

# Laurie Bréban

Associate Professor (Maître de conférences) in Economics

## *Civil status:*

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## Current Position

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*Since September 2016:*

**Associate Professor (Maître de conférences) in Economics**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

**Research fellow** at PHARE (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

## Research interests

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- **History of Economic Thought** (Adam Smith, Sophie de Grouchy, Denis Diderot, Scottish and French Enlightenments)
- **Economics of Happiness** (Hedonic Adaptations)
- **Decision Theory** (Preferences, Utility, Decision under Risk)
- **Justice and Inequalities** (Amartya Sen, Gender Inequalities)

## Previous academic positions

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*September 2013-August 2016: Associate professor (Maître de conférences) in Economics*, Université Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint-Denis, **Research fellow at LED** (Université Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint-Denis)

*October 2012-August 2013: General Secretary of the Collège des Économistes de la Santé* (College of Health Economists)

*October 2010-September 2012: Lecturer (ATER)*, Université de Caen Basse-Normandie

*September 2007-September 2010: Allocataire de Recherches – Monitrice (PhD Grant)*, PHARE, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

## Visiting positions

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2017: **Visiting Professor**, Cairo University

May-June 2008 and November-December 2009: **Visiting Scholar**, CERGE-EI, Charles University, Prague

August -September 2006: **Research assistant**, Centre Walras-Pareto, Université de Lausanne

## Education

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2011: **PhD in Economics**, *Elements for a Moral Theory of Decision: Adam Smith on Happiness and Deliberation*, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Committee : Daniel Diatkine (University of Evry Val d'Essonne), Marc-Arthur Diaye (University of Evry Val d'Essonne), Marco Guidi, (University of Pisa; referee), André Lapidus (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne ; supervisor), Spencer J. Pack (Connecticut College; referee), Nathalie Sigot (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

2007: **Master 2, MA (NVQ Level 5) in Economics (History of Economic Thought)**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, (rank : 1<sup>st</sup> ; mention : TB (Summa Cum Laude))

2007: **Magistère in Economics, Double Degree in Quantitative Economics and History of Economic Thought**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, (mention : TB (Summa Cum Laude))

2006: **Master 1, MA in Economics (Quantitative Economics)**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

2005: **Licence, BA in Economics (Econometrics)**, Université Paris X Nanterre,

2004: **Bi-Deug Economics-Management / Spanish, Diploma of Higher Education, Double Degree in Economics-Management and Spanish**, Université Paris X Nanterre

## Research activities

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- **Peer-reviewed publications**

Laurie Bréban and Muriel Gilardone (2020). A missing touch of Adam Smith in Amartya Sen's account of Public Reasoning: the Man Within for the Man Without, *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, 44(2), pp. 257–283.

Laurie Bréban and André Lapidus (2019). Adam Smith on lotteries: an interpretation and formal restatement, *European Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 26(1), 157-197.

Laurie Bréban (2018). Aux frontières de l'économie - Les fictions, des expériences de pensée aux protocoles expérimentaux, introduction au Symposium en hommage à Shirine Sabéran « Les fictions en économie : un Retour Historique [Laurie Bréban (éd.)] », *Revue d'histoire de la pensée économique*, 5, pp. 91-8.

- Laurie Bréban and Jean Dellemotte (2017). From One Sympathy to Another: Sophie de Grouchy's Translation and Commentary on the *Theory of Moral Sentiments*, *History of Political Economy*, 49(4), pp. 667-707.
- Laurie Bréban (2017). An Investigation into the Smithian System of Sympathy: From Cognition to Emotion, *The Adam Smith Review*, 10, pp. 22-40.
- Laurie Bréban (2016). Vahinger, lecteur fidèle d'Adam Smith ?, *Corpus : revue de philosophie*, 69, pp. 107-124.
- Laurie Bréban (2014). Smith on Happiness: Towards a Gravitational Theory, *European Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 21(3), pp. 359-391.
- Laurie Bréban (2012). Sensitivity to Prosperity and Adversity: What Would a Smithian Function of Happiness Look Like?, *European Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 19(4), pp. 551-586.
- Laurie Bréban (2010). Les Incidences Économiques de la Philosophie : un Retour sur l'Unité du Projet Smithien, *Cahiers d'économie politique*, 58, pp. 163-174.
- François Allisson, Laurie Bréban and Pascal Bridel (2009). Bibliographie des Écrits de Clément Juglar (1846-1904), *Revue Européenne des Sciences Sociales*, 47(143), pp. 107-24.

