



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

Professional Experience

March 2023 – University of Oslo, Norway,
Full professor, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages

Feb. 2023 – University of Oslo, Norway
Feb.2024 **Associate professor**, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages

Sep. 2017 – University of Bern, Switzerland
Jan. 2023 **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

- 2023 **Recognition of Excellence in Teaching** (*Anerkennung hervorragender Leistungen in der Lehre*) for the course (*Vorlesung*) “*Religious History of the Present Time (1977–2010): Historical Perspectives and Visions of the Future*” (2022) awarded by the Faculty of Humanities, University of Bern.
- 2022 **Recognition of Excellence in Teaching** (*Anerkennung hervorragender Leistungen in der Lehre*) for the seminar “*Religion and Risk. Risky Religion and Religious Risk Management*” (2021) awarded by the Faculty of Humanities, University of Bern.
- 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
- 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 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). Research Project “How Worldviews Shape Social Responsibility: Religious and Secular Narratives of the Body, the Virus, and the State in the Covid-19 Crisis.” Co-applicant with Jens Schlieter, 1 Ph.D. student 100%, 1 PostDoc 100%, 2023–2025, CHF 477,543.
Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). Open Access Grant for the book *Collective Intentionality and the Study of Religion: Social Ontology and Empirical Research*. CHF 12,000.
Swiss Sociological Association (SSA). Conference. *Negotiating Religious Neutrality in Society*, with Ansgar Jödicke. CHF 2,000
Foundation Burgergemeinde Bern. English proofreading for the edited volume, *Religion and Academia Reframed*. CHF 1,500
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 (SNSF). 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
- Burgergemeinde 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

Sociological & philosophical theories of religion

Religion in the public sphere

History of science and religion

History and sociology of Christian groups

Global religious communities in late modernity

Religion and media

Qualitative empirical research

Supervision

Ph.D. Thesis

Michel, Simon (2024), *Die Leitideen der Religionssoziologie*, first supervisor, University of Bern

Huber, Fabian (2024), *Religiöse Vergemeinschaftung und Medienpraxis*, second supervisor, University of Fribourg

Wytenbach, Christina (2023), *Emerging religiosity, emerging assessments*, first supervisor, University of Bern. Thesis defended on September 25, 2023

Niggli, Cornelia (2023 – ongoing), *Covid-19 and religious-secular narratives: an analysis of the Swiss institutional religious milieu*, second supervisor, University of Bern

MA Thesis

Ionia Meyr (2024), *Kakaozeremonien in der Schweiz. Eine Dekonstruktion von Erfahrung*, University of Bern

Jakob, Lucie (2021), *Familiensache? Zur Sozialisation von Spiritualität über Generationen*, University of Bern

Dellenbusch, Verena (2021), *Der jüdisch-christliche Dialog in der Schweiz*. University of Bern

Bartholet, Jael (2021), *Religionsbezogene Sprache im Frühsozialismus*, University of Bern

Hänni, Tim (2021), *Popular Exegesis in Switzerland*, second supervisor, University of Bern, Faculty of Theology

Meyer, Sophie (2020), *Neutrale Religionswissenschaft?* University of Bern

Brügger, Annina (2020), *Religion, Social Media und Wahlkampf*, University of Bern

Siegenthaler, Gabriela (2020), «Qi-Gong» zwischen «Medizin» und «Religion», University of Bern

Robbiani, Martina (2017), *La formation continue sur les religions pour les enseignants La régulation de la pluralité religieuse à l'école*, second supervisor, University of Fribourg

BA Thesis

Schürch, Manon (2021). *The Science Behind Scientology*, University of Bern

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Rolli, Saralena (2021), *Die religiöse Praxis muslimischer Migrantinnen in der Schweiz*, University of Bern

Lourenço, André (2021), *Die Gottesanrufung in der Präambel der Schweizerischen Bundesverfassung*, University of Bern

Thoos, Dominic (2020), *Legendarium Reconstructionism revisited*, University of Bern

Tauern, Ionia (2020), *Reggae und Rastafari: Eine religionswissenschaftliche Untersuchung*, University of Bern

Liechti, Elena (2019), *Die Audiovisuellen Dateien des Islamischen Zentralrats Schweiz*, University of Bern

