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I have worked in a university context in France for 30 years, and have been in charge of several responsibilities, such as 'Head of the language Department' at the Science Faculty, and then 'Coordinator of the language policy' for the scientific university of Nancy (from 1998 to 2003). My PhD dissertation, about an action research project whose aim was the development of a pedagogical system to help young French researchers improve their oral scientific communication, led me to become a senior lecturer in English for Specific Purposes in 2004, and to join the CRAPEL research team at ATILF, UMR 7118 - CNRS & Université de Lorraine. I then became the director of Nancy 2 university self-access center in 2009, and when the 4 universities of Lorraine merged to become the University of Lorraine, became the first elected Director of the 'UFR Lansad' (Unité de Formations et de Recherche - LANGues pour Spécialistes d'Autres Disciplines) from September 2014 to September 2019.

Besides ESP, my research interests have focused on blended language learning systems, as well as language learning with ICT for many years. The conception of blended language learning systems, and their contribution to the development of the learners' autonomy were the subject of several of my publications and led to the development of a language learning environment called [EDOlang](#). More recently, I focused on the role of emotions and their contribution in the autonomisation process and in language learning. Learners' autonomy being for around 30 years one of the major paradigms regarding language learning, self-access centers (SACs) are one of privileged places where the autonomy of the learners can be developed. This particular environmental context corresponds to the third area of the studies I carried out these last years, which incited me, with the help and collaboration from A. Rivens-Mompean and Ranacles¹ to found the Cercles Focus Group on Autonomy, which held its first meeting in Nancy in 2015.

¹ I have been a member of Ranacles executive board since November 2010, and became its treasurer in November 2012.