

## Curriculum Vitae

### Personal Information

Date of Birth August 1983  
Marital Status Married

### Education

May 2020 University of Bern, Switzerland  
**Habilitation, *venia docendi*** in the Study of Religion (*Religionswissenschaft*)  
Habilitation thesis on collective intentionality among the Jehovah's Witnesses

Feb. 2014 – University of Bern, Switzerland  
Nov. 2016 **Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS)** in Higher School Education

Aug. 2007 – University of Freiburg, Switzerland  
Nov. 2011 **Ph.D.**, Study of Religion (*insigni cum laude*)  
Ph.D. thesis on the sociopolitical debates surrounding religion in Swiss schools

Oct. 2002 – University of Freiburg, Switzerland  
July 2007 **M.A.**, Study of Religion (major), Contemporary History, Social Anthropology (minors)  
M.A. thesis on the public regulation of the Swiss religious field (summa cum laude)

### Professional Experience

Sep. 2017 – University of Bern, Switzerland  
**Assistant professor**, Institute for the science of religion

Oct. 2014 – University of Freiburg, Switzerland  
Aug. 2017 **Senior research fellow**, Chair for the scientific study of religion (50%)

Feb. 2013 – University of Bern, Switzerland  
Aug. 2017 **Postdoc assistant**, Institute for the science of religion (50%)

Sep. 2013 – University of Zurich, Switzerland  
Jan. 2014 **Invited lecturer**, Institute for the scientific study of religion

Sep. 2012 – University of Freiburg, Switzerland  
Dec 2012 **Postdoc research assistant**, Chair for the scientific study of religion

Oct. 2010 – University of Bayreuth, Germany  
May 2012 **Scientific collaborator**, Chair for the scientific study of religion II

Aug. 2007 – University of Freiburg, Switzerland  
May 2010 **Research assistant**, Chair for the scientific study of religion

## Honors and Awards

- 2021 **ISSR Best Article Award 2021** for the article, "Religion, Media, and Joint Commitment. Jehovah's Witnesses as a 'Plural Subject'." *ONLINE – Heidelberg Journal of Religions on the Internet* 14 (special issue), 79-107
- 2020 **Recognition of Excellence in Teaching** (*Anerkennung hervorragender Leistungen in der Lehre*) for the course (*Vorlesung*) "The Religious Change of the Sixties and Seventies. Global and Local Perspectives" (2019) awarded by the Faculty of Humanities, University of Bern  
Faculty's special mention for the Fall/Winter Semester 2019.  
Interview (in German) on the YouTube page of the University of Bern:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t\\_1lijlrRdA&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_1lijlrRdA&feature=youtu.be)
- 2017 **Certificate of Excellence in Teaching** (*Urkunde für ausgezeichnete Lehre*) for the seminar "Introduction to the Science of Religion II" awarded by the Faculty of Humanities, University of Bern
- 2012 **Fritz Stolz Prize** awarded by the Swiss Society for the Study of Religion for the Ph.D. dissertation *L'enseignement religieux de l'Etat et des communautés religieuses. Une étude sur la présence publique des religions en Romandie et au Tessin*

## Further Education

- 2021 **Further education module** "Research management in inter- and transdisciplinary research projects." [*Forschungsmanagement in inter- und transdisziplinären Kooperationen und Verbänden*] University of Bern, 11–12 February

