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**Fictions du pouvoir chinois • Fictions of the Chinese Power**  
**Révolution, normes et espace public à l’époque du modernisme**  
**Revolution, norms and public space at the time of modernism**  
**Sebastian VEG**

What are the links between fiction and power? With the 1911 revolution and the May 4th movement, the early 20th century in China is a privileged period to study the links between literary modernity and democratic claims. Confronting Chinese (Lu Xun, Lao She) and European works (Segalen, Kafka, Brecht) which question the legitimacy of new political forms, Sebastian Veg stresses the intertwining between fiction and the authorities and goes beyond the gap between “committed” literature and “pure” literature. This study also questions the place and status of fiction in the social field.

**November 2008. Collection “En temps & lieux”, N° 2**  
**ISBN 978-2-7132-2165-1**

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**Divins remèdes. Médecine et religion en Asie du sud**  
**Divine Remedies. Medicine and Religion in South Asia**  
**Ines G. ŽUPANOVIĆ & Caterina GUENZI (eds.)**

This book aims to fill a gap by studying the connections between medicine and religion on the Indian sub-continent. Although there have been many studies on medicine and on religion over the last two decades, the effort in analysing and interpreting has rarely concerned their interaction. With its large number of peoples and its impressive corpus of erudite traditions, India especially lends itself to such consideration.

**ISBN 978-2-7132-2167-5**
Forthcoming titles for 2008

**Chroniques d’une ascension sociale**
*Chronicles of Upward Social Mobility*

**Exercice de la parenté chez de grands officiers (xviie-xviiie siècles)**
*The exercise of kinship among some high officers (16th-17th centuries)*

Claire CHATELAIN

Claire Chatelain retraces the itinerary of each of the actors in a rich and as yet unseen saga, analysing its collective mechanism. How does a family group build its economic power, its specific identity and its coherence from one generation to the next?

For the sake of contributing to the social history of elites in the Modern Times, the author has unveiled a varied ensemble of archives, which hold unexpected data. These documents give access to a true crisis of the family institution, with individuals gradually assuming greater importance.

To be released in the fall 2008. Collection “En temps & lieux”, N° 3

Genealogy, diagrams, graphs, maps, tables, plates, chronology, glossary, sources, bibliography, index • ISBN 978-2-7132-2164-4

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**Ce que le genre fait aux personnes**
*The Sexual Dimension in Social Life*

Irène THÉRY & Pascale BONNEMÈRE


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**La roue de la fortune**
*Baptised Jews: Lombard Moneylenders in the Netherlands*

Le destin d’une famille d’usuriers lombards à l’aube des temps modernes

Myriam GREILSAMMER

Collection “En temps & lieux”

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**Reliques dans l’espace de l’Europe moderne**
*Relics in the Modern European Space*

Philippe BOUTRY, Pierre-Antoine FABRE & Dominique JULIA
Pèlerinages et nationalisme en Palestine
Pilgrimages and Nationalism in Palestine
Emma AUBIN-BOLTANSKI

Between 1997 and 2000, the Palestinian Authority gave life back to two Muslim pilgrimages in the West Bank. Although they are labelled as religious, these festivals have become places of national feeling and have turned into symbols of a rediscovered, united Palestine. These pilgrimages also reveal the various tensions of the Palestinian society.

In this book, the author explores these fractures, paying attention to practices, discourses and representations. Revisiting the pilgrimage, she reveals the processes of identity construction. She conducted her research in Palestine in the years 1998-2003. An outside observer to begin with, she acquired an intermediary kind of status during her observations and meetings in holy places. It is therefore with some inner insight that she has grasped the meaning of pilgrimages and, through them, the Palestinian society.

330 pages + 16 pages of illustrations, index, maps

La liberté au prisme des capacités
Freedom in the Prism of Capabilities
Amartya Sen au-delà du libéralisme
Beyond liberalism: Amartya Sen
Jean De MUNCK & Bénédicte ZIMMERMANN (eds.)

Awarded the Nobel Prize in 1998, Amartya Sen is the leading founding father of the “capabilities approach”, which criticizes utilitarianism and questions the role of public politics. His works shake up the established acceptation of economic freedom. Today’s intellectual and political situation lends itself especially to such discussion. The authors examine the concepts and principles of this innovative approach. The book also features the translation of a text on human rights by Amartya Sen.

2008. Collection “Raisons pratiques”, N° 18 • 334 pages
**Faits d’école • School Facts**
François DUBET

A sociologist specialised in education, François Dubet concerns himself with the way school is inserted into society, and what it does to individuals, beyond the sole criteria of performances and academic background. The author presents a clear picture of the school system from primary to secondary school, notably the transfers, problems, issues and choices people are confronted with.
Breaking from the neutral standpoint of the researcher, F. Dubet calls for commitment in the sociology of education and consideration for the experience of pupils and their teachers.

2008. Collection “Cas de figure”, N° 6
ISBN 978-2-7132-2166-8 • Price: 16 €

**Naturalisme versus constructivisme? • Naturalism vs Constructivism?**
Michel DE FORNEL and Cyril LEMIEUX (eds.)

A topical challenge for social sciences lies in considering phenomena—whether social constructions or natural realities—in a non-binary fashion. This book offers several possible ways, among them an unpublished re-reading of Durkheim.
It aims to shed light on the different manners in which a growing number of researchers are trying to transcend the opposition between constructivism and naturalism, and integrate into one what is unknown of the other. To mention just a few: the social-empiricist approach, “pragmatic” sociology, cultural naturalism, as well as P. Descola’s approach.
Likewise, the rereading of Durkheim’s *Elementary Forms of Religious Life* can give social sciences a model to take up the challenge that naturalism and evolutionism lead them to confront in life sciences.

2007. Collection “Enquête”, N° 6 • 334 pages • Index, abstracts
Le gouvernement de soi et des autres
The Governance of Self and Others
Cours au Collège de France (1982-1983)
Lecture at the Collège de France (1982-1983)
Michel FOUCAULT

This lecture given in 1983 is especially precious, as the studies it contains were never published while Foucault was alive. The question he raises here is: what self-governance must be laid down both as the basis and the limit of the governance of others?

In this lecture, Foucault places himself at the heart of a philosophical heritage, and problematizes the status of his own word. Indeed, he goes back to the bedrock of the forgotten ethics of Athenian democracy, starting up research on the notion of parrēia (speaking the truth, outspokenness). He extends it to the way the philosophical discourse in the West builds a fundamental part of its identity on the will for the governance of self and others, which was already at the heart of Kant’s questioning about Enlightenment as Foucault had understood it.

