

# Dr Anick Coudart

## Education and career

### 1. Education

Ph.D. (1987) University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne) in prehistoric ethnology - cum laude: *Architecture et société néolithique. Uniformité et variabilité, fonction et style de l'architecture dans l'approche des communautés du Néolithique danubien* (Architecture and Neolithic Society: uniformity, variability, function and style in the architecture of the danubian neolithic).

### 2. Career

1975-1978 Researcher (*Chercheur contractuel*) at the Université de Paris I (under contract with the Ministry of Research)

1978-1982 Researcher (*Attaché de recherche*) at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (*Attaché de recherche*) based at the Université de Paris I

1982-1992 Assistant Research Professor (*Chargé de Recherche*) at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, based at the Université de Paris I

1992-present Research Professor (*Directeur de Recherche*) at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, based at the University of Paris I (1992-1997) and at the Joint Archaeological Research Centre of the CNRS and the Universities of Paris I and Paris X (1998-)

### 3. Visiting positions and scholarships

1979 Visiting Scholar at *the Institut für Vor- und Frühgeschichte*, Universität des Saarlandes, Saarbrücken, Germany (with a Fellowship of the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst)

1986 Visiting Scholar at the Museum of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A.

1988-89 Visiting Scholar at the Department of Archaeology, Cambridge University, U.K. and Visiting Fellow, Clare Hall (with a Fellowship of the British Academy)

1990-present Life Member, Clare Hall, Cambridge, U.K.

1990-present Affiliated Researcher, Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research, Goroka, Papua New Guinea

1991-1993 Associate Lecturer, Department of Archaeology, Cambridge University, U.K. (Delegated by the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique),

1991 NATO Fellowship to visit UK academic institutions

1993-2000 Member of the Board, Stichting RAAP, University of Amsterdam

1994-present Associate researcher, "*Centre de Recherche et de Documentation sur l'Océanie*" of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Marseille.

1999-2000	Adjunct faculty, Department of Anthropology, Arizona State University, Tempe, USA.
April-May 2003	Marion R. et Adolph J. Lichstern Distinguished Research Scholar, The University of Chicago, Department of Anthropology.
July-August 2003	Visiting Scholar at the Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe (New Mexico).
Sept. 2003-present	Adjunct Professor, School of Human evolution and social change,, Arizona State University, Tempe, USA

#### 4. Related activities

1980	<i>Mission interministérielle pour la documentation de l'information des sciences et des techniques</i> (MIDIST): Person in charge of the computerization of information on French archaeologists
1980	Responsible for the Chassemy experimental archaeology project on prehistoric architecture
1980-1985	Responsible for an international research project on "The archaeology and experimental anthropology of primitive agriculture" of the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme and the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales
1981-1982	Responsible for a project on "The evaluation of organic remains in the protohistoric buildings of temperate Europe" of the CNRS and the French Atomic Energy Commission
1982-present	Editor of the quarterly scientific journal " <i>Nouvelles de l'Archéologie</i> "
1983-1987	Founding Member of the " <i>Centre coopératif de recherche et de diffusion en anthropologie</i> " of the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme
1984-1997	Responsible for the section " <i>Theoretical Archaeology</i> " of the Joint Research Programme " <i>Terrains et théories en archéologie</i> " of the CNRS and the Université de Paris I
1987-1991	Member of the editorial board of the scientific journal " <i>Gallia - Préhistoire</i> "
1987-1988	Principal Investigator, Research Project on "The Settlement Process among the Early Agricultural Groups of the Aisne Valley, Northern France" of the National Geographic Society, the CNRS, the University of Paris I, and the Ministry of Culture
1987-1995	Member of the National Committee on Scientific Research 1987-1991: Elected member of section 33 (Anthropology, Ethnology and Prehistory) 1991-1995: Appointed member of section 31 (Man and the Environment)
1991-1992	Co-Principal Investigator of a research program on "5000 years of human occupation of the Aisne Valley" of the CNRS and the Ministry of Culture
1993-1997	Associate director of the research team "European Proto-history: from the Village to the State" of the CNRS

1993-1994	Member of the CNRS consultative committee on “ GIS and 3-D information management ”
1994	Member of the CNRS consultative committee on “ Centres of excellence on database management and the treatment of spatial information ”
1994-1996	Member of the Scientific Board of the CNRS Research Programme on “ Remote Sensing in the Social Sciences ”.
1994-1996	Member of the Scientific Board of the CNRS Network of Research Laboratories “ <i>Centre de Recherches Archéologiques</i> ”
1996	Consultant to the Ministry of Culture (Directorate of Archaeology, National Council for Archaeological Research)
1997	Member of the CNRS Centre of Excellence on “ Geomatics and the Environment ”
1998-present	Associate Director of the section “ European Protohistory ” of the Joint Archaeological Research Centre of the CNRS and the Universities of Paris I and Paris X.
1999-2003	Member of the CNU (National Council for Universities), section 20 (Anthropology, Ethnology and Prehistory), Paris.
From 2001	Director of the International and Pluridisciplinary Project “The construction of identity in past and present societies : the rôle of archaeology, cultural anthropology and history, Fondation de la Maison des sciences de l'Homme-Paris.
From 2002 :	Co-director of the project “ L’implantation du néolithique rubanée dans la vallée de l’Aisne ”, Action concertée de recherche <i>Archéologie du territoire national</i> , Ministère de la recherche, Ministère de la Culture, CNRS, Institut national de recherches archéologiques préventives.  Her present position is part of a collaboration, established in 2000, between the research team <i>Protohistoire européenne</i> of the French research laboratory <i>Archéologies et sciences de l’antiquité</i> (unité mixte de recherche 7041) and the Department of Anthropology of Arizona State University (USA). It also is part of the continuation of an international project on “The construction of identity in past and present societies : the role of archaeology, cultural anthropology and history” (ACI <i>Sciences et société</i> , ministry of French research)