## Research Grants and External Funding

When not otherwise specified, primary or equally responsible for the application

- 2022 Support grant for the teaching project "Scientific Communication in the Study of Religion," 1 student assistant (20%, 3 months), University of Bern, Standing committee research and postgraduate academics funds, CHF 4,350
- 2021 ISSR Best Article Award 2021, EUR 500  
Swiss National Science Foundation (SNFS). Project conclusion grant for the research project *The Legacy of the 1960s and 1970s: Religious and Scientific Entanglements*. Main applicant. 2 PhD positions (100%), 2021–2022. CHF 78,383  
University of Bern, "Interdisciplinary Teaching Grant" for the interdisciplinary lecture series and seminar, *Thou Shalt Not Vaccinate? Historical, Social, and Religious Aspects of Vaccine Hesitancy*, with Thomas Abel und Hubert Steinke. CHF 17,400  
Support grant for the publication project "Religion and Academia Reframed," 1 student assistant (20%, 2 months), University of Bern, Standing committee research and postgraduate academics funds, CHF 2,900
- 2020 University of Bern, "Virtual Mobility Grant" for the preparation of an international online-teaching cooperation project. CHF 8,400
- 2018 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNFS). Research Project, *The Legacy of the 1960s and 1970s: Religious and Scientific Entanglements*. Main applicant. 2 PhD positions (100%), 2018–2021. CHF 350,500  
Foundation Burgergemeinde Bern. English proofreading for the special issue, *The Dynamics of Religion, Media, and Community*. CHF 1,000
- 2017 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF). Conference, *The Dynamics of Religion, Media, and Community* (with Oliver Krüger). CHF 3,700
- 2016 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF). Contribution to the book, *La religion à*

- l'école*. CHF 10,000
- Swiss Society for the Study of Religion. Conference, *The Dynamics of Religion, Media, and Community* (with Oliver Krüger). CHF 1,000
- 2015 University of Freiburg (CH) Faculty Research Grant. Contribution to the book, *La religion à l'école*. CHF 900
- Swiss Society for the Study of Religion. Contribution to the book, *La religion à l'école*. CHF 1,000
- 2014 Swiss Sociological Association. Conference, *Form und Formen religiöser Vergemeinschaftung* ("Religion and Society" Research Committee). CHF 3,500
- Swiss Society for the Study of Religion. Conference, *Form und Formen religiöser Vergemeinschaftung* ("Religion and Society" Research Committee). CHF 1,000
- Bern University Research Foundation. English proofreading for the special issue, *A Matter of Perspective?* (with Till Mostowlansky). CHF 2,500
- Burggemeinde Foundation Bern. English proofreading for the special issue, *A Matter of Perspective?* (with Till Mostowlansky). CHF 2,500
- University of Bern Collaborators' Association. Workshop, *A Matter of Perspective?* (with Till Mostowlansky). CHF 3,500
- Swiss Society for the Study of Religion. Workshop, *A Matter of Perspective?* (with Till Mostowlansky). CHF 800
- Swiss Society for the Study of Religion. Contribution to the book, *Etat des lieux des politiques de l'enseignement religieux en Suisse latine*. CHF 2,000
- Swiss Sociological Association. Conference, *Femmes et islams. Voir, lire, dire et vivre l'islam au féminin. Regards croisés sur la Suisse* ("Religion and Society" Research Committee). CHF 1,000
- 2013 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF), *Die Dynamik von Mediennutzung und religiöser Gemeinschaftsbildung*. Co-author as research assistant (University of Freiburg, CH). Main applicant: Prof. Dr. Oliver Krüger, University of Freiburg (CH). 1 PhD (100%) and 1 Postdoc (50%) position, 2014–2017. CHF 375,647
- Swiss Society for the Study of Religion. Workshop for Ph.D. candidates, *Am Anfang war das Zeichen* (with Ricarda Stegmann). CHF 2,500
- Swiss Sociological Association. Conference *L'événement en religion* ("Religion and Society" Research Committee). CHF 700
- 2012 University of Fribourg (CH) Faculty Research Grant. Contribution to the edited volume, *Frieden als Beruf* (with Petra Bleisch Bouzar). CHF 1,500
- Swiss Society for the Study of Religion. Contribution to the edited volume, *Frieden als Beruf* (with Petra Bleisch Bouzar). CHF 2,000