Price: 27 € • Foreign rights: Le Seuil

La fin de la pauvreté ? • The End of Poverty?
Les experts sociaux en guerre contre la pauvreté aux États-Unis (1945-1974)
Social experts at war against poverty in the U.S.A. (1945-1974)
Romain HURET

Is it possible to eliminate poverty permanently? Romain Huret leads an inquiry on the War on Poverty programme developed by the administrations of the Democrat presidents John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, and innovatively extended by the Republican president Richard Nixon.

Stemming from a questioning about the place of poverty in our contemporary societies, this work sheds new light on the present crisis of the social system, raising the question of the role of experts and the delicate relationships between the intelligentsia and politicians. Taking up the case of civil servants, the author proposes an original social history of the American state and its institutions.

2008. Collection “En temps & lieux”, N°1 • 240 pages
ISBN 978-2-7132-2162-0 • Price: 21 €
La monnaie dévoilée par ses crises • Currency Revealed through its Crises
Vol I. Crises monétaires d’hier et d’aujourd’hui • Monetary Crises of Yesterday and Today
Vol II. Crises monétaires en Allemagne et en Russie au xxᵉ siècle
Monetary Crises in Germany and Russia in the 20th century
Bruno THERET (ed.)

Times of monetary crises are appropriate moments to grasp not only the economic aspect but also the political, social and symbolic dimensions of currencies, which reveal their essence as a social construction.

Beyond a rich description of monetary crises (spanning three continents and 25 centuries), the authors—historians and economists—stress the institutional, political and symbolic character of currency. They bring out a morphology of these crises that gives an account of their complexity. They thus put to the test of facts the theoretical hypotheses that have made currency a relationship of trust. Each book makes up a whole and can therefore be read independently from the other.

Index by theme, tables, charts • ISBN 978-2-7132-2118-7 • Price: 29 €

Index by theme, tables, charts • ISBN 978-2-7132-2119-4 • Price: 23 €
History seems to speak for itself. Yet to talk about “the obviousness of history” immediately raises doubt as to whether it is so evident after all. Since Herodotus had recourse to “historia” (as a procedure to replace vision that was bestowed on the inspired poet by his muse), history has become a matter of eyes and sight and historians have been working on the division between visible and invisible. Obviousness is the main thread of this book that questions the status of historical accounts, the writing of history and the figure of the historian, both amongst the Ancients and the Moderns, spanning the Ancient Mediterranean to late 20\textsuperscript{th} century France.

“… It seems to me that a historian is someone for whom history always remains surprising and never becomes evident (taken for granted or official).”

2005. Collection “Cas de figure”, N\textdegree{} 5 • 285 pages • Index
ISBN 2-7132-2069-6 • Price: 16 €

Likely to be interpreted in many contradictory ways, the ostensive function attributed to historical narratives became the subject of a debate starting in the Greek and Roman period. The issue was no less than the status of history. Unravelling the strings of this old debate comes down to renewing with a questioning that has never ceased to be topical: what do we see when people make us “see” history, and what does the historian do, the one who makes us “see” it?

2007. Collection “Contextes” • 320 pages • Index
Price: 36 € • Foreign Rights: Vrin
**Penser par cas • Thinking by Cases**  
Jean-Claude PASSERON & Jacques REVEL (eds.)  

What is thinking by cases? How does one reason and to what extent can one generalize when starting from the description of singular configurations? This long-neglected subject has now found its pertinence. The reader is invited to build up his own collection of prototypes or ideal types to “form his personal conviction through his own work” as Freud put it. There is no operating shortcut or mechanical equivalence in the progression from one particular case to another.  
ISBN 2-7132-2024-6 • Price: 27 €

**Pratiques de la description**  
The Practices of Description  
Giorgio BLUNDO & Jean-Pierre OLIVIER DE SARDAN (eds.)  

After the post-modern wave of the eighties, there has been a return to description. Taking into account the daily reality of descriptive practices in history, anthropology and sociology, this book deals with the concrete forms used for describing space and time from one discipline to the next. It tackles the descriptive procedures specific to social sciences, such as the “descriptions of others” that social science researchers use as their source or research topic.  
2003. Collection “Enquête”, N° 3 • 224 pages • Index  
ISBN 2-7132-1788-1 • Price: 22 €
Methodology of The Social Sciences

L’argumentation • Argumentation
Preuve et persuasion • Proof and Persuasion
Michel de FORNEL & Jean-Claude PASSERON (eds.)

The issue of the controversies linked to the foundations of the social sciences was to distinguish arguments coming under the logic of proof or under the rhetoric of persuasion. The development of the language sciences, along with the redefinition of rhetoric now provide other instruments with which to measure the weight of enunciation in everyday and scientific languages. The studies brought together here aim to identify the characteristic operations in administering proof in social sciences.

2002. Collection “Enquête”, N° 2 • 192 pages • Index
ISBN 2-7132-1423-8 • Price: 18 €

Les usages politiques du passé
The Political Utilisation of the Past
François HARTOG & Jacques REVEL (eds.)

That the past lends itself to being used politically is attested to by the entire history of historiography. Then why is the concern about the manipulation of the past always more insistent –as can be seen with the recent quarrel amongst German historians about the meaning of Nazism and the current one on Communism? Based on a number of current topics, this book is a reflection on our historiographic present and the numerous ways it is used politically.

2001. Collection “Enquête”, N° 1 • 206 pages • Index
ISBN 2-7132-1405-X • Price: 20 €
Qu’est ce qu’une discipline ? • What is a Discipline?
Jean BOUTIER, Jean-Claude PASSERON & Jacques REVEL (eds.)

What is the meaning of the boundaries marked by history to delimit scientific “disciplines”? What use is there in classifying them within a unified system? The history of sciences has always complicated the horizontal divisions between disciplines, while the latter have been increasing vertically. Today, this irenic picture of an epistemological space embedded in a “system of disciplines” has been drastically shaken.

2005. Collection “Cahiers de L’Homme”, N° 37 • 228 pages
ISBN 2-7132-2066-1 • Price: 24 €

Anthropologie et psychanalyse
Anthropology and Psychoanalysis
Regards croisés • Reciprocal Views
Patrice BIDOU, Jacques GALINIER & Bernard JUILLERAT (eds.)

At the start of psychoanalitic anthropology there is the consideration of the fantasmatic reality in the reciprocal constructions of the subject and cultural works. The physical and psychic bodies of both sexes thus make up the passage way between the universality of human desire and the singularity of civilisations. The extremely close connection between the individual who desires and the establishment of social rules is the leitmotiv of this book.

