

Véronique Servais



1. Civilities:

Name: SERVAIS
First name: Veronique, Julia, Renee
Birth date: April 27th, 1965
Nationality: Belgian
Family: two adolescent boys (born 1998 and 2001)

2. University degrees

PhD in Arts and Sciences of Communication, with the highest distinction (grade A), University of Liege, March 26th, 1996. Title of the dissertation: The interspecies communication between enchantment and disenchantment. Ethnographic approach of human-animal interactions

Master degree in Psychology and Education Sciences highest distinction (grade A), University of Liege, October 6th, 1988. Title of the master thesis: Exploratory study of therapeutic effects of pets for anorexic girls.

3. University career

Since the first of December, 2010: **Professor in Anthropology of Communication**. Institute of Social Sciences, University of Liege

1/10/07- 01/12/10: **Associate Professor** in Anthropology of Communication, Humane and Social Sciences Institute, University of Liege.

1/12/02 - 30/09/07 **Associate Professor in Communication Theories** (Half time) at the Department of Arts and Sciences of Communication, Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities, University of Liege.

15/01/02 – 15/10/02 : **Post Doctoral researcher** at the Laboratory of Social Anthropology, Collège de France, Paris, with a fellowship from the Fyssen Foundation

1/10/96 - 30/9/01: **Research Associate** at the National Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS), University of Liege

1/10/91 - 30/09/95: **PhD Student**, Aspirant FNRS, with a fellowship from the National Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS), University of Liege.

4. Research

4a. Research areas

Anthropology of human-animal communication, Anthropology and creativity, Anthropology of Animals, Zootherapy,

4b. Current empirical research:

- Ethnography of the enchantment in the emergence of a feeling of “commonality” in a group of performing arts students
- Affective management in trainer-dolphins interactions

4c. Previous researches:

- Understanding of “Enchanting technologies” in the encounter with wild dolphins

- ethnographic study of the impact of two resident dogs on the interactional patterns of psychotic patients in a psychiatric ward (Financial support: University of Liège, Sommer Foundation, St. Martin Hospital)
- Anthropology of animals in multidisciplinary research programs “Pigeons in cities” directed by A.-C. Prévot, University Orsay Paris Sud
- Anthropology of animals in a research program “Pets released in the wild : a social and environmental problem”, with A.C. Prévôt, University of Orsay Paris Sud
- Ethnographic study of visitors/primates in the zoo (Fyssen Foundation)
- Jonathan Project: clinical research on the positive effect of interactions with dolphins for an autistic child
- Autidolfijn project : experimental research on the positive effect of interactions with dolphins for 6 autistic children

5. Organization and attendance at Congresses, International Conferences or other scholarly meetings (last 5 years)

5a Organization and co-organization of congresses, conferences and seminars

1. Organization of 3 conferences for the Laboratory of Social and Cultural Anthropology conferences in 2016
2. Co-organization (with C. Servais, Univ. Of Liège) of an International Conference : « Probing misunderstanding », University of Liège, July 2-3, 2015
3. Co-organization (with A. Halloy, Univ. Of Nice) of a doctoral seminar at the university of Liège: « The world re-enchanted : cultural technologies and cognitive processes. A comparative approach at the crossing of anthropology and cognitive and social psychology », November 7th - december 12th, 2013.
4. Co-organization (with F. Delfour, Dr. Cognitive Ethology) of a Round Table « Minding marine mammals » at the 2nd Minding Animals International Conference, Utrecht, 3-6 July 2012

5b Attendance to congresses, conferences and seminars

International

1. “Affective work in living and working with captive dolphins” European Association of Social Anthropologists Conference: “Anthropological legacies and human futures”, Milan, July 20-24, 2016
2. “Créer la relation juste. Le travail affectif dans les relations de soigneurs avec leurs dauphins”. Invited talk, Colloque Final ANR Licornes, Ecole de Gouvernance et d'Economie (EGE) de Rabat, Université Mohamed VI Polytechnique, Rabat, June 2-3, 2016
3. “Médiation animale et espace intermédiaire”. Atelier “Nouvelles formes de médiation relationnelle”, organisé par Marika Moisseff (LAS) and Michael Houseman (EPHE), Paris, Collège de France, January 9, 2016
4. Invited speaker at the Forum du CNRS, “Que reste-t-il à découvrir?” Paris, University of La Sorbonne, November 12-13, 2015
5. (with R. Brahy) “Aménager un environnement : bienveillance et non –vouloir”. Invited talk at the “Séminaire international d’études sur le soin. Imagination, relations morales et éthique du care”, Fondation des Treilles, Tourtour, July 13-18, 2015
6. “Expériences d’enchantement et transition: vers une reconfiguration des identités?” 5ème Colloque de l’ARPEnv (Association pour la Recherche en Psychologie de

l'Environnement) Transition écologique : de la perception à l'action, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, June 11-12, 2015