Wyler, Michelle (2019) *Wie instrumentalisiert die 'United Nations Organisation' Religionen und religiöse Akteure für den Erhalt von Frieden*, University of Bern

Siegenthaler, Gabriela (2016), *Religion in der Öffentlichkeit. Am Fallbeispiel des Buddhismus im Haus der Religionen*, University of Bern

Participation in
PhD Defense
Committees

(As external reviewer) Fraioli, Bernadette (2023). *Pluralismo e dialogo interreligioso nella formazione del cittadino europeo. I principi e le pratiche* (1989-2022). University of Rome La Sapienza

(As external reviewer) Ranzato, Jacopo (2021). *La lente pastafariana. Un'indagine etnografica tra i fedeli italiani del Prodigioso Spaghetti Volante*. University of Rome La Sapienza.

(As committee chair) Kirstin Schild, *Resonanz durch Suffizienz: Wie eine gute Lebensweise Resonanz und somit ein gutes Leben befördert*. University of Bern, March 3, 2021

(As committee chair) Mirjam Iseli, «Jainism is just not a religion, but it's a way of living life» – *Entstehung und Auflösung der Schweizer Jaina-Gemeinschaft*. University of Bern, September 18, 2020

(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

February 2023 – Coordinator of the Research Initiative “Religion and Politics,” Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo

June 2020 –
January 2023 Director of the Doctoral Program “Global Studies,” Center for Global Studies, University of Bern

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	Board Member of the Center for Global Studies, University of Bern
	Board member of Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Research Network, University of Bern
May 2017 – January 2023	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"> – Norwegian Association for the History of Religions (NRF) – Skandinavisk nettverk for religionsvitenskapelig forskning – Nordic Society for Philosophy of Religion – Swiss Society for the Study of Religion (SGS/SSSR) – Swiss Sociological Association (SGS/SSS) – Swiss Society for the Didactics of the Science of Religion (SGFRK) – German Society for the Study of Religion (DVRW) – Network of German speaking researchers on religion and culture in times of deep mediatization – Italian Sociological Association, Sociology of Religion (AIS-SR) – Italian Society for the History of Religion (SISR) – European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR) – International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR/SISR) – International Association for the Study of Religions (IAHR)
Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Treasurer of the International Association for the History of Religions (since August 2020) – Treasurer of the Norwegian Association for the History of Religions (since 2023) – Swiss correspondent for the <i>Institut d'étude des religions et de la laïcité</i>, EPHE, Paris (since July 2011)
Former positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Board member of the Swiss Society for the Study of Religion November 2011–June 2023 – Coordinator of the research committee “Religion and Society,” Swiss Sociological Association September 2008–May 2023

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)

