



Serge Tcherkezoff--Biographical notices and detailed CV

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1) Bio notice from 200 to 40 words

(200 words)

Serge Tcherkezoff is Prof. of Anthropology and Pacific Studies,

→at the French University Institute of Advanced Studies in Social Sciences, EHESS:

www.ehess.fr, http://www.pacific-dialogues.fr/op_presentation_EHESS_eng.php

(emeritus from April 2018)

where he co-founded in 1995 a Pacific Studies Centre (www.pacific-credo.net)
organised by AMU-CNRS-EHESS

→at ANU (Honorary), CAP-CHL (College of Asia and the Pacific, School of Culture History Language)

where he is organising a collaborative program facilitating joint research projects
between Francophone and Anglophone institutions in the Pacific

<http://www.pacific-dialogues.fr/home.php>

<https://researchers.anu.edu.au/researchers/tcherkezoff-s>

→at (Adjunct) University of Canterbury, Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies

<http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/mbc/contact-us/people/serge-tcherkezoff.html>

His books bring together fieldwork in Samoa during the 1980s and 1990s (*FaaSamoa, une identité polynésienne* [2004]) with an ethno-historical critique of European narratives about Polynesia : *First Contacts in Polynesia: the Samoan Case* [2008] and co-edited *Oceanic Encounters: Exchange, Desire, Violence* [2009] (both at ANU Press); on the Tahitian case : *Tahiti 1768: la face cachée des premiers contacts* [2010] and on the Western invention of the Pacific regional-racial divisions : *Polynésie/Mélanésie: l'invention française des races et des régions de l'Océanie* [2008] (both at Au Vent des Iles, Papeete). Recently, he published a wide study of gift-giving in historical Samoa together with a pan-Polynesia comparative conclusion and a detailed reconsideration of the celebrated Maussian study on the gift : second part of *Marcel Mauss à Samoa : le holisme méthodologique et l'esprit du don polynésien* (Pacific-Credo Publications, 2016). This book (1st part) is also a contribution to historical study of the French School of holistic anthropology, in the line of the works ST published in the 1980s and early 1990s (see list of articles in http://www.pacific-dialogues.fr/serge_tcherk-publi-All_eng.php).

Another field of his studies is gender and transgender in Polynesia: contribution in Besnier and Alexeyeff eds. *Gender on the Edge* (UH Press 2014), book in progress about Samoa.

120 words:

S.Tcherkezoff (University EHESS www.ehess.fr), Pac. Studies www.pacific-credo.net, and ANU (<https://researchers.anu.edu.au/researchers/tcherkezoff-s>) <http://www.pacific-dialogues.fr/home.php>) has published about Samoan society in the 1980-1990s (*FaaSamoa, une identité polynésienne* [2004]), a critique of European narratives about “Polynesia” during early encounters and later geographical-racial forced classifications of Pacific peoples (*First Contacts in Polynesia: the Samoan Case* [2008], co-edited *Oceanic Encounters: Exchange, Desire, Violence* [2009], both at ANU Press); *Tahiti 1768: la face cachée des premiers contacts* [2010] and *Polynésie/Mélanésie: l'invention française des races et des régions de l'Océanie* [2008] (both at Au Vent des Iles, Papeete). Recently, he published a wide study of gift-giving in historical Samoa *Marcel Mauss à Samoa : le holisme*

méthodologique et l'esprit du don polynésien (Pacific-Credo publications, 2016). Book in progress on gender and transgender in Polynesia).

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Professor in Anthropology and Pacific Studies (EHESS University, France and Hon. in ANU Australia), his works bring together results of fieldwork in Samoa during the 1980-1990s with a critique of European narratives of Polynesia, in the past and today. <www.pacific-credo.net> <www.pacific-dialogues.fr> <www.pacific-encounters.fr>

2) Update 2017 for ANU-CAP-CHL

Short :

In EHESS-CNRS-Aix-Marseille University, at the French Center for Pacific Studies that Serge Tcherkezoff co-founded with other colleagues in 1995 (www.pacific-credo.net), his works bring together results of fieldwork in Samoa during the 1980-1990s with an ethno-historical critique of European arrival in Polynesia in 18th century. In ANU-CAP-CHL, he manages a French funded program that supports joint workshops between, on the one hand, the Francophone research institutions in the Pacific (particularly the two Universities, UPF and UNC, of French Polynesia and of New Caledonia) and, on the other hand, ANU colleagues, as well as other Pacific Anglophone research groups (www.pacific-dialogues.fr/home.php).