Specialists in both disciplines, the authors propose an exchange of viewpoints between anthropology and psychoanalysis.

2005. Collection “Cahiers de L’Homme”, N° 37 • 228 pages
ISBN 2-7132-2066-1 • Price: 24 €
The History of Thought

Le cercle méthodologique de Moscou (1954-1989)  
The Moscow Methodology Circle (1954-1989)  
Une pensée, une pratique • One Thought, One Practice  
Svetlana TABATCHNIKOVA

The Moscow Methodology Circle, founded by Russian academics and intellectuals, was a unique experience in the Communist regime. This book, the first analysis of this network, sheds light on the “grey zones” of the Soviet regime, the spaces of semi-freedom that existed in the midst of the totalitarian system.


Inscrire et effacer • Writing and Erasing  
Culture écrite et littérature (XIe-XVIIIe siècle)  
Written Culture and Literature (11th-18th century)  
Roger CHARTIER

The fear of erasing obsessed European societies during the first modernity, and writings had the mission to conjure this obsessive fear of loss. Paradoxically, the excess of writing was perceived as a risk as serious as its opposite.

It is the multiple relationships between writing and erasing, between lasting traces and ephemeral writings that this books aims to elucidate, studying the way they have been put in literature in some works. How do these works make what is written the very matter of writing?

It is therefore a question of crossing the history of written culture and the sociology of texts, as well as approaching the relationships between literary creation and the materialities of writing.

2005. Collection “Hautes Études” (Gallimard/Le Seuil) • 209 pages • Index  
ISBN 2-02-081580-X • Price: 22 € • Foreign rights: Le Seuil
The History of Thought

Machiavel, conflit et liberté
Machiavelli, conflict and freedom
Serge AUDIER

Was Machiavelli the malevolent initiator of a cynical, “machiavelic” vision of power? Was he the precursor of political science or a major figure of modern republicanism? This book offers a different reading of the Florentine, centred on the thematics of political and social conflicts. The main thread of this study is what would be called the French Machiavellian movement, led by Aron, Merleau-Ponty and Lefort. The challenge is to consider the relationship between republicanism and liberalism in a different way. This is done by exploring the –still topical– resources of a political thought that confers on conflicts a key role in the advent of liberty.

Raymond Aron Prize, 2001 • 2005. Collection “Contextes” • 311 pages
Bibliography, index • ISBN EHESS 2-7132-2075-0

Le principe d’obligation • The Principle of Obligation
Sur une aporie de la modernité politique
On an aporia of political modernity
Bruno BERNARDI

Is the crisis in social links the consequence of a weakening of the feeling of obligation? This essay shows how the question of duty is the same from Bodin to Rousseau: how can one compel a free will? The natural-right school –which human rights doctrines have inherited from– bases political obligation on moral obligation. Rousseau reverses this presupposition: the bond of duty is not given but has to be constructed, and its basis is political. This is what causes its precariousness. Indeed, how can the exercise of political freedom be made the source of the social link?

La preuve par la Chine • Proof by China
La « Description » de J.-B. Du Halde, jésuite, 1735
The «Description» by J-B Du Halde, Jesuit, 1735
Isabelle LANDRY-DERON

In his catalogue of writers from the century of Louis the XIVth, under the headword “Jean-Baptiste Du Halde”, Voltaire wrote: “Although he never left Paris and did not speak Chinese, he has provided the best and largest description of the Chinese empire that we have throughout the world.” This study focuses on the image of China in Europe in 1735, the date of publication of “A Geographical, Historical, Chronological, Political and Physical Description of the Chinese Empire and Chinese Tartary”. This book has often been mentioned as a landmark of the Age of Enlightenment. It was the final stage of the Chinese Rites Controversy, too long neglected in the history of ideas.


◆ The Lectures of Michel Foucault

Naissance de la biopolitique • The Birth of Biopolitics
Cours au Collège de France (1978-1979)
Lecture at the Collège de France (1978-1979)
Michel FOUCAULT
Published by M. Senellart under the general editorship of F. Ewald & A. Fontana

After showing how political economy in the 18th century marked the birth of a new governmental reason, Michel Foucault set about analyzing the forms of this liberal “gouvernmentality”. It is a matter of describing the political rationality inside which the specific problems of life and population have been put forward. “Studying liberalism as the general framework of biopolitics.”

2004. Collection “Hautes Études” (Gallimard/Le Seuil) • 384 pages Index • ISBN 2-02-032401-6 • Price: 25 € • Foreign rights: Le Seuil
Sécurité, territoire, population
Security, Territory, Population
Cours au Collège de France (1977-1978)
Lecture at the Collège de France (1977-1978)
Michel FOUCAULT
Published by M. Senellart under the general editorship of F. Ewald & A. Fontana

Taking as a starting point the problem of bio-power, introduced in Il faut défendre la société (Society Must be Defended), Foucault moves the horizon of his lecture. It is no longer about the history of the mechanisms of security –temporarily moving into the background– but about the genealogy of the modern State, through the systems implemented in the West to ensure the “government of men”.

2004. Collection “Hautes Études” (Gallimard/Le Seuil) • 432 pages
Index • ISBN 2-02-030799-5 • Price: 25 € • Foreign rights: Le Seuil

Le pouvoir psychiatrique • Psychiatric Power
Cours au Collège de France (1973-1974)
Lecture at the Collège de France (1973-1974)
Michel FOUCAULT
Published by J. Lagrange under the general editorship of F. Ewald & A. Fontana

L’histoire de la folie à l’âge classique (A History of Insanity in the Age of Reason) was an archeological inquiry on the divisions between the sane and insane in our societies. It stopped with the medicalization of madness in the early 19th century. The lecture that Michel Foucault devoted to psychiatric power in late 1973 and early 1974 is an extension of this undertaking. The question here is drawing up up the genealogy of the power-knowledge of psychiatry, which stems from the disciplinary mechanisms of the regime imposed on madness.

2003. Collection “Hautes Études” (Gallimard/Le Seuil) • xii-399 pages
Index • ISBN 2-02-030769-3 • Price: 25 € • Foreign rights: Le Seuil
The History of Thought

L’herméneutique du sujet • The Hermeneutics of the Subject
Cours au Collège de France (1981-1982)
Lecture at the Collège de France (1981-1982)
Michel FOUCAULT
Published by F. Gros under the general editorship of F. Ewald & A. Fontana

In this lecture, Michel Foucault presents an inquiry on the notion of the “care of the self” which, much more than the famous “know thyself”, has organized the practices of philosophy. The issue is to show what techniques, what procedures and what historical aims come into play for the self-formation of an ethical subject within a determined relation to the self. Describing the ancient mode of subjectivisation, Michel Foucault also shows the precariousness of the modern one. By rereading the Ancients, he allows us to ask ourselves questions about our identity as a modern subject. He then shows us the historicity of what could seem most ahistorical: the manner in which, as subjects, we relate to ourselves.

