

Pierre de Maret



Professor Pierre de Maret has served as Rector of Brussels University (ULB) from 2000 to 2006. Anthropologist and archaeologist, he has been engaged in extensive fieldwork in Africa for over 30 years, as his teaching and research interests have focussed on the archaeology of Central Africa, ethnoarchaeology, economic, medical and applied anthropology (AIDS prevention, rainforest conservation, Cultural Heritage Management and museology). He was for 6 years the Director of a large research project of the European Commission on the Future of Rainforest People. He was also President of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists (USA). He is presently President of the Scientific Board of the Royal African Museum in Tervuren (Belgium) and of the Academia Belgica in Rome.

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