Recent update:

During 2016-2017, ST has co-organised a linkage between ANU and the regional centre for Social Sciences in Tahiti, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme du Pacifique, and co-organised two symposia involving ANU colleagues from Political Sciences (see: "Society and Governance in the Pacific Islands"):

http://www.pacific-dialogues.fr/operations_programmes_news_pacific_17.php

He has also been heavily involved in creating joint research on Climate Change (atoll coastal erosion) between New Caledonia, Tahiti (Tuamotu), Kiribas and Tuvalu ; see « Climate Change dialogues » :

http://www.pacific-dialogues.fr/operations_programmes_news_pacific_12.php

and creating joint research on language and education, bi/plurilingualism in school curricula, between ANU colleagues from CoEDL and from University of Noumea, of Tahiti, and Academy of Wallisian and Futunian languages : see « What Oceania Languages Have to Tell us » :

http://www.pacific-dialogues.fr/operations_programmes_news_pacific_14.php

During end of 2017 and 2018, he will work towards

— enhancing the ANU participation in the 3rd PIURN Congress to be hosted by University of French Polynesia in October 2018 : see « PIURN 2012-2018 » :

http://www.pacific-dialogues.fr/operations_programmes_news_pacific_16.php

He will advocate for putting up panels on :

Language and education (with ANU-CoEDL and several UPF Centers)

Revision of the history of early Polynesian-Europeans encounters, focusing on an overlooked aspect : the eruption of violence from the start, following misunderstandings centred around gift-giving and the presence of women (with ANU GI)

Current Political transformations, with a focus on New Caledonia « independence » referendum planned for November 2018

— co-organising with ANU colleagues panels in the European Pacific Studies Conference (ESFO), Cambridge, December 2018.

ST's recent publications include :

A large book on Gift-giving in Samoa, with a discussion of pan-Polynesia comparison, and a reconsideration of Marcel Mauss's proposals in his famous *Essay on the Gift*

And several work relating to Samoan society :

80-2016a— « Supplement to Marshall Sahlins's Voyage Around the Islands of History (Tahiti 1768, Samoa 1787) », in *A Practice of Anthropology: The Thought and Influence of Marshall Sahlins*, Montreal, McGill-Queens University Press, pp. 133-151.

81-2016b—« Genèse et thème de la première conférence PIURN », in coll. *Appartenance vs. Propriété / Belonging vs. Property* (actes de la 1^{ère} conférence du PIURN 3-7 novembre 2014) : 13-14. Noumea : Presses de l'UNC (CD distributed to PIURN Members)

82-2017a—« The Samoan Village, the Brother-Sister Relationship and the Rule of Exogamy », *Journal of Samoan Studies*, Volume 7 No. 2, pp. 6-36 (special issue : *The Sāmoan Village: Past and Present. 'O le Nu'u Sāmoa: Anamua ma Onapō nei*)
<http://journal.samoanstudies.ws/2017/05/04/volume-7-no-2-2017/>

83-2017b—« Chinese in Samoa: recent threats at the village level », in *L'Océanie convoitée*, Al Wardi, Semir, Jean-Marc Regnault et François Sabouret (eds.), *L'Océanie convoitée*. Paris and Papeete : CNRS Editions and 'API Tahiti, pp. 123-126.

84-2017c— « Gift-giving in Western Polynesia: lifting the contradiction between Samoa and Tonga », In M. Meleisea, P. Schoeffel & L. Tovio-Alesana (Eds.), *Pacific Islands University Research Network-Conference Proceedings 2016*, Apia : National University of Samoa and PIURN, Center for Samoan Studies : 119-128.

http://samoanstudies.ws/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/PIURN-Proceedings-FINAL_27.10.2017.pdf

3) CV + summary of books

overview:

Serge Tcherkézoff is Professor of Anthropology (“Directeur d'études”) at the “Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales” EHESS (University organised as an Institute of Advanced Studies, the only IAS in France devoted solely to Social Sciences, studies only at postgraduate levels; this is where Marcel Mauss and later Claude Levi-Strauss were Professors): www.ehess.fr. He has taught at EHESS since 1980.

