CURRICULUM VITAE

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- Member of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population since 1986
- Senior Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, since 2013 [http://www.cprindia.org/]

ACADEMIC RECORDS

1985 - PhD in Political Economics (Economic Demography), Institute of Political Studies of Paris
Subject of thesis: Dynamics of middle-sized towns and migration processes in West Africa.

1981 - Diploma of ‘Expert Demographer’, Institute of Demographic Studies of Paris
University of Paris I - Panthéon Sorbonne

1979 - Master in Economics (Development), University of Paris I - Panthéon Sorbonne

Proficiency in Languages

French : mother tongue; English : fluent; Hindi : usual

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS


2003-07: Director of the Centre de Sciences Humaines of New Delhi, India (on deputation from IRD to the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs).
The CSH is a research centre in social sciences focussing on the contemporary dynamics of development in India and other South Asian countries (www.csh-delhi.com)

Since 1985: Research fellow in economic demography at the Institute of Research for Development (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement – IRD, ex-ORSTOM), holding appointments in France and in India.

1984-85: Probationer at the National Institute of Demographic Studies (INED) - Paris

1983-84: Research grant from the General Delegation to Scientific and Technical Research (DGRST) - Rectorate of Paris

1981-82: Demographer at the National Centre of Penitentiary Studies and Research (CNERP) - Ministry of Justice - Paris
MAIN RESEARCH THEMES AND PROGRAMMES

Main research themes:
- analysis of urbanisation process in developing countries through the study of spatial mobility of city dwellers;
- analysis of the interaction between mobility pattern, access to employment and access to housing;
- study of the interrelationships between residential practices and transformations of metropolitan territories;
- analysis of urban policies, with a special focus on slum policies and their effects on socio-spatial exclusion.

Current geographical area: India

2014–16: Participation to the joint CPR–IRD research project “Urban Rural Boundaries and Basic Services in India” (IND–URBBS) coordinated by Partha Mukhopadhyay at the Centre for Policy Research, Delhi.
Financial support: Institute of Research for Development (France)

The IND-URBBS is constructed around understanding how outcomes in urban settlements like structure of occupation, delivery of basic services, and broader aspects of citizenship are affected by the interaction between citizens and state governance mechanisms in three types of sites, viz.: (i) ‘census towns’ vis-à-vis small statutory towns; (ii) informal settlements in large cities vis-à-vis formal settlements of similar nature; and (iii) peripheral settlements inside the municipal boundary of the city vis-à-vis settlements outside the municipal city boundary, thereby assessing the effect of differences in public policies according to the extent to which these sites are acknowledged by the state.
As part of this research on unacknowledged urbanisation in India, my contribution is part of the component focusing on informal settlements, with a focus on slum policy in Delhi.

2010–14: Participation to an international project “Urban Chances. City growth and the sustainability challenge. Comparing fast growing cities in growing economies” coordinated by the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) and the University of Amsterdam.
Financial support: European Commission, 7th Framework Programme, « Cities and sustainable development »
Institutional support for the part of the project conducted in India: CEIAS (Paris), CSH (Delhi).

This project is based on a comparative approach involving cities in India, Brazil, Peru and South Africa. My contribution is part of the component analyzing policies and actions to address urban inequalities, with a focus on the role of civil society’s organizations faced with the challenges posed by informal settlements and various dimensions of urban poverty; it is based on field studies in Indian cities (Delhi and Chennai).
Website: http://www.chance2sustain

2006–10: Collective research project on Urban policies, territories and social exclusion: a comparison between India and Brazil
Institutional support: IRD (Paris), CSH (Delhi), with financial support from the French National Agency for Research (ANR)

This project relied on a team of about 15 Indian, French and Brazilian researchers from various institutions. It focused on two topics: i) poor urban areas in context of social exclusion, urban splintering and globalization; ii) urban and peri-urban environment and their inter-relationships with poverty. These issues were addressed through case studies in Delhi, Mumbai, Sao Paulo and Rio, and by examining two sets of public policies: public policies regarding urban poverty in relation to the “treatment” of slums; and policies linking access to housing, poverty and conservation of the peri-urban forest. Three approaches, namely territorial, socio-political and legal, were combined.
My own contribution within this collective project focused on the influence of law and litigation on urban policies and the reconstruction of urban spaces, in relation to slum clearance, rehabilitation and resettlement.
Website: http://setup.csh-delhi.com
2003-05: Collective research project on **Peri-urban dynamics: population, habitat and environment on the peripheries of large Indian metropolises**

*Institutional support:* CEIAS (Paris), CSH (Delhi), CePeD (Centre for Population and Development, Nogent sur Marne), with financial support from the French Ministry of Research.

