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CENTER FOR SOCIOLOGICAL STUDIES - EL COLEGIO DE MÉXICO

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Since 2007**      **Research Professor** at the *Center for Sociological Studies at El Colegio de Mexico (CES-COLMEX)* – *Fulltime Professor, with Tenure*
- Actual research: “Transformations of Voting, Elections and Democracy in Mexico and Central America: Comparative and multi-dimensional approaches”*
- Courses on Political Sociology, Electoral Sociology and Methods in Social Sciences*
- Since 2008:** *Researcher at the **National Researchers System (SNI, level 2)***
- 2010-2011:** *Editing director of **Estudios Sociológicos [Sociological Studies]***
- 2014:** *Visiting Scholar at **Columbia University of New York** (Jun.-Aug.)*
- 2015:** *Visiting Scholar at **Harvard University** (DRCLAS Fellow, Jan.-Aug.)*
- 2015:** *Visiting Scholar at the **University of Chicago** (Sept.-Dec.)*
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- 2004-2007**      **Researcher and Coordinator** of the french *Center of Mexican and Central American Studies (CEMCA)* in Guatemala
- Project management of the IDB-Project “Exploring the territories of Voting in Central America”*
- Associate researcher at the **Center for Research and Documentation on Latin America-National Center for Scientific Research (CREDAL-CNRS)***
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- 2003-2004**      **Assistant Professor and Researcher** at the University of Paris XIII:
- Courses on Public Law, Political Science and Social Sciences Methodology*
- Associate researcher at CREDAL-CNRS and coordination of the IHEAL-CREDAL-IDB Project: “The new Electoral Geography of Central America”*
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- 2001-2003**      **Assistant Professor and Researcher** at the University of Paris III:
- Courses on Sociology, Political Science and Social Sciences Methodology*
- Coordination of the Project “Electoral Atlas of Central America”*
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- 1997-2001**      **PhD Research Fellow** at the CREDAL-CNRS and at the *Institut des Hautes Etudes de l’Amérique Latine (IHEAL)*, Paris, France
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- 1999-2001**      **Visiting Fellow** at *El Colegio de México (Colmex)* - **Academic Coordination** of the COLMEX-IFE project “Democracy, pluralism and traditions in Chiapas”
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- 1997-1999**      **Visiting Fellow** at the *Centre of Research and Higher Studies in Social Anthropology (CIESAS-México)* and **invited researcher** in the CIESAS-IFE Project “Indigenous people and elections in the Highlands of Chiapas”
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- 1998-2013**      **Member / Coordinator of sixteen Electoral Observation Missions** in Mexico (1998-2016), El Salvador (2004-2009), Nicaragua (2006), Guatemala (2007), Honduras (2009), Costa Rica (2010), Bolivia (2009) and Haiti (2011)

## EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC GRADES

- 2009 *Qualification de Maître de Conférences* in France (Sociology, Political Science)
- 1998-2003 PhD in Sociology, University of the Sorbonne, Paris III (*summa cum laude*)
- 1995-1997 Master in Latin American Studies, IHEAL-Paris III (*summa cum laude*)
- 1991-1995 *Diplôme de Sciences Po Paris*, IEP de Paris (*summa cum laude*)
- 1981-1991 Austrian High School (*Matura*), HIB-Graz (*summa cum laude*)

Languages: Spanish and German (native languages), French and English (fluent)

## RESEARCH TOPICS AND INTERESTS

- 2007-2015 Elections and democratization processes in Latin America; electoral geography and exploratory cartography; Political participation and human development in Mexico and Central America; political parties and electoral systems; political sociology and State re-configurations
- 2003-2007 Democratization, elections and processes of political change; institutional change and socio-cultural change; modalities and effects of the universal suffrage in multicultural contexts (indigenous regions)
- 1995-2002 Political violence, ethnicity and Indianity; social movements and social conflicts; democratization processes and political pluralism in Chiapas, México

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Semester Courses)

- 2008-2013 “Political Sociology” / “Comparative Electoral Sociology” / “Sociology of voting and political behaviour” / “Institutions and Politics” / “Democratization: institutions, social and political actors” (PhD and Masters Students, CES-COLMEX)
- 2003-2004 “Introduction to Public Law” / “Social Science Research Methodology” / “Introduction to Political Science” (Undergraduate Students, University of Paris XIII, Villetaneuse)
- 2001-2003 “Latin America’s Main Challenges” / “Research Seminar in Social Science Methodology” (Master Students, IHEAL, University of Paris III, Sorbonne Nouvelle)

## PARTICIPATION IN ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

Active member of the *International Political Science Association* (IPSA), the *Latin American Studies Association* (LASA), the *Asociación Mexicana de Ciencia Política* (AMECIP) and the *Latin American Association of Political Science* (ALACIP)

Member of the Executive Committee of ALACIP (since 2014) and of AMECIP (since 2016)

Coordinator (with Sonia Terrón) of the *Research Group on Spatial Analysis of Latin America* (*Espacio ALACIP*)

## SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS (all titles were translated)

**1. Books published as single author**

- 2013 *La representación legislativa de los indígenas en México: De la representatividad descriptiva a una representación de mejor calidad [The legislative representation of indigenous people in Mexico: From descriptive representation to a representation of better quality]*, México, Tribunal Electoral del Poder Judicial de la Federación, 2013, 136 p. (ISBN 978-607-708-136-4).
- 2012 *Elecciones chiapanecas. Del régimen posrevolucionario al desorden democrático [Chiapas' elections. From the post-revolutionary regime to democratic disorder]*, México, El Colegio de México, 2012, 503 p. (ISBN 978-607-462-376-5).
- 2001 *Los indígenas y la democratización electoral [Indigenous people and electoral democratization: Political change in the Highlands of Chiapas]*, México, El Colegio de México, Instituto Federal Electoral, 2001, 152 p. (ISBN 968-12-1030-1)

**2. Books published as an editor**

- 2012 With Silvia Gómez Tagle (eds.), *Mutaciones de la democracia: Tres décadas de cambio político en América Latina (1980-2010) [Transformations of democracy: Three decades of political change in Latin America (1980-2010)]*, México, El Colegio de México, 2012, 348 p. (ISBN: 978-607-462-302-4)
- 2006 (ed.), *Explorando los territorios del voto: Hacia un atlas electoral de Centroamérica [Exploring the territories of voting: Towards an electoral Atlas of Central America]*, Guatemala, Centro de Estudios Mexicanos y Centroamericanos / Instituto de Altos Estudios de América Latina-Universidad de París III / Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo, 2006, 80 p. (ISBN 2968-6029-83-4)
- 2005 With Jean-Michel Blanquer, Quanquin, Hélène y Zumello, Christine (eds.), *Voter dans les Amériques [Voting in the Americas]*, Paris, Editions de l'Institut des Amériques, Instituto de Altos Estudios de América Latina-Universidad París III, 360 p. (ISBN 2-915310-00-9)
- 2000 With Juan Pedro Viqueira (coords.), *Democracia en tierras indígenas. Las elecciones en Los Altos de Chiapas (1991-1998) [Democracy in indigenous lands. The elections in the Chiapas-Highlands (1991-1998)]*, México, El Colegio de México, Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social, Instituto Federal Electoral, 352 p. (ISBN 968-12-0980-X)

**3. Coordination of special issues in scientific journals**

- 2005 "Territorios y fronteras del voto: Hacia una agenda de geografía electoral para Centroamérica" [*Territories and frontiers of voting: An agenda of electoral geography for Central America*], *TRACE*, No. 48, Centro de Estudios Mexicanos y Centroamericanos, Instituto de Altos Estudios de América Latina, Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo, 111 p.
- 2003 With Jean-Michel Blanquer y Giraldo, Fernando (coords.), "Dossier de Geografía Electoral en América Latina" ["Electoral Geography in Latin America"], *ALCEU* (Pontificia Universidad de Rio de Janeiro), Vol. 3, No. 6, pp. 119-351.

## SELECTION OF JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (out of 24 published ones)

- 2013.2.- "Explorando las dimensiones territoriales del comportamiento político: Reflexiones teórico-metodológicas sobre la geografía electoral, la cartografía exploratoria y los enfoques espaciales del voto" [Exploring the territorial dimensions of political behaviour: On electoral geography, exploratory cartography and spatial analysis of voting], in *Estudios Sociológicos*, Vol. XXXI.
- 2013.1.- With Arturo Alvarado & Arturo Sanchez, "La paradoja mexicana: de la evaluación de la calidad técnica de las elecciones de 2012, al debate sobre la calidad del voto y a la cuestión de la legitimidad democrática" [*The Mexican paradox: from the technical quality of the 2012-elections, to the debate on the quality of voting and the legitimacy of democracy*], in *Revista Mexicana de Derecho Electoral*, No. 4, pp. 369-392.
- 2012 With Sophie Hvostoff, "L'Amérique centrale existe-t-elle? Economie, société et politique dans une région en quête d'intégration" ["Does Central America exist? Economy, society and politics in a region in quest of integration"], in *Amérique Latine, 2011, Les études de la Documentation Française*.
- 2010.2- "Las últimas elecciones en América Central: ¿El quiebre de la tercera ola de democratizaciones?" ["The last elections in Central America: the break-down of the third wave of democratization?"], in *Foro Internacional*, L, 3-4, 201-202, pp. 808-849.
- 2010.1- "Elecciones autoritarias en Honduras" ["Authoritarian elections in Honduras"], in *Revista de Investigación Social*, año IV, núm. 7, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México-Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales, México, D.F., pp. 105-126.
- 2009 "Aux marges de la démocratie: 22 ans de processus électoraux au Guatemala" ["The edges of democracy: 22 years of electoral processes in Guatemala"], in *Problèmes d'Amérique Latine*, No. 73, pp. 37-72.
- 2008 "La crisis política mexicana de 2006 a la luz de la geografía de la transición democrática" ["The Mexican political crisis of 2006 and the geography of the transition to democracy"], in *Cuadernos de Estudios Latinoamericanos* (Bogotá, Colombia), No. 2, pp. 9-37.
- 2007.2- "Les élections de 2006 au Mexique: Une société polarisée, ou une société fragmentée?" ["The 2006 elections in Mexico: A polarized or a fragmented society?"], in *Problèmes d'Amérique Latine*, No. 64, pp. 11-32.
- 2007.1- "Participación electoral y desarrollo humano: apuntes metodológicos para el análisis territorial y multidimensional del voto en México y Centroamérica" ["Electoral turnout and human development: Methodological approaches for the spatial analysis of voting in Mexico and Central America"], in *Estudios Sociológicos*, vol. XXV, No. 75, pp. 811-833.
- 2006 With Sophie Hvostoff, "Mutations de la démocratie en Amérique centrale: entre fragmentation et polarisation" ["Transformations of democracy in Central America: Between fragmentation and polarization"], in *Amérique latine, 2006, Les études de la Documentation Française*, pp. 51-69.
- 2001 "Chiapas: de la rébellion armée à l'alternance politique" ["Chiapas: from armed rebellion to political alternation"], in *Problèmes d'Amérique Latine*, No. 41, pp. 21-43.