## **Research Focus**

Religion and media

Religion in the public sphere

Global religious communities in late modernity

Qualitative empirical research

Sociological & philosophical theories of religion

History of science and religion

History and sociology of Christian groups

## Supervision

Ph.D. Thesis	<p>Michel, Simon (2018 – ongoing), <i>The dynamics of religion and the social sciences</i>, first supervisor, University of Bern</p> <p>Wytenbach, Christina (2018 – ongoing), <i>Emerging religiosity, emerging assessments</i>, first supervisor, University of Bern</p> <p>Huber, Fabian (2018 – ongoing), <i>Mediale Vergemeinschaftung</i>, second supervisor, University of Fribourg</p>
MA Thesis	<p>Jakob, Lucie (2021), <i>Familiensache? Zur Sozialisation von Spiritualität über Generationen</i>, University of Bern</p> <p>Dellenbusch, Verena (2021), <i>Der jüdisch-christliche Dialog in der Schweiz</i>. University of Bern</p> <p>Bartholet, Jael (2021), <i>Religionsbezogene Sprache im Frühsozialismus</i>, University of Bern</p> <p>Hänni, Tim (2021), <i>Popular Exegesis in Switzerland</i>, second supervisor, University of Bern, Faculty of Theology</p> <p>Meyer, Sophie (2020), <i>Neutrale Religionswissenschaft?</i> University of Bern</p> <p>Brügger, Annina (2020), <i>Religion, Social Media und Wahlkampf</i>, University of Bern</p> <p>Siegenthaler, Gabriela (2020), «Qi-Gong» zwischen «Medizin» und «Religion», University of Bern</p> <p>Robbiani, Martina (2017), <i>La formation continue sur les religions pour les enseignants La régulation de la pluralité religieuse à l'école</i>, second supervisor, University of Fribourg</p>
BA Thesis	<p>Schürch, Manon (2021). <i>The Science Behind Scientology</i>, University of Bern</p> <p>Rolli, Saralena (2021), <i>Die religiöse Praxis muslimischer Migrantinnen in der Schweiz</i>, University of Bern</p> <p>Lourenço, André (2021), <i>Die Gottesanrufung in der Präambel der Schweizerischen Bundesverfassung</i>, University of Bern</p> <p>Thoos, Dominic (2020), <i>Legendarium Reconstructionism revisited</i>, University of Bern</p> <p>Tauern, Ionia (2020), <i>Reggae und Rastafari: Eine religionswissenschaftliche Untersuchung</i>, University of Bern</p> <p>Liechti, Elena (2019), <i>Die Audiovisuellen Dateien des Islamischen Zentralrats Schweiz</i>, University of Bern</p> <p>Wyler, Michelle (2019) <i>Wie instrumentalisiert die 'United Nations Organisation' Religionen und religiöse Akteure für den Erhalt von Frieden</i>, University of Bern</p> <p>Siegenthaler, Gabriela (2016), <i>Religion in der Öffentlichkeit. Am Fallbeispiel des Buddhismus im Haus der Religionen</i>, University of Bern</p>
Participation in PhD Defense Committees	<p>(As external reviewer) Ranzato, Jacopo (2021). <i>La lente pastafariana. Un'indagine etnografica tra i fedeli italiani del Prodigioso Spaghetti Volante</i>. University of Rome La Sapienza.</p> <p>(As committee chair) Kirstin Schild, <i>Resonanz durch Suffizienz: Wie eine gute Lebensweise Resonanz und somit ein gutes Leben befördert</i>. University of Bern, March 3, 2021</p> <p>(As committee chair) Mirjam Iseli, «Jainism is just not a religion, but it's a way of living life» – <i>Entstehung und Auflösung der Schweizer Jaina-Gemeinschaft</i>. University of Bern, September 18, 2020</p>

(As committee chair) Martin Ackermann, *Göttliche Mutter der unsterblichen Glückseligkeit*. Eine netzwerkanalytische Studie zu Charismatisierungsprozessen um Mātā Amritānandamayī Devī, University of Bern, Februar 21, 2020

(As committee chair) Mara Arizaga, *Can We Say Prayers in Our Own Language? The Transmission of Tibetan Bon Religious Practices to the West*, University of Bern, October 4, 2019

(As committee chair) Nadine Plachta, *Himalayan Borderland Communities: Identity, Belonging, and Place among the Tsumpas*, University of Bern, October 2, 2018

(As committee chair) Flavio Geisshuesler, *Crisis and Critique in the History of Religion: Ernesto de Martino (1908–1965) in Italy and Beyond*, University of Bern, September 27, 2018

(As committee chair) Piotr Sobkowiak, *The Religion of the Shamans. Discursive formations and social reality in Mongolia and Transbaikalia*. University of Bern, March 2, 2018

