

Jacques Sapir

Born: 24/03/1954, in Puteaux, 92800 Hauts-de-Seine, France.

Present position:

Director of Studies (tenured Professor) of economics at EHESS-Paris since 1996,

Director of the CEMI Research Centre at EHESS since 1997

Head of IRSES-MSH since 1994

Member of the editorial board (or scientific council) of following scientific journals:

Cahiers du monde russe, soviétique et post-soviétique.

Mondes en Développement

Géographie, Économie et Société

Problemy Prognozirovanya

Economic and Social Changes

Contributing editor to the monthly *World Oil*

Editor of the blog *RussEurope* on <http://russeurope.hypotheses.org/>

Got elected in October 2016 at the Russian Academy of Sciences as foreign member in Economics

Curriculum

Baccalaureat, (mathematical section), Paris, 1971.

Graduate (Cum Laude) of Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris, in 1976.

Jacques SAPIR wrote his "Thèse de Troisième cycle" on *Labour management and industrial organization in Soviet Union from 1924 to 1939* in 1980 and his Ph.D (these d'Etat or Dissertatsiya in the Russian system) on *Investment and economic Fluctuations in the Soviet Economy from 1941 to 1982* in 1986 at Nanterre University. His Ph.D received a national award for publication and was published as *Les fluctuations économiques en URSS 1941-1985*, EHESS University Press, Paris, 1989.

Researches he conducted separately in the field of strategic analysis as French National Defence Foundation fellow were published in 1988 as *Le Système Militaire Soviétique* translated in 1991 as *The Soviet Military System*, Polity Press.

Professional positions

1982-1987 Lecturer in economics (University of Paris-X Nanterre).

1983-1992 Research fellow at the French Foundation for National Defense Studies.

1987-1990 Vice-professor of economics at Paris-X Nanterre.

1989-1993 Assistant to the Director, Social Sciences, at the Ministry of Research and Technology, in charge of developing cooperation with post-socialist countries.

1990-1996 Vice-professor of economics at the EHESS.

1993-1999 Associate professor of economics at the *Vyshaja Shkola Ekonomiki* (Moscow).

1994-..... Director, IRSES group at Foundation FMSH, Paris.

1996-..... Full professor (Directeur d'Études) of economics at the EHESS.

1996-2006 Director, *Comparative Development Studies*, Post-Graduate Studies Department at EHESS

1997-..... Director, CEMI-EHESS Research laboratory.

1999-2001 Chief Economist of the TACIS team (EU) in Kiev.

2001- 2002 Adviser to the French Minister of National Education on scientific cooperation projects with Russia.

2004 -... Associate professor at the *Moskovskaya Shkola Ekonomiki*, Moscow State University, Moscow.

2007 - 2011 Associate Professor at the *Russian Ministry of Finance Academy of Budget and Accounting*, Moscow.

Consultant for the French Ministry of Defence from 1992 to 2003.

Consultant for the Minister of Research and Technology on security issues related to the development of trans-border data flows (1984/1985).

Research fellow at the Foundation for National Defence Studies (1983-1992),

Scientific consultant for the *Centre d'Analyse et de Prévision*, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1988-1990.

Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign-Trade and then Ministry to Industry 2004-2007.

Co-editor (with Mr. J-P. Pagé) of the *Tableau de bord de l'Europe Orientale*, Ministry of Foreign Trade, then the CERI-FNSP, from 1992 to 2009.

Participant to the ADETEF (French Ministry of Finance) Training and Technical Assistance program aimed at the formation of Ministry of the Economy of The Russian Federation high ranking personnel in 1995 and 1996. He also has been involved in various evaluation or training programs with different Russian and East European governmental organisations since 1992.

Evaluator for the EU-PHARE program in 1993 and 1994.

Scientific Adviser of the TACIS-RECEP program (Moscow) 2003-2005.

