

# Curriculum Vitae

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**Topics of interest:** Dynamic of Human Settlements, Urbanization and Urban Forms, Micro-Urbanization and Access to services, Urban Land Market, Security of tenure and Land Titling, Social and economic geographic, Inequities and Spatial justice, Urban Politics and Regional Planning, Economic Liberalization and Socio-Economic Transformation.

## 1. Qualification and present duties:

- PhD in Urban Geography in 1992 – University of Caen (France): urban development, services access, public company and economic liberalization;
- CNRS Bronze medal in 1998 for researches on urbanization in 1998 With François Moriconi-Ebrard;
- 2<sup>d</sup> at the National Concourse of Research Director 2008 – not promoted;
- 2008-2010, Co-direction of *e-Geopolis* programme for the development and analyzing of an unified worldwide database on urbanization 1800 to nowadays – funded by the *Agence Nationale de la Recherche*, supported by the World Bank, Urban Development Unit (...), [www.e-geopolis.eu](http://www.e-geopolis.eu);
- 2008-2010, Co-responsibilities in *Indiapolis* project (part of e-Geopolis based in the *Institut Français de Pondichery*: <http://www.ifpindia.org/Built-Up-Areas-in-India-e-GEOPOLIS.html>);
- 2008-2009 co-direction of *Africapolis* project supported by the *Agence Française de Développement*, Phase 1, *Western Africa Report* on-line: <http://www.afd.fr/jahia/Jahia/lang/en/home/publications/NotesetEtudes/pid/5568>
- 2006-2008, Part of the Comparative project on “Tunisia and Algeria upland's secondary cities dynamics”, funded by *Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales* & French Foreign Affairs (FSP) programme;
- Researcher, Trainer, and International Consultant in urban and regional development, Urban land access, urban land titling and participative pro-poor upgrading projects;
- Co-direction of 6 PhD, 2 already defended in urbanization dynamics, urban development, land access..., following of several Master 1 and 2 (Paris, 1, 7, 10 and Cergy Universities).
- Part of the Specialist Commission of the Geography Department at the University Paris 7;
- In charge of Urban Land Access contains on the [www.foncier-developpement.org](http://www.foncier-developpement.org) website;
- Member of the editor comity (in charge of South countries) for *Etudes Foncières* review; [www.adev.org](http://www.adev.org)
- Regular referees for several reviews and social sciences books;
- Leading network researches on the globalization of land market and popular development in cities of the South; In progress, book coordination with B. Dupret, Anthropologist of law: *Questioning Urban Illegality in the Arab World, The many Form of Ordinary Housing, Law Production and Public Action* (IB Tauris, 2009);
- Expert and project evaluation for GIS researches & geo-database development for the Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR);
- Participation to several international research and applied networks on land titling and security of tenure as Global Land Tool Network (UN Habitat), NAERUS and TRIALOG networks.

## 2. Professional skill:

- Regular university teaching and professional training in urban dynamics, planning and management, land market and land regulation (Paris 1, 7 and 10 Universities; ESSEC, Chaire d'économie urbaine; Tours university: Maison des Sciences de la Ville; Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris La Villette, Forhom Institute...);
- Capacity building and coordination of research projects in urban and regional dynamics and applied studies in participative and Pro Poor urban upgrading;
- Professional training in GIS for urbanization and urban development, land tenure application and survey using GPS;
- Applied experiences in security of tenure program design, services access and land titling reforms.

## 3. Key qualifications:

- 13 years of academic and applied researches in international cooperation ;
- 16 years in regional and urban planning field in the developing countries context;
- Good knowledge of international cooperation regulation principles and diplomatic reserve;
- Good knowledge of European, bilateral and UN international cooperation tools;
- Capacity to elaborate financial documentation, answer to call for funding, and reporting;
- Several references in term of cooperation project management, budget following and reporting;
- Familiarity with several institutional, administrative and political environment, post-conflict situation... ;
- Experiences in staff management and staff management advisory in the context of international cooperation in developing countries;
- Experiences in capacity building;
- Current practice of technical training and training tools development – especially for statistical institutions;
- Capacity to implement and rehabilitate building, technical and IT lab, and ensuring their maintenance as their sustainability.