He has been Adjunct Professor of Anthropology and Pacific Studies at the University of Canterbury (UC) in New Zealand since early 2000,
<http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/mbc/contact-us/people/serge-tcherkezoff.html>

(<http://www.pacs.canterbury.ac.nz/people/index.shtml>) and Honorary Prof at the Australian National University (since 2010) (<http://www.pacific-dialogues.fr/home.php>).

He also organises a network of Social Science research in New Caledonia (www.agora.nc). Twenty years ago, he founded, with other colleagues (Maurice Godelier, Pierre Lemonnier, etc.), what is today the de facto national French Centre of Research in Pacific Studies (www.pacific-credo.fr) and the largest Pacific Studies Centre in Europe. He was its director (after Maurice Godelier) until 2007. He has authored or edited over ten books and over 80 academic articles.

After working on African ethnography in the 1970s, he has been engaged in fieldwork in Polynesia since the early 1980s, mainly in Samoa, and published widely on the transformations of Samoan society in the 1980s to 1990s. More recent publications bring together the results of his field studies and an ethno-historical critique of European narratives about early encounters in Polynesia (mainly Tahiti and Samoa).

He is also engaged in bridging the gap between Anglophone and Francophone methods, works and internal networks applied in Pacific Studies (program “EHESS@ANU”: <http://www.pacific-dialogues.fr/home.php>).

Citizenship : French

Married to Sueina Lokeni,

three children: Dania, Tuvalu and Alec

Education

Humanities (Literature and Ancient Civilisation): « Licence » (1969), Master (1973):
University of Paris-X.

Social and Cultural Anthropology: DEA (=Master2 : 1977), Ph.D (1981): EHESS

Professional employment and Administrative leadership

(Anthropology and Pacific Studies)

1979-1990: “Chef de Travaux” (Lecturer / Senior Lecturer) at EHESS

1990-2000: “Maître de Conférences” (Assoc. Prof.) at EHESS

2000-...: “Directeur d’études” (Prof.) at EHESS

1984-1994 : Deputy-Head of the Ph.D. program of Anthropology at EHESS

1995-2007: Co-Director then director of the Centre de Recherche et de Documentation sur l’Océanie

1992-...: direction of Masters and (since 2000) of Ph. D.s at EHESS

Membership and Directions of Research Teams/Centres

1979-1984:

Member of the research team directed by Louis Dumont (Foundation Prof. of Indian Studies in France) and by Daniel de Coppet (specialist of the Solomon Islands societies). This team specialised in the study of social structures of the Asia-Pacific region.

1984-1994 :

Member of the “ Laboratoire d’anthropologie sociale ” (the Center of research at the College de France founded and directed by Levi-Strauss).

Member of the first CNRS Temporary Research Group (“GDR”) devoted to Pacific Studies in French anthropology: “Identities and Transformations of Societies in Oceania” (ITSO).

1995-2007 :

Founding member of the CREDO, Centre de recherche et de documentation sur l’Océanie, first permanent Centre of Pacific Studies in France; Director of the CREDO : 1999-2003, 2004-2007.

Member (1998-2007) of the board of Directors of the Maison Asie-Pacifique (MAP) (grouping South-Est Asian and Pacific studies at CNRS / University of Provence).

2011-2016

Director of the EHESS Branch at ANU

2016-... Principal Investigator of ad hoc programs centred on the Francophone-Anglophone collaboration in the Pacific, organised through the “EHESS@ANU” linkage (since mid 2016, EHESS-ANU linkage at the wider level, beyond Pacific studies, is organised through a standard MOU, while the “Pacific-Dialogues” program continues from its base in CAP-CHL). (see www.pacific-dialogues.fr/home.php, welcome page text of presentation)

Temporary or Honorary Appointments

1996: Visiting Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Auckland, NZ.

2001-2002: Scholar in Residence, Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury, NZ.

2002-2005: Adjunct Professor of Anthropology, University of Canterbury, NZ.

2003-2005: Adjunct Professor of Pacific Studies, Université de la Polynésie Française, (University of French Polynesia, Tahiti), Tahiti, PF.

2004-2005: Australian Research Council International Linkage Fellow, Australian National University, Australia.

