

MURIEL DEBIÉ

EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Eastern Christian Studies at École pratique des hautes études (EPHE), Sorbonne, PSL, Paris – 2012-present

Teach and mentor MA and PhD students; research in late antique and early medieval history and in the religions and philology of the Christian Near East

Director of the School of Languages and Civilisations of the Ancient Near East (ELCOA, department of the Faculty of Theology) at the Catholic University of Paris – **2011-2016**

Academic administration (15 ancient languages taught at the ELCOA). Taught intermediate and advanced Syriac and the history of the Eastern Christian Near East (1998-2016)

Chargée de recherche/Researcher (permanent research position) at the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) in Paris, in the **Institute for Textual Research and History (IRHT) – 2000-2012**

“Chargée de mission” to the director of the humanities division at the École normale supérieure – **1999-2000**

Pensionnaire (Research fellow) at Fondation Thiers – Centre de Recherches humanistes (Institut de France) – **1996-1999**

Chargée de recherches documentaires/Researcher : temporary research position in the department of Greek manuscripts at the Bibliothèque nationale de France and teaching position (Koine Greek) at Paris IV- Sorbonne (Greek Studies dpt) – **1992-1996**

Reader in French at Pembroke College, Cambridge University (GB) – **1990-1991**

EDUCATION AND DIPLOMAS

2016 and 2017, training sessions on the software *Classical Text Editor* for the edition of ancient texts in various scripts and formats (for printed and electronic editions).

2014-2016, Middle Persian at ELCOA (S. Azarnouche).

2011, **Habilitation Thesis**, EPHE: “De l’apocalypse à l’histoire, la circulation des textes dans l’Orient chrétien” Promotor: B. Flusin.

1999, **PhD Dissertation** (mention Très Honorable avec les félicitations du jury, highest honors), Paris IV-Sorbonne (Greek Studies dpt): “Ordonner les temps. Étude de la tradition historiographique syriaque et de ses rapports avec l’historiographie de langue grecque (V^e-IX^e s.)” Supervisor: B. Flusin.

1991-1992, Standard Arabic (ENS); Diplôme d’études avancées (DEA, Pre-doctoral graduate diploma) in Greek studies (B. Flusin), Paris IV.

1990-1991, Syriac (S.P. Brock) and Byzantine History (C. Mango) at Oxford University.

1990, **Agrégée de lettres classiques** (highly competitive civil service examination in Classics).

1987-1989, Biblical Hebrew and Syriac at ELCOA, Paris, and CNRS Summer school; Classical Armenian (ENS).

1987-1992, **Élève de l'École normale supérieure** (ENS-Ulm, elite higher education institution in Paris): licence-DEA (French undergraduate and graduate degrees) in classics (major), ancient history and archaeology (minors) at Paris IV-Sorbonne.

FELLOWSHIPS, PRIZES, AND AWARDS

- Senior member at Institut universitaire de France (IUF, 2020-2025)
 - Prize "La Dame à la licorne" (Musée Cluny, Paris) and "the Book of History of the Arab World", 2018 ("Grand prix du livre du monde arabe", Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris), for *Le Monde syriaque. Sur les routes d'un christianisme ignoré*. Les Belles Lettres.
 - Grant IRIS (Interdisciplinary and Strategic Research Initiatives) for the programme *Scripta. Histoire et pratique de l'écrit* (Paris Sciences et Lettres PSL): coordinator of the axis "Circulation of writing and processes of canonisation, East and West"
 - Member at the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton), 2016-2017
 - Founding member of the Excellence Initiative *Laboratoire d'excellence* (Labex) RESMED, "Religion and Society in the Mediterranean World". National Grant, 2011-2021.
 - Grant (3 years, 2009-2013) from the National Agency for Research (ANR) in France for a collaborative project called SYRAB: "Scripts and Writings in the Syriac and Arab World (3th-7th c.)." Coordinator of task 2 (Syriac).
 - Visiting Research Scholar at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World (ISAW), NYU (2008-2009).
 - Grant (3 years, 2004-2007) from the ANR for a collaborative project called DATI: "From Late Antiquity to Islam".
 - Awarded one of the 5 annual doctoral fellowships at Fondation Thiers – Centre de Recherches Humanistes, Institut de France (1995-1999).
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TEACHING, MENTORING, AND ADVISING