- 2024 University of Oslo **BA Course** (lecture & seminar) REL 2910 – *Religion in the Environmental Crisis. Historical and Systematic Perspectives* (taught in English)
University of Oslo. **BA Course** (lecture & seminar) REL 1001 – *Religion – Teoretiske perspektiver* (taught mostly in English)
University of Oslo. **MA Course** (lecture) KOS4050 – *Religion and Politics. A Brief History of the Present* (co-taught in English; course coordinator and main teacher)
- 2023 University of Oslo. **MA Course** (lecture & seminar) REL 4001 – *Teori og metode: grunnlagsproblemer i studiet av religion* (co-taught in English; exams in Norwegian and English)
University of Oslo. **BA Course** (lecture & seminar). REL 2001 – *Religion og Komplexitet / Religion and Complexity* (taught in English; exams in Norwegian and English)
Invited lecture “Working with the Software Atlas.ti: An Introduction” in the course *Méthodes et recherches qualitatives en sciences sociales*” of Prof. Janine Dahinden, Institute for the study of social processes, University of Neuchâtel, March 29 (taught in French)
Invited lecture “La religion dans les *Long Sixties*. Entre crise et renouveau” in the course *Histoire de l'Europe, du Kulturkampf aux guerres culturelles* of PD Dr. Stéphanie Roulin, University of Fribourg, November 14 (taught in French)
- 2022 University of Bern. **BA/MA Course** (*Vorlesung*). *Religious History of the Present Time—1977–2010* (taught in German)
University of Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**. *Pictures of a Better World. Religious and Secular Utopia in the 19th and 20th century* (co-taught in German)
University of Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**: *Scientific Communication and the Study of Religion: A “Public Science” Project* (taught in German)
University of Bern. **MA Writing Workshop** for Science of religion students (taught in German)
University of Bern. **BA Seminar**: *Religion Symbols Between History and Design: On the Concept and Uses of “World Religions”* (taught in German)
Study retreat of the Doctoral Program *Global Studies*: “The politics of time in global perspective.” University of Bern, May 20–21
Invited lecture “Who is afraid of new religions? Religious innovation and social reactions” in the course *Conflitti e sicurezza nel mondo globale* of Prof. Gennaro Gervasio. University of Roma Tre, May 4 (taught in Italian)
Invited lecture “Working with the Software Atlas.ti: An Introduction” in the course *Méthodes et recherches qualitatives en sciences sociales*” of Prof. Janine Dahinden, Institute for the study of social processes, University of Neuchâtel, March 30 (taught in French)
- 2021 University of Bern. **Interdisciplinary MA/PhD Lecture Series and Graduate Seminar**: *To Vaccinate or Not? Historical, Religious, and Social Aspects of Vaccination Hesitancy* (co-taught in English). Interdisciplinary teaching grant awarded by the University of Bern
University of Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**: *The Fascinating “Other.” Comparative Methods in the Study of Religion* (co-taught in German and English)
University of Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**: *Religion and Risk. Risky Religion and Religious Risk Management* (taught in German)
University of Bern. **BA/MA Course** (*Vorlesung*). *New Christian Groups in the 19th and 20th century* (taught online in German)
Universities of Bremen and Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**: *Empirical Research Methods: Christian Rituals in the Online-Offline Continuum* (co-taught online in German).

- Virtual teaching exchange grant awarded by the University of Bern
- Invited lecture on “Virtual Ethnography” in the seminar *Virtual Worlds of Religions: Religionen im Internet* of Dr. Oliver Steffen, University of Bern, April 1 (taught in German)
- Invited lecture “Working with the Software Atlas.ti: An Introduction” in the course *Méthodes et recherches qualitatives en sciences sociales*” of Prof. Janine Dahinden, Institute for the study of social processes, University of Neuchâtel, April 14 (taught in French)
- Online study retreat of the Doctoral Program *Global Studies*: “Pandemics as a Social and Global Phenomena.” May 21–22.
- 2020 University of Bern. **PhD Reading Seminar**: *Introduction to Theories and Concepts in Global Studies: Reflections on Pandemics* (co-taught in German and English)
- University of Bern. **MA Writing Workshop** for Science of religion students (taught in German)
- University of Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**: *Religion and Social Engineering. The Scientific Regulation of Religion and Society* (co-taught in German)
- University of Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**: “*Religion in the Mind?*” *Introduction to the Cognitive Science of Religion* (taught in German)
- University of Bern. **BA/MA Seminar**: *Asian Ritual Practices in the Mirror of Ritual Theories* (co-taught in German)
- University of Bern. **BA Seminar**: *Religion in Context: Contemporary Research Questions in the Scientific Study of Religion* (taught in German)
- Invited podcast lecture on “New Christian Traditions and Medicine in the 19th and 20th century” in the course *Religion and Medicine* of Prof. Dorothea Lüddeckens, University of Zurich, December 2 (in German)
- 2019 University of Bern. **BA/MA Course (Vorlesung)**: *The Religious Transformation of 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

