

François-Xavier Fauvelle – Curriculum Vitae

Born in 1968

Professor, Collège de France, Chair of History and Archaeology of the African Worlds, Paris, France.

Chaire des Civilisations africaines, Académie du Royaume du Maroc, Rabat, Morocco.

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Academic Positions

Present. Professor, Collège de France.

1 September 2023 – 31 August 2026. Director, French Research Center in Jerusalem (secondment).

2020. Visiting Professor, Princeton University, United States.

2019–. Professor, Collège de France.

2013–2017. Director, TRACES Laboratory, University of Toulouse, France.

2016. Senior Research Director (DR1), CNRS.

2009. Research Director (DR2), CNRS.

2006–2009. Director, French Centre for Ethiopian Studies (CFEE), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

2005–2006. CNRS Research Fellow, French Institute of South Africa (IFAS), Johannesburg, South Africa.

2002. Appointed to the CNRS (CR1), Institute of African Studies, Aix-en-Provence, Aix-Marseille University, France.

2001–2002. Awardee of the Centre National des Lettres.

2000–2001. Postdoctoral Research Fellow, French Centre for Ethiopian Studies (CFEE), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

1997–1998; 1999–2000. Temporary Lecturer and Research Assistant (ATER), Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

1996–1997. Scholar Affiliate, Center of International and Comparative Studies, University of Iowa, Iowa City, USA.

1995–1999. PhD in History, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Academic Degrees

Habilitation (HDR) in History. Thesis: *Representations, identités, peuplement, I–« Fragments d'un parcours initiatique en histoire de l'Afrique » (égo-histoire) ; II–« Destins khoesan : un palimpseste. Six essais » ; III–Sélection d'articles ; IV–« Une histoire de l'Afrique du Sud »*, Aix-Marseille University, 2005. Direction: Jean-Louis Triaud. Published.

PhD in History. Thesis: *Le Hottentot, ou l'homme-limite. Généalogie de la représentation des Khoisan en Occident (fin XV^e - fin XIX^e siècle)*, University of Paris Sorbonne, 1999. Direction : Jean Boulègue. Published.

Main Awards and Honors

2025. Foreign Member of the Academy of the Kingdom of Morocco.

2019. Grand Prize for the Book of Archaeology (*Rencontres d'archéologie de la Narbonnaise*), awarded for *L'Afrique ancienne, de l'Acacus au Zimbabwe* (2018).

2018. *Medieval Book of the Year* (Medievalist.net) for *The Golden Rhinoceros* (Princeton University Press, 2018).

2013. Grand Prize for the Book of History (*Rendez-Vous de l'histoire*, Blois), awarded for *Le Rhinocéros d'or* (2013).

Cycles of lectures at the Collège de France

2022-2023, cours (« Vers l'Ethiopie avec Cosmas (VI^e s.), Benjamin (XII^e s.), Marco (XIII^e s.) ») : <https://www.college-de-france.fr/fr/agenda/cours/vers-ethiopie-avec-cosmas-vie-benjamin-xiie-marco-xiiie>

2021-2022, cours (« Le royaume du Mâli (XIII^e-XIV^e siècle) ») : <https://www.college-de-france.fr/fr/agenda/cours/le-royaume-du-mali-xiiie-xive-siecles>

2020-2021, cours (« Introduction aux mondes africains médiévaux (saison 2) ») : <https://www.college-de-france.fr/fr/agenda/cours/introduction-aux-mondes-africains-medievaux-saison-2>

2019-2020, cours (« Introduction aux mondes africains médiévaux ») : <https://www.college-de-france.fr/fr/agenda/cours/introduction-aux-mondes-africains-medievaux>

2019. Leçon inaugurale (« Leçons de l'histoire de l'Afrique ») : <https://www.college-de-france.fr/fr/agenda/lecon-inaugurale/lecons-de-histoire-de-afrique/lecons-de-histoire-de-afrique>

Main Research Programs Conducted

Since 2019. Programme « TraçOrAfrica (Tracing Gold from Africa to the Islamic Coinage in the Middle Ages » (with Sandrine Baron, Franck Poitrasson, CNRS; and Robert Kool, Israel Antiquities Authority). Funding: Fondation of the Collège de France, University of Toulouse, CNRS.

2011-2018. French-Moroccan Archaeological Mission at Sijilmasa, Morocco (with Elarbi Erbaty and Romain Mensan). Funding: Commission des fouilles (French Ministry of Foreign Affairs),

Institut national des sciences de l'archéologie et du patrimoine (Morocco), University of Toulouse (France), TRACES laboratory (France), ANR (French Funding Agency), Centre Jacques-Berque (French Research Center in Morocco).

2007-2011. French Archaeological Mission on Islam in Ethiopia and the Horn. Funding: French Center for Ethiopian Studies, Commission des fouilles (French Ministry of Foreign Affairs), ANR (French Funding Agency), private sponsorship.

2003-2006. « Archives Henri Breuil », France and South Africa. Funding: French Ministry of Higher Education and Research (French Funding Agency), French Institute in South Africa.

Main Scientific Meetings Organized

2025. (With Yitzhak Hen, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, & Sarah Stroumsa, Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities). International Conference « Medieval Africa and the Global World », Jerusalem, Israel, 13-15 January 2025.

2023. (With Ghislaine Lydon, UCLA, USA). International Conference « Histoire du Sahara (de 650 à nos jours) / History of the Sahara from 650 CE to the Present », Collège de France, Paris, France, 12-14 June 2023.

2022. (With Jean-Loïc Le Quellec, CNRS, France). International Conference « Histoire du Sahara (jusqu'à 650 de notre ère) / History of the Sahara (up to 650 CE) », Collège de France, Paris, France, 16-18 May 2022.

2022. Workshop « Les sociétés africaines et le monde : une histoire connectée (1900-1980) », Preparation for the Contemporary History examination of the Agrégation, Collège de France, Paris, France, 22 September 2022.

2018. (With Samantha Kelly, Rutgers University, USA). Workshop « Ethiopia and Ethiopians in the Middle Ages: Toward an Interdisciplinary and Cross-Confessional Synthesis », Fondation des Treilles, France, 19-24 March 2018.

2016. President of the Organizing Committee of the 23rd Biennial Meeting of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists, Toulouse, France, 26 June-2 July 2016.

2006. (With Karim Sadr, Wits University, South Africa). Workshop « Khoikhoi Migration and the Peopling of Southern Africa: Toward a Reassessment », Paarl, South Africa, 13-16 November 2006.

2006. (With Nathan Schlanger, INRAP, France, and Benjamin Smith, Wits University, South Africa). International Conference « Henri Breuil in Africa », August 2006, Johannesburg, South Africa.