## 4. Former responsibilities:

- ✓ 2003-2006, scientific and methodological training, and coordination of the support unit for the geographical preparation of the 2007 population census in Southern Sudan in the context of the 2005 North-South Comprehensive Peace Agreement – supported by UNFPA, EU Commission and French Foreign Affairs;
- ✓ 1998-2002, Deputy-Director of CEDEJ Research Centre in Social Sciences, Cairo:  
CEDEJ (Centre d'Etudes et de Documentations Juridiques et Sociales) is a French research center founded in 1970 in Egypt. It's depending of CNRS and French ministry of foreign affairs. It conducts different programs of research in cooperation with several departments of Egyptian and Sudanese universities in geography, urban planning, history, law, anthropology, sociology and political science. There was almost personal, 20 researchers, PhD candidates and technician assistants; half are permanent the other spending few months on their field – [www.cedej.org.eg](http://www.cedej.org.eg)
- ✓ 1997-2002, in charge of OUCC (Observatoire Urbain du Caire Contemporain) since 1997 (founded in 1984):  
The OUCC received each year around 20 PhD and master candidates in geography, sociology, architecture and physical urban planning and conducts research on urban transformation in Egypt and Sudan; it published a semester letter; it conducted comparative researches with the French network of Mediterranean Urban Observatory in Beirut, Istanbul, Rabat and Teheran; It had built a unique geo-database who authorizes the analysis of 13 census data at local level with mapping capacities for census data since 1848 (Published in cooperation with the Egyptian ministry of planning and statistics office). It gives access to a maps library of 5.000 maps for Egypt and Sudan;
- ✓ 1998-2003: Regular consultant for the GTZ (German Aid) and the Egyptian Ministry of planning, for different activities relative to illegal urban settlements and their regularization – GIS development; also for ILD (*Institute for Liberty and Democracy* – H. De Soto) for land titling program in Egypt;

- ✓ 1998-2000, in charge of the comparative and pluri-disciplinary programme on metropolization dynamics in Teheran, Cairo and Istanbul, selected and funded by CNRS - PirVilles Programme; it has supported two PhD, several publications and conferences;
- ✓ 2001: Invited visiting researcher for 6 months at the University of Tohoku (Sendai, Japan), *Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies* Department. I published a working paper: *Access to Fresh Water, Clean Environment and Right to Urbanism Affiliation*;
- ✓ 1993-94: post-doctoral scholarship from French ministry of foreign affairs for a research on urban transformation in Egypt.

## 5. Language skills:

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
French	Mother tongue	Mother tongue	Books and papers publication
Arabic	Newspaper and technical document	Fluent	Poor
English	Fluent	Confident	Reports and scientific papers