- 2022–2025 Quinquennial World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, Kraków 2025. Co-chair of the Academic Program Committee and member of the Organization Committee.
- 2024 Hybrid International Workshop, *Academic Freedom and the Study of Religion in Post-Communist Europe: “Some Kind of Liberating Effect”*, with a Conference by Valerio Severino (La Sapienza, University of Rome). University of Oslo, 13 February, organization and moderation (“IKOS Religion and Politics” Research Initiative)
- 2023 Hybrid International Workshop, *The Tyranny of Authenticity. Religion – Politics – Academia*, with a conference by Aaron Hughes (University of Rochester). University of Oslo, 11 October, organization and moderation (“IKOS Religion and Politics” Research Initiative)
- Hybrid International Workshop, *Sovereignty and the Sacred*, with a conference by Robert Yelle (LMU Munich), University of Oslo, 31 May, organization and moderation (“IKOS Religion and Politics” Research Initiative)
- International Workshop, *Negotiating Religious Neutrality in Society*, University of Bern, 5–6 May, organization and moderation with Ansgar Jödicke (“Religion and Society” Research Committee).
- International Kickoff Workshop, *How Religion Shapes Social Responsibility*, University of Bern, 28–29 April. Organization and moderation, with Jens Schlieter, Carla Hagen, and Cornelia Niggli.
- 2022 *New Heavens, New Earths: Freedom of and Freedom from Religion in Utopian Visions of Society*. 19th Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR), University College Cork, June 28. Organization and moderation, with Anja Kirsch.
- International Workshop, *Philosophy’s Contribution to the Study of Religion*, University of Bern, June 13. Organization and moderation, with Jens Schlieter.
- 2021 Lecture series, *To Vaccinate or Not? Historical, Religious, and Social Aspects of Vaccination Hesitancy* (public lecture series as a complement to the lecture series and graduate seminar *To Vaccinate or Not?*), University of Bern, October 19, November 16, November 30. Organization and moderation, with Thomas Abel and Hubert Steinke.
- Panel (double session), *A Veiw to Nowhere. Religion and Utopia in the 19th and 20th century*, 18th 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 religions*, European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR), University of Bern, June 17–21. Organization and moderation
- Lecture 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.* 21st 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 (“Religion and Society” Research Committee)
- 2014 International Workshop, *A Matter of Perspective: Disentangling the Emic/Etic Debate in the Scientific Study of Religions.* 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,*

	<i>constructions biographiques et mobilisations collectives</i> . Lausanne, October 17–19. Financial support through the “Religion and Society” Research Committee
2011	Panel, <i>Religionen und Religionsgemeinschaften in öffentlicher Kritik</i> . 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
Norwegian	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 (SNSF)

Peer-reviewed journals:

ARGOS | *Asdiwal* | *Culture and Religion* | *Entangled Religions* | *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* | *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* | *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* | *Religion* | *Social Compass* | *Scuola Democratica* | *Sophia* | *Studi e Materiali di Storia delle Religioni* | *Zeitschrift für Religionskunde*

Applications

2022	Assistant Professor for Religion in the Public Space, <i>Zentrum für Religion, Wirtschaft und Politik</i> , University of Zürich: <i>Tertio Loco</i>
2012	Postdoctoral assistant in the History of religion, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Lausanne: <i>Secundo Loco</i> Postdoctoral assistant for empirical research on religion, Faculty of Theology, University of Bern: <i>Interviewed</i>



Publications

Books

* (2023) *Collective Intentionality and the Study of Religion: Social Ontology and Empirical Research*. London: Bloomsbury Academic (book series “Expanding Philosophy of Religion,” K. Schilbrack and J. A. Simmons, eds). [↗](#)

* (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 de sciences des religions* 6, 85-86 [↗](#)]

Edited Volumes and Special Issues

* (forthcoming, 2024) “Religion and Utopia.” *Religion*, special issue, ed. with Anja Kirsch.

* (2024). “Towards a Global History of Religion. Reflections on Karénina Kollmar-Paulenz’s ‘Lamas and Shamans.’” *ARGOS: Perspectives in the Study of Religion* 3 (1), special issue, ed. with Anja Kirsch.

* (2023) *Religion and Academia Reframed. Connecting Religion, Science, and Society in the Long Sixties*. Leiden: Brill (book series “Supplements to Method & Theory in the Study of Religion,” A. Hughes, R. McCutcheon and K. von Stuckrad, ed.).

* (2022) “Religion and Ecology.” *ARGOS: Perspectives in the Study of Religion* 1, special issue, ed. with Anja Kirsch, Oliver Krüger, and Christophe Monnot. [↗](#)

* (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. [↗](#)

* Peer reviewed publication

[↗](#) Open Access

* (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.

Journal Articles and Book Contributions

Forthcoming

(forthcoming, 2024) “Neutral. All Too Neutral? Contemporary (?) Challenges in the Study of Religion.” *Religious Studies in Japan* (Proceedings of the 2023 IAHR Special Conference in Tokyo).

