

## Obituary: Claude Bourcet

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While they were completing the final preparations for this special edition, the editors were shocked to learn of the death of Claude Bourcet. His article in this edition reflects not only his research interests but the skill and commitment with which he applied himself to his academic activities. In providing a picture of Claude's academic qualities it stands for itself as a tribute to him. We wish to go further and pay tribute to his qualities as a man. Claude was a well-liked and valued colleague and he will be sorely missed by us and by all who, like us, grieve his loss.