

Publications

Books

(In preparation) “*We-Religion.*” *Collective Intentionality, Media, and Commitment among Jehovah’s Witnesses* (Habilitation Thesis accepted in April 2020).

* (2017) *La religion à l’école. Négociations autour de la présence publique des communautés religieuses*. Zurich: Seismo (book series “Terrains des sciences sociales,” Swiss Sociological Association). [↗](#)

Open Access publication (2019) [↗](#)

[Review by C. Gonzales (2017): *Asdiwal. Revue genevoise d’anthropologie et d’histoire des religions* 12, 208-210 [↗](#)]

[Review by N. Durisch Gauthier (2018): *Zeitschrift für Religionskunde / Revue de didactique des sciences des religions* 6, 87-88 [↗](#)]

* (2015) *État des lieux des politiques de l’enseignement religieux en Suisse latine. Réformes institutionnelles et schémas interprétatifs*. Lausanne: Infolio (book series “CULTuREL” 6, Swiss Society for the Study of Religion).

[Review by B. Bertho (2018): *Zeitschrift für Religionskunde / Revue de didactique des sciences des religions* 6, 85-86 [↗](#)]

Edited Volumes and Special Issues

* (2019) “Multiple Religious Identities: Student’s Interviews with Keynote Speakers of the 2018 EASR Conference.” *Zeitschrift für junge Religionswissenschaft* (special issue), ed. with Anja Kirsch and Jens Schlieter.

* (2019) “The Dynamics of Religion, Media, and Community.” *ONLINE – Heidelberg Journal of Religions on the Internet* 14 (special issue), ed. with Oliver Krüger. [↗](#)

* (2016) “A Matter of Perspective? Disentangling the Emic–Etic Debate in the Scientific Study of Religion(s).” *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 28 (special issue 4/5), ed. with Till Mostowlansky.

* (2012) *Frieden als Beruf. Beiträge aus der Religions- und Friedensforschung*. Zürich: Pano (Collection “CULTuREL” 3, Swiss Society for the Study of Religion), ed. with Petra Bleisch Bouzar.

* Peer reviewed publication

Journal Articles and Book Contributions

2019

* “Introductory Remarks: Turning an Academic Conference into a Master’s Seminar.” *Zeitschrift für junge Religionswissenschaft*, 1-5, with Anja Kirsch and Jens Schlieter.

* “The Dynamics of Religion, Media, and Community: An Introduction.” *ONLINE – Heidelberg Journal of Religions on the Internet* 14 (special issue), 1-19, with Oliver Krüger. ☐

* “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. ☐

2018

* “Innovazione mediatica e rappresentazione di sé. L’esempio dei Testimoni di Geova.” *Annali di Studi Religiosi* 19, 141-171. ☐

“Wer spricht für den Islam in der Schweiz? Im Spannungsfeld von Alltag und Ansprüchen.” *Swiss Academies Communications* 13 (4), 23-26, with Hansjörg Schmid. ☐

2017

* “Representations and Concepts of Professional Ethos Among Swiss Religious Education Teacher Trainers.” *British Journal of Religious Education* 39 (1), 75-92, with Petra Bleisch.

* “L’évolution de l’enseignement religieux en Suisse entre Église, État et école aux 19e et 20e siècles. Une vue d’ensemble à partir d’une sélection de cantons. Partie 1: Le canton de Vaud.” [= 2015 “Die Entwicklung...”] French translation by Marie-Laure Faurite and Virginie Libert, *Zeitschrift für Religionskunde* 4 (1), 29-44. ☐

* “Die Entwicklung des Religionsunterrichts in der Schweiz im Spannungsfeld von Kirche, Staat und Schule im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert. Eine Übersicht am Beispiel ausgewählter Kantone. Teil 2: Kanton Bern.” *Zeitschrift für Religionskunde* 4 (1), 45-59, with Stefan Müller. ☐

2016

* “A Matter of Perspective? Disentangling the Emic–Etic Debate in the Scientific Study of Religion(s).” *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 28 (special issue 4/5), 317–336, with Till Mostowlansky.