2001. Collection “Hautes Études” (Gallimard/Le Seuil) • 545 pages • Index
ISBN 2-02-030800-2 • Price: 24,39 € • Foreign rights: Le Seuil

Les anormaux • Abnormal
Cours au Collège de France (1974-1975)
Lecture at the Collège de France (1974-1975)
Michel FOUCAULT
Published by V. Marchetti and A. Salomoni under the general editorship of F. Ewald & A. Fontana

Starting from multiple sources –theological, legal and medical– Michel Foucault endeavours to isolate and define the group of “abnormal” individuals. Going back to the cases of crimes committed by so-called “monsters”, which brought about criminal psychiatry, this lecture provides us with a study of forensic examinations. Foucault also presents the working plans of unfinished works or abandoned projects, such as one devoted to confession and spiritual advice in the modern age.

1999. Collection “Hautes Études” (Gallimard/Le Seuil) • 368 pages • Index
ISBN 2-02-030798-7 • Price: 24,80 € • Foreign rights: Le Seuil
This book launched the publication of the lectures given by Michel Foucault—who occupied the chair on “The History of Thought Systems”—at the Collège de France. The philosopher ponders over the pertinence of the war model to analyse relations of power. He defines two forms of power: disciplinary power applied to the body via surveillance techniques and punitive institutions, and what he now calls bio-power, exerted on the population, life and the living.

1997. Collection “Hautes Études” (Gallimard/Le Seuil) • 272 pages • Index
ISBN 2-02-023169-7 • Price: 21,34 € • Foreign rights: Le Seuil
Anthropology

Terrains et destins de Maurice Leenhardt
Maurice Leenhardt: Domains and Destinies
Michel Naepeels, Christine Salomon (eds.)

This book sheds light on the production of ethnographic knowledge, the relationship between colonization, missions and anthropological problematizing, and on European Christianity. Close to Lucien Lévy-Bruhl and Marcel Mauss—a colonial reformist of humanistic inspiration, Maurice Leenhardt took part in the movement that institutionalized ethnology in France in the thirties. For a better understanding of this period in the history of New Caledonia, it is necessary to restore the importance of Leenhardt’s missionary project. Indeed, this project directed his theoretical interests—i.e. studying mentalities in order to convert people—his problematizing—centred on individuals, family and religion—and his “ethnographic” or educational practices.

2007. Collection “Cahiers de L’Homme”, No 39 • 166 pages
ISBN 978-2-7132-2115-6 • Price: 16 €

Terrains sensibles • Sensitive Areas
Expériences actuelles de l’anthropologie
Present-day Experiences in Anthropology
Florence Bouillon, Marion Fresia & Virginie Tallio (eds.)

How can researchers approach what is known as sensitive areas? This term refers to spaces (ghettos, squats, camps, etc.) and social conditions (undocumented migrants, the homeless, refugees, etc.) that the establishment defines as exceptional, deviant and/or illegal. These fields are also sensitive in that they are a matter of crucial social-critical issues, and they bring about a strong social demand. The question of the modalities of involvement for the researcher is at the core of the contributors’ preoccupations in this book.

2005. Collection “Dossiers africains”. Published by the Centre d’études africaines of the EHESS • 208 pages • ISBN 2-912915-03-1 • Price: 10 €
The end of the 20th century was marked by much critical feedback on cultural and social anthropology. The introspective look on the formal and rhetorical procedures of the anthropological representation of other peoples’ cultures has led to the search for new approaches. It has also resulted in the construction of transverse objects connected with the foundations of cultural and social anthropology. The anthropopoiesis outlined here takes up the portrayals of humans: as components of civilization, they cross cultures and contribute information to anthropological approaches.

358 pages • Bibliography • ISBN 2-7132-1790-3 • Price: 25 €

This slightly provocative question stresses the anthropological perspective that researchers have chosen here in order to address the question of interculturality and alterity in the Greek and Roman world. It is a matter of understanding how the Romans were able to define themselves as such while referring to an ideal, imaginary Greece, itself culturally defined.

ISBN 2-7132-2068-8 • Price: 60 €
Les structures élémentaires de la parenté
The Elementary Structures of Kinship
Claude LÉVI-STRAUSS

In this trail-blazing masterpiece of French structuralism, Claude Lévi-Strauss tries to explain systems of kinship and union, exploring the whole range of their diversity and the strangeness of their institutions. For this he uses a sole principle: exchange. He considers exchange as the manifestation of the fundamental structural constants of the human mind. These can also be perceived in other cultural sub-systems and, in a more evident way, in language. This book was the first major result of the author’s long research, which was to lead him towards the fields of language classification systems and mythology.

Published by Mouton de Gruyter (distribution: Éditions de l’EHESS)
xxx-591 pages • ISBN 3-11-017354-9 • Price: 29,95 €

Foreign rights: Walter de Gruyter

Tribus et basses castes • Tribes and Low Castes
Résistance et autonomie dans la société indienne
Resistance and Autonomy in Indian Society
Marine CARRIN & Christophe JAFFRELOT (eds.)

This book is centered on the groups that have been rejected for decades by traditional sociology. To what extent can one define an autonomous sphere of action and subaltern thought outside the dominant class’ field of influence? Does this autonomous sphere bring about daily resistance challenging the hierarchical vision of the caste society?

376 pages • Maps, bibliography, illustrations • ISBN 2-7132-1787-3
Price: 34 €
La question identitaire en Asie du Sud  
*The Question of Identity in South Asia*  
_Histoire, culture et politique* • History, Culture and Politics_  
Jean-Luc Racine (ed.)

The partition of India in 1947, the partition of Pakistan in 1971, the secessionism of the Tamil Tigers in Sri Lanka, regionalism turning into armed fighting in several Indian states, inter-religious conflicts and sectarian divisions, language claims, the upsurge of Hindu nationalism as well as caste movements –identity tensions have left their mark on South Asian history in the last fifty years. This book challenges the essentialist approach that locks men and communities into stereotypes conducive to all possible manipulations. It stresses how, in an extraordinarily diverse sub-continent, identitary figures build and intersect –by superposition, entanglement and shifts in the sense of belonging.