* (forthcoming, 2024) “Utopias for Boomers: Religion, Psychology, and Sovereignty in the Long Sixties.” *Religion*, special issue on “Religion and Utopia.”

* (forthcoming, 2024) “Religion and Utopia: An Introduction to the Special Issue.” *Religion*, special issue on “Religion and Utopia,” with Anja Kirsch.

2024

“Towards a Global History of Religion. Editors’ Note” *ARGOS: Perspectives in the Study of Religion* 3 (2), 3–5, with Anja Kirsch

2023

* “La formation des cadres musulmans en Suisse: d’un casse-tête à l’autre?” *Eurostudia: Transatlantic Journal for European Studies* 14 (1–2), 138–159.

* “Jehovah online. The new media landscape of Jehovah’s Witnesses.” In: Bassimir, Anja-Maria and Stefan Gelfgren (eds.), *Protestant Periodicals in Transition: From the Twentieth Century to the Digital Age*. Leiden: Brill, 75–97.

* “Acid Scholarship. Timothy Leary and the Academic Background of Psychedelic Occulture.” In Andrea Rota (ed.) *Religion and Academia Reframed. Connecting Religion, Science, and Society in the Long Sixties*. Leiden: Brill, 151–175.

* “Introduction. Religion, Academia, and Society in the Long Sixties.” In Andrea Rota (ed.) *Religion and Academia Reframed. Connecting Religion, Science, and Society in the Long Sixties*. Leiden: Brill, 1–14.

2022

“ARGOS—Introducing a New Journal in the Study of Religion.” *ARGOS: Perspectives in the Study of Religion* 1, 1–22, with Anja Kirsch, Oliver Krüger and Christophe Monnot.

* “War, ‘the Father of All’—Including Moralizing Religions?” *Religion, Brain & Behavior* 13 (2), 214–216, with Jens Schlieter.

* “Religion und religious-social engineering. R(el)ationale Gestaltung von Religion als Erbe der langen 1960er Jahre.” *Zeitschrift für Religions- und Geistesgeschichte* 74 (2), 91–109, with Simon Michel and Christina Wyttenbach.

* “(Re)Connecting Analytic Philosophy and Empirical Research. The Example of Ritual Speech Acts and Religious Collectivities.” *Sophia. International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*, 61 (1), 79–92.

2020

* Art. “Emic and Etic.” In Stein, Felix et al. (eds), *Cambridge Encyclopedia of Anthropology*, 1–16, with Till Mostowlansky. <https://www.anthroencyclopedia.com/entry/emic-and-etic>

2019

* “Introductory Remarks: Turning an Academic Conference into a Master’s Seminar.” *Zeitschrift für junge Religionswissenschaft* 18, 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. Best Article Award 2021 from the International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR) [↗](#)

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. [↗](#)

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.

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.

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.

Translations

(2024) [From German into English, with an introduction] Kollmar-Paulenz, Karénina. 2024 [2013], “Lamas and Shamans: Mongolian Orders of Knowledge from the Early 17th to the 21st Century. A Contribution to the Debate on Non-European Concepts of Religion,” *AFGOS: Perspectives in the Study of Religion* 3 (2), 6–47, with Anja Kirsch.

Book Reviews

(2023) R. of W. Alberts et al. eds, “Handbuch Religionskunde in Deutschland” (Berlin: De Gruyter 2023). *Zeitschrift für Religionswissenschaft* 31 (2), 257–259.

(2023) R. of Ü. Valk and M. Bowman eds, “Vernacular Knowledge. Contesting Authority, Expressing Beliefs” (Sheffield: Equinox, 2022). *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 38 (3), 579–581.

(2020) R. of L. Ambasciano, “An Unnatural History of Religions: Academia, Post-truth and the Quest for Scientific Knowledge” (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2019). *Asdiwal. Revue genevoise d’anthropologie et d’histoire des religions* 15, 195–198.

(2017) R. of B.-O. Andreassen and J. R. Lewis ed., “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, ed., “Contested Secularism” (Farham: Ashgate 2013). *Religion* 45 (1), 124–127.

