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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

- 2005-10 : preparing for a PhD in Social Geography, University of Paris 10, supervised by Prof. Landy; topic: « *Dominant caste and territory: spatial and socio-economic mobility of the Kammas from Andhra Pradesh* »
- 2008-10 : affiliated scholar in Centre for Human Sciences, New Delhi
- 2006-07 : awarded a Government of India scholarship from ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relations) and affiliated to the School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
- 2005-08 : Diploma in Hindi from the National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilisations (INALCO), Paris
- 2004-06 : Certificate of Language and Civilisation in Telugu from INALCO, Paris
- 2004-05 : MPhil in Geography, University of Paris 10; topic: « *Between the Delta villages and HITEC City: migration and upward social mobility of a peasant community from Coastal Andhra* »
- 2003-04 : awarded a Lavoisier scholarship by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs under an Indo-French Cultural Exchange for teaching French in India
- 2002-03 : passed the « agrégation » in Geography (teaching certification competitive examination)
- 2001-02 : Master's degree (MA) in Geography, Sorbonne University, Paris; topic : « *Irrigated agriculture in arid areas: the case of Palmyra oasis, Syria* »
- 2000-01 : Bachelor's degree (BA) in Geography at the Sorbonne
- 1999-00 : Bachelor's degree (BA) in History at the Sorbonne
- 1997-00 : literary « classes préparatoires » (coaching classes preparing to take entrance exams to high institutes for professors' training); passed the Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS) entrance competitive examination
- 1997 : Baccalaureate in Arts (A-levels)

## WORKING EXPERIENCE

- 2005-08 : assistant lecturer, teaching Geography in University of Paris 10
- 2003-04 : French teacher at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, India
- 2001 : taught French and English to children and students with an NGO in Cambodia (2 months)
- 2001 : took part in a research work on economic flows in the Middle East at the Centre of Geostrategy of the ENS, ordered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (6 months); field work in Syria

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Aug. 2009 : « *Migration and social capital: the role of caste-based networks in the integration of settlers in Hyderabad* », Osmania University, Hyderabad, conference of the International Geographical Union, Urban Commission
- Feb. 2009 : « *Implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in a tribal state, Meghalaya* », Benares Hindu University, seminar organised by the French Association of Young Researchers working on India (AJEI)
- Nov. 2008 : « *The concept of dominant caste in urban areas: comparative study of the Kammas from Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh) and Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu)* », AJEI seminar, Centre for Indian and South Asian Studies, Paris
- Nov. 2006 : « *Educational background of the elites of the higher civil service in India* », AJEI seminar, University of Toulouse ([www.ajei.org/files/SJC06benbabaali.pdf](http://www.ajei.org/files/SJC06benbabaali.pdf))
- Nov. 2005 : « *The impact of migration of Andhra rural elites' on their villages* », AJEI seminar, National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), Villejuif (Paris) ([www.ajei.org/files/SJC05Benbabaali.pdf](http://www.ajei.org/files/SJC05Benbabaali.pdf))
- Dec. 2002 : « *Water management in the oasis of Palmyra, Syria* », international conference on arid zones agriculture, University of Amiens, France

## PUBLICATIONS

### Forthcoming

- 2010 : articles « mobilité sociale », « Andhra Pradesh » and « Uttarakhand » in F. Landy (ed.), *Dictionnaire de l'Inde contemporaine*, Armand Colin, Paris
- 2010 : « Review of Berti D., Tarabout G. (ed.), 2009, *Territory, soil and society in South Asia*. New Delhi, Manohar », *Contributions to Indian Sociology*

### Published

- Jan. 2010 : « Entre villages du delta et HITEC City : mobilité socio-spatiale des Kammas d'Andhra Pradesh », *Purusartha*, n°28, Editions de l'EHESS, Paris

- Jan. 2010 : « Les conflits de caste en Andhra côtier », in Baixas L. et al. (ed.), *Conflit et rapports sociaux en Asie du Sud*, L'Harmattan, Paris
- Jan. 2010 : « Compte-rendu de lecture : Berti D., Tarabout G. (éd.), 2009, *Territory, soil and society in South Asia*. New Delhi, Manohar », *L'Espace Géographique*, n°39
- Oct. 2009 : « Ces 'énarques' qui font polémique en Inde », *La vie des idées* (<http://www.laviedesidees.fr/Ces-enarques-qui-font-polemique-en.html>)
- Aug. 2009 : « Importing new cultures into the city: the role of Kamma migrants in the development of Andhra culture in Hyderabad », in Reddy G. (ed.), *Emerging urban transformations. Multilayered cities and urban systems*, International Geographical Union, Urban geography Commission, Hyderabad
- Sept. 2008 : « Questioning the role of the Indian Administrative Service in national integration », *South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal*, [On line] (<http://samaj.revues.org/docannexe772.html>)
- Sept. 2008 : « Les élites de la haute fonction publique indienne : entre administration locale et intégration nationale », *Autrepart*, n°47, IRD, Paris
- Sept. 2007 : « 60 ans d'Union Indienne ? », *Echogéo*, n°2 [On line] (<http://echogeo.revues.org/index1685.html>)
- Nov. 2005 : « La gestion de l'eau dans l'oasis de Palmyre, Syrie », *Villes et Territoires du Moyen-Orient*, n°1 [On line] ([www.ifporient.org/spip.php?article1285](http://www.ifporient.org/spip.php?article1285))

## **LANGUAGES**

French, English, German, Spanish, Arabic, Hindi, Telugu