- **Books and special issues edited**

- Laurie Bréban, Séverine Denieul and Elise Sultan (eds.) (2020). *La science des mœurs : de la conception à l'expérimentation*, Paris : Classiques Garnier [currently being drafted].
- Laurie Bréban (ed.) (2018). *Revue d'histoire de la pensée économique*, 5, [special issue, "Les fictions en économie : un retour historique".

- **Book chapters**

- Laurie Bréban and Nathalie Sigot (2020). Comment a-t-on fait « l'économie » du bonheur ?, *Penser et construire le bonheur : regards croisés*, Paris : Editions Mare et Martin, forthcoming.
- Laurie Bréban (2019). Classes sociales et individu, des classiques aux marginalistes, in Samuel Ferey and Sylvie Rivot (éds.) *Histoire de la pensée économique*, pp. 165-189.
- Laurie Bréban (2019). Bonheur et richesse : Adam Smith face à l'économie du bonheur, in Félicien Lemaire and Serge Blondel (eds.), *Doctrines et réalité(s) du bonheur*, Paris : Editions Mare et Martin, pp. 43-52.
- Laurie Bréban and Jean Dellemotte (2016). Sympathie, passions et accumulation : l'économie sentimentale d'Adam Smith, in Vanessa Oltra and Jean-Marie Harribey (eds.), *Les Lumières d'Adam Smith : l'économie et la philosophie sur scène*, Lormont : Le bord de l'eau.

- **Book reviews**

- Laurie Bréban (2018). David F. Hardwick and Leslie Marsh (eds.). *Propriety and Prosperity: New Studies on the Philosophy of Adam Smith*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014, *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 40 (3), pp 435 – 437.

- **Other Published works**

Jean Beuve and Laurie Bréban (2017). Plateformes et Economie numérique, *EcoFlash*, 323.

Laurie Bréban (2016). La richesse ne fait pas le bonheur : du paradoxe d'Easterlin à celui d'Adam Smith, *L'Economie Politique*, 71, pp. 17-26.

Laurie Bréban and Jean Dellemotte (2013). A Reader's Guide to French Translations of Adam Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments*, [http://eet.pixel-online.org/files/guides/pdf/02\\_Guide1.pdf](http://eet.pixel-online.org/files/guides/pdf/02_Guide1.pdf), *The EE-T Project Portal*.

- **Unpublished works**

Laurie Bréban (2020). Women as the Measure of Moral Corruption: Diderot and the Luxury Quarrel.

Laurie Bréban and Nathalie Sigot (2019). The Influence of Rules on Happiness: A Reassessment of the Controversy between Adam Smith and Jeremy Bentham on Usury Laws, Conference *Politiques du Bonheur*, Cergy, June 2019.

Laurie Bréban (2019). The moral effect of economic development: Diderot's position on women, 23<sup>rd</sup> annual conference of the *European Society for the History of Economic Thought* (ESHET), Lille, May 2019.

Laurie Bréban (2017). The Value of Perpetual Vows: *La Religieuse* of Denis Diderot, Conference "For what it's worth. Challenging and negotiating value in literature and in economic theory", Mannheim, 2017.

Laurie Bréban and Nathalie Sigot (2015). Norms and rules: a Reassessment of the Controversy between A. Smith and J. Bentham on Usury Laws, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the *European Society for the History of Economic Thought* (ESHET), Roma, May 2015.

Laurie Bréban (2015). A Formal Representation of Smith's Gravitational Theory of Happiness.

Laurie Bréban (2015). Acteurs Économiques et Délibération : Adam Smith et l'Émergence d'une Théorie Morale de la Décision.

