

Curriculum vitae

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Born 16.08.1975. Married since 1999. 1 child born in 2010.

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Adjunct member of the Dongba Culture Research Institute (丽江市东巴文化研究院, Yunnan, China)

Degrees

- 2017 Habilitation to supervise Ph.D. students (*Habilitation à diriger des recherches*)
- 2005 Ph.D. in Phonetics, *summa cum laude*, Université Paris 3-Sorbonne Nouvelle
- 2002 Master's degree ("Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies") in Phonetics, "mention Très bien", Université Paris 3-Sorbonne Nouvelle
- 1998 Master's degree ("Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies") in Linguistics, "mention Très bien", Université Paris 4-Sorbonne
- 1997 Passed (1st nationwide) the "Agrégation", a competitive examination taken in the 5th year of University studies. Major: English language, literature and linguistics
- 1996 1st year of Master's degree in Modern languages at Université Paris 3-Sorbonne Nouvelle. Classes in linguistics at Oxford University
- 1995 Bachelor's degree in English language, literature and linguistics
- 1994 Passed (2nd nationwide) the entrance examination to the Foreign Languages department of "École Normale Supérieure de Lyon" (one of the "Grandes Écoles"; formerly "ENS Fontenay-St Cloud")

Professional experiences

Since 2006: tenured researcher in Linguistics at *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique* (CNRS). "Chargé de recherche" from 2006 to 2021; promoted to "Directeur de recherche" in 2021.

Affiliation:

- *Langues et Civilisations à Tradition Orale* (LACITO): Oct. 2006-Dec. 2010, and since July 2016
- *Centre d'Etudes Français sur la Chine contemporaine* (CEFC, Hong Kong): Jan. 2011-Oct. 2012
- International Research Institute MICA, Hanoi, Vietnam: Nov. 2012-June 2016

2005-2006: Lecturer ("Attaché Temporaire d'Enseignement et de Recherche") in English phonetics at *Université Paris 3 - Sorbonne Nouvelle*.

2002-2005: Teaching assistant ("Allocataire-moniteur") in General Phonetics and Phonology at *Université Paris 3 - Sorbonne Nouvelle*.

1999-2001: Lecturer at Hanoi National University and at the Institute for International Relations, Hanoi, Vietnam. Weekly teaching stint: 16 hours (phonetics, translation, teaching methodology).

1998-99: Lecturer in English (外国专家: "Foreign Expert") at Capital Normal University (首都师范大学), Beijing. Weekly teaching stint: 13 hours.

1995-96: "Lecteur" at Oxford University (Christ Church, Lincoln, Brasenose). Weekly teaching stint: 9 hours.

Languages

Good command of English, Chinese and Vietnamese. Working knowledge of German. Working knowledge of two Naish languages (Sino-Tibetan languages spoken in China): Naxi and Na.

Linguistic fieldwork

Field trips to Yunnan and Sichuan (China), investigating Naish languages (Sino-Tibetan family):

year	2002	2004	2006	2007	2008	2009	2011	2012
duration in months	3	3	2	1	3	2	6	7
year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
duration in months	1	1	½	½	¾	1		

Field trips in Vietnam: Văn Bàn, Lào Cai (2013); Tương Dương, Nghệ An (2014); Tân Sơn, Phú Thọ (2016 and 2018).

Research stays abroad

I have been invited (=all fees paid by the inviter) in various Universities and Research centres, including Southwestern University of Nationalities 西南民族大学 in Chengdu, China (series of lectures about the Naish languages, 2015), Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan (2008 and 2017), and the Phonetics laboratory of Kiel University, Germany (2003). I have paid visits to the Phonetics laboratory of Munich University (2005) and the Phonetics laboratory of Cambridge University (2003).

Supervision of students and experience as examiner of theses

Supervision of 1 Ph.D. student (starting 2017-2018). Co-supervision of 1 Ph.D. student (starting 2018-2019).

Ph.D. committees:

- 2015: external examiner for a Ph.D. at Sorbonne Nouvelle - Université Paris 3
- 2015: external examiner for a Ph.D. at Australian National University
- 2016: external examiner for a Ph.D. at Université Paris 7
- 2017: external examiner for a Ph.D. at Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), Paris
- 2018: examiner for (i) a Ph.D. at Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO) and (ii) a Ph.D. at Sorbonne Nouvelle - Université Paris 3

M.A. students: supervision of 1 student (2014-2016, Vietnam National University); co-supervision of 1 student (2015-2016, Université Grenoble Alpes)

B.A. graduation theses: supervision of 3 students (1999-2001, Vietnam National University)

Computer skills

Programming in MATLAB since 2004. Aiming to learn PYTHON (earlier: used PERL for Unicode text data). Software for audio processing and analysis: SOUNDFORGE, PRAAT (including PRAAT scripts) since 2001.