- Courses and seminars
 - Conference on "Multilingualism in the Late Antique and Islamic Near East" in the seminar *Actualités de la recherche en histoire et archéologie/Ongoing research in history and archaeology*, Team Medieval Islam, Laboratory 'Orient et Méditerranée', CNRS, 23 oct. 2019.
 - One-week courses on Syriac Tradition and Manuscript Studies at Salahaddin U. in Erbil (Iraq), sept. 2019.
 - Seminar: Western and Eastern view of History in Syriac: distinctive historiographies in the Late Antique and Medieval landscape, Leuven, The Louvain Centre for Eastern and Oriental Christianity, 8 May 2019.
 - Annual intensive school on Greek and Eastern Christian manuscripts at IRHT.
 - Doctoral research seminar (EPHE).
 - Introduction to Syriac Literature, graduate level (EPHE).
 - Intermediary and advanced Syriac, at the School for Oriental Languages and Civilisations (ELCOA, Catholic University of Paris) – 1998-2016.
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- Introduction to Syriac manuscripts in the annual workshop on Greek and Oriental manuscripts at the IRHT (for graduate and doctoral students).
 - **Supervising**
 - Doctoral dissertations in the field of Syriac studies and Late Antiquity: Syriac Historiographical excerpts (codirected with P. Van Nuffelen, Ghent U.); Ideas on Paradise and Hell from the unedited Syro-Arabic Apocalypse of Gregory of Edessa; Le décor des lectionnaires syriaques à l'époque médiévale (XI^e-XIII^e s.), co-directed with I. Rapti, EPHE; The Syriac History of the Virgin Mary; The Muslim Conquests in Syriac Sources. Defended thesis: Barhebraeus Ecclesiastical History (co-directed with P. van Nuffelen Ghent U.); The Cult history of the Proto-martyr Stephen (co-directed with R. Gounelle, Strasbourg U.);
 - M.A. dissertations.
 - **Graduate conferences: organisation and participation**
 - 17-18 June 2019 : “L'empire Sassanide et ses marges/The Sasanian Empire and its margins”, EPHE.
 - 18-19 sept. 2017: organisation in Paris of a joint Graduate Conference between EPHE, the U. of Chicago and the U. of Chicago in Paris, with R. Payne: “The Eastern Mediterranean and the Iranian World in Late Antiquity/Méditerranée orientale et monde iranien dans l'Antiquité tardive”.
 - **Member of Graduate committees**
- Habilitation thesis ; PhD; EPHE diplomas; Master thesis; committees monitoring PhD students.

EDITORIAL RESPONSABILITIES

E-TOOLS FOR SYRIAC STUDIES

- Since 2018 – member of the steering committee of Syri.ac An annotated bibliography of Syriac resources online : <http://syri.ac/>
- Since 2017 – member of the editorial committee of the Digital Syriac Corpus: <https://syriacorporus.org/index.html>
- Since 2013 – scientific expert for Syriaca. The Syriac Reference Portal online : <http://syriaca.org/>
- Scientific Director of *E-ktobe. Syriac Manuscripts* (IRHT) : <http://www.mss-syriaques.org>

JOURNALS

- Co-director of the journal *Intellectual History of the Islamicate World*, since 2018.
- Member of the scientific board of the Journal SARA: *The Syriac Annals of the Romanian Academy*
- Member of the editorial board of the Journal *al-Usur al-Wusta: The Bulletin of Middle East Medievalists* (Oriental Institute, Chicago)
- Member of the editorial board of *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies*, <http://www.bethmardutho.org/index.php/hugoye/editorial-board.html>.

COLLECTIONS

- Co-Founder and Director of the series “Bibliothèque de l'Orient chrétien” (BOC), Paris, Les Belles Lettres, with Françoise Briquel Chatonnet (translations with introduction and commentary of Eastern Christian Texts) since 2017.
- Co-Founder and Director of the series “Études syriaques”, Paris: Geuthner, 1 vol. annual since 2003.
- Member of the editorial board of the “Monumenta Palaeographica Medii Aevi” (MPMA, Brill) since 2018.

- Member of the editorial board of “Gorgias Chronographic Library”, 1st vol. 2016.

VALUATIONS

- Assessment letters for tenure and promotions abroad (Princeton, Catholic U., Yale, London and Stockholm); expert for the European Science Foundation.
- Member of the search committee for a position of ‘maître de conférences’/Assistant professor in History of the Byzantine World at Paris IV-Sorbonne, May 2016 and a position of Professor of Byzantine History at Paris IV-Sorbonne, May 2015 ; member of the annual search committee at the EPHE (Religious sciences), since 2012.
- Evaluation of careers and promotions of researchers and scientific programmes of CNRS laboratories (section 32, ‘Ancient and Medieval Worlds’), 2004-2008; evaluation of doctoral and post-doctoral scholarships and programmes in the Excellency Laboratory Resmed (Religion and Society in the Mediterranean) and programme *Scripta*.