- **Refereeing and reviewing manuscript and proposals**

*The European Journal of the History of Economic Thought; History of Political Economy; Journal of the History of Economic Thought; Economics & Philosophy; Cahiers d'Economie Politique; Œconomia, Educational Philosophy and Theory; Revue philosophique de la France et de l'étranger.*

- **Research dissemination**

Talk on « Progrès et bonheur, d'Adam Smith à l'économie du bonheur », Session on « Le progrès dans l'histoire de la pensée économique, de Smith à Keynes », *Les Journées de l'économie* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Tdv5L4cGfA>), November 2020.

Radiophonic talk on *La Théorie des sentiments moraux* d'Adam Smith, in "La bibliothèque idéale de l'éco", *Entendez-vous l'éco*, France Culture (<https://www.franceculture.fr/emissions/la-bibliotheque-ideale-de-leco/theorie-des-sentiments-moraux-dadam-smith>), May 2019.

Talk on « De la croissance et du bonheur », *Café Sciences et Philo* : “Bonheur et Science”, Saint-Etienne, November 2017.

- **Invited seminars and conferences**

2020: An Investigation into the Smithian System of Sympathy: from Cognition to Emotion, Conference cycle « *Imaginação econômica. Teoria, modelos e sistemas* », FFLCH, Universidade de São Paulo, São Paulo.

2020: Interest and duality of the self in Adam Smith’s moral philosophy, *Journée “Justice et Intérêt dans la pensée d’Adam Smith”*, Université de Lausanne, Centre Walras Pareto, Lausanne.

2019: Interest and duality of the self in Adam Smith’s moral philosophy, Refinements of self-love. A symposium on Self-Love, Egoism and the Selfish Hypothesis, Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, MSE, Paris

2018: Aux origines des Nudges, Table-ronde “Nudge et société : Que peut-on apprendre sur les comportements grâce à l’économie ?”, Assises de la Recherche à l’Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, MSE, Paris.

2016: L’économie du bonheur chez les Lumières écossaises, *Conférence sur les doctrines et réalité(s) du bonheur*, Université d’Angers.

2016: Expériences de pensée et idéaux-types dans l’œuvre d’Adam Smith, *Fictions et économies au siècle des Lumières*, CHSPM, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris.

2015: Smith on Happiness: Toward a Gravitational Theory, *Séminaire Inter-Universitaire de Théorie Economique*, EQUIPPE, Université Lille 1, Lille.  
Previous versions also presented at: *Séminaire du CREM*, Université de Caen Basse-Normandie (2010) ; *Séminaire du BETA*, Université de Strasbourg (2012) ; *Séminaire du Département des sciences économique à l’ESG UQAM*, Université du Québec à Montréal (2012) ; *Journée Portes Ouvertes d’EconomiX*, Université Paris Ouest – Nanterre La Défense (2012).

2014: L’école ou les écoles PHARE, Table-ronde “Le pluralisme des approches en histoire de la pensée économique : méthodes, enjeux scientifiques, rôle social”, Ateliers Interface 2014 *Théories économiques – histoire des théories économiques*, Université Jean Monnet-Saint-Etienne, Château de Goutelas.

- **International Conferences**

2019: The Influence of Rules on Happiness: A Reassessment of the Controversy between Adam Smith and Jeremy Bentham on Usury Laws [with Nathalie Sigot], conference *Politiques du Bonheur*, Cergy, June.

2019: The moral effect of economic development: Diderot’s position on women, 23<sup>rd</sup> annual conference of the *European Society for the History of Economic Thought* (ESHET), Lille, May.

