Quentin Ravelli

CNRS Researcher in Sociology

Present Position

Since 2013 – CNRS Researcher in Sociology - École Normale Supérieure (Centre Maurice Halbwachs)

Education and qualifications

2007-2012	PhD in Sociology: *The Strategy of Bacteria. Social Biography of a Medical Commodity*
2006-2007	MA in Sociology at École Normale Supérieure
2004-2005	MA in Political Philosophy at École Normale Supérieure
2004-2008	Member of École Normale Supérieure, Department of Philosophy
2000	Baccalaureate

Teaching

2019-2025	* Seminar 'Economic Crises and Political Crises', École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) (24h) (Masters and Doctoral students) * Seminar 'Ouscipo – Fieldwork and Qualitative Methodology in Social Sciences' École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) (48h) (Masters) * Series of Conferences in Sociology on 'Globalization in Crisis', Saint-Petersburg (Collège Universitaire Français), Russia (24h) * Creative writing workshop at Lycée Français St-Michel, Istanbul, Turkey (24h)
2018-2019	* Seminar 'Economic Crises and Political Crises', EHESS (24h) (Masters) * Class 'Public Policy Analysis', Université Paris 8 – Saint-Denis (30h) (Masters) * Seminar 'Ouscipo – Fieldwork and Qualitative Methodology in Social Sciences', EHESS (Masters) (48h) * Series of Conferences in Sociology on 'Globalization in Crisis', Moscow, Russia (Collège Universitaire Français) (24h)
2017-2018	* Seminar 'Social Lives of Commodities – From Political Economy to Direct Observation' at EHESS (24h) (Masters and Doctoral students) * Seminar Ouscipo – Fieldwork and Qualitative Methodology in Social Sciences: 'The Outsourcing of Justice', EHESS (48h) (Masters)
2013-2017	* Classes in Sociology at EHESS (24h) (Masters) * Seminar Ouscipo – 'The Migrant Experience', EHESS (24h) (Masters)
2007-2010	* Teaching Assistant in Sociology at Paris-Nanterre University (64h/year)

Publications – Short selection

Books

— Ravelli, Quentin and Philip Mader, *Debt Resistances in the 21st Century*, LSE Press (forthcoming)

— Ravelli, Quentin, *Debt and Rebellion* (forthcoming)

— Ravelli, Quentin, *The Strategy of the Bacteria - La stratégie de la bactérie*, Le Seuil, Paris, 2015.

— Ravelli, Quentin, *Red Bricks. Housing, Debt and Social Movements - Les briques rouges. Logement, dettes et luttes sociales en Espagne*, Éditions d'Amsterdam, 2017.

— Ravelli, Quentin, *Les Gilets jaunes. Une révolte inclassable*, ENS Editions, with Johanna Siméant-Germanos, Loïc Bonin et Pauline Liochon, ENS Éditions, 2024.

Films

— *Bricks: from Speculation to Mobilization*, 83', Documentary Film on the Spanish Financial Crisis –2017.

— *Bricks,* 52' (TV version)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

— 'Debt Struggles: When Financial Markets give Birth to a Working-Class Movement', *Socio-Economic Review*, vol. 19, Issue 2, 2021

— 'In the Limbo of Debt. Economic Crisis and Social Movements: from Wall Street Bankers to Spanish Activists' 'Les limbes de la dette. Crise économique et mouvements sociaux. Des banquiers de Wall Street aux militants espagnols', *Revue Française de Sociologie,* 2020.

— 'Organized Chaos. The flexible political structure of roundabout clusters' – 'Un chaos organisé. La grappe de ronds-points comme structure politique souple', *Condition humaine / Conditions politiques*, 2020.

— 'Economic Double-Bind. Indebted Workers as Driver for Social Change' - 'La double peine économique : les travailleurs surendettés comme moteur des mouvements sociaux', *Nouvelle Revue du Travail*, 2020.

— 'Does Capitalism have a Birth Date?' - Le Capitalisme a-t-il une date de naissance ?', *Tracés*, 36, 'Faire époque', ENS Éditions, 2019.

— 'Consequences of Financialization on Social Classes' - 'Ce que la financiarisation fait aux classes sociales', *Savoir/Agir*, 48 (co-author Benjamin Lemoine), 2019.

— 'Can We Talk about a Post-Colonial Movement in Spain? 'Race Day' and Indigenous Struggles against Banks' Peut-on parler d'un mouvement post-colonial en Espagne ? 'Jour de la Race' et lutte indigène contre les banques', *Mouvements*, 94, 2018.

— 'Marketing epidemics: when antibiotics promotion stimulates resistant bacteria', *Studies for the social history of medicine*, Pickering and Chatoo, London, 2015.

— 'Medico-marketing between use value and exchange value. How political economy sheds light on the biography of medicines', *Medische Antropologie,* 23(2), 2011.

Book Chapters

— 'Fuel Feud. The Political Economy of the Yellow Vests', in Jeff Goodwin and Michael Schwartz, *The Political Economy of Social Movements*, UC California Press, forthcoming, 2025.

— 'Shooting Stars. Infectious Diseases Specialist at the Heart of the Covid-19 Crisis' – 'Etoiles Filantes. Les infectiologues au cœur de la crise du Covid-19', in Claudia Senik (éd.), *Les Pandémies*, La Découverte, 2022.