406 pages • Bibliography, illustrations • ISBN 2-7132-1381-9  
Price: 30 €

Rites hindous • *Hindu Rites*  
_Transferts et transformations* • *Transfers and Transformations*  
Gérard Colas & Gilles Tarabout (eds.)

The rite is often emptied of historicity, not only for its participants but also for many analysts who detect, in rites, archaisms that are not longer to be found in other social activities. These studies offer to give back to Hindu rites their double social and historical dimension, paying particular attention to their circulation and their adjustments in space, society and time. Rites are envisaged here as objects of imitation, borrowings, modifications, reorganization and language strategies, a prestigious term being sometimes applied to rites that actually differ significantly from what is claimed as a “model”.

504 pages • Colour illustrations • ISBN 2-7132-2074-2 • Price: 45 €
Afro-Cuban religions are now coming back to the fore. In Havana, these traditions coexist, distinct yet connected with one another, forming an original religious complex made of competition and cooperation. Initiatory, divinatory and sacrificial practices vary with the relationships that the living have with the gods and the dead. They also vary according to the way sexual difference has structured the religious space. These practices are not exclusively based on rite and orality; written texts have proven to be a central element in the plan to pass on these traditions from one generation to the next. This study contributes to a better understanding of the constant inventiveness in the Afro-Cuban religious tradition.
Social epistemology is an analysis of the social dimension of knowledge. Its starting point is the observation that many phenomena are only known to us via others. Yet that knowledge not only has direct sources to which the subject himself has access, but also indirect sources based on the trust or authority granted to others. This book presents an ensemble of research studies representative of these various concerns. They have in common that they acknowledge the specificity of the idea of norms of knowledge and, as to conceiving the social dimension of knowledge, that they keep away from radical forms of holism for which social groups are entities sui generis.


A fundamental aspect of pragmatism is the acknowledgement of the social formation of the mind and of society having preceded the self. The study of forms of pragmatism—by Pierce, Dewy, James and Mead—helps clear up many current problems in such fields as the philosophy of sciences, moral and political theory, the analysis of action, religious anthropology, cognitive sciences, artificial intelligence, etc.

Le métier de sociologue • The Craft of Sociology
Préalables épistémologiques • Epistemological Preliminaries
Pierre BOURDIEU, Jean-Claude CHAMBOREDON & Jean-Claude PASSERON

The Craft of Sociology is both a handbook on and an assessment of sociological methodology. It is meant to set up a theory of empirical sociology giving primacy to construction. The texts illustrating this thesis pertain to both the social sciences and the philosophy of sciences.

“This is precisely what the craft of the sociologist is about—a theory of sociological construction of the object, converted into habitus.”

This 5th edition also includes an interview with Pierre Bourdieu by Beate Krais.

2005. 5th édition (First published in 1968) • 360 pages • Index
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L’invention de la société • The Invention of Society
Nominalisme politique et science sociale au XVIIIe siècle
Political Nominalism and Social Science in the 18th century
Laurence KAUFMANN & Jacques GUILHAUMOU (eds.)

It seems surprising to speak of the “invention” of society, yet society is actually a social-historical creation. The intellectual matrix of this invention is a nominalist metaphysics that asserted itself in political discourses and practices during the late 18th century. Individuals become the primary terms of an association that garanties their independence while extending their liberty within a form of reciprocical dependence. The idea of a “science of the social”, a corollary of this invention, is closely linked with the emergence of ideology. Henceforth, it will have to justify in reason the institutions and significations of the social world.

This work presents the range of options available when analysis forces us to modify our explanations of human actions, our descriptions of interior or subjective life, and our justification of some of our great moral systems, so long as we accept to question the traditional –generally “naïve”– conceptions of emotion.


Durkheim and Mauss conceived inquiries about categories as a natural component of the sociology of knowledge, distinct from the study of the forms of classification. Today, the question of categories has surfaced again, arousing deep interest from those in cognitive sciences. It is also a concern for those who are alive to the language dimension of social phenomena. Lastly, it concerns theoreticians of the “social construction of reality”. Yet, as the notion of category is especially equivocal, contemporary investigation on categories make up quite a heterogenous field. A large part of these research works falls under the framework of a representational theory of the human being.

**Maladies industrielles et renouveau syndical au Japon**  
**Industrial Diseases and Trade Union Renewal in Japan**  
**Paul Jobin**

Are there “eco-friendly” workmen who take into account the environmental threat that their factory represents? To what extent is the prevention of industrial risks minimized by threats of unemployment and hushed up or taken over by petty political interests? Working from a lawsuit about atmospheric pollution in the region of Tokyo as a point of departure and making use of archives and interviews on the Minamata disease, this book presents itself as a search for trade unionism able to face these issues truthfully.

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**Les intermittents du spectacle**  
**Intermittant Cultural Workers in France**  
**Sociologie d’une exception • The sociology of an exception**  
**Pierre-Michel Menger**

In France, the development of the performing arts, cinema, television and radio has been based on an enigmatical social and cultural exception: a contractual, high flexibility of employment going hand in hand with equally flexible unemployment insurance. Here are the paradoxes: employment rises, yet unemployment rises even faster; the social conflict is tremendous, yet employers sympathize with their employees; reforms have been attempted for twenty-five years, yet none have been successful; accusations of abuse have come from everywhere, yet there is a general denial of responsibility.

Based on new original data, Pierre-Michel Menger clarifies and explains the permanence of the conflict. Beyond a precise, detailed description, there is the suggestion of a possible scenario for reform. The author fully takes part in current discussions, goes and meets performing art professionals and is very much called upon by the various protagonists in the conflict.

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Le travail à-côté • Work on the Side
Étude d’ethnographie ouvrière
An ethnographic study of the working class
Florence WEBER

What do working men do in their free time? This study was conducted in Montbard (Côte-d’Or, Burgundy) in the eighties, revealing a working class culture at its peak, with men living within 20 km from their work place—a large steel factory then protected from the crisis—while most women were unemployed. The male world was organised around their “jobs-on-the-side”, representing another space, freed from the constraints of both factory and home and abounding in occupations for themselves and their families. These other activities helped them supplement their income at the cost of overworking, at the limits of illegality. Whether they represented a dream of self-employment or a way for them to express proficiencies otherwise negated, these hard-working tasks enabled them to avert feeling imprisoned in the factory.

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Le souci des autres • The Concern about Others
Éthique et politique du care • The Ethics and Politics of Care
Sandra LAUGIER & Patricia PAPERMAN (eds.)