This project, that I coordinated, relied on a multi-disciplinary working group of about 20 Indian and European researchers. It aimed at better understanding the multiple facets of the peri-urban dynamics, in the context of large Indian metropolises.

1993-2003: Research programme on the **patterns of population mobility in Delhi**, focusing on the analysis of the different forms of spatial mobility, the interactions between residential practices on the one hand, access to employment, access to housing and urban policies on the other, as well as their impact on the dynamics of the metropolitan area. This study also included a specific survey of pavement dwellers (essentially houseless migrant workers).

*Institutional support:* IRD (Paris), CSH (Delhi), Institute of Economic Growth (Delhi)

**Methodological aspects:** This research programme involved the implementation of a complex system of investigation, including the collection of primary data on population mobility and related topics, with a combination of qualitative and quantitative approaches.

1986-92: Research programme on **urban dynamics, industrial development and migration processes in middle-sized Indian towns**:

This study investigated the interactions between spatial mobility and economic activities, in order to contribute to a better understanding of the dynamics of middle-sized Indian towns, as related to their surrounding rural environment. It aimed to analyse the role of the labour markets of medium-sized industrial towns in population attraction and settlement, as well as the patterns of economic insertion of the in-migrants. This project focused on the case study of a fast growing middle-sized industrial town, in Gujarat.

*Institutional support:* ORSTOM (Paris), Gujarat Institute of Area Planning (Ahmedabad).


**DIRECTION OF COLLECTIVE RESEARCH PROGRAMMES / TEAMS:**


2003-2007: Direction of the **Centre de Sciences Humaines** of New Delhi, and coordination of the research programmes on “Urban Dynamics” in this Centre.

2003-2005: Collective research project on “Peri-urban dynamics: population, habitat and environment on the peripheries of large Indian metropolises” (*see above*)

2001-2003: The multi-disciplinary research team “Circulation and territory in contemporary South Asia” (with Frédéric Landy at the CEIAS, Paris).


1994-2000: The comparative programme “Residential practices and impact on the dynamics and segmentation of big metropolises. A study of population mobility in Bogota and Delhi” (with Françoise Dureau, at IRD)

1994-2000: The multi-disciplinary Indo-French programme on “Social dynamics and spatial structuring of an Indian megacity: Delhi” (with Denis Vidal, at IRD and CEIAS, in collaboration in Delhi with the CSH, the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies and the Institute of Economic Growth).
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

2014-2016: Member of the partners’ council of the Labex DynamiTe – Cluster of Excellence: Territory and Spatial Dynamics (University Paris 1).

2014-2018: Member of the scientific committee of the French Research Consortium for Asian Studies (Paris, CNRS).

2010-2013: Elected associated member of the council of the Centre for Indian and South Asian Studies (Paris, EHESS–CNRS).

2010-2013: Nominated member of the council of the joint research unit “Development and societies” (IRD–University Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne)

2009-2012: Member of the scientific committee of the Euro–Asia–Pacific Network of Research and Expertise (CNRS-FMSH)


1993-1997: Elected member of the scientific council of the Department ‘Societies, Urbanisation and Development’ at ORSTOM .

EDITORIAL BOARDS

2000–2003: Member of the editorial board of Autrepart, the IRD journal of social sciences (Paris).

1999-2003: Member of the editorial board of Purushartha, the collection of the Centre for Indian and South Asian Studies (Paris, EHESS).

1985-1987: Member of the editorial board of Cahiers des Sciences Humaines, the ORSTOM journal of social sciences and humanities (Paris)
PUBLICATIONS (selection)

BOOKS


ZÉRAH, M.-H., DUPONT V., TAWA LAMA-REWAL St. (Scientific editors), Urban policies and the right to the city in India. Rights, responsibilities and citizenship, UNESCO & Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi, November 2011, 180 p.


JOURNALS’ SPECIAL ISSUES (as editor)


ARTICLES IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS


**BOOKS’ CHAPTERS**


DUPONT V., Residential practices, creation and use of the urban space: unauthorised colonies in Delhi, in HUST E., MANN M. (eds), Urbanization and Governance in India, Delhi, Manohar-CSH-SAI, 2005, pp. 311-341.


DUPONT V., Mobility patterns and economic strategies of houseless people in Old Delhi, in Delhi. Urban Space and Human Destinies, DUPONT V., TARLO E., VIDAL D. (eds), Delhi, Manohar - Centre de Sciences Humaines, 2000, pp. 99-124.

DUPONT V., Spatial and demographic growth of Delhi and the main migration flows, in Delhi. Urban Space and Human Destinies, DUPONT V., TARLO E., VIDAL D. (eds), Delhi, Manohar - Centre de Sciences Humaines, 2000, pp. 229-239 + 13 cartes hors texte.