2005: Fellowship at the Institut pour la Recherche et le Développement, Noumea, New-Caledonia.

2006: “Chargé de mission” by the Government of New-Caledonia.

2006-2010: Adjunct Professor of Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury, NZ.

2010: Member of the Review Panel for Pacific Studies at U of Canterbury, and Acting Director for Research and Teaching Pacific Studies at Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies at U of C.

2011-2014: Professor of Pacific Studies (permanent, 0.3 time) at U of Canterbury.

2011-....: Professor of Pacific Studies (Visiting, then Honorary) at Australian National University

2013-....: Chair of the Scientific Council of the Association of Social Sciences in New Caledonia AGORA-SHS (www.agora.nc).

Direction or Co-Direction of International Programs

1998-2002: Environment and Nutrition in the Pacific (Vanuatu, Samoa, PNG) (with IRD).

2001-2004; 2005-07: CREDO-Australian National University (RSPAS): “Oceanic Encounters “(phase 1, 2) (with Embassy of France in Australia).

2006: “Le Destin de la Nouvelle-Calédonie” (The Future of New Caledonia) (with IRD).

2006: Museums and monumental archaeology in the Pacific (with Embassy of France in Fiji).

2007-2008: organisation of a symposium: “Pacific Roots: Unity and diversity of Pacific Peoples” (with University of the South Pacific and Embassy of France, Fiji).

2009: organisation of symposium: “Non-French research in French Pacific Communities” (Noumea, Octobre: UNC, ANU, Embassy of France in Australia)

2010: co-organisation of a symposium on bilingual education in the Pacific: confronting francophone and Anglophone experiences (October: UNC, ANU, Embassy of France in Australia, MBC).

2014: co-organisation (with VKS, Gov of Vanuatu) of symposium “Cultures as national heritages and dissemination of contemporary art in the French speaking Pacific”, Port-Vila. See:

http://www.pacific-dialogues.fr/operations_programmes_news_pacific_10.php

2014: co-organisation (with UNC) of the 1st PIURN symposium (Pacific Islands Universities Research Network), with UNC, Noumea: see:

<http://www.univ-nc.nc/actualites/premiere-conference-du-reseau-des-universites-du-pacifique-insulaire-piurn>

2014: co-organisation (with ANU, SSGM) of symposium : « Working with Legal Pluralism (State and « Custom » interactions), legal dispositions and contemporary debates : New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Wallis and Futuna ; PNG, Solomon, Vanuatu » ; see : http://www.pacific-dialogues.fr/op_france_pacific_sept2014_programme.php

2015 : co-organisation (with IRD Noumea) of workshop : « Climate change : dialogues between Pacific communities, Ouvea : encounters with I-Kiribati, Tuvalu, Paumotu, Marshallese
http://www.pacific-dialogues.fr/operations_programmes_news_pacific_12.php

Memberships in Learned Societies or Academies

1992-... : Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania.

1996-... ESFO

1996-2002, 2008-2012: Representative for France at the European Society for Oceania.

1999-2003: National Council of Research, section Anthropology, at “Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique” CNRS.

Fieldwork

Samoa : 1981-1983, then for 2-3 months periods in 1984, 1987, 1989, 1992, 1996, 2002, 2008, 2016.

And frequent but brief visits to Tahiti and New Caledonia since the mid 1990s.

Summary of some books

1983—*Le roi nyamwezi, la droite et la gauche. Révision comparative des classifications dualistes.* Paris & Cambridge, Maison des Sciences de l’Homme Press & Cambridge University Press (154 pp.)

Translated in English: **1987—*Dual classification reconsidered.*** Cambridge, Cambridge University Press (154 p., hardback and paperback)

In 1974, Rodney Needham developed a structuralist theory of classification in a volume, which he edited, entitled *Right Hand, Left Hand*. In my book, using hitherto

unpublished ethnographic materials mainly from African societies, I argued that Needham's structuralism still was a functionalist reinterpretation of the opposition between the sacred and the profane that Emile Durkheim developed in the late 19th century. I had proposed a new model for analysing symbolic dualistic systems, based on a methodological holism, which could take into account hierarchical oppositions (encompassment: see Louis Dumont, *Homo hierarchicus*, 1966). My critique generated a fair amount of attention, particularly in the form of rejoinders and correspondence, and was mentioned in England as one of the strong statements of "post-structuralism" in anthropology. The 1987 book is an English translation, commissioned by CUP, of a book originally published in French in 1983.