* “Religion as Social Reality: A Take on the Emic–Etic Debate in Light of John Searle’s Philosophy of Society,” *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 28 (special issue 4/5), 421–444.

* “Federalismo e religione in Svizzera: tra conflittualità e flessibilità. La negoziazione della laicità scolastica sullo sfondo della revisione totale della Costituzione federale del 1874.” *Annali di storia dell’educazione e delle istituzioni scolastiche* 23, 59–80, with Stefan Müller and Francesco Galetta.

* “Les réformes de l’enseignement religieux en Suisse. Une régulation ultramoderne du religieux?” In: Barras, Amélie, Françoise Dermange and Sarah Nicolet (ed.), *Réguler le religieux dans les sociétés libérales*. Geneva: Labor et Fides, 87–104.

2015

“Die Verkündigung von Jehovas Königreich in Hörfunk und Internet. Ein Beitrag zur Medienhermeneutik.” *Religion – Staat – Gesellschaft* 16 (= Journal for the Study of Beliefs and Worldviews 16), 75–108, with Oliver Krüger.

* “Die Entwicklung des Religionsunterrichts in der Schweiz im Spannungsfeld von Kirche, Staat und Schule im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert. Eine Übersicht am Beispiel ausgewählter Kantone. Teil 1: Kanton Waadt.” *Zeitschrift für Religionskunde* 1 (1), 27–42, with Stefan Müller. ☒

“Religion, Education and the State: Rescaling the Confessional Boundaries in Switzerland.” In: Brunn, Stanley (ed.), *Changing World Religion Map*. Berlin: Springer, Vol. V, 893–907, with Mallory Schneuwly Purdie.

2014

* “Patterns of Religious Education Policy in Switzerland. The Long Arm of Distanced Christians?” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 53 (4), 722–738, with Ansgar Jödicke.

“L’enseignement de l’éthique en Suisse romande.” *Diotime. Revue internationale de didactique de la philosophie* 61, online, 15 p. ☒

“Entre théologie, pédagogie et science des religions: L’évolution des manuels pour l’enseignement religieux en Suisse.” In: Willaime, Jean-Paul (ed.), *Le défi de l’enseignement des faits religieux à l’école*. Paris: Riveneuve, 83–99, with Christine Fawer Caputo and Séverine Desponds.

2013

“Religious Education between the State and Religious Communities.” In: Jödicke, Ansgar (ed.), *Society, the State, and Religious Education Politics*, Würzburg: Ergon (Collection “Religion in der Gesellschaft”), 105–127.

[Review by M. Søvik (2014): *Journal of Religion in Europe* 7, 327.]

2012

“Islamic Religious Education and Interreligious Dialogue – A Case Study in Kreuzlingen.” In: Bleisch Bouzar, Petra and Andrea Rota (ed.), *Frieden als Beruf. Beiträge aus der Religions- und Friedensforschung*. Zürich: Pano, 169–182, with Petra Bleisch Bouzar.

“Introduction – Einführung.” In: Bleisch Bouzar, Petra and Andrea Rota (ed.), *Frieden als Beruf. Beiträge aus der Religions- und Friedensforschung*. Zürich: Pano, 9–18, with Petra Bleisch Bouzar.

Encyclopedia and Handbook Articles

(forthcoming) Art. “Emic/Etic.” In *Cambridge Encyclopedia of Anthropology* (online), with Till Mostowlansky.

(2018) Art. “Schulischer Religions-Unterricht in der Schweiz.” In Udo Tworuschka (ed.), *Handbuch der Religionen*, München: Olzog Verlag, under the direction of Katharina Frank,

with the collaboration of Petra Bleisch, Séverine Desponds, Nicole Durisch Gauthier, Andrea Rota and Urs Schellenberg.

Book Reviews

(2017) R. of B.-O. Andreassen and James R. Lewis (Hg.), *Textbook Gods. Genre, Text and Teaching Religious Studies* (Sheffield and Bristol: Equinox, 2014). *Religion* 47 (1), 126–129.

