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## Academic appointments

Post-doc in Rotterdam School of Management and Virtual Knowledge Studio	2008-2010
Honorary Visiting Research Fellow, City University London	2007-2008
Research and Teaching Temporary Position (“ATER”), Université Paris X Nanterre	2006-2007
Doctoral Fellowship (“Allocataire Moniteur Normalien”), Université Lumière Lyon 2	2003-2006
Lecturer of French, University of International Business and Economics in Beijing	2002-2003

## Education

Training in languages and softwares of social network analysis: <i>Network Workbench, GEPHI, Visone, SoNIA, Pajek, UCINET</i>	2009
PhD in Economics, Université Lumière Lyon 2, with highest honors “Economics and Biology in the United States (1950-1982): An Ambivalent Relationship” Joint supervision by Pr. Fontaine (ENS de Cachan & London School of Economics) and Pr. Potier (Université Lyon 2)	Feb. 2008
Visiting Student at the CPNSS, London School of Economics and Political Science	2007
Master in Economics (major: epistemology of economics), Université Paris I Panthéon	2002
B.A. in Modern Literature, Université Paris III Censier-Sorbonne Nouvelle	2002
Agrégation in Economics and Management Science	2001
Graduate from Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan, Economics and Management	1998-2002

## Refereed journal articles

“One Analogy Can Hide Another: Physics and Biology in Alchian’s ‘Economic Natural Selection’”, *History of Political Economy*, vol.41, n°1, 2009, pp. 163-181.

## Working papers

1. “Bridging the History of Sociobiology with Animal Social Behavior Studies”
2. “Natural Allies or Bitter Contestants? Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen and the Club of Rome”
3. “Wilson’s *Sociobiology* and its Reception in Economics, 1975-1982”
4. “Edith Penrose, McCarthyism and Social Darwinism : Two Lost Battles ?”
5. “Paul Samuelson and Alfred Lotka” (early stages of writing)

## Presentations to international conferences

“Were Biological Analogies in Economics a Bad Thing? A Micro-History of Edith Penrose during McCarthyism”, Annual Meeting of the History of Economics Society, Denver, CO, 25-28 June, 2009.

“Sociobiology before *Sociobiology*: Changing meanings (1945-1975)”, Joint Meeting of the British Society for the History of Science, the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, and the History of Science Society, Oxford, 4-6 July 2008.

“Natural Allies or Bitter Contestants? Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen and the Club of Rome”, Young Scholar session of the Annual Meeting of the History of Economics Society, Toronto, 27-30 June, 2008.

“The Biophysics of Alchian’s Economic Natural Selection”, Eleventh Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET), Strasbourg, 5-7 July, 2007.

“Wilson’s *Sociobiology* and its Reception in Economics”, Siena meetings in the History of Economics, 2d Workshop, Università di Siena, Certosa di Pontignano, November 26-27, 2004.

## Presentations to seminars

“Tensions in Neuroeconomics”, Virtual Knowledge Studio Seminar, Amsterdam, November 27, 2008.

“Neuroeconomics: First Impressions”, Virtual Knowledge Studio Autumn Plenary Session, Rotterdam, November 12, 2008.

“The Nine Lives of Altruism and Group Selection in Biology and Economics,” ANR Workshop on Altruism and Models of Rational Choice, EconomiX-Cachan, 23 May, 2008.

“Natural Allies or Bitter Contestants? Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen and the Club of Rome” Invited paper at the external seminar of the Economics Department, City University London, 16 April, 2008.

“One analogy can hide another: Physics and Biology in Alchian’s Economic Natural Selection”,  
Doctoral seminar, CPNSS – London School of Economics, May 31, 2007.

“Le débat Alchian / Penrose : la place des analogies biologiques en économie, 1950-1953,” Annual  
Meeting of PhD students of Université Lyon 2, 12 April, 2006.

“Uncertainty, Evolution, and Economic Theory’ (Alchian 1950): Origins of a Seminal Paper,”  
Presentation at a Seminar on Economics and Biology organized jointly by GREQUAM / le  
CREUSET, Aix-en-Provence, 13 September, 2005.

“1920-1950: Organicisme et biologie physique en économie,” First Meeting of graduate students in  
history and philosophy of sciences Lyon-Grenoble, Université Claude Bernard-Lyon I and INSA, 10  
June, 2005.

“Un bref aperçu des contacts entre économie et biologie, XVIII-XX siècles”, Seminar Construction  
des savoirs scientifiques : didactique, histoire et épistémologie, University Claude Bernard-Lyon I, 19  
October, 2004.

## Collaborative Projects (click to follow the links)

2008-2010

Erasmus Studio and Rotterdam School of Management

[Imaging Economic Brains](#)

2006-2009

EconomiX-Cachan (H2S): ANR Project

[The self-interest model and seemingly unselfish behavior in postwar social science](#)

Head: Pr. Philippe Fontaine

My contribution is to study how, in the post-war period, biological science provided a disputed  
reference in the debates taking place in social science over the nature of rationality and altruism.

2008 - to date:

Founder and co-writer, <http://neurobusiness.wordpress.com>

Co-writer, <http://historyofeconomics.wordpress.com>

## Grants and distinctions

Selected for the “Young Scholars Session” at the HES Annual Conference in Toronto, 4-6 July 2008,  
with the paper “Natural Allies or Bitter Contestants? Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen and the Club of  
Rome.”

Selected for the “Young Scholars Seminar” at the ESHET Annual Conference in Strasbourg, 5-7 July  
2007, with the paper “The Biophysics of Alchian’s Economic Natural Selection.”

Grant awarded by the Friends of the Princeton University Library for a stay in Summer 2006 at the  
Mudd Library for archival work.

"Marc C. Stevens Researcher Travel Fellowship" awarded by the Bentley Historical Library,  
University of Michigan at Ann Arbor for a stay in Summer 2006 for archival work.

Visiting scholar at the Economics Department of Duke University for archival work on the Economists's Papers Project, August 2006.

"Allocataire Moniteur Normalien": 3-year full doctoral scholarship awarded by the French Ministry of Education, 2003-2006.

## Affiliations

History of Science and Society Group (H2S)

History of Science Society (2003 - to date)

European Society for the History of Economic Thought (2007)

History of Economics Society (2008)

Society for Neuroeconomics (2008 – to date)

## Teaching experience

2009/2010 - Rotterdam School of Management  
Lecturer for “Neuroeconomics: How the Brain Makes Decision” (Minor, 15 ECTS), by Vasily Klucharev.

2008/2009 - Rotterdam School of Management  
Supervision of two Master’s thesis in Marketing Management.

2007/2008 - Visiting Lecturer at City University London  
Undergraduate: International Trade, Competition and Regulation, Intermediate Macroeconomics

2006/2007 - Teaching assistant at Université Paris X Nanterre, France  
Undergraduate: Introduction to Economics, Economic Analysis of Short-term Statistics

2003/2006 - Teaching assistant at Université Lyon 2, France  
Undergraduate: Macroeconomics, Asian Economies, International Economics, Corporate Finance

2002/2003 - French teacher at Institut Franco-Chinois de Formation au Management (IFCM) in Beijing, China.

## References

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