7. "Construire la distinction humaine au zoo". Séminaire "Une anthropologie du zoo", Parc zoologique de Paris & Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, June 18, 2015
8. "Gestion des affects et des identités dans le travail avec des dauphins captifs". Réunion de l'ANR Licornes, Lausanne, May 20-21, 2015
9. "Where do we meet animals?" University of Aberdeen, Department of Anthropology, February 19th, 2015
10. Servais V. "Introduire des animaux dans le bureau du clinicien". Conférence en Hommage au Pr. A. Demaret, University of Liège, February 28th, 2014
11. Servais V. & Halloy A. "Enchanting encounters with African Gods and Dolphins" Panel "How People Change, Engaging the Social and Psychological to Reimagine Conversion", 2013 annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 20-24, 2013
12. "Enchanting encounters with wild dolphins as promoting self-transformation". Poster presentation. Mind & Life Institute Europe, Berlin, 10-13 October, 2013
13. Servais V. & B. de Villers "Living with two dogs and presence to the situation. Ethnography of patients-dogs interactions in a psychiatric Ward." International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations (IAHAIO), 13th Triennial Conference: "Humans and Animals: the Inevitable Bond", Chicago, Ill., July 20-22 2013
14. Halloy A. and Servais V. L'enchantement comme régime d'interactivité. Workshop "Nouvelles Formes de Médiation Relationnelles" (New Forms of Mediation), M. Houseman & M. Moisseff, Collège de France, April 20th, 2013
15. Halloy A. & Servais V. "Gods and Dolphins: A Cross-Cultural Analysis of Enchanting Encounters." Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, San Diego, April 4-7, 2013
16. Invited talk "Des dauphins au secours des autistes. Quand l'animalité humanise". Symposium "Communicating with nature to learn one's culture", 13th Congress of the International Society of Ethnobiology, Montpellier (Fr), 21-24 May 2012 (*"Dolphins helping autistic children: when animality humanizes"*)
17. Servais V. & F. Delfour, "Comment étudier la communication entre dauphins captifs et soigneurs?" International Conference III 2011 "Cross-Understanding: from intraspecific to interspecific", Landaul, Brittany, 25-26 November 2011 (*"How to study the communication between captive dolphins and trainers?"*)
18. Dieudonne M., V. Servais, J.M.G. Stevens. "Relations Affiliatives entre Femelles Bonobos (*Pan paniscus*), usages et implications pour l'Anthropologie Humaine". 24th Conference of the French Speaking Society of Primatology, Grenoble, 19-21 October 2011 (*"Affiliative relationships in female bonobos (*Pan paniscus*), implications for human anthropology"*)
19. "Les sociétés anthro-canines". Canine International Forum, Lausanne (CH), 15-16 October 2011 (*"Anthro-dog societies"*)
20. "L'animal dans le soin : entre théorie et pratique." International Conference "Animals in care: between theories and practices", Paris, July 2nd 2011 (*"Animals in care: between theory and practice"*)

National

1. (with Rachel Brahy) "Etre avec par corps. Le role de la coordination des corps dans le ressenti d'un commun". Séminaire du Lemme, "La mediation et la fabrication des écarts", Liège, May 13, 2016
2. "Présence animale et bienveillance dispositive". Invited conference. Canimôme, April 2, 2015
3. (with B. de Villers) "La mediation animale et la technique" Séminaire du Lemme, Université de Liège, January 22, 2015
4. "L'animal dans le soin: Etat des lieux, originalite du projet de recherche à St Martin et premiers resultats." AAT Conference, St Martin Psychiatric Hospital, Dave, 18 October 2011(*"Animal in care: state of the art, originality of the research project in St Martin and first results"*)