### **Participation in the academic self-administration**

June 2020 –	Director of the Doctoral Program “Global Studies,” Center for Global Studies, University of Bern
June 2020 –	Board Member of the Center for Global Studies, University of Bern Board member of Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Research Network, University of Bern
May 2017 –	Coordinator of the MA Program “Religion in Contemporary Society” ( <i>Religion in globaler Gegenwart</i> ), Center for Global Studies, University of Bern
2013 – 2017	Assistant coordinator of the MA Program “Religious Cultures” ( <i>Religionskulturen</i> ), Center for Global Studies, University of Bern Board Member of the Center for Global Studies, University of Bern

### **Membership and Positions**

Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Swiss Society for the Study of Religion (SGS/SSSR)</li><li>– Swiss Sociological Association (SGS/SSS)</li><li>– Swiss Society for the Didactics of the Science of Religion (GFRK)</li><li>– German Society for the Study of Religion (DVRW)</li><li>– Italian Sociological Association, Sociology of Religion (AIS-SR)</li><li>– International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR/SISR)</li><li>– Network of German speaking researchers on religion and culture in times of deep mediatization</li></ul>
Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Treasurer of the International Association for the History of Religions (since August 2020)</li><li>– Board member of the Swiss Society for the Study of Religion (since November 2011)</li><li>– Coordinator of the research committee “Religion and Society”, Swiss Sociological Association (since September 2008)</li><li>– Swiss correspondent for the <i>Institut d'étude des religions et de la laïcité</i>, EPHE, Paris (since July 2011)</li></ul>

## Editorial Boards

- Editorial board member of the book series *Religion und Medien*, Bielefeld, Transcript Verlag (since December 2021)
- Editorial board member of *NUMEN: International Review for the History of Religions* (since August 2020)
- Editorial board member and co-founder of *ARGOS: Perspectives in the study of religion – journal-argos.org* (since August 2020)
- Scientific advisory board member for the public science project *geschichteimpuls.ch* (since June 2021)

## Teaching

Courses taught (primary or equally responsible for course design, teaching, and grading)

2021	<p>University of Bern <b>Interdisciplinary MA/PhD Lecture Series and Graduate Seminar</b>: <i>To Vaccinate or Not? Historical, Religious, and Social Aspects of Vaccination Hesitancy</i> (co-taught in English). Interdisciplinary teaching grant awarded by the University of Bern.</p> <p>University of Bern <b>BA/MA Seminar</b>: The Fascinating “Other.” Comparative Methods in the Study of Religion (co-taught in German and English)</p> <p>University of Bern. <b>BA/MA Seminar</b>: <i>Religion and Risk. Risky Religion and Religious Risk Management</i> (taught in German)</p> <p>University of Bern. <b>BA/MA Course (Vorlesung)</b>. <i>New Christian Groups in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century</i> (taught online in German)</p> <p>Universities of Bremen and Bern. <b>BA/MA Seminar</b>: <i>Empirical Research Methods: Christian Rituals in the Online-Offline Continuum</i> (co-taught online in German). Virtual teaching exchange grant awarded by the University of Bern</p> <p>Invited lecture on “Virtual Ethnography” in the seminar <i>Virtual Worlds of Religions: Religionen im Internet</i> of Dr. Oliver Steffen, University of Bern, April 1 (taught in German)</p> <p>Invited lecture “Working with the Software Atlas.ti: An Introduction” in the course <i>Méthodes et recherches qualitatives en sciences sociales</i> of Prof. Janine Dahinden, Institute for the study of social processes, University of Neuchâtel, April 14 (taught in French)</p> <p>Online study retreat of the Doctoral Program <i>Global Studies</i>: “Pandemics as a Social and Global Phenomena.” May 21–22.</p>
2020	<p>University of Bern. <b>PhD Reading Seminar</b>: <i>Introduction to Theories and Concepts in Global Studies: Reflections on Pandemics</i> (co-taught in German and English)</p> <p>University of Bern. <b>MA Writing Workshop</b> for Science of religion students (taught in German)</p> <p>University of Bern. <b>BA/MA Seminar</b>: Religion and <i>Social Engineering. The Scientific Regulation of Religion and Society</i> (co-taught in German)</p> <p>University of Bern. <b>BA/MA Seminar</b>: “<i>Religion in the Mind?</i>” <i>Introduction to the Cognitive Science of Religion</i> (taught in German)</p> <p>University of Bern. <b>BA/MA Seminar</b>: <i>Asian Ritual Practices in the Mirror of Ritual Theories</i> (co-taught in German)</p> <p>University of Bern. <b>BA Seminar</b>: <i>Religion in Context: Contemporary Research Questions in the Scientific Study of Religion</i> (taught in German)</p> <p>Invited podcast lecture on “New Christian Traditions and Medicine in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century” in the course <i>Religion and Medicine</i> of Prof. Dorothea Lüddeckens, University of Zurich, December 2 (in German)</p>
2019	<p>University of Bern. <b>BA/MA Course (Vorlesung)</b>: <i>The Religious Transformation of</i></p>

