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EDUCATION

2007 – PhD École Pratique des Hautes Études, Section Sciences religieuses

Supervisor: Prof. Roberte N. Hamayon

PhD thesis: L'invention des morts en Mongolie contemporaine. Sépultures, fantômes, photographie

2002 – Master (Mphil) in Anthropology, Université Paris 10

2000 – BA in Philosophy, Université Paris 10

1999 – BA in Anthropology, Université Paris 10

Spoken languages: French, English and Mongol.

FIELDWORK

1999–2012 33 months in total in several regions of Mongolia, mainly in the capital city Ulaanbaatar and in the mountains of Harhira (Uvs Province).

FUNDING AND AWARDS

2013–2017 Awarded Bonus for “Scientific Excellence”.

2010–2011 Research funding for one year, Isaac Newton Trust (Cambridge)

2007–2010 Research funding for three years, Isaac Newton Trust (Cambridge).

2008 PhD Award, Musée du Quai Branly

2004–2005 Funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Egide).

2000–2001 Funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Egide).

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

2007–2011 Research Associate, Mongolia & Inner Asia Studies Unit, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge. Funding (Salary + Fieldwork) from the Isaac Newton Trust and the Mongolia & Inner Asia Studies Unit.

2003–2004 Assistant to Prof. M. Godelier for the European Project ECHO-Necep (FP5)

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2012–2015 “Where Rising Powers meet: China and Russia at their north Asian border” ESRC project – member.

2010–2011 “Where empires meet: the borders economies of Russia, China and Mongolia” ESRC network building project – coordinator, with Prof. C. Humphrey.

2008–2012 “RITME: Art, Rituel Mémoire” research network project, funded by the French ANR – contributor

2005 “Mongolian Film Preservation Society” data collection project funded by the Toyota foundation – contributor.

2003–2004 “ECHO-Necep” Database building project funded by the European Commission (5th PCRD) –administrative assistant.

AFFILIATIONS

- 2011–pres. Laboratoire d’Ethnologie et de Sociologie Comparative (UMR 7186).
2007–pres. Mongolia & Inner Asia Studies Unit (Université de Cambridge).
2002–pres. Centre d’Etudes Mongoles et Sibériennes (Paris).
2002–2011 Groupe Sociologie Religion Laïcité (UMR 8582)

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2011–2015 Université Paris Ouest : Anthropology of the Invisible (M2), Asian Studies Seminar (M1), Introduction to the Anthropology of Development and Humanitarian Aid (M1), Man and Artefacts (M1), Introduction to the Anthropology of Religions (L3), Ethnographic Exercises (L2), Theories in Anthropology (TD, L1).
2009–2011 Supervision classes at the undergraduate and graduate level, Université de Cambridge.
2008–2010 Inner Asia lecture series, Department of Social Anthropology, Cambridge.
2007–2008 Mongolian language course, Mongolia & Inner Asia Studies Unit (Cambridge).

SCIENTIFIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2013–2017 Head of Department of Anthropology, Université Paris Ouest.
2013–pres. GIS Asie – Scientific board.
2012–pres. Martine Aublet Fondation scholarship – Member of the comity of experts.
2011–pres. Director of studies for the undergraduate level, Université Paris Ouest.
2011–pres. *Hau. Journal of Ethnographic Theory*. Member of the Editorial Board.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

- 2014 *Le Funéraire : Mémoire, Protocoles, Monuments*. 11th MAE Conference (with Frédérique Valentin), Maison de l’Archéologie et de l’Ethnologie, Nanterre (18–20 June).
2010 *Politics, concepts, and practicalities at the Chinese–Russian border* (with C. Humphrey & F. Billé), University of Cambridge (17–18 November)
2009 *Figuring the Invisible. An anthropology of uncanny encounters*. international conference organised with C. Severi and J. Bonhomme, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, 16–18 December. Funding from the Agence Nationale de la Recherche (Projet Ritme), and the University of Cambridge (MIASU, Department of Social Anthropology).
2007 *Forgetting to mark and marking to forget. Empty spaces and absent things in Mongol land*, workshop held in the MIASU, Cambridge (27 November).
2007 *Young Mongolists European Workshop*, Songeons, France (2–7 January).
2006 *Representing power in Asia: Legitimising, sacralising* (with R. Hamayon), European Institute of Religious Sciences, conference held in Paris (23–25 mars).
2005 *Anti-Religious Policies and Funerary Practices in Asia*, workshop held in the GSRL (Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcité), workshop held in Paris (9 November).

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Book

- 2009 *L’invention des morts. Sépultures, fantômes, photographie en Mongolie contemporaine*, Paris: EMSCAT (Nord-Asie 1).