5c Large audience Lectures and radio broadcasts

1. "Empathie et anthropologie", invited talk at Liège Créative, Liège, February 16, 2016
2. "Pour une science "humaine" des animaux: que faire après le constat du malentendu?". Invited conferene at the Artistic Event "Apprendre par l'animal" organized by artist Boris Nordman at La Panacée, Montpellier, December 11-13, 2015
3. (with F. Delfour) Atelier "Lecture à deux voix d'interactions hommes-dauphins". Invited paper at the Artistic Event "Apprendre par l'animal" organized by artist Boris Nordman at La Panacée, Montpellier, December 11-13, 2015
4. "La relation homme-animal". Invited Conference at the Congrès National "Réflexions autour de la mediation equine" organized by the National Federation "Handi-cheval" and the Equit'aide Center, Mont-à-Mousson, October 15-15, 2015
5. Radio Broadcast (radio campus) about human-animal relationships, Bruxelles, November 2015
6. Radio Broadcast (RTBF) about misunderstanding, June 2015
7. "Les structures qui nous relient aux animaux : culture, communication et imaginaire". Invited talk at the Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain de Lorraine, Metz, February 26, 2015
8. Invited conference "What links us to animals: communication, imagination and cultural practices". BCLAS (Belgian Council for Laboratory Animal Sciences) Symposium, October 14, 2014
9. "Dispositifs d'enchantement et créativité. Entre regards anthropologiques et expérience artistique" (with A. Halloy and J. Bruneau). Presentation at Liège Creative, October 2, 2014
10. Invited conference "Le cheval en anthropozoologie : de l'outil au partenaire". Colloque d'Ethologie du cheval, University of Namur, February 27, 2014
11. Invited conference "Des animaux et des hommes. Comment se relier aux animaux ?" ComTech 2014, 12th symposium, Paris, Cité Internationale Universiatire de Paris, January 30th, 2014
12. Invited conference "Les structures qui nous relient aux animaux. Culture, communication et imaginaire." First Belgian Conference on Hippotherapy. Farciennes, 2013, September 13th.
13. Video projection and lecture: "Communicating with dolphins: dream or reality?" 13th Congress of the International Society of Ethnobiology, Montpellier (FR) 21-25 May 2012

14. "Les maîtres et leurs chiens. Un amour parfois déraisonnable". Conference to the Circle of Veterinary Students, University of Liege, 30 November 2011 (*Owners and their pets: a sometimes unreasonable love*)
15. Radio Broadcast (RTBF) about Communication and love encounters on the Internet, 4 February 2011

6. Teaching

6a. In the University of Liege

1. Organization and coordination of a University Diploma in Animal Mediation and Relationships with Nature.
2. Theories of communication (30h, Bachelor's degree).
3. Natural History of Human Communication (30h, Bachelor's degree).
4. Anthropology of communication (60h, Bachelor's and Master's degree).
5. Anthropology of Human-Animal Relationships (30h + 30h: Master Degree).
6. Special Questions of Anthropology of Communication. (30h, Master Degree, Seminar). The theme this year is "Communication as misunderstanding".
7. Direction of Master Degrees and PhD students

6b Teaching and Seminars outside ULg

1. "L'enchantement dans la rencontre avec les animaux". Talk in the Hippotherapy training, Ante-Anthesis, Stavelot, October 17, 2015 and Lasne, June 10, 2016
2. "Être avec » par corps: un commun sur un plateau de théâtre ?" (with Rachel Brahy) Socio-anthropologie du quotidien course of Nathalie Zaccai-Reyners, Free University of Brussels, February 22nd, 2016
3. Invited talk at the Journée d'étude "Frontières et Horizons", Sciences Po Bordeaux, Bordeaux, November 5, 2015
4. "Enchantment as an anthropological concept" Teaching at the Free University of Brussels, Socio-anthropologie du quotidien course, Nathalie Zaccai-Reyners, April 20, 2015
5. "Comment développer et favoriser un savoir-faire éthique à l'égard des animaux ? Trois pistes de réflexion". Séminaire : « Anthropologie évolutionnaire » *Animalités croisées, animalités partagées. Frédéric Joulian, Pierre-Olivier Dittmar*, Marseille, EHESS, December 15-16, 2015
6. "Ethology and elementary social forms", Research Seminar, University of Lausanne (CH) 4 May 2012
7. "Animal Suffering Perception, Interspecies Empathy and Interactivity Regimes" Training Seminar "Animals in research and ethical questions", INRA, Jouy-en-Josas (FR) 20 January 2011

7. Editorial duties

Member of the scientific committee of Techniques & Cultures

Member of the editorial board of the collection "Anthropologie de l'enfance", Presses Universitaires de Liège