American publications on the ethics of care and its relationships with the ethics of justice have been—sarcastically—compared to a veritable industry. The indifference of French academics and feminists vis-à-vis such an important intellectual movement is therefore quite odd. Now seems to be the right time to present the ethics of care and bring to the fore the reasons for such resistance. It is indeed because of the provocative dimension in the very idea of an ethics of care that this ethics is both difficult to assimilate and vulnerable. The trivial issues brought about by the morals of care—who takes care of what, and how—question the universality of the liberal conception of justice, set in a dominant position in the field of political and moral thinking. They also transform the very nature of moral questioning.

Les formes de l'action collective
The Forms of Collective Action
Mobilisation dans les arènes publiques
Mobilisation in Public Arenas
Daniel Cefaï & Danny Trom (eds.)

Over the last decades, the analysis of collective action has been dominated by models designed according to a central term: the mobilization of resources. Admittedly, the sociology of “new social movements” has offered other explanations. Yet it has shown its limits in accounting for several important dimensions of collective action, such as: the work on signification, the setting up of public causes, the diagnostics of situations and the sustainable organization of collectives, along with the motivation behind their members’ involvement. The “analysis of frames” – referring to Erving Goffman’s book *Frame Analysis* – represents a recent attempt at filling these gaps. This book presents and discusses the tools of this analysis.

Price: 21 €

Les sombres précurseurs • Dark Precursors
Une sociologie pragmatique de l’alerte et du risque
A Pragmatic Sociology of Alert and Danger
Francis Chateauraynaud & Didier Torny

Studying the processes through which “alarm-bell ringers” strive to make a danger acknowledged, this book questions our categories of action and decision.
Amongst actions openly turned towards others, cries of alarm have a prominent place. Three cases, developed in detail, illustrate the problematics of alert: the asbestos issue, marked by a ‘silent’ period that lasted 15 years, the question of radioactivity, which will never cease to be in the news, and finally the prion disease threat, whose spectacular development with the mad cow crisis bears witness to the invention of new forms of vigilance to face the risks of a networked world.

During the post WWII period, health gradually became one of the main objectives of a society that was then in full economic growth. It was the doctors’ word that was considered legitimate. They often had triumphalist views and, in total good faith, refuted other ways of thinking. Later, at the time of the investigation related in this book, many doctors would still stick to this attitude of condescending leniency. This book was amongst the very first works presenting the autonomous views of the patients. It is an important landmark in a history that has seen the rise of patients’ opinions, followed by a formal acknowledgement of their rights and changes in the status of medical expertise.


How do state intervention and social regulation regarding the body bring about new forms of biopolitics? The governance of bodies is now emerging on a variety of scenes: education and repression for the use of tobacco, distribution of medicine for impotency, transfer of treatments from hospital to family, regulation of pregnancy termination and death management. Also included are: controlling prostitution, laying down domestic norms, administrating the daily life of prisoners, normalizing the conduct of poor people and migrants etc. How do our societies take up such issues as the body, life and living? How do they define their limits and their legitimate use? How do they build their representations and practices?

Politics and Powers

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An Atlas of the French Revolution
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Le nombre et la raison • The Number and The Reason
La Révolution française et les élections
Elections and the French Revolution
Patrice Gueniffey
Preface by François Furet

This book takes up a subject long neglected by historians: the moment when people vote and become citizens.
The election principle was at the heart of the French Revolution as the symbol of the appropriation of sovereignty by the people, as the legitimate and natural means for the governance of the people by themselves, and as the instrument helping to achieve the transparency of people and power. However, while voting forms a central element of the revolutionary political image, none of the many consultations of that time was a turning point, a milestone in the course of the Revolution. This book enables us to understand the paradox of a principle celebrated as a universal right, yet which did not generate any actual enthusiasm, and whose consequences were limited.
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**La construction des savoirs africanistes en France, 1878-1930**
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Emmanuelle SibueD

The Musée d’Ethnographie du Trocadéro was founded in Paris in 1878, a date that corresponds with the first great exploratory missions in Africa. Fifty years later, the Dakar-Djibouti mission travelled across and made an inventory of French-dominated Africa. This contributed to the reorganization of the ethnographic museum, which became the Musée de l’Homme, and to the setting up of an autonomous science of Africa. From one step to the other, the assertion of Africanism was long and eventful.

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Movements, Networks and Social Groups

**L’invention du barreau français**
*The Invention of the French Bar*

**La construction nationale d’un groupe professionnel, 1660-1830**
*The National Construction of a Professional Group, 1660-1830*

Hervé Leuwers

The first national synthesis on the history of the legal profession, this study retraces the destiny of lawyers from the Ancien Régime to the Restoration.

This history of the French Bar is also that of a profession that built up at a turning point in the history of the State and the Nation. The author sheds light on the close relationships between professional unity and national unity, as well as the emergence of a common culture based on the ideas of the Enlightenment.

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While the emergence of a global society calls for the construction of a global legal and political order, it seems very unlikely that this order would end up taking the shape of a global State. The purpose of this book is to outline, via the analysis of six specific issues brought up by globalization, the shape of a decentralized global order able to combine political liberty and concrete cosmopolitanism.


In Latin Europe as well as in Latin America, the control of magistracies depended on the ability to name and classify social types and behaviour modes. The approaches of the authors, both historians of law, come together around two main objectives. The first one consists in founding a new social history, which at the start takes into account normative phenomena, such as the very fabric of society. The second objective, which can be summed up by the law/custom alternative, appraises normative orders such as the high authority for issuing decrees, the world of university jurists, and magistrates.

Génération perdue • The Lost Generation
Le mouvement d’envoi des jeunes instruits à la campagne en Chine (1968-1980) • The movement that dispatched educated youth to the Chinese countryside (1968-1980)
Michel BONNIN

Between 1968 and 1980, nearly 17 million “educated young Chinese” —the zhiqing— were sent down to the countryside by the Maoist government for the rest of their days. This movement makes up a specific historical entity due to its scope and authoritarian form as well as its role in the political struggle at the end of Mao’s reign. Statistics are now available, along with new evidence, literary works, propaganda material, and internal political and administrative documents. The critical confrontation of all these sources provides a global understanding of this movement, from the open or hidden motivations of the leaders who launched it to the reality experienced by the young intellectuals in the countryside.

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Religious Institutions, Practices and Cultures

Le lieu de l’autre • The Place of the Other
Histoire religieuse et mystique • Religious and mystical history
Michel DE CERTEAU

Whenever he was asked about his professional activity—as people were intrigued by his way of crossing the borders between disciplines and questioning their presuppositions—Michel de Certeau answered that he was a historian, more precisely a historian of spirituality. The papers gathered in this book give a faithful account of his work as a historian, on a few essential themes. They also show the close relation between the issues discussed and the way to proceed. These papers were brought about by diverse situations and published by diverse companies, yet they retain a unity of inspiration and fashion that enables one to recognize the specific style of a historian, as it is progressively unveiled.