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

- 2014 Establishing mutual misunderstanding. A Buryat Shamanic ritual in Ulaanbaatar. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 20/4 : 617–634.
- 2014 Retoucher les morts. Les usages magiques de la photographie en Mongolie. *Terrain* 62 : 138–151.
- 2012 Preface : Cultivating Uncertainty (avec F. Berthomé et J. Bonhomme). *Hau. Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 2/2 : 129–136.
- 2012 Parasitic Chinese, vengeful Russians: Ghosts, strangers, and reciprocity in Mongolia. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 18/s1 : s131–s144.
- 2011 Enterrer, submerger, oublier. Invention et subversion du souvenir des morts en Mongolie. *Raisons Politiques* 41/1 : 87–103.
- 2010 Chinese ghosts in Mongolia. *Inner Asia* 12/1 : 127–141.
- 2009 A sheep herder's rage. Silence and Grief in Contemporary Mongolia. *Ethnos* 74/4: 514–534.
- 2008 The end of post-socialism ? An account of the 1st of July riots in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (avec D. Sneath and C. Kaplonski), *Inner Asia* 10/2 : 353–365.
- 2007 Les usages sociaux de la photographie en Mongolie : questions de méthode (avec V. Micoud), *Ethnographiques.org* 13.
- 2007 The little human and the daughter-in-law : Invisibles as seen through the eyes of different kinds of people (with R. Empson), *Inner Asia* 9/2 : 197–214.
- 2005 Le crapaud, les tortues et les canards. Sur la pratique du fengshui à Ulaanbaatar. *Etudes Mongoles et Sibériennes, Centrasiatiques et Tibétaines* 36–37 : 187–205.

Edition of volumes and special issues of journals

- 2015 *Le Funéraire : Mémoires, Protocoles, Monuments*. Actes du 11^{ème} colloque de la MAE (avec Frédérique Valentin). Paris : Editions de Boccard. *A paraître*.
- 2012 *Cultivating Uncertainty. Ethnographies of Opaque Sociality*. F. Berthomé, J. Bonhomme et G. Delaplace (eds.). Themed section of *Hau. Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 2/2 : 129–312.
- 2012 *Frontier Encounters. Knowledge and Practice at the Russian, Chinese and Mongolian Border*. F. Billé, G. Delaplace et C. Humphrey (eds.). Cambridge : Open Book Publishers.
- 2010 *Representing Power in Modern Inner Asia : Conventions, Alternatives, Oppositions*. I. Charleux, G. Delaplace, R. Hamayon et S. Pearce (eds.). Bellingham : Western Washington University.
- 2010 *Representing Power in Ancient Inner Asia : Legitimacy, Transmission and the Sacred*. I. Charleux, G. Delaplace, R. Hamayon et S. Pearce (eds.). Bellingham : Western Washington University.

Book chapters

- 2014 The ethics and esthetics of Mongolian Hiphop (*Hippu hoppu jijô. Kashi ni hyôgen sareta rinri to bigaku*). In Konagaya Yuki & Maekawa Ai, *Understanding Mongolia in 50 Chapters* (gendai Mongoru o shiru tame no 50 shô). Tokyo : Akashi Shoten, pp. 296–302.
- 2013 What the Invisible Looks Like. Ghosts, perceptual faith, and Mongolian regimes of communication. In R. Blanes et D. Espirito Santo (eds.), *The Social Life of Spirits*. Chicago : The University of Chicago Press, pp. 52–68.
- 2013 Habiter le « pays » sans vivre nulle part. In C. Stépanoff, C. Ferret, G. Lacaze et J. Thorez (eds.), *Nomadismes d'Asie Centrale et Septentrionale*. Paris : Armand Colin, pp. 101–103.
- 2013 Qu'y a-t-il de nouveau dans le néo-chamanisme ? Assemblages et identités rituelles à Ulaanbaatar (avec C. Humphrey). In K. Buffetrille, J.L. Lambert, N. Luca et A. de Sales

- (eds.), *D'une anthropologie du chamanisme vers une anthropologie du croire. Hommage à l'œuvre de Roberte Hamayon*. Paris : EMSCAT, pp. 87–107.
- 2012 A Slightly Complicated Door. The ethnography and conceptualisation of North Asian borders (Introduction). In F. Billé, G. Delaplace et C. Humphrey (eds.), *Frontier Encounters*. Cambridge : Open Book Publishers, pp. 1–17.
- 2012 Neighbours and their Ruins. Remembering foreign presences in Mongolia. In F. Billé, G. Delaplace et C. Humphrey (eds.), *Frontier Encounters*. Cambridge : Open Book Publishers, pp. 211–233.
- 2010 Le cheval magnétomètre. Dressage et choses invisibles en Mongolie. In D. Aigle, I. Charleux, R. Hamayon et V. Goossaert (eds.), *Mélanges en l'honneur de Françoise Aubin*. Sankt Augustin : Miscellanea Asiatica, pp. 121–139.
- 2010 Marshal Choibalsan's second funerals. In I. Charleux, G. Delaplace, R. Hamayon et S. Pearce (eds.), *Representing Power in Modern Inner Asia : Conventions, Alternatives, Oppositions*. Western Washington University, pp. 97–116.
- 2010 Introduction (avec Isabelle Charleux & Roberte Hamayon). In I. Charleux, G. Delaplace, R. Hamayon et S. Pearce (eds.), *Representing Power in Modern Inner Asia : Conventions, Alternatives, Oppositions*. Western Washington University, pp. 1–35.
- 2009 Totemism. In Clifton D. Bryant et Dennis L. Peck (eds.), *The Encyclopaedia of Death and the Human Experience*. Thousand Oaks CA : Sage Publications, p. 964–967.
- 2006 The place of the dead. Power, subjectivity and funerary topography in North–Western Mongolia. In D. Sneath (ed.) *States of Mind : Power, Places and the Subject in Inner Asia*. Bellingham : Western Washington University, pp. 47–62.