

Enrique Gil Calvo

Enrique Gil Calvo is a political Professor of Sociology. His area of expertise includes studies on age and gender. He has published over 15 books, and his latest issues are *El miedo es el mensaje* (Fear is the message) (Alianza, 2003) and *Máscaras masculinas* (Male masks) (Anagrama, in print).

Magdalena Jarvin

Doctor in Sociology at the René Descartes – Paris V University (2002). She was awarded a grant for post-Doctoral research by the University of Ottawa, Canada (2004) and is currently working as a teacher at a Social Workers' School (IRFASE) in Paris.

Her main field of expertise is youth Sociology, socialisation and nightlife, as well as consumption habits (food and alcohol) from an intercultural point of view. She has published her first work about this topic entitled *Regards anthropologiques sur les bars de nuit. Espaces et sociabilités*, directed by D. Desjeux, M. Jarvin, S. Taponier, Paris, Editions l'Harmattan, 1999.

Her second field of expertise is connected with power and commercial relations, role games and the idea of trust.

She has just been coordinating a collective project (with N. Hossard) about the uses of urban spaces in European, African and American cities entitled *C'est ma ville! De l'appropriation et du détournement de l'espace public* (Editions l'Harmattan, 2005).

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She is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Le Havre and a Doctor in Sociology by Sorbonne University. She is a member of the CIRTAI research centre (University of Le Havre-CNRS) and an associate member of CERLIS (Paris Univeristy 5-CNRS). Some of her works published are: *Quitter ses parents* (PUR, 2005), *Se construire comme jeune adulte en Espagne et en France: L'installation en concubinage* (Agora, 2005), *Deux formules pour devenir adulte en France et en Espagne* (Dialogue, 2001). She has worked on some research connected with youth and the family: emancipation, unequal distribution of house work... She has also dealt with economic and social trends in Spain (DSA Stoclet).

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This sociologist obtained her degree in 2000 at the Social Science Institute. She became a Doctor in 2004 and also holds a grant from the "Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia" foundation. She is an associate researcher for the Social Sciences Institute of the Univeristy of Lisbon, where she also takes part in the social sciences divulgation activities of the "Observatório Permanente de Escolas" observatory. Between 2001 and 2004 she cooperated with the ICS, tutored by Professor Doctor José Machado Pais, working for the Portuguese team in the FATE - Families and Transitions in Europe - European project about family support for transition into adulthood

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Alessandra Rusconi

Born in 1972; 1997 MA in political science (University of Florence/Italy), 2003 PhD in Sociology (Free University of Berlin/Germany). Since 2004, assistant Professor in the Institute for Empirical and Applied Sociology (EMPAS) at the University of Bremen and senior researcher in the Collaborative Research Centre 597 "Transformation of the State". Areas of expertise include: Life Courses and Institutional Change, Comparative Studies, Transition to Adulthood, Dual-Careers, International Education Politics. Her most recent publications include: Rusconi, A. (2004) «Different pathways out of the parental home: A comparison of West-Germany and Italy.» *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 35, 627-649; Solga, H., Rusconi, A. and Krüger, H. (2005) «Gibt der ältere Partner den Ton an? Die Alterskonstellation in Akademikerpartnerschaften und ihre Bedeutung für Doppelkarrieren» In «Wenn zwei das Gleiche tun...» *Ideal und Realität sozialer (Un-)Gleichheit in Dual Career Couples* (Eds, Solga, H. and Wimbauer, C.) Verlag Barbara Budrich, Opladen, pp. 27-52; Martens, K., Rusconi, A. and Leuze, K. (Eds) (2006, in press) *New Arenas of Education Politics - The Impact of International Organizations and Markets on Educational Policymaking*, Palgrave, Houndsmill.

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Sociology Professor at the faculty of Human and Social Science of Sorbonne University. He is the director of a prestigious laboratory: the centre for research on social links (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique et University of Paris 5 Descartes).

He is an acknowledged specialist in the field of Sociology of the family, gender and education. He has published several books, such as: *Fortune et infortune de la femme mariée*; *Le questionnaire*; *Sociologie de la famille contemporaine*; *Le Soi, le couple et la famille*; *Libres ensemble*. *L'individualisme dans la vie commune*; *Quand l'individualisme crée du lien*, *Les uns avec les autres*; *L'individualisme est un humanisme*. He takes the point of view of the Sociology of a second modernity, and puts first the process of individualisation of construction of identity. This way he contributed to the creation of an individualistic Sociology. Within this theoretical framework he is working now on pre-adolescence and adolescence.

Mircea Vultur

Professor of Economy and Sociology at the national scientific research institute of Québec and member of the "l'Observatoire Jeunes et Société" observatory. He has written a book entitled "Collectivisme et transition démocratique" (Presses de l'Université Laval, 2002) and has led the group project under the name "Les jeunes en Europe centrale et orientale" (Les Éditions de l'IQRC and Presses de l'Université Laval, 2004). Some of his works are "Vocational integration and relationship to work among Quebec youth without high-school diplomas" (with Claude Trottier and Madeleine Gauthier) and with Laurence Rouleau-Berger (dir.), "Youth and work in the Post-Industrial City of North America and Europe" (Academic Publishers Brill, Boston, 2003); "Social and professional insertion of the young in Quebec. Evolution and current situation", with José Antonio Pérez-Islas (dir.), "New looks on the young in Mexico and Quebec," (Mexican Youth Institute, Mexico, 2003) and "Os jovens e os programas de inserção profissional no Quebec: entre a lógica do ator e a normatividade institucional" with Lucia Rabello de Castro and Jane Correa (dir.), "Juventude contemporânea: perspectivas nacionais e internacionais," (NAU Editoria, Rio de Janeiro, 2005).