- the 1960s and 1970s: Global and Local Perspectives* (taught in German)
- University of Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**: *New Religious Movements Between Asia and the West* (taught in German)
- University of Bern. **MA Course**: *Religion in the Contemporary World* (special class for last-semester MA students, taught in German)
- University of Bern, **BA/MA/PhD Seminar**: *Qualitative Empirical Research on Religion: An Introduction to "Grounded Theory"* (taught in German)
- Masaryk University, Brno (CZ), **BA/MA Course** (Erasmus teaching exchange program): *Constructing Religious Community* (taught in English)
- Invited lecture on "Working with the Software Atlas.ti: An Introduction" in the course *Méthodes et recherches qualitatives en sciences sociales* of Prof. Janine Dahinden and Dr. Anna Neubauer, Institute for the study of social processes, University of Neuchâtel, April 3 (taught in French)
- 2018
- Universities of Fribourg and Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**: *Translocal Religion: Contacts, Conflicts, and Entanglements* (co-taught in German)
- University of Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**: *Religion and Emotion. Theoretical and Empirical Reflections* (co-taught in German)
- Universities of Basel and Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**: *Multiple Religious Identities: Turning an Academic Question into an International Conference* (co-taught in English)
- University of Bern. **MA Seminar**: *Introduction to the Empirical Research on Religion: The Use of Media in the Jewish Community of Bern* (taught in German)
- University of Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**: *Religion, Space, and Place* (taught in German)
- 2017
- University of Bern. **BA/MA Course** (*Vorlesung*): *The Dynamics of a Modern Religious Community. History and Sociology of Jehovah's Witnesses* (taught in German)
- University of Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**: *The category "Belief" in the Study of Religion* (co-taught in German)
- University of Bern. **BA Seminar**: *Introduction to the Scientific Study of Religion II* (taught in German)
- Invited lecture on "Religion in the Swiss Public Sphere: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Debates" in the course *Religion et espace public* of Prof. Dr. François Gauthier, Institute for the Study of Religion, University of Fribourg, November 29 (taught in French)
- Invited lecture on "Health, Purity, and Danger: Jehovah's Witnesses and the Question of Blood" in the course *Religion und Medizin* of Prof. Dr. Dorothea Lüddeckens, Institute for the Study of Religion, University of Zurich, November 23 (taught in German)
- Invited lecture on "The Media of Jehovah's Witnesses" in the seminar *Neue religiöse Gemeinschaften: Die Zeugen Jehovas* of Prof. Dr. Dorothea Lüddeckens, Institute for the Study of Religion, University of Zurich, November 14 (taught in German)
- 2016
- University of Bern. **BA/MA/PhD Seminar**: *Qualitative Empirical Research on Religion: An Introduction to "Grounded Theory"* (taught in German)
- University of Fribourg. **BA/MA Seminar**: *Empirical Research Workshop: Media Use in Religious Communities* (co-taught in German)
- 2015
- University of Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**: *"He who knows only one, knows none." Comparative Approaches in the Study of Religion* (co-taught in German and English)
- University of Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**: *Religion and Performativity: Language and Action in Religious Contexts* (co-taught in German)
- University of Bern. **BA Seminar**: *Introduction to the Scientific Study of Religion II* (taught in German)