Has specialized too since 2005 in research concerning optimal monetary zone and developed various research concerned with the EMU crisis. Participation to different seminars organized by the University of Stanford (USA), the Naval PostGraduate School of Monterey, (USA), the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (USA), the Berlin Marc Bloch Center (RFA), the University of Birmingham (GB). Participated as workshop speaker to AAASS (American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies) conventions in 1992, 1993, 1997, 2001 and 2003.

Awards.

Received the *Castex Prize* for books on military and strategic affairs in 1989 for *Le Système Militaire Soviétique*.

Received the *French Turgot Prize* for the best book in Finance and Banking in 2001 for his book *Les Trous Noirs de la Science Économique*.

Speaker for the "Ed. Hewett Memorial lecture" in 2001 at the AAASS Convention.

Research presentation:

Jacques Sapir has developed since the mid-80's his research on the then Soviet Union and after 1992 on Russia as a member of the CEMI-EHESS but also of the French National Foundation for Defence Studies. As such he published several books dedicated on the Soviet economy. He launched in 1991 with prof. Victor Ivanter the French-Russian seminar and regularly since then was one of its organizers.

From a deep background of research on the Soviet and then Russian economy, has specialized since 1996 in the theory of financial and economic crisis (with an emphasis on banking and the development of financial systems) since 1996 and was particularly involved in the forecasting of the Russian financial crash of August 1998 (was one of the very few experts to have precisely forecasted the event). He published in November 1998 *Le Krach Russe* a book describing the process leading to this traumatic event (using materials accumulated in 1996 and 1997) and was then asked by the US journal *Post-Soviet Affairs* (formerly *Soviet Economy*) to contribute on this topic. This resulted in the publishing of "Russia's Crash of August 1998: Diagnosis and Prescriptions", in *Post-Soviet Affairs*, vol. 15, n°1/1999, pp. 1-36 soon after. The impact of this last paper was such that he was elected *Ed Hewett Memorial Lecture* speaker at the 2001 AASSS convention. Since, he has contributed to several publications on the financial crisis topic (see: "La crise financière russe - La finance émergente en transition" in J. Gravereau et J. Trauman (edits.), *Crises Financières*, Économica, Paris, 2001, pp. 253-270).

From spring 2007 onwards he led the CEMI based research group on the *Subprime* crisis, a group set-up in coordination with the Russian Institute of Economic Forecasting (IPEN-RAN) to assess the crisis impact on emerging countries and particularly Russia. He has since fall 2007 delivered several lectures and presentations on this topic in front of selected audiences including Russian decision-makers (in December 2007 in Moscow and in January 2008 at the Russia Forum) and Ukrainian officials (at the March 2008 conference in Kyiv sponsored by Alfa-Bank and the Ukrainian Central Bank). Two papers resulting from this recent programme have been already published (« *Vozmozhnosti i Riski 'Gavani Stabil'nosti'* » [Opportunities and risks of being a « stability haven »] in *Rossija v Global'noj Politike*, n°2/2008, mars-avril; « *Global finance in Crisis : a provisional account of the 'subprime' crisis and how we got into it* », *real-world economics review*, issue no. 46, 18 May 2008, <http://www.paecon.net/PAEReview/issue46/Sapir46.pdf>). Since then he published several papers in academic journals as well as several books on the EMU crisis, among them: *Krizis evrozony i perspektivy evro* », [La crise de la zone Euro et les perspectives de l'Euro] in *Problemy Prognozirovaniya*, n° 3 (126), 2011, pp. 3-18; *Is the Eurozone doomed to fail* », pp. 23-27, in *Making Sense of Europe's Turmoil*, CSE, Bruxelles, 2012. He published also several books on the European common currency (the "Euro")) *Faut-il sortir de l'euro ?*, Le Seuil, Paris, 2012 and) *L'Euro contre la France, l'Euro contre l'Europe*, le Cerf, 2016

Simultaneously to this specific field of research, he has conducted research on knowledge-based decision theory with the aim of bridging the gap between the G. Shackle – H. Simon legacy (the theory of “surprise” and the information-saturation paradigm) and decision theories developed in the field of military and strategic affairs, building then on his previous experience as a military-strategic analyst. He was part of the CEHD (Defence Historical Studies Centre) seminar focusing on decision in battles and military doctrine in the late 90's and till now.