- 2018: Back to Smith and Bentham: the Influence of Social Interactions on Happiness [with Nathalie Sigot], 22<sup>nd</sup> annual conference of the *European Society for the History of Economic Thought* (ESHET), Madrid, Juin.
- 2018: Inégalité, richesse et bonheur [with Nathalie Sigot], Conference *Penser et construire le bonheur : regards croisés*, Angers, March.
- 2017: The Value of Perpetual Vows: La Religieuse of Denis Diderot, *International conference "For what it's worth. Challenging and negotiating value in literature and in economic theory"*, Mannheim.
- 2017: From One Sympathy to Another: Sophie de Grouchy's Translation and Commentary on the *Theory of Moral Sentiments* [with Jean Dellemotte], *International conference "From Scotland to the South of the Mediterranean. The Thought of Adam Smith through Europe and Beyond"*, Palermo.
- 2016: From one Sympathy to Another : Sophie de Grouchy's Translation of the *Theory of Moral Sentiments* [with Jean Dellemotte], 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the *European Society for the History of Economic Thought* (ESHET), Paris.
- 2015: Norms and rules: a Reassessment of the Controversy between A. Smith and J. Bentham on Usury Laws [with Nathalie Sigot], 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the *European Society for the History of Economic Thought* (ESHET), Roma.
- 2014: The Smithian System of Sympathy: from Cognition to Emotion, *Conference : "Economics and Psychology in Historical Perspective"*, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris.
- 2014: The Smithian System of Sympathy: from Cognition to Emotion, 41<sup>st</sup> *History of Economics Society Conference*, UQAM, Montréal, Canada.
- 2013 : From one Sympathy to Another : Sophie de Grouchy's Translation of the *Theory of Moral Sentiments* [with Jean Dellemotte], *Translations of Economic Texts into and from European languages International Conference*, University of Pisa, Pisa.
- 2013 : A missing touch of Adam Smith in Amartya Sen's Public Reasoning: the Man Within for the Man Without [with Muriel Gilardone and Benoît Walraevens], Joint Conference of the *Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Society* and the *International Adam Smith Society*, Université Paris-Sorbonne, Paris.
- 2012: Smithian Sympathy from Cognition to Emotion, 13<sup>th</sup> *Summer Institute for the Preservation of the History of Economics*, University of Richmond, Richmond, USA.
- 2011: Smithian Sympathy from Cognition to Emotion, XIV<sup>e</sup> *Université d'Été d'Histoire de la Pensée Economique*, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2011: Smith on Happiness: Toward a Gravitational Theory, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the *European Society for the History of Economic Thought* (ESHET), Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2010: Smith on Happiness: Toward a Gravitational Theory, XIII<sup>e</sup> *Université d'Été d'Histoire de la Pensée Economique*, Acqui Terme, Italia.
- 2010: Smith on Happiness: Toward a Gravitational Theory, 13<sup>th</sup> *International Conference of the Charles Gide Association for the Study of Economic Thought*, Paris.

- 2009: Did Smith Anticipate the Loss-Aversion Principle?, *ESE Conferences: Behavioral Economics*, Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- 2009: Sensitivity to Prosperity and Adversity as Smithian Foundations for Decision-Making, *XII<sup>e</sup> Université d'Été d'Histoire de la Pensée Economique*, University of Thessaly, Volos, Greece.
- 2009: From the Ordinary State of Happiness to Sensitivity to Prosperity and Adversity: What Would a Smithian Function of Happiness Look Like?, *History of Economics Society Conference*, Denver, USA.

- **Scientific committees**

- 2021: **Journées d'études de l'association Charles Gide 2015 : "philosophie et économie des émotions"**, Aix-en Provence, September 23-25.
- 2019: **Journées d'études sur les Représentations et traitement du temps dans l'analyse économique** (PHARE), June, Paris.
- 2018: **Workshop "La sciences des mœurs au 18<sup>ème</sup> siècle"** (CHSPM, CSLF and PHARE), Paris, March.
- 2017: **Colloque pluridisciplinaire du projet "BonDroit : Bonheur et Droit"**, Second meeting, Angers, March.
- 2016: **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET)**, Paris, May.
- 2015: Head of the scientific committee of the **Journées d'études de l'association Charles Gide 2015 : "Fictions originelles, états hypothétiques et conjectures historiques dans la pensée économique"**, Paris, November 13-14.
- 2014: **International Conference : "Economics and Psychology in Historical Perspective"**, Paris, December.

