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Phillipe Burrin was a professor focusing on the history of international relations from 1993 to 2004 and was an invited faculty member at Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität (*Gastprofessor für interdisziplinäre Holocaustforschung*) in Frankfurt in 2001-2002, at the Institute of Political Studies in Paris (Elie Halévy Chair) in 1999-2000 and at the University of Lausanne in 1993-1994. He was also a Fellow at Oxford's All Souls College (Hilary Term 2003), at Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin in 2000-2001, at the French Centre for Research in Jerusalem in February 2000 and at Harvard's Centre for European Studies in 1994-1995.

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