RESPONSABILITY OF TEACHING PROGRAMMES

- Coordinator of the Master programme AMPO: Mediterranean and Near Eastern Antiquity (EPHE-PSL)
- External examiner for the Master Studies in Syriac and Aramaic at Oxford U. (2019).
- Certificate and Advanced Certificate of Ancient Language s– ELCOA degree in philology.
- Bachelor in philology and history of the Ancient Near East – ELCOA (Arts, literature, languages) 2011-2016.
- Master of Philology and History of the Ancient Near East – ELCOA
- Master in Languages and Literatures, oriental specialty – Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium) and ELCOA.

PROMOTION OF RESEARCH

- Organisation of the XIII Symposium Syriacum and 10th International Conference of Christian Arabic Studies (6-11 July 2020 – postponed to July 2022 due to Covid pandemic), 350 participants.
- Organisation of the 18th annual workshop of the Société d’études syriaques, 19 nov. 2021.
- Creation of *NOVAT: News of Late Antiquity*, a group list and biennial lectures on recent developments on Late Antiquity.
- Invitation of a Director of Study (EPHE, one month, 4 lectures): Alberto Camplani (La Sapienza, Roma), *Le Patriarcat d’Alexandrie et la construction de la mémoire de son passé entre le IVe et le VIIIe siècle : l’articulation du temps et de l’espace, la sélection de documents, la création de symboles* (Jan.-Feb. 2019, with M.-O. Boulnois).
- Organisation of a workshop “Why Syriac Matters” at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (24 Feb. 2017).
- Invitation of a Director of study (EPHE): Enrico Norelli (U. of Geneva), *The Muratori Fragment. A Witness of the formation of the New Testament Canon* (2016, with M.-Y. Perrin).
- Invitation of a Director of study (EPHE): Widad Al-Khoury (DGAM, Syria), *The Late Antique Syrian Churches* (based on documented but now lost artefacts), with B. Flusin and Vassa Kontouma).
- Co-organiser of the annual international conferences of the Société d’études syriaques since 2004, in particular: with F. Ruani: “The Religious Controversies in Syriac”, Nov. 2015; “Syriac Historiography”, Nov. 2009, Paris.
- Organiser of the annual cycle of IRHT lectures: “Late Antique and Medieval Chronicles: Eastern-Western Cross-Perspectives”, 2007-2008.

- Co-organiser of the international conference “Continuity of occupation in the Near East between Late Antiquity and Early Islam”, (*Continuités de l’occupation au Proche-Orient de l’antiquité tardive à l’islam*), Paris, Oct. 2007.
- Co-organiser of the international panel “Writing ‘True Stories’: Historians and Hagiographers in the Late Antique and Medieval Near East”, International Conference of Byzantine Studies/Congrès international d’études byzantines, London, 2006.
- Co-founder and vice-president of the Société d’études syriaques/French Society for Syriac Studies: <http://etudessyriaques.org/>
- Member of the international scientific Advisory Board of the Louvain Centre for Eastern and Oriental Christianity: https://theo.kuleuven.be/en/research/centres/centr_loceoc
- Member of the Société Asiatique/French Asiatic Society
- Member of the SOPHAU/Society of the University Professors of Ancient History

ADMINISTRATION

- 2020 – founding member and member of the steering committee of the Institute for rare languages (ILARA), EPHE.
- 2017-2021 – elected member of the administrative board of the EPHE ; member of the mixed financial board
- 2016-2017 – elected member of the scientific committee of EPHE
- 2016-2020 – member of the research council at Paris Sciences et Lettres University.
- 2011-2016 – member of the scientific board of the Laboratory of Excellence RESMED (Religions and Societies in the Mediterranean World)
- 2011-2016 – director of the École des langues et civilisations de l’Orient ancien, ELCOA (Institute for Ancient Oriental Languages and Civilisations, Faculty of Theology, Catholic U. Paris)
- 2004-2008 – elected member of the scientific board of section 32, Ancient and Medieval Worlds, at the CNRS
- 2002-2006 – elected member of the laboratory board of the Institute for Textual Research and History (IRHT)