(2015). R. of J. S. Jensen, *What is Religion?* (London: Routledge, 2014). *Asdiwal. Revue genevoise d'anthropologie et d'histoire des religions* 10, 216–219.

(2015) R. of A. Berg-Sørensen (Hg.), *Contested Secularism* (Farham: Ashgate 2013). *Religion* 45 (1), 124–127.

Research Report

(2010) *Unterricht zum Thema Religion an der öffentlichen Schule*, Fribourg, Research report for the Swiss National Research Program 58 “Religious Communities, State, and Society”. Online-publication: <<http://www.pnr58.ch/>>, with Ansgar Jödicke.

Conference Presentations

2020 Response “Empirical research and normative expectations.” International conference *Ordinary Readers of the Bible in Switzerland*, University of Bern, February 14.

2019 “Aktuelle Forschungen zu den Zeugen Jehovas.” Conference *Die Zeugen Jehovas in Europa*, University of Fribourg, November 7.

“The Legacy of the 1960s and 1970s.” *Research Day* [Forschungstag] of the Faculty of Humanities, Walter Benjamin Kolleg, University of Bern, May 13, with Simon Michel and Christina Wyttenbach.

“Introductory remarks.” International workshop *Constructing and Contesting Community*, Bern, Center for Global Studies, May 9–10, with Thomas Claviez and Christian Büschges.

“La question des stéréotypes à l'école comme instrument de positionnement social.” International symposium *Préjugés, questions vives et enseignement des faits religieux*. Paris, EPHE–IESR, March 22–23.

2018 “The Legacy of the 1960s and 1970s: Preliminary Questions.” International workshop *The Legacy of the 1960s and 1970s: Kickoff Workshop*. Münchenwiler Castle (Bern), November 9–10, with Simon Michel and Christina Wyttenbach.

“Regulative and Constitutive Rules: Individual Attitudes and Collective Norms in Jehovah's Witnesses's Ministry Work.” 16th Conference of the European

Association for the Study of Religions (EASR), Bern, June 19.

“The Legacy of the 1960s and 1970s. Religious and Scientific Entanglements. Introducing a New Research Project.” Research Seminar of the Institute for the Science of Religion, University of Bern, May 25.

“The Ritualized Use of Media and the Constitution of Religious Community.” International workshop *Religion and New Media – Religion and Innovation Series*, Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento (Italy), May 18.

“Innovazione mediatica e rappresentazione di sé. Il caso dei Testimoni di Geova.” International workshop *Religion and New Media – Religion and Innovation Series*, Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento (Italy), May 17.

“Collective Emotions Reconsidered: The Case of Jehovah’s Witnesses.” Research Seminar of the Geneva Society for the History of Religion, University of Geneva, April 13.

“Religious Community and Collective Intentionality. Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives.” Conference series *CGS-Forum: Contesting and Constructing Community*. University of Bern, Center for Global Studies, March 9.

2017 “Media Theory and Transcendence: Some Deliberations.” International workshop *Immanenz und Transzendenz. Semantik, Metaphorik und Unterscheidungslogik*. University of Bern, December 8–9.

„Religion, Media, and Commitment: Jehovah’s Witnesses as Plural Subjects.” International workshop *The Dynamics of Religion, Media, and Community*. University of Fribourg, September 29–30.

“Die Zeitschriften der Zeugen Jehovas und der *Association of Vineyard churches*. Ihre Produktion, Verbreitung und ihre Rolle bei religiöser Vergemeinschaftung.“ Annual Conference of the German Society for the Study of Religion (DVRW), Marburg, September, 13–16, with Fabian Huber.

“‘Mediatization’ als Metapher?” Annual Conference of the German Society for the Study of Religion (DVRW), University of Marburg, September 13–16.

“Enseignement des faits religieux et lutte contre les stéréotypes: objectifs politiques, défis didactiques, préoccupations religieuses.” International conference *Quelle éducation à l’école pour lutter contre les stéréotypes sur les religions?*, Institut Européen de Sciences des Religions, EPHE, Paris-Sorbonne, September 9.