## Programs of research

### 1. Cultural practices versus identity strategy

This research continues the multi-institutional and multidisciplinary discussions that emerged in the project “The construction of identity” (the first conclusions of this project are in press). It is now time to clarify and outline — in scientific and political terms — the confusion that often occurs between ‘cultural difference’ and ‘social organization of cultural difference’, i.e. between ‘culture’ or *habitus* and ‘identity strategy’.

### 2. Domestic time and space in the elaboration and the transformation of cultural norms: comparative approaches to the Hopi and the Navajo dwellings in the Southwestern United States of America

This proposal is the third and the last step in a larger research project devoted to the identification— through material culture (the house and living space, in particular) — of the dynamics that play a role in maintaining and transforming the *habitus* and the cultural norms of a society. This third stage will be done within the institutional framework of Arizona State University.

### **3. France versus United States of America: techniques and material culture versus cultural relativism**

The aim of these project is to check the perceptions and the concepts used in the French social sciences against those used in the North-American research when dealing with the notions of culture and cultural diversity. The aim is also to show how deeply techniques and aspects of material culture are embedded in the French representation of history and cultural diversity, but at the same time compatible with universally human qualities. And on the other hand, how diversity has led to cultural relativism in the United States of America — a relativism not always understood by the French.

### **4. The gender question**

For fifteen years now, there is an American 'school' pleading for a cultural approach of "gender", contrasting it with the biological notion of "sex". Issues related to this affect all disciplines in the US, but are almost absent from French research (including archaeology). This absence is part of a larger issue: why is feminism so peaceful and moderate in France? Here, we have to shift the focus, and wonder about the differences in the relation "male/female" between the United States and France.

## **Publications**

### **1. Books**

Coudart, A., & P. Pion (eds.), *L'Archéologie de la France rurale de la préhistoire aux temps modernes*. Paris : Belin.

Coudart, A. (et al.), *L'Archéologie d'une vallée*, Soissons: ADMS

Coudart, A., *Architecture et société néolithique. L'uniformité et la variance de la maison danubienne*. Paris: Editions de la Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (DAF n° 307).

Braemer F., Cleuziou S., Coudart A. (eds). 1999. *Habitat et société*, XIXe Rencontres Internationales d'Archéologie et d'Histoire d'Antibes. Antibes : Éditions APDCA.

Coudart A. Talon M. (eds.), 2005. *L'archéologie d'une crise archéologique des élus de la République française 2002–2003*. Special issue of the journal *Les Nouvelles de l'Archéologie*. Paris: Errance.

In preparation : Coudart A. (eds). *Constructing Identity*. Cambridge : Cambridge University Press (235 pages, 20 ill).

### **2. Main papers in English**

Cleuziou S., Coudart A., J.-P. Demoule, A. Schnapp. 1991. The Use of theory in French archaeology. In : I. Hodder (ed), *Archaeological Theory in Europe*, pp. 91-128. London: Routledge.

Coudart A. 1991. Social organisation in the 'Danubian' Neolithic in West-Central Europe. In : S. Gregg (ed), *Between Bands and States*, pp. 395-420. Carbondale : Center for Archaeological Investigations, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (Occasional paper No 9).

Coudart A. 1993. Cultural persistence, reproduction and transformation among the Ange of Papua New Guinea. In : *Jubilee international Colloquium*. Madang & Goroka: Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research, p. 24-26.

Coudart A. 1994. Using the Dwelling to Study Culture. *Methods of Traditional environment Research* (Working paper series) 62, p. 35-52.

Olivier L., Coudart A. 1995. French tradition and the central place of history in human sciences. In: P. Ucko (ed) *Theory in archaeology : a world perspective*, p. 363-381. London, New-York: Routledge.

Coudart A. 1998. Archaeology of French women and French women in archaeology. In: Stig-Sorensen M.L, M. Diaz Andreu (eds), *Excavating women. A history of women in European archaeology*, p. 61-85. London: Routledge.

Coudart A. 1999. Is Post-Processualism bound to happen everywhere? The French case. *Antiquity* 73 (279): 161-167.

Coudart A. 1999. André Leroi-Gourhan (1911–1986). In : Murray T. *Encyclopedia of Archaeology. The Great Archaeologists*, p. 653-664. Santa Barbara, Denver, Oxford : ABC-CLIO.

Coudart A. 2001. France. In : T. Murray (ed) *Encyclopedia of Archaeology. History and Discoveries*, pp. 523-534. Santa Barbara, Denver, Oxford: ABC-CLIO.