1997—*Le Pacifique-Sud Aujourd'hui: identités et transformations culturelles*, S. Tcherkézoff et F. Douaire-Marsaudon (eds.). Paris : CNRS Publications, ("Ethnologie"), 405 pp. Translated into English: 2005—*The Changing South Pacific : Identities and Transformations*. Canberra: ANU-RSPAS, Pandanus Press; *republished* with same title in 2009, Canberra, ANU E-Press : http://epress.anu.edu.au/changing_south_pacific_citation.html

Consisting of twelve chapters, each focused on a particular society, State, or Territory in the Pacific Islands, this volume is the first French edited collection to deal with socio-cultural change in the region. Among the topics that the chapters analyse, a new approach to "cargo cults" in Western Pacific, a study of transformations over 25 years in two PNG societies, the evolution of political rights in Tonga, and a proposal for a new methodology in studying cultural change, developed in a chapter of nearly 100 pages focussed on the case of the Samoan society. The (printed) English translation of the book quickly became a standard text-book for university courses, which explains why ANU E-Press was keen to publish it again in 2009 through an on-line system, when it became out of print.

2001—*Le mythe occidental de la sexualité polynésienne : Margaret Mead, Derek Freeman et "Samoa"*. Paris: Presses Universitaires de France ("ethnologies"), 225 pp.

<http://www.amazon.fr/Mythe-occidental-sexualité-polynésienne-1928-1999/dp/2130514081>

In 1983, Derek Freeman published a widely publicized critique of Margaret Mead's celebrated 1928 book, *Coming of Age in Samoa*, which gave rise to the so-called "Mead-Freeman debate" about the varying roles of nature and culture in the shaping of human beings, as well as controversies about the particulars of Samoan society and culture. By that

time, I had conducted ethnographic fieldwork in Samoa, but due to its timing I did not take sides in the controversy. This book presents original materials based on this fieldwork and assesses their relevance for the Mead-Freeman debate. It discusses also Mead's field notes, which became available after their publication by Martin Orans (1996), and it adds a new explanation for Mead's misinterpretations in 1928 (her focus on male informant(s), not mentioned in the book but heavily present in the field notes). It also scrutinizes Freeman's methodology and brings to light the numerous biases involved in Freeman's conclusions. I presented the gist of the book to English-speaking audiences in the form of several articles, particularly in the *Journal of Polynesian Society*, which generated debates, rejoinders and correspondence.

2003—*Faasamoa, Une Identite Polynesienne (Economie, Politique, Sexualite) : L'anthropologie comme dialogue culturel*. Paris : L'Harmattan ("Connaissance des hommes"), 545 pp.

E-book (2010) : <http://www.editions-harmattan.fr/index.asp?navig=catalogue&obj=livre&no=15701>

Samoa in the 1980s and 1990s underwent significant transformations in terms of economic structure, political organization, and gender relations. This book focuses on these three themes, and analyses the significance of these transformations. The sections on economic and political transformations develop data and arguments that I had presented in article form in English, which generated significant dialogue. The analysis of gender further develops, during some 200 pages, an entirely new ethnography and arguments, which I presented in more sketchy form in the 2001 book, with issues relevant to education, gender roles, gender as a modality of social relations, and so on.

2004a—'First Contacts' in Polynesia : The Samoan Case (1722-1848): Western misunderstandings about sexuality and divinity. Canberra/ Christchurch, /Journal of Pacific History Monographs / Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, 222 pp. *Republished* with same title in **2008**, Canberra, ANU E-Press: http://epress.anu.edu.au/first_contacts_citation.html

This book is the first, and up to date a unique attempt to study in detail and from an "island-centred" point of view the history of the early encounters that Samoans had with Europeans (Dutch, French and British expeditions). The second part takes a comparative look (adding the cases of Tonga, Hawaii, Tahiti) on central issues: a) Polynesian interpretations

about the nature of these new-comers; b) the case of Captain Cook in Hawaii and a reappraisal of the “Sahlins / Obeyesekere debate” (had Cook been considered by Hawaiians as their “god” *Lono* ?); c) the pan-Polynesian gift-giving of ceremonial cloth to early Europeans, with a discussion of the Polynesian symbolic meanings of “wrapping-in”. The book quickly went out of print and, due to demand, was republished by ANU E-Press. It is today a basic text-book for the history curriculum at the National University of Samoa.