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Histoire de la piété copte et musulmane, XVᵉ-XXᵉ siècle • The History of Coptic and Moslem Piety, from the 15th to the 20th century
Catherine MAYEUR-JAOUEN

A mouled is not only a pilgrimage of Egyptians to the tomb of a Coptic or Moslem Saint, it is also a fair, a patronal celebration and a festive entertainment event. It is where Egyptian Islam fully expresses itself, where the cult of Coptic saints blooms, where one can observe the thousand transformations of the people’s religion facing modernity. Travelling throughout Egypt, searching for tombs of saints and pilgrimage sites, the author leads the readers to discover places, meet people and hear poems and songs in honour of the Prophet and his saints. To study mouleds is to study Egypt, the history of religious feeling, and Egyptian society.


La fièvre du Qigong • Qigong Fever
Guérison, religion et politique en Chine, 1949-1999
Healing, Religion and Politics in China 1949-1999
David A. PALMER

Deriving from traditional Chinese practices of body training, qigong – work on breath and energy – aroused a massive craze in China in the 1980s and 1990s, until the 1999 repression of Falungong, a sect stemming from this movement.

How could a practice at first acknowledged and promoted by the leaders of the Chinese Communist Party as a healing method and a new scientific revolution become the source of a mass religious explosion and trigger a political confrontation?

Opacité de la peinture • The Opacity of Painting
Essais sur la représentation au Quattrocento
Essays on Representation in the Quattrocento
Louis Marin

An essential landmark in the crossing of Louis Marin’s “artistic” and “religious” paths, this book released in 1989 soon became a reference, yet just as soon was out of print. This new edition gives access again to this fundamental work on the mechanisms of representation in the Renaissance. Furthermore, it enhances the minute analyses of images achieved by Louis Marin thanks to a colour presentation of the frescoes, paintings and drawings concerned.


Gestes d’amour et de guerre • Gestures of Love and War
La Jérusalem délivrée, images et affects (XVIe-XVIIIe siècle)
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Giovanni Careri

In Tasso’s Jerusalem Freed (1582), love and war are entangled, Christian knights sigh for Muslim lady warriors, and men become feminized. This Christian epic poem is also a repertoire of “emotion-images” (“images-affect”) transposed into painting, music, dance and theatre throughout Europe. Gestures of Love and War analyses the production of poetical, pictorial and gestural images stemming from the four episodes of Tasso’s poem. Between written words, painted gesture, theatrical performance and dance steps, the author weaves a network of exchanges, which he extends beyond the restricted scope of art, studying its political implications in the ritual life of the court. He proposes a new cross-textual, hermeneutical approach likely to enrich and replace, in part, the now classical vision of the relationship between painting and poetry in humanist culture.

Métalepses • Metalepsis
Entorses au pacte de la representation
Bending representation rules
John PIER & Jean-Marie SCHAEFFER (eds.)

The metalepsis is a variety of metonymy consisting in the substitution of effect for cause, the precedent for the consequent, the narrator for the character, or the other way round. This book endeavours to identify the main ways of imbrication in this process and its multiple consequences in description.

Seen from the viewpoints of literature, cinema and art, the contributions brought together in this book are devoted to the problems of figure and reflexivity, communication and description.

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Littérature et poétiques pluriculturelles en Asie du Sud
Pluricultural Literature and Poetry in South Asia
Annie MONTAUT (ed.)

There are many ways to tackle cultural subjects, such as erudite literature, popular, oral literature, cinema and the visual arts. The approach can be inspired by ethnology, philosophy or stylistics; it can also use the methods of cultural anthropology, textual analysis, social criticism or reception theory. This collective work puts together contributions by researchers, writers and artists, all of them presently active in the Indian world. The diversity of viewpoints helps to grasp the fashion in which modes of conscience and knowledge fall within contemporary India’s aesthetic forms.

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Lire à Paris au temps de Balzac
Reading in Paris at the Time of Balzac
Les cabinets de lecture à Paris, 1815-1830
Reading cabinets in Paris, 1815-1830
Françoise PARENT-LARDEUR
Preface by Robert Mandrou

“A place where people can read papers and books, for a small consideration”, the reading cabinet was both a commercial enterprise and a cultural reality in Paris at the time of the Restoration. The author explores the economic, social and political dimensions of this institution and tries to understand the reasons for its success, i.e. the rapid, yet contradictory development of press and publishing in a period of intense ideological confrontation. The author also shows how new forms of mass culture started to take shape.

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Les sciences pour la guerre • Sciences for War
1940-1960
Amy DAHAN & Dominique PESTRE (eds.)

There is a common hypothesis that in the forties and fifties science was considered the natural answer to all questions. This work sheds new light on science in those years: its practices, its kinship with techniques, what it offered to the political and economic worlds, and what the social world required of it. The originality of this book is that the enquiry has been led in both the East and the West, as defined in those times.

2004. Collection “Civilisations et sociétés”, N° 120 • 404 pages
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How did German economists envisage the relationships between State, economy and space in the Enlightenment and the disruptions of the imperial and revolutionary periods?

Concerned with taking into account the conceptual apparatus and the social and institutional rooting of the discourses analyzed here, this study sheds new light on a dimension often neglected by economic thought: that of the special inscription of economic phenomena.

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An undisputed master of social and economic history in post WW2 France, Camille-Ernest Labrousse was the inventor of “histoire sérielle” in France. The paradox is that such great innovations quickly become models and are progressively reified and simplified. This analysis lies on the border between historiographic thinking and economic history. Essential issues for today’s historiography are explored here, such as the relationships between history and economic theory, the use of statistical methods and the production of temporal categories.

Les origines de la révolution industrielle aux États-Unis
The Origins of the Industrial Revolution in the USA

Entre économie marchande et capitalisme industriel, 1800-1850
Between Market Economy and Industrial Capitalism, 1800-1850

Pierre Gervais

For a good part of the 20th century, the argument was that the Industrial Revolution had been caused by technical factors. Today’s renewal of historiography, especially in the United States, emphasizes the social evolutions linked to the intensification of former market practices. The case study conducted here on the North-East of the USA in the early 19th century helps to better analyse the mechanisms of this phenomenon, henceforth understood as a break from a particular pre-industrial social model.