“Stereotypes in education: European perspectives”. Roundtable discussion, *Institut Européen de Sciences des Religions*, EPHE, Paris-Sorbonne, Septembre 8.

“Religious Communities as Plural Subjects?” Panel *The (De)Construction of Group Solidarity in Religious Communities*, Annual conference of the Swiss Sociological Association, Zurich, June 21–23.

“Religion, Media, and Commitment: The Performative Construction of Religious Communities.” Research Seminar of the Institute for the Science of Religion, University of Bern, April 7.

Respondent. Workshop, *Religionswissenschaft und soziologische*

- Differenzierungstheorien: Methodische, theoretische und empirische Aspekte*, University of Zurich, March 17.
- 2016 “Religion, Media, and Commitment: The Example of Jehovah’s Witnesses.” International conference, *Communicative Figurations*, University of Bremen, December 7–9.
- “Jehovah Online. The New Media Landscape of Jehovah’s Witnesses.” International workshop, *Religion and New Media*, Johannes Gutenberg-University of Mainz, June 17, with Fabian Huber.
- “Kollektive Normen und individuelle Einstellungen. Medien und Vergemeinschaftung am Beispiel der Jehovas Zeugen.” University of Bern, Mai 23.
- “Ontologie et épistémologie en histoire des religions: réflexions à partir de la philosophie de John Searle.” Advanced Seminar in the History of Religion, University of Geneva, April 22.
- “Les hauts et bas de la phase postdoctorale.” French-Speaking Doctoral Programme in the Scientific Study of Religion, Universities of Fribourg, Lausanne, and Geneva, Prangin, April 15.
- “Religion, Medien und Gemeinschaften erforschen.” Conference series of the Social sciences students associations, University of Fribourg, March 14, with Fabian Huber.
- 2015 “Jehovah online? Die Medien der Zeugen Jehovas.” Religion Science-Slam, University of Freiburg, November 24, with Fabian Huber.
- “Media profile and media use among Jehovah’s Witnesses.” Panel, *Media, Religious Communities, and Society: Adaptation and Transformation*, 21st IAHR-Conference, Erfurt, August 27, with Fabian Huber.
- “Vergemeinschaftung durch Medien.” Panel, *Religion Between Deregulation and New Institutions*, National Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association, University of Lausanne, June 4, with Fabian Huber.
- “Religion(sununterricht) in der Öffentlichkeit.” Presentation in the seminar, *Europäische Religionspolitiken im Zeitalter der Pluralisierung* of Prof. Dr. Frank Peter, Institut für Islamwissenschaft, University of Bern, April 16.
- 2014 “Religion et espace public. Exemples du cas suisse.” Presentation in the seminar, *Religion et espace public* of Prof. Dr. François Gauthier, University of Fribourg, November 26.
- “‘Searling religion’: collective intentionality and epistemological objectivity. International workshop, *A Matter of Perspective: Disentangling the Emic/Etic Debate in the Scientific Study of Religion*’, University of Bern, May 9–10.
- “Introduction”. International workshop, *A Matter of Perspective: Disentangling the Emic/Etic Debate in the Scientific Study of Religion*’, University of Bern, May 9–10, with Till Mostowlansky.
- “The ‘Deconfessionalization’ of Religious Education in Switzerland.” International Conference, *Religious and moral education in perspective*, Free