## SELECTION OF BOOKS CHAPTERS (out of 28 published ones)

- 2013-2.- With Todd A. Eisenstadt, "Balancing Tensions between Communitarian and Individual Rights and the Challenges They Present for Multicultural States", in Eisenstadt, Todd A., Michael S. Danielson & Moisés Jaime Bailón (eds.), *Latin America's Multicultural Movements, The Struggle for Communitarianism, Autonomy, and Human Rights*, New York, Oxford University Press, 2013.
- 2013-1.- "El lado gris-oscuro de la participación electoral: ¿Cómo interpretar los votos nulos en su pluralidad?" ["The dark side of electoral turnout: How to interpret invalid votes in their plurality"], in Arturo Alvarado (coord.), *México: Democracia y Sociedad más allá de la reforma electoral 2007-2008*, México, COLMEX / TEPJF, 2013.
- 2011 "Repenser la politique en terres indiennes: Réflexions à partir du Chiapas" ["Re-thinking politics in indigenous lands: reflections from Chiapas"], in Gros, Christian & David Dumoulin (sous la dir.), *Le multiculturalisme "au concret". Un modèle latino-américain?*, Paris, Presses Sorbonne Nouvelle, 2011 (ISBN: 978-2-87854-544-9)
- 2010-2.- "De tapados y acarreados, a candidatos y electores: ¿Democratización y/o fragmentación de las cultura(s) e identidades político-partidistas en México?" ["From *tapados* and *acarreados*, to candidates and voters: Democratization and/or fragmentation of political culture(s) and party identifications in Mexico?"], in Bancarte, Roberto (coord.), *Culturas e identidades en México*, México, El Colegio de Mexico 2010.
- 2010-1.- "Desproporcionalidad y malaportamiento legislativos in Panamá" ["Legislative disproportionality and malaportionment in Panama"], in Brown Aráuz, Harry (ed.), *Las reformas electorales en Panamá*, Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo, Tribunal Electoral de Panamá, 2010, pp. 139-214.
- 2009 "Territorios, fronteras y desfases del voto: Una geografía sintética de las elecciones en Chiapas" ["Territories, frontiers and gaps of the vote: A synthetic geography of elections in Chiapas], in Estrada Saavedra, Marco Antonio (ed.), *Chiapas después de la tormenta. Estudios sobre economía, sociedad y política*, El Colegio de México, 2009, pp. 313-368.
- 2008 "Elections serrées dans des contextes polarisés" ["Close elections in polarized contexts"], in Dabène, Olivier (ed.), *Amérique latine, les élections contre la démocratie?*, Presses de la Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, Paris, pp. 131-159 (ISBN : 978-2-7246-1039-0)
- 2007 "Las elecciones en México y Centroamérica: ¿Polarización, o fragmentación?" ["The elections in Mexico and Central America: Polarization or fragmentation?"], in Salvador Romero Ballivian (coord.), *Atlas electoral latinoamericano*, La Paz, Corte Nacional Electoral de Bolivia, 2007, pp. 195-220.
- 2002 "Indianidad, violencia revolucionaria y democratización electoral entre los tzotziles y tzeltales de Los Altos de Chiapas (México). ¿Hacia nuevas formas de participación y de representación política?" ["Indigenous identity, revolutionary violence and democratization among the Tzotzil and Tzeltal in the Chiapas-Highlands (Mexico). Towards new forms of political participation and representation?"], in Levy, Bettina (ed.), *Crisis y conflicto en el capitalismo latinoamericano*, Buenos Aires, CLACSO/ASDI, 2002, pp. 273-323.