From the Ecole Polytechnique to the Ecole de la Régulation
Michel Aglietta, 1959 - 1979

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the starting point of the work: scientific production is embedded in social and political structures. It doesn't only occur because of a genius scientist.

Numerous academic works on the structuring of the field of economics at the turn of the 1970s
  - Ecole de la Régulation <= my focus

Debate: French specificity // shared paradigm
  - Epistemic field
    - Shared Paradigm: Marxism Renewal (Sweezy, Bowles) ; Institutionnalism (Perroux, Galbraith, Dunlops) ; Keynesianism (Solow, Leontief, Malinvaud)
    - French specificity: Ecole des Annales (Braudel)
  - Context
    - Shared Context: after WWII, planning economy, Hippie counter-revolution
    - French specificity: Education through the grandes écoles ; war of Algeria
My approach: Learn about Michel Aglietta's education and career

- Methodology of economic thought history
  - theoretical parentage
- Reading academic production
- Archives: INSEE, Commissariat Général au Plan

- Social Science Methodology
  - Life stories (R. Boyer), biographies (P. Herzog, C. Gruson, J. Attali)

- A Future book about Michel Aglietta (1938 – 2022 ; 7 chapters)
  - My presentation = 3 chapters (1959 – 1979)
Aglietta’s training (see the article for a full overview)

1959 - 1965
• Ecole Polytechnique
• War of Algeria, Mathematics applied and useful for the society, macro-economics (Keynes, national accounting), Personal readings (Marx, Perroux, Braudel), conferences (JP Sartre, P Massé)

1965-1970
• INSEE, « Division des programmes »
• Modelling economic flows and prices (FIFI) in order to provide reliable information to the French General Planning Commission for the selection of appropriate public policies (industrial, housing, labor)

1970-1976
• Harvard 1970 – 1972 ; PhD under Raymond Barre’s supervision
• History of American capitalism; US Institutionnalism (Commons, Berle&Means, Sweezy, Galbraith, Dunlop); Management (Chandler); datas (macro-economics, meso economics companies, institutions) on USA economic history ( from 1870)

1976 Régulation et Crises du Capitalisme
The theoretical foundations of Ecole de la Régulation (Agliaetta)

**Macro economy**
Ecole Polytechnique, INSEE
(Malinvaud, Keynes)

**Institutions**
Personal Reading (F. Perroux, F. Braudel), INSEE (R. Barre)
Harvard (Galbraith, Sweezy, Berle&Means, Commons)

**Marx**
Personnal readings (P. Herzog)
The methodological foundations of Ecole de la Régulation (M. Aglietta)
Unconscious roots of regulation (M. Aglietta’s values)

- **Positivism**
  - Ecole Polytechnique

- **Prescriptive Expert**
  - Ecole Polytechnique, INSEE

- **State as Social Contract**
  - Conseil National de la Résistance, Planification
  - P. Massé, C. Gruson, R. Barre

- **Humanism**
  - WWII, youth, war of Algeria, popularization
  - C. Gruson, J.-P. Sartre, P. Dubois

- **Tolerance, interface**
  - Openness to different economic approaches (except micro-economics), to other sciences
The following

- Michel Aglietta's other contributions (the rest of the book to be finalized)
  - Same theoretical, methodological framework, same unconscious values
    - Money (chapter 4): La violence de la monnaie with A. Orléan
    - International macroeconomy (chapter 5): CEPII, mainstream
    - An activist economist (chapter 6): adviser, expert for politicians

- Michel Aglietta's background shares many similarities with Robert Boyer’s but also big differences.
  - Undertake a similar work on Robert Boyer's career for a complete vision of the Ecole de la Regulation's origins.
  - => Loipa Muniz Duarte
Michel Aglietta et Catherine Blum, février 1978,
source : collection privée