GitHub (since 2013). Typesetting with LATEX (since 2014). MS-Office (WORD, POWERPOINT, EXCEL, PUBLISHER). ZOTERO (earlier: EndNote).

Service to the field

Director of LACITO-CNRS (2019-2023).

Since 2001: participation in the activities of the Pangloss Collection (formerly LACITO Archive): formatting, conservation and diffusion of multimedia linguistic documents in rare/endangered languages. See <https://pangloss.cnrs.fr>

Elected member of the Laboratory Council at LACITO (2008, 2018)

Evaluation of projects for funding agencies, including *Agence Nationale de la Recherche* (France), *European Science Foundation*, *Endangered Languages Documentation Programme* and *National Science Foundation*.

Grants and projects

March 2020-June 2024: coordinator (at LACITO) of the ANR-DFG project « CLD2025: Computational Language Documentation by 2025 ». Principal Investigator: Gilles Adda (LIMSI-CNRS). Amount managed at LACITO : 105 268 euros. [ANR-19-CE38-0015-04]

2020- : Member of the Steering committee (*Comité de pilotage*) of the *Institut des langues rares* at École pratique des hautes études (ILARA, <https://ilara.hypotheses.org/>), an Institute for Linguistic Heritage and Diversity. ILARA received funding as part of the 2020 « Humanities and Social Sciences » programme of the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation. A sum of 120 000 euros was transferred to LACITO for creating software to facilitate the documentation of endangered languages.

August 2018-January 2022: collaborator of NSF project “DEL: Discovering and Demonstrating Linguistic Features for Language Documentation”. Principal Investigator: Graham Neubig (Carnegie Mellon University). Awarded amount: 458 000 dollars [NSF-1761548]

2014-2016: coordinator of the DO-RE-MI-FA project, “Données des Recherches Linguistiques de Michel Ferlus en Asie du Sud-Est”, funded by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research as part of the Digital Scientific Library national programme for digitizing heritage data. Project duration: 18 months. Awarded amount: 46 000 euros. Partners: MICA Institute and LACITO research centre. See <https://lacito.hypotheses.org/251> (in French)

2013-2015: with Guillaume Jacques, CRLAO-CNRS (coordinator), Séverine Guillaume (LACITO-CNRS) and Aimée Lahaussais (HTL-CNRS): “Parallel corpora in languages of the Greater Himalayas” (HimalCo,). Funded by the Agence Nationale de la Recherche: ANR Corpus. Awarded amount: 198 000 euros <http://himalco.hypotheses.org/>

2011-2019: participant in the *Laboratoire d'excellence* “Empirical Foundations of Linguistics” (LabEx EFL, <http://www.labex-efl.org/>):

- Coordinator (with Martine Mazaudon and Guillaume Jacques) of the work package “Evolutionary approaches to phonology: New goals and new methods (in diachrony and panchrony)” (belonging to LabEx strand 1: Phonetic and phonological complexity)
- Member of the work package “The typology and corpus annotation of information structure and grammatical relations” (belonging to LabEx strand 3: Linguistic Typology).

Jan. 2008-Oct. 2012: with Katia Chirkova, CRLAO-CNRS (coordinator) and Guillaume Jacques, CRLAO-CNRS: “What defines Qiang-ness? Towards a phylogenetic assessment of the Southern Qiangic languages of Muli” (PASQi). Funded by the Agence Nationale de la Recherche: ANR-07-JCJC-0063.

2004: grant from the Ministry of Education for a three-month field trip to Yunnan, China (June-Sept. 2004).

2002-2005: Ph.D. grant from the Ministry of Education.

2002: grant from the *Fondation de France* for the first-hand study of Naxi, a Tibeto-Burman language spoken in Yunnan (China).

2002 and 2003: coordinator of two “*Projets innovants*” at Université Paris 3 (seed funding for junior researchers) for first-hand research into “minority” languages. (Other junior participants: Cédric Patin and Laurent Fontaine; senior participant: Boyd Michailovsky.)

Editorial work, participation in the organization of scientific events

Associate Editor of *Journal of the International Phonetic Association* (Jan. 2016-Dec. 2019)

Associate Editor of *Language and Linguistics* 語言暨語言學 (2017-)

Member of the Advisory Board of *Language Science Press* (01/2019-)

Member of the Editorial Board of *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area* (2014-), *Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society* (2017-), and *Journal of Speech Sciences* (2021-)

Member of the Scientific Board of *Faits de Langues* (2012-); previously an “Editorial Secretary” (2002-2005), then a member of the Editorial Board (2005-2012). Co-Editor (with A. Morgenstern) of volume 29 of *Faits de Langues* (Paris: Ophrys), 2007.

