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Thierry Lentz was born in Metz in 1959. He taught Constitutional Law at the Metz College of Law, at the Institute of Administrative and Political Studies (University of Nancy II) and at the Celsa (Paris IV Sorbonne), before moving into the private sector where he spent twelve years as Director of External Relations for an international company, whilst pursuing his research interests into the History of the Consulate and the Empire. He became Director of the Fondation Napoléon in June 2000, and is also an associated professor at l'Institut Catholique d'Etudes Supérieures (La Roche-sur-Yon). He is a member of the Académie Nationale de Metz.

He has been an administrator of the Institut Napoléon since 1993, a Scholar of the Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques (Paul-Michel Perret prize, 1993) and of the Académie française (Guizot prize, 2013). He received the Grand Prix from the Fondation Napoléon in 1997 and the Fondation Pierre Lafue prize in 2013 and the 2016 Chateaubriand prize (for *Joseph Bonaparte*, Perrin). In 2018, he received the Charles-Aubert (history) Prize from the Académie des sciences morales et politiques - for the ensemble of his work, on the occasion of the completion of the Fondation Napoléon's publication of the *Correspondance générale de Napoléon Bonaparte*.

Thierry Lentz is a Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur (2015) and Chevalier des Arts et Lettres (2020).

### **Qualifications**

DEA in Internal Public Law

DEA in Politics

### **Research Interests**

The History of the Consulate and the Empire

### Recent key publications

- *Nouvelle Histoire du Premier Empire. I. Napoléon et la conquête de l'Europe (1804-1810), II. L'effondrement du système napoléonien (1810-1814), III. La France et l'Europe de Napoléon, IV. Les Cent-Jours*, Fayard, 2002, 2004, 2007 and 2010.
- *Le Sacre de Napoléon*, editor, Nouveau Monde Editions, 2003.
- *Napoléon et l'Europe*, editor, Fayard, 2005.
- *Napoléon, l'esclavage et les colonies*, Fayard, 2006, with Pierre Branda.
- *Dictionnaire des Institutions du Consulat et de l'Empire*, Tallandier, 2016, with Pierre Branda, François Pinaud and Clémence Zacharie.
- *Une passion. Promenades autour de la Crucifixion de Vélasquez*, Perrin, 2011.
- *L'affaire Malet. 23 octobre 1812*, Perrin, 2012.
- *Napoléon diplomate*, CNRS éditions, 2012
- *1812, la campagne de Russie*, direction with Marie-Pierre Rey, Perrin, 2012.
- *Napoléon en 100 questions*, Tallandier, 2013
- *Le congrès de Vienne. Une refondation de l'Europe (1814-1815)*, Perrin, 2013.
- *Les vingt jours de Fontainebleau. La première abdication de Napoléon*, Perrin, 2014
- *Napoléon. L'album*, Perrin, 2015
- *Waterloo. 1815*, Perrin, 2015
- *Joseph Bonaparte*, Perrin, 2016
- *Le diable sur la montagne. Hitler au Berghoff (1922-1944)*, Perrin, 2017
- *Le Mémorial de Sainte-Hélène. Le manuscrit retrouvé*, with Peter Hicks, François Houdecek, and Chantal Prevot, Perrin, 2017
- *Napoléon et le droit*, CNRS Editions, 2017
- *Bonaparte n'est plus! Le monde apprend la mort de Napoléon*, Perrin, 2019
- *Napoléon. Dictionnaire historique*, Perrin, 2020
- *Pour Napoléon*, Perrin, 2021

Editor of volumes 1 (2004), 2 (2005), 3 (2006), 11 (2015), 12 (2012), and co-editor of volume 15 (2018) of the *Correspondance générale de Napoléon Bonaparte*, Paris, Fayard/Fondation Napoléon

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