</i> Lecture: Claiming and Reclaiming the Land. Political Conceptions of Space in Upper Mesopotamia during the 2 nd Millenium BCE
2010	Universitat de Barcelona, Institut d'Estudis del Pròxim Orient Antic 56 ^e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale Lecture: Good Times, Bad Times : Environmental issues of Middle-Assyrian state agriculture
2009	TOPOI Haus / Freie Universität Berlin Conference <i>Constituent, Confederate, and Conquered Space - The Case of the Mitanni Transition</i> Lecture: Environmental Shifts and Changes in Upper Mesopotamia in the Middle and Late Bronze Ages
2009	Collège de France 55 ^e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale Lecture: <i>CLIMate-related Archaeological and TEXTual data from ASSYRIA: Towards a Reconstruction of Upper Mesopotamian Environments of the 13th-10th c. BCE</i>
2008	Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (Kyoto) Conference <i>Interactions between Man and the Environment in Mesopotamia</i> Lecture: The Question of Salinization on the Middle Euphrates
2008	Archaeological mission of Tell Šēḫ Ḥamad (Syria) Conference <i>Rural Assyria (1350-500 BC)</i> Lecture: Climatic Data from Middle and Neo-Assyrian Cuneiform Sources of the 13 th -10 th centuries BCE.: Preliminary Remarks
2007	Russian State University for the Humanities (Moscow), Hermitage Museum & Institute of Oriental Studies (St-Petersburg) 53 ^e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale Lecture: Périphérique ou local? Le vocabulaire des paysages de la vallée de l'Euphrate au 2 ^e mill. av. n. è.
2006	Freie Universität Berlin (Germany) Conference <i>Assur—Mari—Dur-Katlimmu: Historische Geographie Assyriens, des Habur-Gebietes und des Mittleren Euphrats im 2. Jahrtausend v.Chr.</i> Lecture: Über den Beitrag der historischen Geographie zum Verständnis der Sesshaftigkeit am Beispiel des Mittleren Euphrat-Raumes in 2. Jt. v.Chr.
2006	Collège de France Conference <i>Centre et périphéries: approches nouvelles des Orientalistes</i> Lecture: L'implantation sédentaire dans la vallée de l'Euphrate à l'âge du Bronze: un modèle centre/périphérie? — Le cas du Royaume de Mari (Syrie) au XVIIIe s. av. n. è
2006	Universität Konstanz Conference <i>Control, Interaction, and Interdependence: The City of Emar among the Late Bronze Age Empires (14th - 12th centuries BC)</i> Lecture: Late Bronze Ages Rural Landscapes of the Euphrates according to the Emar Texts

2005	Collège de France, Fondation Hugot <i>International Round Table on the Geographical History of the Ancient Habur</i> Lecture: Sources et méthodes de l'étude des paysages ruraux des vallées du Moyen-Euphrate et de ses affluents au IIe millénaire av. n. è.
2003	Collège de France <i>Conférence Quatrièmes journées d'études franco-syriennes, Conférence sur l'histoire de Mari et la Syrie</i> Lecture: Les bosquets dans les paysages ruraux de la vallée du Moyen-Euphrate au IIe millénaire av. n. è.
2002	Direction Générale des Antiquités et Musées (Damascus) <i>Conférence Troisièmes journées d'études franco-syriennes, Colloque sur l'histoire de Mari et la Syrie</i> Lecture: Les échanges commerciaux entre Karkemiš et Qatna.
2001	Collège de France <i>Conférence Les journées de Mari 2001</i> Lecture: Lever d'astres et calendrier agricole à Mari.