This field of research has included too the development of microeconomic analysis following paths opened by Amos Tversky, Daniel Kahneman, Sarah Lichtenstein and Paul Slovic. This led to the development of research on heterogeneous economic systems, a topic on which he lectured at the Russian *Vysshaya Shkola Ekonomiki* from 1996 to 2000 and then at the *Moskovskaya Shkola Ekonomiki*. Specific outputs coming from this field of research were a basic book Russian-written (*K Ekonomicheskoy teorii neodnorodnykh sistem - opyt issledovaniya decentralizovannoy ekonomiki* [Economics of heterogeneous system – An Essay on decentralised economies] VSE University Press, Moscow, 2001) and several papers in academic journals on the theory of information (“ *Ekonomika Informatsii : novaya paradigma i ee granitsy* ” (Information Economics: a new paradigm and its limits) in *Voprosy Ekonomiki*, n°10/2005; “ *Novye podhody teorii individual'nykh predpotchenij i ee sledstviya* ” (New theories of individual preferences and their implications) in *Ekonomicheskij Zhurnal*, Vol. 9, n°3/2005, pp. 325-360).

He published also at several times on the strategic dimension of decision making, in relation with military affairs (see: “ *Information, décision, coordination: enseignements de l'histoire militaire pour l'économiste* ”, in L. Henninger (ed.), *Histoire militaire et sciences humaines*, Éditions Complexe, Bruxelles, 1999 pp. 85-155; “ *La Mandchourie oubliée ou les tentatives d'un histoire autre: les défis d'une histoire des batailles dans le champ des sciences sociales contemporaines* ”, in *Cahiers du Centre d'études d'histoire de la défense*, n°9, mai 1999, pp. 251-262, « *Agir dans l'incertain : de l'économie au militaire, la nécessité d'une théorie subjectiviste de l'acteur* », in *Inflexion – Civils et militaires : pouvoir dire*, La Documentation Française, n°7, octobre-décembre 2007, pp ; 187-203; « *Les acteurs de la doctrine stratégique russe* », in *La Revue Internationale et Stratégique*, n° 82 (summer 2011), pp. 127-135.). He wrote in 2016 a topical essay on Sovereignty and Democracy in the French and European context: *Souveraineté, Démocratie, Laïcité*, Paris, Michalon, 2016.

The epistemic dimension of his research, and particularly the discussion of the relation between G. Shackle, F. von Hayek and H. Simon, can be found in two books he published in French (*Les trous noirs de la science économique* [Black Holes in Economics], Paris, 2000 and *Quelle*

économie pour le XXI^è siècle? [What Economics for the XXIth Century?], Paris 2005) and in several papers (including, "Realism vs Axiomatics" in Ed. Fullbrook (ed.), *The Crisis in economics*, Routledge, Londres and New York, 2003, pp. 58-61, "Imperializm Yekonomitcheskoy Nauki. Razmychlenija o Sovremennom Sostojanii Yekonomitcheskoy Mysli i eë Vzaimoonochenijah s Obchtchestvennymi Naukami" [Economics imperialism – Some thoughts on current economics and its links with social sciences], in *Neprikosnovennyj Zapas*, n°2/2003, pp. 36-42).

In addition to previous research fields, he developed various researches on Russian economic development including ones on the Russian industry restructuring and the energy sector (including the energy efficiency issue) and on Russian regional economic development. These researches were mainly conducted through the French-Russian Seminar on Russian economic development, set up in 1991 and still running. A large number of publications in various languages have resulted from these researches.

Languages:

French (native),
English (fluent),
Russian (average),
Italian (reading ability).