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Jean Bessiere is a professor of general and comparative literature at the Sorbonne. He has also taught in many universities around the world (Stanford, McGill, UNAM, Casablanca, Buenos Aires). He served as vice-president and then president of the International Association of Comparative Literature (1997-2000). His research interests include francophone literatures and the paradigms of literary criticism. Since the 1980s he has focused his research on literary theory and the status of literature by re-examining the paradigms of literary criticism according to aspects of rhetoric, language, philosophy, and formalism. Jean Bessiere does not dissociate theoretical approaches from social and historical perspectives. His capacity to review and include multiple approaches led to a series of theoretical publications: *Dire le littéraire* (Bruxelles: Mardaga, 1990), *Enigmaticité de la littérature. Pour une anatomie de la fiction au XXe siècle* (Paris: PUF, 1993), *La Litterature et sa rhetorique* (Paris: PUF, 1999), *Quel statutpour la littérature?* (Paris: PUF, 2001), *Principles de la théorie littéraire* (Paris: PUF, 2005)

His very numerous publications deal with such topics and problems as myth, narrative, novel, modernity, postcolonial literatures, multi-culturalism and identity.