

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



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L'histoire de la théorie de la régulation et ses contributions à l'analyse du capitalisme mondial et de ses crises récentes (Covid-19, Ukraine...)

The History of Regulation Theory and its Contributions to the Analysis of Global Capitalism and its Recent Crises (Covid-19, Ukraine, etc.)

Topic

- 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
 - Interviews (recording, transcription): M. Aglietta, C. Seibel, C. Sautter, C. Blum, A. Orléans,...
 - 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

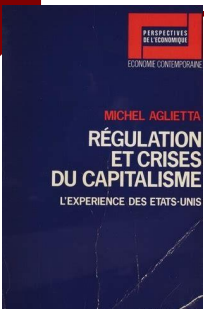
- Ecole Polytechnique
- War of Algeria, Mathematics applied and useful for the society, macro-economics (Keynes, national accounting), Personal readings (Marx, Perroux, Braudel), conferences (JP Sartre, P Massé)

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 (Aglietta)

Macro economy

Ecole Polytechnique, INSEE
(Malinvaud, Keynes)



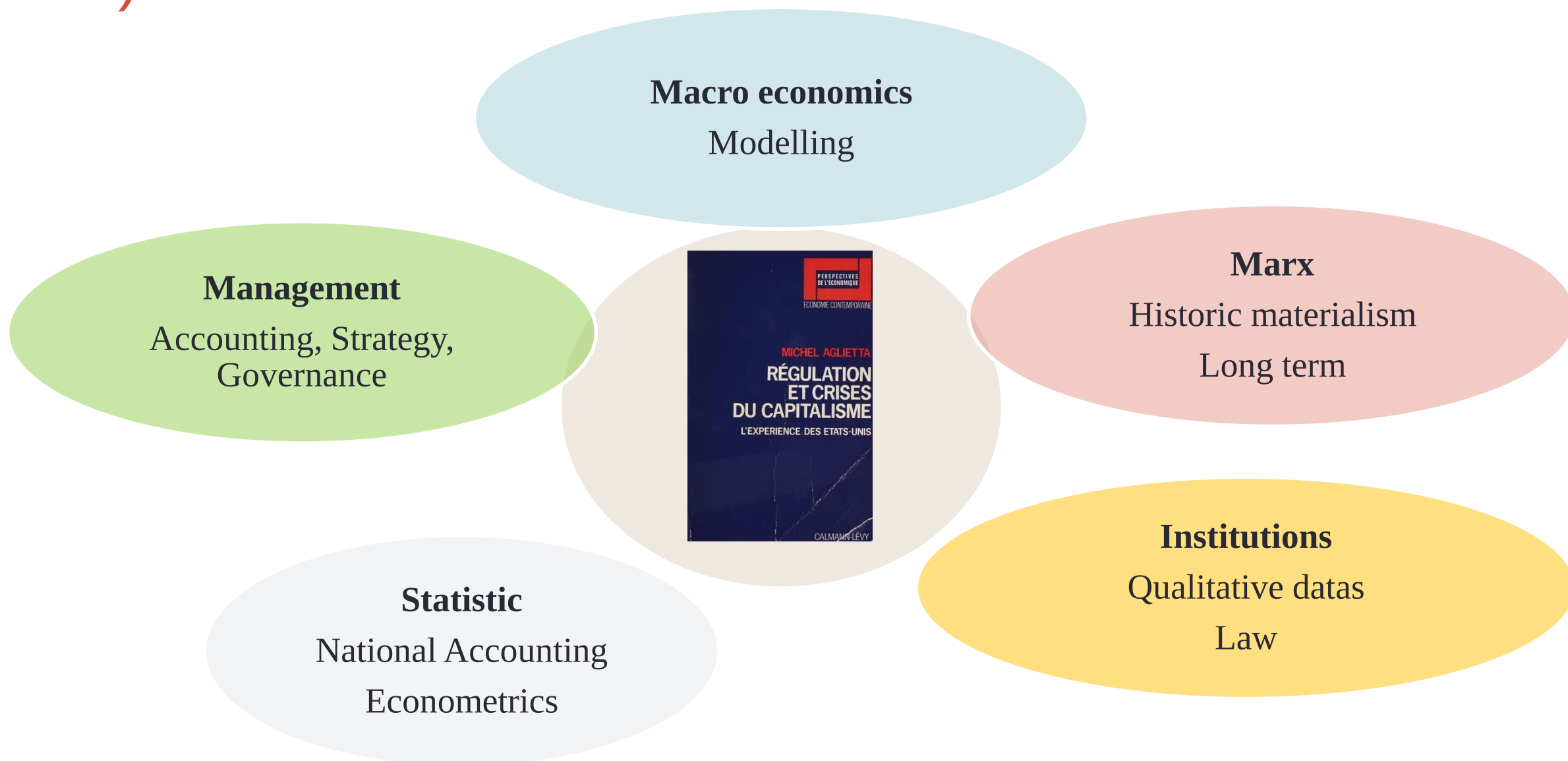
Institutions

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)

