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## **EDUCATION**

*PhD in History and Civilizations, EHESS-Paris (2019).*

*Thesis dissertation :* Cross-cultural connections and knowledge construction in early modern era: Europe, Asia and the emergence of turcological knowledge in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.

*Supervisors:* Maurice Aymard, Center of Historical Studies (CRH) / Vincent Fourniau  
Center for Turkish, Ottoman, Balkan, and Central Asian Studies (CETOBAC).

*Master's Degree in History and Civilizations, EHESS-Paris.*

*University Diploma in Sociology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens.*

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Cross-cultural circulations, Transnational history of Oriental studies, History of Humanities, History of scholarly practices, History of Turcology, History of Area Studies.

## **COLLECTIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS**

*PRC PHILINTER - Philology and Interculturality, 2019-2020: Associated researcher*

Project partners: The French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) - Ministry of Science and Technology, Taiwan.

Project Principal Investigators: Pascale Rabault-Feuerhahn (CNRS) and Kevin Ku-Ming Chang (Academia Sinica, Taipei).

*ANR TRANSFAIRE. Matières à transférer. Espaces-temps d'une globalisation (post-)ottoman,*

The French National Research Agency (ANR), 2013-2016:

*Associated researcher.*

Project partners: Center for Turkish, Ottoman, Balkan, and Central Asian Studies (CETOBAC), French Institute for Anatolian Studies (IFEA).

## **RESEARCH POSITIONS**

Research Associate at Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation, Athens, since 2017.

Research Assistant, Foundation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH), Paris, 2002-2006.

Research Assistant, School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris, 2006-2009.

## **OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

*Associated Member, CETOBAC, EHESS-Paris.*

*Peer-reviewer, Proceedings of the 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the History of the language sciences, Paris, August 28-September 1, 2017), ICHoLS XIV.*

*Scientific Secretary, Association Pierre Belon / Foundation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH) / The French School at Athens (EFA), 2002-2009:*

Journal *Études Balkaniques* (De Boccard, Paris).  
*Scientific secretary*, International Association of South-East European Studies (AIESEE), 2002-2009.  
*Project Assistant*, National Monuments Centre (CMN) / International Association of South-East European Studies (AIESEE):  
Exhibition « Du Bosphore à l'Adriatique. Des photographes français découvrent les monuments des Balkans, 1878-1914 », Conciergerie, Paris (June 19-September 25, 2009).

## **DISTINCTIONS & AWARDS**

2-year Academic scholarship, Leventis Foundation, Paris.  
4-year PhD Fellowship, State Scholarships Foundation (IKY), Athens.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- “Literary Citizenship and Orientalist knowledge: Barthélemy d'Herbelot's *Bibliothèque orientale* (1697) and its re-editions in the Enlightenment period”, paper presented at the Literary Citizenship Conference, National Library of Norway, Oslo, September 25-27, 2019.
- “A study on the interactions between sinological and turcological knowledge during the 18th and the beginning of 19th century”, Workshop Paper, Philology and Comparative History of Cultures Oriental Studies in Europe and East Asia from the Eighteenth to the Twentieth Century, Institute of History of Philology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, April 26-27, 2019.
- “Exploring the intellectual origins of Panturkism”, paper presented at the International Conference Balkan Worlds IV: The ‘Great Ideas’ of the Balkans (18th-20<sup>th</sup> c.), University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, November 29-December 1, 2018.
- « Heinrich-Julius Klaproth entre Russie et France : circulations transnationales et pratiques de l'orientalisme savant au début du XIX<sup>e</sup> siècle », paper presented at the International Conference The Circulation of Linguistic and Philological Knowledge between Germany and the World 16th-20th c., Labex TransferS-SHESL-SLP, École normale supérieure, Paris, January 25-27, 2018.
- “Turcological Scholarship in 18th-century Europe”, paper presented at the International Conference TURKOLOGENTAG-Second European Convention on Turkic, Ottoman and Turkish Studies, University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany, September 14-17, 2016, panel: Toward a Transnational History of Turkish Studies (18th-20th Century), chair Emmanuel Szurek.
- « Aux origines sinologiques de la turcologie française », paper presented at the International Conference Matières à transférer. Espace-temps d'une globalisation (post)-ottomane, EHESS, Paris, September 7-9, 2016.
- « Sinological Origins of Turcology in 18th-century Europe », paper presented at the workshop Toward a Transnational History of Turkish Studies (18th-20th Century), French Institute for Anatolian Studies (IFEAS), Istanbul, February 18-19, 2016.

## **LANGUAGES**

Greek (Native), French (Fluent), English (Fluent), German (Intermediate), Turkish (Intermediate).