- Invited lecture on “Religion in the Public Sphere: The Example of Swiss Public Schools” (taught in German) in the seminar *Europäische Religionspolitiken im Zeitalter der Pluralisierung* of Prof. Dr. Frank Peter, Institut für Islamwissenschaft, University of Bern, April 16
- 2014 University of Bern. **BA/MA Seminar:** “*Going Global.*” *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as an Example of a Successful Community in the Context of Globalization* (taught in German)
- University of Bern. **MA Seminar:** *From the Native’s Point of View? Emic and Etic Categories in the Scientific Study of Religion* (co-taught in German)
- University of Bern. **BA Seminar:** *Religious and Utopian Communities Compared* (co-taught in German)
- Invited lecture on “Religion and Public Space: The Case of Switzerland” (taught in French) in the course *Religion et espace public* of Prof. Dr. François Gauthier, Institute for the Study of Religion, University of Fribourg, November 26
- 2013 University of Zurich. **BA Seminar:** *A Science-of-Religion Perspective on Values and Norms* (taught in German)
- University of Bern. **MA Seminar:** *The Religious Community is Dead. Long Live the Religious Community! Theories of Religious Communalization and the Global Study of Religion* (taught in German)
- 2012 University of Freiburg (CH). **BA Seminar:** *Religion and Social Bond: The Durkheimian Sociology of Religion* (taught in French)
- 2011 University of Bayreuth. **BA/MA Seminar:** *A Science-of-Religion Perspective on Religion and Values* (co-taught in German)
- 2009 University of Freiburg (CH). **BA Seminar:** *A Study-of-Religion Perspective on Atheism* (taught in French)
- 2008 University of Freiburg (CH). **BA Seminar:** *Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods* (co-taught in German and French)

## **Organization of Conferences, Workshops, and Panels**

Primary or equally responsible for organization and moderation if not otherwise specified

- 2021 Panel (double session), *A Veiw to Nowhere. Religion and Utopia in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century*, 18<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR), Pisa, September 2. Organization and moderation, with Anja Kirsch
- International Conference, *Religion and Academia Reframed. Connecting Religion, Science, and Society in the Long Sixties*, University of Bern (online), February 4–5. Organization and moderation, with Christina Wyttenbach and Simon Michel
- 2020 Lecture series, *Der Rechtsstaat. Herausforderungen im 21. Jahrhundert*, Collegium Generale, University of Bern, Autumn 2020, member of the Program Committee
- 2019 Panel, *Surveying the 1960s: Religious and Scientific Entanglements*. Annual conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR), Tartu, June 25–29. Organization and moderation
- International Workshop, *Constructing and Contesting Community*, Bern, Center for Global Studies, May 9–10. Organization and moderation, with Thomas Claviez and Christian Büschges
- 2018 International Workshop, *The Legacy of the 1960s and 1970s: Kickoff Workshop*. Münchenwiler Castle (Bern) November 9-10. Organization and moderation
- International Conference. Annual conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR), *Multiple Religious Identities: Individuals, Communities, Traditions*. Member of the Program Committee and member of the Organization Committee. University of Bern, June 17–21
- Panel (double session), *Norms and normativity in the study of religion\*s, European



