

CV of Grégoire Cousin

My earliest relations with Yugoslavian Roma families date back to 2006, when I assiduously played chess with the inhabitants of a little shantytown right next to my University. These first contacts deeply influenced my later choices as a university student and professional. It was in order to dialogue with them that I learned the Romani language. It was in order to understand their social and political situation that I undertook a legal analysis of their circulation in Europe. It was to be able to offer the beginnings of an answer to their exclusion that I held operational positions in ONGs specialized in Human Rights. I wanted to get to know the Romani societies with which I associated "from the inside". It was for this reason that I turned to social anthropology and conducted ethnographic studies on the causes and effects of migration in different Roma groups in France and Romania, with a particular focus on relations, networks and hybridisations. Based on this experience of crossing the borders between civil society and research, between law and social anthropology I am now assuming a MSCA Fellowship at the University of Verona dealing with Early marriage among a Romanian community

I. EDUCATION

- 2017:** **Qualification to be a maître de conférence in Anthropology**, Conférence nationale des Universités, section 20 (France)
- 2007- 2013: Doctorate in Public and Comparative Law from the universities of** Tours (France) and Florence (Italy) and the Università degli Studi di Firenze, "**La gestion juridique de la migration des Roms Roumains**". Pr. Rossetto, Pr. Simoni, Pr. Antonioli, Pr. Hervouët, Pr. Slama, Pr. Vitale. Mention "très honorable".
- 2005 - 2007:** Masters: Public Law, University of Tours
- 2005 - 2006:** Erasmus exchange at the Sapienza University (Roma)
- 2002 - 2005:** First degrees in Law, University of Tours

II. CURRENT POSITION

Since September 2018 : Fellowship at the University of Verona, Project Net-Rom, Early Marriage between Dynamism of Social Network and Legal Autonomy : The case of transnational Romanian Roma

Since Septembre 2017 : Associate member, Centre Georg Simmel, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales / CNRS, France.

Since January 2014: Chairman of the association *La Firme 93*

III. PREVIOUS POSITIONS

March 2013 - September 2017 : Lead post-doctoral researcher (Social Anthropology), MigRom Project (FP7-SSH) , 2013-2017), France FrenchTeam, Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme.

Research administration: establishment of a four-year strategy, administration of MigRom program in France: management of budget and human resources.

Research activity: Ethnographic and quantitative studies in Romani shantytowns, written reports, articles and books, participation in and organisation of conferences, study days and research seminars.

Advocacy work: Writing policy recommendations, dissemination of findings to public decision-makers (ministries, regional prefectures, territorial collectivities). Intervention in the media and organisation of communication campaigns.

September 2010 – December 2012: Field researcher (Human Rights), European Roma Rights Center
Field research: monitoring basic rights violations in Roma communities by State and local authorities (right to housing, police violence, freedom of movement).
Development and implementation of legal strategies: establishment of a network of lawyers working in shantytowns. Legal analyses and legal watches.
Advocacy work with institutions: media interventions and policy monitoring

April 2008 – November 2008: Coordinator, La Cimade
Coordination of associations involving local groups in the Rhone-Alpes region, on rights of aliens, institutional relations and animation of the regional volunteer network.

IV. TEACHING AND SUPERVISING ACTIVITIES

2013-2017: “**Approche interdisciplinaire des sociétés romani**” (**Interdisciplinary approach to Romani societies**), Masters “Territoires, espaces, sociétés”, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (24 hours/year for 4 university years), mentoring masters students writing their thesis.

2017: “**De proudhon à Airbnb, une anthropologie de l’économie horizontale**” (**From Proudhon to Air bnb, an anthropology of the horizontal economy**), École Supérieur d’Ingénieur Léonard de Vinci (12 hours.)

2017: “**L’informatique appliquée à la recherche en ethnologie**” (**Applying IT to ethnological research**, Ethnology masters degree, Paris V Descartes (24 hours)

2016: “**Postures de chercheurs en contexte de mondialisation**” (**Research postures in a globalizing world**) (Coord. Barbara Casciarri), Master “Anthropologie de la mondialisation”, Université Paris-8, Department of Sociology and Anthropology (3 hours).

2013-2014: “**Méthodologie scientifique l’analyse de l’Action Publique**” (**Scientific methodology: analysis of public action**) Mastère PAPDD École des Ponts, (15hours.). Supervising 6 students working on a collective thesis on the cost of displacing shantytowns.