## 6. Publications:

- 2008, avec F. Moriconi-Ebrard, « Doublement de la population urbaine en Afrique de l'Ouest entre 1990 et 2020 », *La Chronique du CEPED*, n°56, [http://www.ceped.org/rubrique.php3?id\\_rubrique=22](http://www.ceped.org/rubrique.php3?id_rubrique=22)
- 2008, *Africapolis: Urbanization study in West Africa (1950-2020)*, With C. Chatel, D. Harre, F. Moriconi-Ebrard, M. Séjourné & O. Thiam, Online, Agence Française de Développement, <http://www.afd.fr/jahia/Jahia/Africapolis>
- 2008, "Cairo, between traces and liberalization". In *The city in the Islamic World*. Holod R., Jayyusi S., Petruccioli P. & Raymond A. eds., Brill Publishers, pp. 1041-1113  
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- 2008, "Desert: From Ghost Towns to Forbidden Cities" in *Desert City*, JRP|Ringier ed., Zürich, 2008, [http://www.jrp-ringier.com/pages/index.php\\_id\\_r=4&id\\_t=&id\\_p=15&id\\_b=1135&search=konrad&page=1&total=3](http://www.jrp-ringier.com/pages/index.php_id_r=4&id_t=&id_p=15&id_b=1135&search=konrad&page=1&total=3)
- 2008, "Inégalités régionales et rébellions au Soudan", in *Revue Outre-Terre - Pourquoi on meurt au Darfour* Issue, éd. Erès, n°20
- 2008, compte rendu: *Verdeil Eric, Faour Ghaleb et Velut Sébastien, Atlas du Liban, éd. CERMOC-CNRS Liban, 2007, 224 p., Revue des mondes musulmans et de la Méditerranée [En ligne]* <http://remmm.revues.org/document5783.html>
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- 2008, "Demographic Surprises Foreshadow Change in Neoliberal Egypt", *Middle East Report & Information Project*, Washington, n°246, p. 32-37, <http://www.merip.org/mer/mer246/mer246.html>
- 2007, *Villes et urbanisation des provinces égyptiennes*, édité et publié chez Karthala, 440 p., 13 articles et auteurs (200 pages signées ou cosignées)  
[http://books.google.fr/books?hl=fr&id=n1bXSsGA\\_owC&dq=Villes+et+urbanisation+des+provinces+%C3%A9gyptiennes+denis&printsec=frontcover&source=web&ots=0x7\\_f-D-rj&sig=la4AYQD6EQ-Btq-UHRRBx-UIeNs&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&resnum=4&ct=result](http://books.google.fr/books?hl=fr&id=n1bXSsGA_owC&dq=Villes+et+urbanisation+des+provinces+%C3%A9gyptiennes+denis&printsec=frontcover&source=web&ots=0x7_f-D-rj&sig=la4AYQD6EQ-Btq-UHRRBx-UIeNs&sa=X&oi=book_result&resnum=4&ct=result)
- 2007, 3 entries for the *Encyclopédie Universalis: Egypt, Nile and Cairo*
- 2007, « Les villes intermédiaires dans le Monde arabe. Genèse, maillage et dynamique », *Villes Intermédiaires dans le Monde arabe* (S.A. Souiah coord.), L'harmattan/Cahiers du Gremamo. n°19, pp. 11-54
- 2006, "From the Walled City to the Walled Community: Spectres of Risk, Enclaves of Affluence in Neo-liberal Cairo. *Cairo Cosmopolitan: Politics, Culture, and Urban Space in the New Middle East*, D. Singerman and P. Amar eds. Cairo - New York: The American University in Cairo Press, pp. 41-71.  
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- 2006, avec Leïla Vignal. "Cairo as Regional/Global Economic Capital?" *Cairo Cosmopolitan: Politics, Culture, and Urban Space in the New Middle East*, D. Singerman and P. Amar édés. Cairo - New York: The American University in Cairo Press, pp. 99-151
- 2006, « Risques et actualisation de l'écologie mégapolitaine. La figure emblématique des cités privées au Caire » *Coanus T., Pérouse J.-F. (dir.), Villes et risques. Regards croisés sur quelques cités « en danger »*, Economica/Anthropos, col. Géographie, pp. 168-198
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- 2005, « De quelques dimensions de Khartoum et de l'urbanisation au Soudan », *Lettre de l'Observatoire Urbain du Caire Contemporain*. Le Caire, CEDEJ, n°6/7, coordination du numéro: on-line: <http://www.cedej.org.eg/IMG/pdf/DossierKhartoum.pdf>
- 2004, with F. Moriconi-Ebrard and H. Bayoumi, 1 CD-Rom géographique documentaire : *Egypt: One Century Census*, Cairo: Central Bureau of Statistics and CEDEJ Research Centre
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- 2003, with M. Séjourné, "Le Caire, métropole privatisée", *Revue Urbanisme*, n°328, pp. 31-37
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- 2002, with L. Vignal, « Dimensions nouvelles de la métropolisation dans le Monde arabe : le cas du Caire ; Libéralisation, instabilité et recomposition de la forme urbaine », *Les Cahiers de la Méditerranée*, n°63, Université de Nice, on-line: <http://cdlm.revues.org/document.html?id=75>
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- 2001, *Access to Fresh Water, Clean Environment and Right to Urbanism Affiliation*, series n°14, Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies Group, Tohoku University, Japon, 137 p.
- 2000, with A. Bayat, "Who is afraid of ashwaiyyat? Urban change and politics in Egypt", *Environment & Urbanization*, vol.12, n°2, pp. 185-199, on-line: <http://eau.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/12/2/185?ck=nck>
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- 2000, "Le Caire, quand la ville déborde son enceinte". *Villes en Parallèle*, 2000, n°30/31, pp. 89-116
- 2000, with A. Waguih & F. Moriconi, *Greater Cairo Atlas 2000*, CEDEJ-GOPP (General Organization for Physical Planning, Egyptian Ministry of Housing), Cairo (Arabic & English)
- 2000, Actes en ligne du colloque *Représenter Istanbul*; « L'Atlas du Grand Caire-2000. Cadrer la totalité métropolitaine. Pour une intervention géographique », on-line: <http://www.ifea-istanbul.net/oui/col.html>
- 1999, with G. Alleaume, « Villes et campagnes d'Égypte à l'aube du XXe siècle : les temporalités divergentes des pays, des bourgs et des cités ». *Urbanités arabes. Mélanges offerts à B. Lepetit*. (Coord. J. Dakhli). Sindbad/Actes Sud
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- 1999, « Cent ans de localisation de la population chrétienne égyptienne : les éléments d'une distanciation entre citadins et villageois », *L'Astrolabe* n°2, Revue de l'Association Française pour l'Étude du Monde Arabe et Musulman.
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