Since 2006: reviewer for scientific journals, including *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, *Phonetica*, *Journal of Phonetics* [until October 2017, when I joined the boycott against Elsevier B.V.], *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*, *Phonology*, *Language Variation and Change*, *Lingua*, *Laboratory Phonology*, *Studies in Language*, *Cahiers de Linguistique – Asie orientale*, *Language and Linguistics* (語言暨語言學), *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*, *Studies in Chinese Linguistics*, *Lingua Sinica*, *Himalayan Linguistics*, *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area*, *Bulletin of Chinese Linguistics*, *Journal of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society*, and *Language Documentation and Conservation*.

Co-Chair of the Third Workshop on Sino-Tibetan Languages of Sichuan, Paris, 2-4 September 2013 (<http://stw-sichuan2013.sciencesconf.org/>). Member of the Academic Committee of the 5th Workshop on Sino-Tibetan Language of Southwest China (STLS-2019). Member of the Scientific Committee of LabPhon 15 (2016) and LREC 2020 and 2022. Member of the Programme Committee of LabPhon 12, 13 and 18 (2010, 2012 and 2022), IALP (International Conference on Asian Language Processing) 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, TAL (Tonal Aspects of Language) 2016, and Speech Prosody 2018. Member of the Organizing Committee of the international conference “Phonetic bases of distinctive features” (Paris, 2006). Organizer (with Emmanuel Schang) of the scientific meeting of the *Groupement de recherche* “Linguistique informatique, formelle et de terrain” (LIFT), Orléans, Nov. 28th-29th, 2019.

Associations, committees, learned societies

Member of the Council of the International Phonetic Association (2015-2019 and 2019-2023). Life member of the International Phonetic Association (IPA) and the Oriental American Society. Member of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT), of the Paris Linguistics Society (*Société de Linguistique de Paris*, SLP), *Société Asiatique* (France), *Association Francophone de la Communication Parlée* (AFCP, France) and International Speech Communication Association (ISCA).

Member of the Special Interest Group for Under-resourced Languages (SIGUL) of the European Language Resources Association (ELRA) and of the International Speech Communication Association (ISCA). Member of the Special Interest Group for Endangered Languages (SIGEL) of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL).

Member of the Scientific committee of the Global Council on Anthropological Linguistics (GLOCAL), SOAS, University of London (since 2020).

Participation in research groups and international exchanges

2002-2017: Participant in the “Typology and Universals of Sound Systems” and “Prosodic Interfaces” activities of the Research Federation “Typology and Language Universals” of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS, FR 2559).

Jan. 2011-Dec. 2012: participation in the scholarly exchange between the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) « Mapping diversity: Sub-areal and local linguistic groupings in Southwest China ». Principal investigators: Katia Chirkova, CRLAO-CNRS, and HUANG Xing, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology (IEA-CASS). *Participants: Guillaume Jacques, Christine Lamarre, Alexis Michaud, Laurent Sagart; HUANG Chenglong, JIANG Di, SUN Hongkai, YIN Weibin.*

Publications

All of my publications can be downloaded in preprint form from the HAL-SHS archive:

<https://cv.archives-ouvertes.fr/alexis-michaud>

Videos

2021: "FORGE 2021 Panel discussion: [Mapping the Landscape – Research Data Management in the Humanities](#)".

– 2019, "[Persephone: The benefits of interdisciplinary dialogue between computer scientists and fieldworkers](#)", atelier "Persephone: a tool for the automatic phonemic transcription of endangered languages", SOAS World Languages Institute, Londres, November 2019. 38 minutes.

In Chinese / 中文

– 2012, "Sound Hunter" / 路·音" : film documentaire sur la linguistique de terrain chez les Naxi, 2012. Tianjin Television 天津电视台. 24 minutes.

In French

– 2020, « À l'écoute des Na de Yongning »: documentary film about fieldwork on Yongning Na. <https://www.canal-u.tv/chaines/cnrs-service-audiovisuel-d-ardis-uar2259/a-l-ecoute-des-na-de-yongning>

– 2020, « Comment trouver le bon ton », film avec Pascal Boyeldieu, 13:00 mn, réalisation Franck Guillemain & Céline Ferlita (UPS2259, série "Langues vivantes / Langues vitales"). https://www.canal-u.tv/video/cnrs_ups2259/comment_trouver_le_bon_ton.56711

– 2019, "Faut-il sauver les langues en danger ?" (François Yvon et Alexis Michaud), Universcience - Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie, December 2019. 26 minutes.

– 2019, "Vidéo sur le terrain : un projet conjoint de documentation linguistique et de film documentaire" (Franck Guillemain et Alexis Michaud), séminaire LACITO "Terrains, analyse et comparaison des langues", March 2019. 84 minutes.

– 2014, "L'analyse des systèmes de tons", intervention à l'Ecole d'été LACITO "Méthodes en linguistique, des données empiriques aux hypothèses typologiques", July 2014. 104 minutes.