- **Conferences organization(organiser or co-organiser)**

- Since 2016: **Workshop Les Après-midis de Philosophie et Economie** (PHARE)
- Since 2014: **Ateliers "Richesse et Vertu"** (CREM, LED and PHARE)
- Since 2009: Co-founder of the **Séminaire "Textes Fondateurs"** (PHARE)
- 2019: **Journées d'études sur les Représentations et traitement du temps dans l'analyse économique** (PHARE)
- 2018: **Workshop « La sciences des mœurs au 18<sup>ème</sup> siècle »** (CHSPM, CSLF and PHARE)
- 2014-2015: **Journées d'études de l'association Charles Gide 2015 : "Fictions originelles, états hypothétiques et conjectures historiques dans la pensée économique"**, (LED and PHARE)
- 2012-2013: **Cycle de Conférences : "Les Matinées Thématiques du CES [Collège des Économistes de la Santé]"**
- 2012-2013: Coordinator of the scientific committee of the **"Journées des Économistes de la Santé Français"**

2012-2013: **Journée d'étude « Risque dans l'histoire de l'analyse économique »** (PHARE)

2009-2011: **Séminaire des Doctorants** (PHARE)

2007-2008: **XI<sup>e</sup> Université d'Été d'Histoire de la Pensée Économique** (PHARE)

- **Scientific Contracts**

Since 2020: Partner of The **ANR Project REACT**, “Reactive Practices. Coping with Wrongness and Resentment”.

Partners of the contract: Laurent Jaffro, PHARE, University Paris 1 and IUF (principal investigator); Magali Bessone, NoSoPhi, Université Paris 1 et IUF; Centre Atlantique de Philosophie (CAPHI) and The Interdisciplinary Laboratory of the International School of Advanced Study (SISSA).

2018: “Entre économie domestique et économie politique, quel agent économique ?”, as part of the **Programme Procope**

Partners of the contract: Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Universität Mannheim and Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

2011-2013: **European Research Contract Erasmus**, *Economics e-Translations into and from European Languages, An Online Platform, Life Long Learning Programme, Erasmus Sub Programme – Multilateral Projects Action*.

Partners of the contract: Università di Pisa (Department of Economic Sciences) (Italy) (Coordinator); Universität Hohenheim (Germany); Technological Educational Institution of Messolongi (Greece); Universitat de Barcelona (Department of Economic History) (Spain); Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (PHARE) (France); Universidade de Lisboa (Instituto de Ciências Sociais) (Portugal); Universitatea din Bucuresti (Romania); Middle East Technical University (Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences) (Turkey).

- **Scientific responsibilities**

From 2020: **Member of the Central Council of the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne** dedicated to research

From 2020: **Deputy Member** of the French National Council of Universities

2019: **Reviewer** for the *Fond National Suisse pour la recherche scientifique*

Since 2016: **Member of the Council and Bureau** of PHARE (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

2019: **Evaluator** for the *Swiss national fund for scientific research*

2016-2017: **Deputy Head** of PHARE (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)

2014- 2020: **Member of the Council** of the *Association Charles Gide pour l'histoire de la pensée économique*

2012-2013: **Editorial secretary** of the *Lettre du Collège des Économistes de la Santé* [<http://www.ces-asso.org/lettres-du-ces>]



## Distinctions and Awards

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2014: **Gilles Dostaler Award** of the *European Society for the History of Economic Thought* for the article: "Sensitivity to Prosperity and Adversity: What Would a Smithian Function of Happiness Look Like?" (*European Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 19(4), pp. 551-586)

2012: **Honoraria**, *Summer Institute for the Preservation of the History of Economics*, University of Richmond, Richmond, USA.

2009: **Young Scholar Award**, *History of Economics Society Conference*, Denver, USA.

2007-2010: **Allocation de recherche (PhD Grant)**, Ecole doctorale EPS, Université Paris 1.

## Lectures, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

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Women and Economics (Master2); The British Eighteenth Century (Master 2); Ph.D. track (Master 2); Methodology of research (Master 2); Digital economics (Master 1); History of economic thought (Master 1, Bachelor 1 and 3); Microeconomics (Bachelor 1), Supervision of Bachelor and Master (1 and 2) thesis.