— 'Covid Blindness', in Thomas J. Sugrue and Caitlin Zaloom (ed.), *The Long Year: A 2020 Reader*, Public Books Series, Columbia University Press, 2021

— 'Pierre Bourdieu's Dead Angles' - 'Les angles morts de Pierre Bourdieu', in *Conversations avec Bourdieu*, by Michael Burawoy, Éditions d'Amsterdam (co-authors Sebastian Carbonell, Aurore Koechlin, Ugo Palheta, Anton Perdoncin), 2019.

— 'Financial Backlash: When Local Bankers face Social Protest', in Valérie Boussard (ed.), *Finance at Work*, Routledge, 2017.

Press
— *Mediapart Blog*, 'Procès d'Eric Drouet : comment condamner un mouvement sans chef ?', 21 February 2019.
— *Sciences Humaines*, 'Laboratoires : les profits menacent-ils la santé ?' et 'Crédits toxiques espagnols : qui est le coupable ?', 22, May-June 2017.
— *Le Monde Diplomatique*, 'From Research Laboratory to Doctor: the Hard Sell', 2015.

Media, Radio & TV (selection)
— France Culture, *La suite dans les idées*, 'Comment l'extrême centre a mis l'extrême droite au pouvoir' followed by 'A Tribute to Michael Burawoy'. Interview with Sylvain Bourmeau, 6 February 2025.
— France Culture, *Le cours de l'histoire*, 'Capitalisme, d'où viens-tu ?', principal invited guest. Interview with Xavier Mauduit, 2 December 2019.
— Queens Public TV, invited guest, 'Foreclosure Resisters', June 2017.
— France Culture, *Continent Science,* principal invited guest, May 2015.
— France 5 TV, *Le magazine de la santé,* invited guest, February 2015
— France Culture, *Service Public*, 'Industrie Pharmaceutique : le poids des lobbies', interview with Guillaume Erner, January 2015

Grants, Awards & Fellowships – Selection

2022-2023
***** New-York University Visiting Scholar – September-December.
***** CNRS International Mobility Fellowship (SMI) – 4 months.

2018-2019
***** Paris Sciences et Lettres Global Studies – 'Judging Finance in a Global World' Team member (principal investigator Thomas Angeletti)
***** Paris Sciences et Lettres Global Studies – 'Financialization from Below in the Global South' Team member (principal investigator Hadrien Saiag)
***** Jean Rouch International Film Festival Official Selection and First Documentary Prize for *Bricks*
* Documenta Madrid International Film Festival Official Selection for *Bricks*

2016-2017
***** New York University Visiting Fellow
***** Official Selection at Etats Généraux du Film Documentaire for *Bricks*

2014-2015
* Casa de Velázquez Fellowship (Académie de France in Madrid, Spain)

2014-2015
* Centre National du Cinéma (CNC) Grant 'Avance sur Recettes' (€120,000)

2011
***** Fulbright Visiting Student at UC Berkeley

2007
***** Visiting Scholar at UC Berkeley (Ecole Normale Supérieure Exchange Program)

Selected Conferences

- 'Life of commodities', Keynote for 'La vie sociale des livres religieux', ANR LIV-REL, Campus Condorcet, July 2025
- 'Where Angels Fear to Tread: A Tribute to Michael Burawoy', Historical Materialism Conference, Paris, June 2025.
- 'Resistance to Financialization and Debt', International Initiative for Promoting Political Economu, Annual Conference, Istanbul, September 2024
- 'Ambivalent Rebellion: the Political Economy of the Yellow Vests', Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Congress, Amsterdam, July 2022.
- 'Debt Struggles: How Financialization gave birth to a Working-Class Movement', Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton, USA, October 2019.
- 'Social Movements and Economic Crisis. Yellow Vests in France. Debt Struggles in Spain', Metropolitan Studies Urban Salon, New York University, New York, USA, October 2019.
- 'Mobilisations en Espagne', Université d'hiver de Science Po, Fundación Tres Culturas, Sevilla, Spain, January 2019.
- 'Les marchandises financières entre matière et abstraction : fabrication et contestation des dettes mondialisées' Centre d'Etudes Franco-Russe, Moscow, Russia, April 2019.
- 'Le crédit à risque aux origines de la crise espagnole : de l'incitation à la contestation',

Galatasaray University, Istanbul, Turkey, April 2018.
- 'La Double peine économique. Les Familles des travailleurs de la construction au cœur de la crise espagnole', Journées Internationales de Sociologie du Travail, Paris, France, July 2018.
- 'Financial Sentiments. Mortgage Markets and Political Crisis in Spain', Intersections of Finance and Society Conference, London, UK, 2-3 November 2017.
- From *Proletarios* to *Propietarios*: Moral Order, State Housing Policy and Financialization, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Conference, 'Moral Economies, Economic Moralities', University of California, Berkeley, USA, 24-26 June 2016.

Past and Present Professional Memberships and Activities - selection

- Editorial Board member of *Critique Internationale*
- Director of the research team Pouvoir Droit Economie at the Centre Maurice Halbwachs (with Benjamin Lemoine).
- Member of Conseil Pédagogique de l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales – Master de sociologie.
- Peer-Reviews for the *Socio-Economic Review*, *Actes de la Recherche en Sciences Sociales*, *Critique Internationale*, *Sociologie du Travail*, *Revue de la Régulation,* among others.
- Jury member for the Jean Rouch International Film Festival, 2019 and for the Fulbright Foreign Students Program, 2018.
- Jury member for the French National Center of Cinematography: Scenario Fellowships, 2015.
- Member of the Association Française de Sociologie and Former Member of the American Sociological Association and American Anthropological Association.