2007-2010: **Family law** (licence 1) et **Legal history** (licence 1), Department of law and geography. University François Rabelais, Tours, (travaux dirigés, 96 hours/year for 3 university years)

V. RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Research Area

- History and social anthropology of ethnic minorities
- Anthropology of migrations
- Family anthropology
- Social network analysis
- European Law / Droit européen
- Human rights

2. Field studies

- **Since 2010: Squats and shantytowns in the Paris region**, floating observation (weekly visits): monitoring of various family groups from Romania, social and family networks, territorial anchoring and transnational circulation, legal strategies and power relations.
- **2013 - 2016: Romanian village communities:** total of 6 months with two Roma groups (Transylvania and Bessarabia), family stories of interethnic relations under communism and during the Second World War; participant observation of economic strategies.
- **Since 2010: urban policy actors in Seine-Saint-Denis (France):** elected local authorities, State services, institutions and NGOs active in the medico-social sector. Public action and discourse on slum clearance.

3. Participation in funded project

- 2013–2017 **MIGROM** (funded by **FP7-SSH**), The immigration of Romanian Roma to Western Europe: Causes, effects and future engagement strategies. <http://migrom.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/>, full time post-doctoral researcher.
- 2015-2018 **Marg'in** (funded by **Agence National de la Recherche, France**), medium-/long-term effects of poverty-regulation policies on target populations: the case of the so-called “Roma” migrants in Western European cities. Member of the steering committee.
- 2014-2016 **REPIN** (funded by **SCIENCES PO**), “Roma migrants”: from urban exclusion processes to resources for social inclusion, field researcher.
- 2015-2016 **Romnia network** (funded by **Open Society Foundation & Region**), participatory action research of women from shantytowns on policy monitoring, Project coordinator.
- 2016-2017 “**25 ans de Bidonvilles**” (funded by **Fondation abbé Pierre**), An associative information and awareness campaign on the presence of shantytowns in France, aimed at local public actors <http://www.25ansbidonvilles.org/>, Member of the steering committee.

4. Organisation of international conferences (4)

1. “Les Métropoles européennes: les bidonvilles contemporains et leur économie. Regards croisés / Recherche / Action publique” (European metropolis: contemporary shantytowns and their economy. A comparative approach / Research / Public action), International conference, Maison des Sciences de l’Homme Paris-Nord, Aubervilliers, 14-15 April 2016, **Main organizer**.
2. “Les sociétés romani dans l’Europe moderne et contemporaine: sources et méthodologies historiques” (Romani societies in modern and contemporary Europe: sources and historical methodologies), Workshop of the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l’Homme and the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, 10 June 2014, **member of the steering committee**.
3. “Actualité de l’Habitat Temporaire” (Temporary Habitat today), International conference, University of Montpellier III, 10-12 October 2013, **member of the steering committee**.
4. “La ‘question rom’ en Europe aujourd’hui. Enjeux et modalités de la construction de problèmes publics émergents” (The “Roma question” in Europe today. Stakes and modalities of the construction of emerging public problems), International conference, University of Tours 23-24 March 2011, **member of the steering committee**.

5. Membership in scientific societies

- **Since 2017**: Member of the advisory committee and editorial board of the journal **Etudes tsiganes**
- **Since 2009**: Member of the steering committee of the **Observatoire Urba-rom** (140 members) for the study of public policy on so-called Roma/Gipsy groups.

6. Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals (8)

1. MENEHINI, A., FATTORI, F., **COUSIN**, G., To be published. “A study on the attitudes of young French and Italian people towards the Romanian Roma, some similarities and differences “. *Romani Studies*.
2. BERNARDOT, M., **COUSIN**, G., LE MARCHAND, A. & MÉSINI, B. 2016. “Camp et campements”, *Multitudes*, n° 3.64: 92-99.
3. **COUSIN**, G. & PETCUȚ, P. 2016. “Déporter la paysannerie tsigane”, *Etudes tsiganes*, n°56-57, 104-123.
4. **COUSIN**, G. 2015. “Le platz des Roms”, *Revue Projet*, n° 348 : 31-37.