2004b—*Tahiti 1768 : Jeunes Filles En Pleurs. La face cachée des premiers contacts et la naissance du mythe occidental.* Papeete, Au Vent des Iles (531 p.) [2nd ed. 2010] [translation in English in progress]. **E-book** (2013): <http://librairie.immateriel.fr/fr/ebook/9782909790299/tahiti-1768-jeunes-filles-en-pleurs>

In 1771, Louis-Antoine de Bougainville officially published his account of the “first contact” between French and Tahitians, a work that has been endlessly republished and summarized for specialized and popular audiences alike over the centuries. Based on an original reading of journals written by Bougainville’s companions, *Tahiti 1768* demonstrates that the received view of what happened during this “first contact” has been deeply biased. It presents a novel reconstruction of the encounter and proceeds to reconstruct ethnographically Tahitians’ actions and motivations which Tahitians put forward to make sense of the newcomers. In this and prior publications (particularly the 2004a book on Samoan-European first and early encounters), I advocate for a reconstruction of these early encounters from an indigenous perspective. This endeavour has given rise to the large-scale project based on a comparative symposium focused on various early encounters (see 2009 entry below).

2008—*Polynesie / Melanesie : l’invention française des « races » et des régions de l’Océanie.* Papeete : Au Vent des Iles, 376 p. [an English translation is in progress] **E-book** (2013): <http://librairie.immateriel.fr/fr/ebook/9782915654523/polynesie-melanesie>

This is a detailed study of European narratives describing-and-classifying Pacific people, from early explorations. A particular attention is given to the systematic classifications elaborated by “naturalists”, then by “zoologists”, in the 17th to 19th centuries. The “invention” of the Melanesia vs Polynesia distinction, attributed to Dumont d’Urville in 1832, was only one stage in a long genealogy of hypotheses about the existence of “two varieties” of inhabitants of the Pacific, which would eventually become “two races” in the 1800s. Several chapters are devoted to this 16th-18th centuries genealogy. The analysis is particularly attentive to the historical context in which d’Urville developed his theory through

an analysis of his personal diary, which had not been examined before. The book follows further the integration of the d'Urville models in 19th- and 20th-century atlases and text-books designed for high school and universities. It also brings to light the often unknown history of the labels invented to describe the whole of Oceania and its subdivisions, in French- and English-speaking traditions, from early voyages to modern times. Finally, it considers recent findings from archaeology, linguistics, and genetics, and presents a critique of the geographical traditions that still inform most history and geography high school and university text-books about the Pacific.

2009—(M. Jolly, S. Tcherkézoff, D. Tryon, eds.) *Oceanic Encounters : Exchange, Desire, Violence.* Canberra : ANU E Press, 364 p.
http://epress.anu.edu.au/oceanic_encounters_citation.html

The 2004a and 2004b books have given rise to a large-scale project based on a comparative symposium focused on various early encounters. It was held in two stages, alternatively at the CREDO Centre and at the RSPAS of ANU. It is a break through for the analysis of early encounters between Pacific indigenous people and Europeans, with examples from various islands of the Pacific and a great emphasis on attempting to reconstruct what has been the indigenous knowledge of the times. It also reconsiders the whole concept of “first contact”. Although published only in mid 2009, the demand for the book has been so great that, at end of year, it has reached the top layer of the number of downloads for any 2009 ANU E-Press titles.

2012—(Laurent Dousset, S. Tcherkézoff, eds) *The scope of anthropology : a new synthesis. Essays in Honour of Maurice Godelier.* Oxford New York, Berghahn Books.

2016 : *Marcel Mauss à Samoa : le holisme sociologique et le don polynésien.* Marseille, Pacific-Credo Publications.

Reconsideration of the wide range of the Maussian concepts as it could be applied to the study of Pacific networks of gift-giving and exchanges; detailed study of the Samoan case; comparison of the various Polynesian systems of gift-giving, and dismissal of the (apparent) contradictions between the Samoan and the Tongan cases.

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