

BIOGRAPHY

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Alain Blum is Professor at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) and senior researcher at the French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED). He has been the director of the Centre for Russian, Caucasian and Central European studies (EHESS-CNRS) from 2004 to 2012.

Demographer, statistician and historian, he worked for many years on the population history of Russia, Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern Europe. His current research focuses on the one hand, on the forced displacement of population, in the frame of the question on the relationship between political violence and social and demographic transformations. He is studying trajectories of people deported from central and eastern Europe to the USSR, putting a special emphasis on those who were deported from Western Ukraine and Lithuania. Moreover, within a broader reflection on the social and political history of the USSR, he works on political violence in the USSR during the Stalinist period.

He is the editor of the site Sound archives – European Memories of the Gulag (museum.gulagmemories.eu) and has co-edited Alain Blum, Marta Craveri and Valérie Nivelon (eds), *Déportés en URSS*. (also available in Polish and Russian)

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