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Ouvrières parisiennes • Parisian Female Workers

Marchés du travail et trajectoires professionnelles au XXe siècle
Labour markets and professional paths in the 20th century

Catherine Omnès

Halfway between a history of women and a history of the working class, this book paints a portrait of women at work in the factories of the Paris region, within the working-class society between World War 1 and World War 2. It examines the social logics which structure labour markets and build up professional mobility.

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Populations

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Nancy L. GREEN and François WEIL (eds.)

The entries and exits of people have served to define citizenship for over two centuries. The research studies on migrations mainly concern immigration, which has become a central element of the way nations define themselves. The perspective is reversed here: this book deals with emigration and the policies that have accompanied it since the 19th century.

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Les figures paysagères de la nation
The Landscape Figures of a Nation
Territoire et paysage en Europe (XVIe-XXe siècle)
Territory and Landscape in Europe (16th-20th centuries)
François Walter

This book proposes a new interpretation of the landscape as an incarnation of a nation. In modern and contemporary Europe, how have the natural elements constituting landscape become bearers of national heritage values?

The approach requires a long investigation to retrace the history of the concept of landscape. It begins when the word “paysage” appeared in the French language in the 16th century, then follows with its many uses in art, geography and the social sciences, as well as in the political extensions that appeared with the affirmation of nations in the 19th and 20th centuries. It was then that the age of landscape spread out, the plural use of landscape references constituting a true social and cultural system. This book relates the history of social usages claiming to express and achieve a sort of world coherence through landscape.

Cities and Urban Societies

La Ville en Asie du Sud • The City in South Asia
Analyse et mise en perspective • Analyses and Prospects
Véronique DUPONT & Djallal Gérard HEUZÉ (eds.)

South-Asian cities, sometimes stemming from some of the oldest towns on the planet, are set in regions that are predominantly rural, yet bring about megalopoles. These very large cities in the vanguard of the Indian subcontinent’s economic opening are undergoing fast transformation with the effects of globalization. Three large thematics deal with these changes: city structuring and social-space recomposition; social tension and urban tension; and restructuring of economic spaces. This edited volume, mobilizing various disciplines of the social sciences, offers a comparative approach that aims to put the Indian urban experience into perspective with situations and developments observed elsewhere in Asia and on other continents.

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Retour à la cité • Back to the City
Les magnats de Florence, 1340-1440 • The magnates of Firenza, 1340-1440
Christiane KŁAPISCH-ZUBER

At the end of the 13th century, many Italian cities tried to curb the violence of certain urban and rural aristocratic families known for their lack of discipline, and to push them aside from political responsibilities. In Firenza, where such lineages were called “magnates”, political exclusion was often corroborated until the time of the Medicis. In parallel, during the 14th century, city leaders reintegrated the magnates, both individually and in whole family groups. These “returns to the city”, which gave rise to some resistance, were acquired through compromises between the merchant elites in power and the magnates.

This book presents a unique reflection on the processes of exclusion and reinsertion which concerned a group of citizens closed up in a juridical category. In other words, it analyses the political usages of categories and their functions in the construction of the state.

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Les paysans du Languedoc • The Peasants of Languedoc
Emmanuel LE ROY LADURIE

This historian’s first great book became a classic as soon as it came out in the sixties. *The Peasants of Languedoc* describes the evolution of a rural society from the Renaissance to the 17th century, when the growth of wealth was not accompanied by a growth of resources. In many aspects, old Languedoc prefigures today’s underdeveloped nations. Yet mentalities were in the process of change. The Cevenol men of the 1500s were bawdy, sprightly, papist and superstitious, with a touch of sorcery. They gradually fell into the night of oblivion and the depths of the subconscious, as a new people took shape, fashioned by the Huguenots. Magic rites were expurgated from religion and libidos became hindered. There was Christian freedom and bourgeois economy. A free yet sad people, who would survive as such long after the Camisards, until Emile Zola’s novels and André Chamson’s epic writings about peasantry.


Au cœur religieux du xvié siècle
At the Heart of Religion in the 16th century
Lucien FEBVRE

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La société aux XIe et XIIe siècles dans la région mâconnaise • Society in the 11th and 12th Centuries in the Maconnais Region
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Le mouvement ouvrier chinois de 1919 à 1927
The Chinese Workers’ Movement 1919-1927
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Few periods in Chinese modern history have been as momentous and full of turbulent developments than the eight years studied in this research work. This book is devoted to a special chapter in Chinese social and political history, and provides a novel contribution to the general knowledge about the evolution of China in the 20th century. The author revisits his work in a new preface, putting his earlier approach into perspective and presenting the general lines of recent developments in this field of studies.

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Charles Malamoud (ed.)

Debt in the Indian society and culture is the theme of the present book. What sort of dependency is brought about by debt, between the various categories of creditors and debtors? What processes make debts cease to be a connection between individuals and start to affect groups and successive generations? Can the theory of debt as a component of human nature formulated by Brahman orthodoxy shed light on indebtedness as a social relation? What modalities and circumstances cause people to go from traditional debt to the various forms of capitalist credit? This book is a fundamental tool to understand Indian society.

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Études d’économie médiévale
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Currency and History, from Alexander to Mahomet
With the collaboration of André Miquel, Christiane Klapisch & Philippe Braunstein

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[“Civilisations et sociétés”, N° 26] • 233 p. • Maps, graphs, bibliography
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2001 • Reprint of the 1974 original edition [“Civilisations et sociétés”, N° 38] • 296 pages • Maps
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Of all forms of Arab literature, because of its originality and its independence vis-à-vis literary conventions, geography turns out to be the most propitious way to investigate the social and cultural structures of Middle-Ages Muslim civilisation. Through geography, this book provides a coherent and exhaustive inventory of the Eastern conception of the world at that time. It does not examine the Eastern Middle Ages but the Muslim representation of the world in the Middle-Ages.


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Arab Geography and Representation of the World: the Land and Foreigners

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This book describes how Muslims saw their natural environment in the Middle-Ages. Land was inseparable from water, which was mainly perceived for its nurturing function, hence the importance of irrigation. The sky, considered in its relationship with men through climate –mainly rain, of prime importance for arid zones. Lastly, an evocation of plants and animals, botany and zoology gives way to a description of how Islam defined the relationship between man and creation.


T. IV: Les travaux et les jours • The Works and The Days

Premiers bergers et paysans de l’Occident méditerranéen • The First Shepherds and Peasants in the Mediterranean West
Jean Guilaine

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Le siècle des Lumières en province
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Académies et académiciens provinciaux, 1680-1789
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Daniel Roche

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