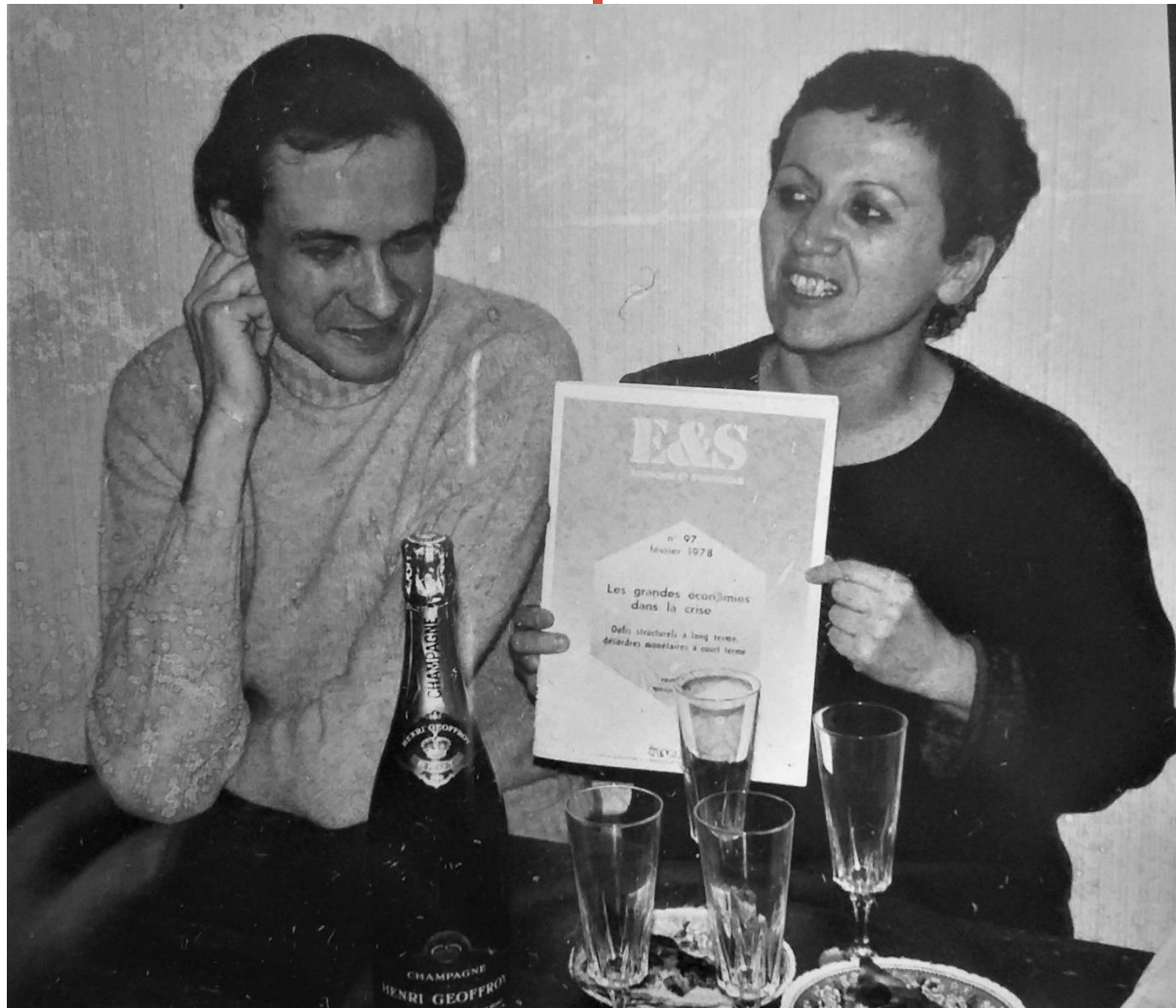


Unconscious roots of regulation (M. Aglietta's values)



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): CEPPII, 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