

CV and brief biography of Agnès FINE

Agnès Fine, Professor (Directrice d'études) at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, is an historian and anthropologist, specialising in the area of kinship and gender in European societies.

Her research has led her to focus on the historical anthropology of kinship in a rural society of the Pyrénées (Sault region), and then on elective filiations, past and present. Her main works are concerned with godparenting, adoption, naming and civic status of persons. She is working currently on another form of elective kinship, the “intellectual kinship relations” between scholars and/or researchers.

The second major topic of her research concerns women and gender, and more recently the processes of production of male and female in European societies. She has explored these themes using the anthropology of self-writing by young girls and women, the places of education of young men as they appear in contemporary novels and finally via the different themes (reading, writing, family ties, music, dowry and marriage) chosen by the review *Clio, Histoire, Femmes et Sociétés*, of which she is a co-founder and has been an editorial committee member since 1995.

Between 2009 and 2013, with C. Mennesson and G. Neyrand, lecturers in sociology at Toulouse, she has been joint director of a research project financed by the Agence Nationale pour la Recherche (National Research Agency) on the gendered socialisation in terms of the body (sport, leisure activities, bodily appearance) of small children (between 5 and 11 years of age).

Since 2009 (continuing until the end of 2013) she has headed a French research team operating under a CAPES-COFECUB exchange agreement on “Gender, Kinship, Sexuality” in conjunction with a Brazilian research team headed by Miriam Pillar Grossi of the University of Santa Catarina at Florianopolis. She is co-editor of the collection “Le temps du genre” [The time of gender] of the Presses Universitaires du Mirail (with Michelle Zancarini-Fournel).

Research Theme Keywords

Historical demography and historical anthropology of kinship

Key words: Populations of the Pyrenees in the 19th century and first half of the 20th century, infant mortality, household structures, fertility, contraception, maternal breastfeeding, abandonment of children, adoption, succession arrangements, dowry, God-parenting, choice of names, incest taboo

Contemporary kinship systems

Key words: God-parenting, adoptions, multiple parenting, same-sex parenting, choice of names, civic status, paternity

Gender

Key words: dowry, trousseau, marriage, transmissions
The production of gendered identities, *écriture féminine*
Homosexualities

Principal publications in recent years

Works

FINE A, 2007, ed. "Musiciennes", *Clio, Histoire, Femmes et sociétés*, n°25

FINE A, 2008, (ed.), *Etats civils en questions. Papiers, identités, sentiment de soi*, Paris, Editions du CTHS, collection Le regard de l'ethnologue.

FINE A, KLAPISCH-ZUBER C and LETT D, 2011 (ed.), "Liens familiaux", *Clio, Histoire, Femmes et sociétés*, n°34.

FINE A and ADELL N. (eds), 2012, *Histoire et anthropologie de la parenté. Autour de Paul Lacombe (1834-1919)*, Paris, Editions du CTHS, collection Orientations et méthodes.

Articles and contributions

FINE A and MARTIAL A, 2010, "Vers une naturalisation de la filiation ?", *Genèses*, 1, n°78, pp. 121-134.

FINE A and MARTIAL A, 2012, "Anthropologie et roman. A propos des hommes divorcés", *Ethnologie française*, 1, pp. 165-174.

FINE A, 2012, "Du féminisme à l'anthropologie de la parenté. L'originalité de Paul Lacombe", A. Fine and N. Adell (eds), *Histoire et anthropologie de la parenté. Autour de Paul Lacombe (1834-1919)*, Paris, CTHS, pp. 115-140.

FINE A, 2012, "La question de l'adoption par les couples homosexuels", *Cahiers français*, n° 371, La documentation française, pp. 59-66.

FINE A, 2013 "Avoir deux pères ou deux mères. Révolution ou révélation du sens de la filiation", in Irène Théry (ed.), *Mariage de même sexe et filiation*, Paris, Ed. de l'EHESS, pp. 115-128.

FINE A, 2013, "Retour critique sur l'inceste de deuxième type", *L'Homme*, 205, pp. 99-114.