- University of Brussels, March 20–21.
- 2013 “Les réformes de l’enseignement.” International conference, *Réguler le religieux*. University of Geneva, December 19.
- “L’éthique dans l’enseignement en matière de religions en Suisse romande. Panel, *Pratiques de l’enseignement de la morale et nouvelles pratiques philosophiques*, UNESCO World Philosophy Day, Paris, UNESCO, November 26–27.
- “Bestimmungskriterien von religiösen und nicht-religiösen Gemeinschaftsgebilden.” Annual Conference of the German Society for the Study of Religion (DVRW), University of Göttingen, September 11–14.
- “Patterns of Religious Education Policy in Switzerland. The long arm of distanced Christians?” International Conference, *RE21–Religious Education in a Global-Local World*, University College Cork (Ireland), August 29–30, with Ansgar Jödicke.
- 2012 “Entre théologie, pédagogie et science des religions: l’évolution des manuels scolaires pour l’enseignement religieux en Suisse.” International conference, *Ecole et enseignement des faits religieux. Objectifs et programmes*, Paris, Institut européen en sciences des religions, September 20–22, with Christine Fawer Caputo and Séverine Desponds.
- “Enseignement religieux et demandes sociales: une perspective socio-historique et didactique à l’exemple des manuels scolaires vaudois.” International conference, *Sociologie et didactiques: vers une transgression des frontières?*, College of teacher education of Lausanne, September 16–17, with Christine Fawer Caputo and Séverine Desponds.
- “Religious Plurality in Swiss Schools and the ‘Politics of Religions’.” Workshop, *How State Institutions Deal with Cultural and Religious Diversity*, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, Berlin, May 24–26.
- “L’enseignement religieux en Suisse.” Annual correspondents meeting of the Institut européen en sciences des religions, Paris, April 2.
- “Religionsunterricht als Seismograf der Religionen in der Öffentlichkeit.” *Bayreuther Kolloquium zur Religionsforschung*, University of Bayreuth, January 11.
- 2011 “Einführung: zur öffentlichen Kritik von Religion und Religionsgemeinschaften.” Panel, *Religionen und Religionsgemeinschaften in öffentlicher Kritik*, Joint congress of the German, Austrian, and Swiss sociological associations, Innsbruck, September 29 – October 1.
- “Nouvelles formes de l’enseignement religieux à l’école publique. Analyses en science des religions et interrogations juridiques.” Workshop, *Jugendliche, Schule und Religion*, University of Bern, June 30, with Ansgar Jödicke and René Pahud de Mortanges.
- 2010 “Le rôle des religions dans la construction des valeurs.” Closing-Conference of the Swiss National Research Program 58, University of Bern, November 12.
- “Religious Education Between the State and Religious Communities.”

- International conference, *Society, the State, and Religious Education Politics*, Fribourg, June 25–26.
- 2009 “Conceptions et pratique d’un enseignement religieux pour tous.” National conference of the Swiss Sociological Association, University of Geneva, September 8, with Katharina Frank.
- “L’enseignement religieux en Suisse: une perspective sociologique.” 30th Conference of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR), Santiago de Compostela, June 27–31.
- 2008 “Aspects sociaux et politiques de l’enseignement religieux: quelques réflexions préliminaires à partir de deux cas cantonaux et d’un nombre limité de communautés religieuses.” Conference, *Quelle(s) politique(s) de religion pour la Suisse? Conséquences du pluralisme religieux sur les rapports entre religion et société*, University of Lausanne, December 4.
- “Religious education in the French-speaking Switzerland.” 8th Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR), Brno, September 8.
- 2007 “Les cours de religion entre l’Etat et les collectivités religieuses.” Annual Conference of the Swiss Society for the Study of Religion, Bern, October 10, with Ansgar Jödicke.

Media and public outreach

- 2020 Interview. “Religioni, media e coronavirus”. Radiotelevisione della Svizzera Italiana (RTSI), Rete 2, April 13.
- 2019 Interview. “Le fait religieux? La boîte noire de l’enseignement.” *Le Temps*, August 20.
- Interview. *La religion à l’école* (book presentation). Radio Suisse Romande (RTS), la 1ère, June 6.
- 2016 Moderation. Public discussion and concert, *Erinnerung an die neue Heimat? Religiöse Musik bei Migrantengemeinschaften in der Schweiz*. Part of the conferences cycle “La Suisse existe – La Suisse n’existe pas,” organized by the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences. Bern, Haus der Religionen, November 22.
- Moderation. Academic debate, *Religion à l’école – Religion in der Schule*, University of Fribourg, November 8.
- Interview. *La storia infinita dell’ora di religione*, Radio della Svizzera Italiana, Rete 1, February 11.
- 2015 Article. *Emile Durkheim*, BBC/Central Eurasian Media and Scholars Initiative, online: <http://cesmi.info/wp/?p=1329>
- Uzbek translation [Биз яшаётган жамият: Эмил Дюркхайм]: http://www.bbc.com/uzbek/central_asia/2015/11/151102_society_we_live