- Association for the Study of Religions (EASR), University of Bern, June 17–21. Organization and moderation
- Conference series, *Contesting and Constructing Community*, Bern, Center for Global Studies, March 9, April 23, Mai 14. Organization and moderation, with Thomas Claviez and Christian Büschges
- 2017 Panel & Roundtable, “*À travers du Röstigraben. Strategische Fragen des Mittelbaus.*” Annual Conference of the Swiss Society for the Study of Religion. University of Fribourg, November 10–11. Organization and moderation, with Anja Kirsch
- Public conference and debate, *Wer spricht für den Islam in der Schweiz? Im Spannungsfeld von Alltag und Ansprüchen.* Part of the conference series “La Suisse n’existe pas” promoted by the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, Bern, October 23. Organization and moderation, with Hansjörg Schmid
- International Workshop, *The Dynamics of Religion, Media, and Community.* University of Fribourg, September 29–30. Organization, with Oliver Krüger
- Panel, *Religiöse Zeitschriften als Produzenten von Zugehörigkeit*, Annual Conference of the German Society for the Study of Religion (DVRW), Marburg, September 13–16. Organization, with Anja-Maria Bassimir
- Panel, *Mehr Licht am Ende des Tunnels: Medien als Metaphern und die Metapher als Medium*, Annual Conference of the German Society for the Study of Religion (DVRW), Marburg, September 13–16. Organization with Jens Schlieter und Moritz Klenk
- Panel, *Medien und Gemeinschaft: methodologische und empirische Perspektiven*, Annual Conference of the German Society for the Study of Religion (DVRW), Marburg, September 13–16. Organization and moderation
- Panel, *Religious communities: Between public participation and internal tension* (double-session panel). Annual conference of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion, Lausanne, July 4–8. Organization and moderation, with Rafael Walthert (“Religion and Society” Research Committee)
- Panel, *The (de)construction of group solidarity in religious communities.* Annual conference of the Swiss Sociological Association, Zurich, June 21–23. Organization, with Rafael Walthert (“Religion and Society” Research Committee)
- 2015 Panel, *Media, religious communities, and society: adaptation and transformation.* 21<sup>st</sup> IAHR-Conference, Erfurt, August 23–29. Organization and moderation
- Panel, *Religion between deregulation and new institutions.* National Conference of the Swiss Sociological Association, Lausanne, June 4. Organization and moderation, with Rafael Walthert (“Religion and Society” Research Committee)
- International Conference, *Form und Formen religiöser Gemeinschaft.* Zurich, May 8–9. Organization and moderation, with Rafael Walthert Zürich and Moritz Klenk
- 2014 International Workshop, *A Matter of Perspective: Disentangling the Emic/Etic Debate in the Scientific Study of Religion*s. Bern, May 9–10. Organization and moderation, with Till Mostowlansky
- 2013 Workshop for Ph.D. candidates, *Am Anfang war das Zeichen. Der Beitrag von Sprachtheorien zur religionswissenschaftlichen Theoriebildung.* Freiburg, November 1. Organization and moderation, with Ricarda Stegmann
- Panel, *Religion und soziale Kohäsion: soziale Diskurse und strukturelle Ungleichheiten.* National Conference of the Swiss Sociological Association, Bern, June 26–28. Organization and moderation, with Mallory Schneuwly Purdie (“Religion and Society” Research Committee)
- 2012 International Conference, *L’événement en religion: ruptures historiques, constructions biographiques et mobilisations collectives.* Lausanne, October 17–19. Financial support through the “Religion and Society” Research Committee
- 2011 Panel, *Religionen und Religionsgemeinschaften in öffentlicher Kritik.* Joint

	conference of the German, Austrian and Swiss Sociological Societies, September 29–October 1. Organization and moderation, with Rafael Walthert (“Religion and Society” Research Committee)
2010	International conference, <i>Society, the State, and Religious Education Politics</i> . Freiburg (CH), June 25–26. Organization and moderation, with Ansgar Jödicke
2009	Panel, <i>La religion en pratique: identités et pratiques religieuses en mutation</i> . National Conference of the Swiss Sociological Association, Geneva, September 8–9. Organization and moderation, with Mallory Schneuwly Purdie (“Religion and Society” Research Committee)

## **Languages**

Italian	Native speaker
English	Fluent
German	Fluent
French	Fluent
Spanish	Intermediate knowledge
Swedish	Basic knowledge
Latin	Intermediate knowledge
Sanskrit	4 semesters introductory course

## **Special Skills**

Very good knowledge of computer-assisted analysis of qualitative data (atlas.ti); good knowledge of computer-assisted analysis of quantitative data (SPSS); working knowledge of HTML/CSS and of Internet-management software (WordPress)

## **Reviewer Activities**

Research institutions:

Austrian Academy of Sciences (AAS) | Austrian Science Fund (FWF) | Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) | Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) | Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF)

Peer-reviewed journals:

*Asdiwal* | *Entangled Religions* | *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* | *Religion* | *Social Compass* | *Scuola Democratica* | *Sophia* | *Studi e Materiali di Storia delle Religioni* | *Zeitschrift für Religionskunde*

## **Applications**

<i>Ongoing</i>	Assistant Professor for Religion in the Public Space, <i>Zentrum für Religion, Wirtschaft und Politik</i> , University of Zürich: <i>Interviewed</i>
	Associate Professor of the Study of Religion with a Specialization in Religion and Politics, Department of Culture Studies, University of Oslo: <i>Shortlisted</i>
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