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Languages : French, English, notions of Zulu

Research Themes

- Local Democracy
- Clientelism
- Urban Governance
- Participation
- Political Parties
- Spatial Justice
- Urban Politics

Previous research themes

- Urban Fragmentation
- Local government

Theme keywords (à voir si on les garde ou non)

- clientelism
- local democracy
- participation

Regional keywords

Johannesburg

Master's seminar :

Director of "Urban Politics" masters at Wits University

Current Research Programmes:

- Coordinator of the programme CORUS 'The Voice of the poor in urban governance: participation, mobilisation and politics. The case of South-African cities '
- Coordinator – Action programme Yeoville Studio
- Member of the ANR programme 'Spatial Justice and Urban Governance' (JUGURTA)

- Participation in the GDRI programme 'To Govern African Cities'

Education

2001 **Doctorate in Geography**, University of Poitiers

1996 DEA [Masters] in Geography, University of Poitiers

1995 Admitted to the Geography « **agrégation externe** »

1994 Maitrise [Master 1] in City Planning, Paris I – Panthéon Sorbonne University

1992 Admitted to the Ecole normale supérieure

Other Work experience

Local activism (Founding member and former Secretary General of the African Disapora Forum, ADF): 2008-2010