Kirgiz translation [Эмиль Дюркгейм (1858–1917)]
http://www.bbc.com/kyrgyz/institutional/2015/11/151105_emile_durkheim_andrea_rota_my_take_on

- Interview. *Des cours de religion dans le flou*, in: “La Liberté” (Fribourg), May 16, p. 8.
- 2014 Public conference. *Le riforme dell’insegnamento religioso in Ticino in prospettiva svizzera*, Locarno, May 27.
- Interview. *La riforma dell’insegnamento religioso in Ticino*, Radio della Svizzera Italiana, Rete 1, May 28.
- 2012 Interview. *L’évolution compliquée de l’enseignement religieux*, in: “La Gruyère” (Fribourg), August 4, p. 7.
- 2011 Public conference. *Die Entwicklungen des Religionsunterrichts in der Schweiz*, Assembly of delegates of the Swiss free-thinker association, Olten, May 29.
- 2010 Interview. *La religion à l’école*, Radio Suisse Romande (RTS), la 1ère, December 12.
- 2009 Public conference. *L’enseignement religieux en Suisse: constantes et tensions politiques*, public debate “Ecole laïque et fait religieux. Où en est-on?”, Geneva, April 4.
- Article. *Diversités et constantes de l’enseignement religieux en Suisse*, in: “L’Educatrice”, February, 28–31.
- 2008 Interview. *Qu’est-ce que la science des religions*, Radio Suisse Romande (RTS), la 1ère, June 6.

Continuing Education and Training

- 2018 Continuing education module for public servants, “Ecole et diversité religieuse. Stratégies publiques et positionnements religieux.” Advanced vocational training, *Face à la diversité religieuse et spirituelle en institution*. University of Lausanne / EPFL, December 7.
- Methodology seminar for medicine sociologists, “Introduction to the qualitative data analysis computer software *Atlas.ti*,” Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Bern, March 15.
- 2017 Conference, “Die Religion in der Schweiz. Gegenwärtige Tendenzen und öffentliche Debatten.” *15. Forum Berufsbildung der Pädagogischen Hochschule Bern: Religion und Ethik*. Bern, Haus der Religionen, November 4.
- 2016 Methodology seminar for education scholars, “*Grounded Theory*: en théorie et en pratique.” Fribourg college of teacher education, October 25.
- Continuing education module for police non-commissioned officers “Sociétés plurielles: mise en perspective.” Advanced vocational training, *Police et société*

- en mutation*, Neuchâtel, June 13–14.
- 2015 Continuing education module for police non-commissioned officers “Sociétés plurielles: mise en perspective.” Advanced vocational training, *Police et société en mutation*, Neuchâtel, September 15–16, with Magali Jenny.
- Continuing education module for police officers “Cultures et norms.” Certificate of advanced studies, *Droit et éthique policière*, Montreux, January 26, with Richard Friedli.
- 2014 Basic training module “Cultures et norms.” Federal police diploma program for police cadets, Ecole régionale d’aspirants de police (ERAP), Sugiez (Fribourg), with Richard Friedli.
- Continuing education module for police non-commissioned officers “Sociétés plurielles: mise en perspective.” Advanced vocational training, *Police et société en mutation*, Geneva, October 6–7, with Richard Friedli and Magali Jenny.
- 2013 Continuing education module for police officers “Cultures et normes.” Certificate of advanced studies, *Droit et éthique policière*, Montreux, January 18, with Richard Friedli.
- 2012 Basic training module “Sensibilisation aux religions.” Federal police diploma program for police cadets, Ecole régionale d’aspirants de police (ERAP), Colombier, November 5, with Richard Friedli.
- 2010 Vocational training module for religious education teachers. *L’approccio della Scienza delle religioni all’insegnamento sulle religioni*, Lugano, May 8.
- 2009 Vocational training module for social workers “Migrations et société plurielle.” University of Lausanne, June 12, with Katharina Frank.