5. COUSIN, G. & LEGROS, O. 2014. "Gouverner par l'évacuation ? L'exemple des 'campements illicites' en Seine-Saint-Denis", *Annales de géographie*, n° 700 : 5-28.
6. COUSIN, G. 2013. "L'évacuation de bidonvilles roms. Circulaires et cycles médiatiques", *Metropolitiques* [En ligne] : <http://www.metropolitiques.eu/L-evacuation-de-bidonvilles-roms.html>.
7. COUSIN, G. 2011. "L'émergence en Italie d'une 'politique tsigane' face aux mobilités roumaines à la fin des années 2000", *Etudes tsiganes*, n° 46 : 28-45.
8. COUSIN, G. 2010. "Sanzioni penali e condizione dell'immigrato in Francia: tra funzione amministrativa e finalità politiche", *Diritto, immigrazione e cittadinanza*, XII : 71-80.
9. COUSIN, G. 2009. "Roms migrants. Tsiganes hier, Roms migrants aujourd'hui?", *EspacesTemps.net* [retrieved]: <http://www.espacestems.net/document7724.html>.

7. Edited Books (1)

1. COUSIN, G., LOISEAU, G., VIALA, L., CROZAT, D. & LIÈVRE, M. (eds.) 2016. *Actualité de l'habitat temporaire, De l'habitat rêvé à l'habitat contraint*. Marseille: Terra-HN éditions.

8. Chapters in collective volumes (6)

1. COUSIN G. and Pontrandolfo S. (2018) "Sull'uso politico dei rom in campagna elettorale. Una ricerca sul web". In Pontrandolfo, S. (ed.), *Politiche locali per Rom e Sinti in Italia*, Rome, CISU, pp. 243-265.
2. COUSIN, G. 2018. "Life and death of a French shantytown, an anthropology of power", In: LEGGIO, D. V. & MATRAS Y. (eds) *Open Borders, Unlocked Cultures: Romanian Roma migrants in Western Europe*. London, New York: Routledge.
3. COUSIN, G. 2017. "Une communauté de papier? Être Tigani au guichet d'une préfecture roumaine à la veille de la seconde guerre mondiale", In: ABOUT, I. (ed.) *Présences tsiganes*. Paris: Le Cavalier Bleu .
4. COUSIN, G. 2017. "Abécédaire juridique de l'habitat temporaire", in BOUISSON M. & MEADOWS F. (eds) *Habiter le temporaire*. Paris: Editions alternatives / Cité de l'architecture & du patrimoine
5. COUSIN, G. 2016. "Roms, avocats et juges. Regards ethnographiques sur les audiences de référé-expulsion au Tribunal de grande instance de Bobigny", In: COUSIN, G., LOISEAU, G., VIALA, L., CROZAT, D. & LIEVRE, M. (eds) *Actualité de l'habitat temporaire*. Paris: Terra HN éditions.
6. COUSIN, G. 2013. "La situation des Roms en Europe de l'Est (le cas de la Roumanie). Catégorie juridiques ethnique et réifications des Roms", In: REDOR-FICHOT, M.-J. (ed.) *Roms, Tsiganes et gens du voyage*. Paris: Mare & Martin.
7. COUSIN, G. & MARIANI, F. 2012. "Il passepartout dell' 'ordine pubblico'. Politica e diritto nelle prassi di allontanamento dei 'rumeni detti rom' in Italia e Francia", In: BONETTI, P., SIMONI, A. & VITALE, T. (eds) *La Condizione giuridica di Rom e Sinti in Italia*. Milan: Giuffrè

10. Invited presentations (selection since 2009)

- "Creating a community, sharing a history: Family narratives of Bessarabian Roma in France and Romania", *International conference Tracing the Legacies of the Roma Genocide. Families as Transmitters of Experience and Memory*, Charles University of Prague, 20-21 September 2017.
- "Family separations and reconnections at the Ukraino-Romanian border", *International conference On categories and boundaries: Intersections in the history and ethnography of Europe's Sinti and Roma (19th- 21st centuries)*, 6-7 June 2017.
- "Les diagnostics sociaux dans les politiques publiques auprès des Roms: quelles réponses? Analyse comparative des dispositifs urbains à Manchester, Milan et Paris", *Journée de réflexion Roms en Cités La médiation interculturelle dans la gouvernance urbaine en Europe*, Haute École du Travail Social de Genève, 26 April 2017
- "Heritages, permanences and fates of Romani spaces", *MigRom final conference*, Manchester, UK, 18-20 January 2017

