

## PHD RESEARCH

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### **Between national and local: Louis Jacquinot, archetype of a moderate notable**

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Louis Jacquinot was born in 1898 in Gondrecourt-le-Château, a commune in south Meuse, and died in 1993 in Paris. He remains an unknown figure in political history. However, he exercised governmental functions in the Third Republic and became a minister in the Fourth and the Fifth Republics. Overall, Louis Jacquinot served as a minister almost twenty times, including as Naval Minister (1943-1945 and 1947), Minister of Veterans and War Victims (1949-1951), and Minister of Overseas France (1951-1954 and 1961-1966). In parallel, his local functions also prove important: Jacquinot served as a Member of Parliament for Meuse from 1932 to 1973 and as a Member and President of the General Council in Meuse from 1945 to 1973. The career of this moderate is examined in view of his longevity. This thesis traces his life and his local and national career, but is especially devoted to the study and analysis of elected positions' roles and guidance.. Indeed, the Meuse MP archives contain 17,000 letters that are used in this work. A general analysis of departmental practices over almost a century is achieved through the use of other sources from archives in Meuse, including those from Jacquinot's predecessors (Raymond Poincaré, Jules Develle, André Maginot) and successors (Jean Bernard).