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### Biography

Laurent Pordié, anthropologist (PhD) and pharmacologist (PhD), is a specialist in the social study of science and medicine in India. He was the Director of the Department of Social Sciences at the French Institute of Pondicherry and a Research Leader at the University of Heidelberg. He also held visiting positions at the University of Chicago, the University of California at San Francisco / Berkeley and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He is now a permanent Senior Researcher with the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) in Paris, assigned to the CERMES3 (CNRS/EHESS/Inserm), a research unit focused on medicine, science and society.

His current work; located at the intersection of medical anthropology and science and technology studies, focuses on what makes a pharmaceutical object to come into being. Laurent is interested in the advent of science and technology in the industrial production of traditional medicines, in the changes in values, meanings, agency and therapeutic power induced by the global circulation of drugs, and in pharmaceutical heterodox practices of diagnostic and drug combination.

For details, see [Laurent's page](#) at the Cermes3

### Research Team (CEIAS)

- Theories and Practices of Well-being: Body, Locality and Community (Coordination, with C. Guenzi and R. Voix).

### Teachings

- “Global Health: Anticipations, Infrastructures, Knowledge” (collective seminar), EHESS, Paris (2014-2015).

## Recent Publications (selection)

- Pervious drugs. Making the pharmaceutical object in techno-ayurveda, *Asian Medicine* 8(1), in press.
- An anthropological equivoque: Researchers' engagement and knowledge production, *Current Anthropology*, in press.
- Genealogy and ambivalence of a therapeutic heterodoxy. Islam and Tibetan medicine in North-western India, *Modern Asian Studies* (FirstView Article - DOI: 10.1017/S0026749X13000085), 2014.
- Knowledge and skills in motion. Layers of Tibetan medical education in India (avec C. Blaikie), *Culture, Medicine & Psychiatry* 38(3): 340-368, 2014.
- The reformulation regime in drug discovery. Revisiting polyherbals and property rights in the ayurvedic industry (avec J.-P. Gaudillière), *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* 8(1): 57-79, 2014.
- *Les nouveaux guérisseurs. Biographies de thérapeutes au temps de la globalisation* (avec E. Simon), eds., Paris: Éditions de l'EHESS, 2013.
- Spaces of connectivity, shifting temporality. Enquiries in transnational health, *European Journal of Transnational Studies* 5(1): 6-26, 2013.
- Sortir de l'impasse épistémologique. Nouveaux médicaments et savoirs traditionnels, *Sciences Sociales et Santé* 30(2): 93-103, 2012.
- Branding Indian Aromatherapy. Differentiation through transnational networks, in Volker Scheid and Hugh MacPherson (eds.), *Integrating East Asian Medicine into Contemporary Healthcare*, London: Churchill Livingstone/Elsevier, 2012.