- "1948-2016, un demi siècle de mobilité des Roms roumains", Colloque international *Exilés-Réfugiés-Migrants en ville. Formes d'exclusion et stratégies d'insertion*, Université Paris Diderot, 8-9 December 2016
- "Présences tsiganes en Europe", Rencontre européenne *Histoire de l'accueil des étrangers*, Génériques, Paris 6-7 December 2016.
- "Deporting the Romani peasantry; broken destinies of the Ursari of Segarcea and Sadova (Romania)", Workshop *New Research on Genocide of Roma in Central Europe*, University of Södertörn, Flemingsberg, 14 December 2015
- "L'habitat aux limites du droit", Colloque international *Habitat temporaire et modulaire*, École Nationale D'architecture de Nantes, 13 October 2015.
- "Regard ethnographique sur les audiences de référé-expulsion", Colloque *Actualité de l'habitat temporaire*, University of Montpellier III, 10-12 October 2013.
- "Stratégie juridiques de l'expulsion", Colloque *Jeu de normes, Regards sur la migration*, University Paris Ouest-Nanterre-la Défense, Nanterre, 16 May 2013.
- "Évacuer les bidonvilles roms en Seine-Saint-Denis. Réflexions à propos du 'bricolage' des procédures juridiques par les pouvoirs publics", Journée d'étude *Illégalismes et gouvernement des territoires*, University of Tours, 15 May 2012.
- "La situation des Roms en Europe de l'Est (le cas de la Roumanie). Catégories juridiques, ethniques et réifications", Colloque *Roms, Tsiganes et gens du voyage*, University of Caen, 24-25 November 2011.
- "L'émergence d'une 'politique tsigane' face aux mobilités roumaines", Colloque *La "question rom" en Europe aujourd'hui. Enjeux et modalités de la construction de problèmes publics émergents*, University of, Tours 23-24 March 2011.
- "Sisyphus et le statisticien: Retour humanitaire des Roms roumains entre logique chiffrée de gestion des flux migratoires et discrimination ethnique", Colloque *Dynamiques, politiques et expériences du rapport aux "endo-étrangers" en Europe*, University of Bordeaux II, 27-29 April 2009.

11. Interventions in the media (selection since 2012)

- CIUCIU, A., **COUSIN**, G., FILLONEAU, M., MAYER, N. "Rromophobie : un racisme décomplexé", Prod. GARDETTE, H., *Du grain à moudre*, France Culture, 13 April 2017. Radio.
- COUSIN, G. "Le démantèlement des bidonvilles Roms coûte cher à la collectivité", *Le Figaro*, 1 February 2016, retrieved from <http://www.lefigaro.fr>
- COUSIN, G. "Roms en Ile-de-France: 'La priorité est de leur apprendre le français'", *Le Parisien*, 26 January 2016, retrieved from <http://www.leparisien.fr>
- FASSIN, E., **COUSIN**, G. "Roms: l'Etat dans le rôle du mauvais samaritain", *Libération*, 13 August 2015, retrieved from <http://www.libération.fr>
- BERTONCINI, Y., **COUSIN**, G., GRANT C. "Europe: les travailleurs de l'Est", Prod. OCKRENT C., *Affaires étrangères*, France culture, 18 January 2014. Radio.
- **COUSIN**, G., SUTRE, A., ABOUT I. "Tziganes, Roms: ces indésirables que l'Europe ne veut pas voir (4/4) - Derrière le mythe du nomade, le travailleur migrant", Prod. DELORME, V., *Cultures mondes*, France culture, 24 October 2013. Radio.
- CIUCIU, A., **COUSIN**, G. "Quel avenir pour les Roms de France?" Prod. VOINCHET M., *Les Matins*, France culture, 20 May 2013. Radio.
- COUSIN, G. "Accueil des Roms: l'hébergement d'urgence n'est pas adapté", *Le Monde*, 14 May 2013, retrieved from <http://www.lemonde.fr> ;
- COUSIN, G. "Les expulsions de Roms se poursuivent au même rythme que sous Sarkozy", *Le Monde*, 29 November 2012, retrieved from <http://www.lemonde.fr> ;