Conference Presentations

2024 “Falling Through the Cracks. Falling Through the Cracks: Religious Education in a Neo-Bourdiesian Perspective.” *EASR Working Group on Religion in Public Education Seminar*, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø, Norway, January 30–31.

“Activism, Criticism, Theory. On the Future of Systematic Reflection in the Study of Religion.” International Conference *The Past in the Future: History of Religions*, University of Zurich, January 25–26.

2023 “Neutral. All too Neutral? Contemporary (?) Challenges in the Study of Religion.” IAHR International Conference *Can the IAHR be Engaged and Relevant Without Being Political or Confessional? The Position of “Science (Wissenschaft)” in 2023*. University of Tokyo, December 16–17.

- “How to Prepare Your PowerPoint While Throwing Out the Garbage. Experiences with AI in Academic Settings.” *Digital IKOS Workshop Series*, October 12, with Dirk Johannsen.
- “Thinking Religion Through Relations. Politics, Media, Bodies.” IKOS inaugural presentation. University of Oslo, September 19.
- “The Negotiation of Contested Boundaries Religion, Politics, and Medicine Among Late 19th Century Mormons.” Annual conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions. University of Vilnius, Lithuania, 6 September.
- “The Religion of ChatGPT.” Opening-day talk for students in the study of religion, University of Oslo, August 14.
- “Neutrality: Contemporary (?) Debates in the Study of Religion.” International Workshop *Negotiating Religious Neutrality in Society*, University of Bern, May 5.
- “Working with ‘Vernacular Religion’.” International Kickoff Workshop, *How Religion Shapes Social Responsibility*, University of Bern, April 28.
- “How Worldviews Shape Social Responsibility.” NRP80 Kickoff Conference. Thun, March 21.
- 2022 “Relations and Social Ontology.” International Workshop *Religion in Relation Theoretische Probleme und Perspektiven*, University of Zurich, 4–6 November.
- “Religionswissenschaft als Bezugsdisziplin zwischen Didaktik und Politik.” Annual conference of the Swiss Forum for Religious Education Didactics (*Forum Fachdidaktik ERG*). College of Teacher Training St. Gallen, September 6.
- “The Boomer’s Journey to NowHere. Psychology, Religion, and Utopia.” Annual conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions, University College Cork, June 28.
- “Religion and Psychedelics in the Cognitive Blender. Creativity – Flows – Collective Intentions.” International Workshop *Philosophy’s Contribution to the Study of Religion*, University of Bern, June 13.
- “Religion, Ritual, and Collective Intentionality.” International Workshop *Philosophy’s Contribution to the Study of Religion*, University of Bern, June 13.
- “Religion im Plural.” Workshop series *Mapping RW*, Universities of Bonn, Bremen, and Marburg (*online*). June 10.
- “Religion and Politics. An Introduction.” Trial lecture, University of Oslo, May 24.
- “Religiöse und musikalische flows. Die 1960er-Jahre zwischen Asien und dem Westen.” *CGS Forum “Move.”* Center for Global Studies, University of Bern, May 14.
- “Le ‘religioni del mondo.’ Essenze, intrecci, flussi.” Global history lecture series *Storia d’Europa e società globale*. University Roma Tre, May 3.
- “La Suisse n’est plus un ‘patchwork’.” Round table discussion *Enseigner l’histoire des religions à l’école*. University of Geneva, April 27.

- 2021
- “La formation des cadres religieux musulmans en Suisse.” International Conference *La formation des cadres religieux musulmans en France et en Europe*. Paris, EPHE – Institut d'étude des religions et de la laïcité, October 8.
- “Religion, Medien und öffentliche Gesundheit. Historische und gegenwärtige Formen der Impfskepsis.” Tiral lecture, University of Zurich, September 23.
- Workshop “Was ist soziale Gesundheit?” Member of the project team. Bern University of Applied Sciences, August 13 August, 21; September 17, October 22. <https://www.bfh.ch/de/forschung/referenzprojekte/soziale-gesundheit/>
- “Religion and ‘Religious-Social Engineering’ in the Long Sixties.” Panel *Religious Engineering – Transforming Society with Religion?*. Annual Conference of the German Society for the Study of Religion (DVRW), University of Leipzig (online), September 16, with Christina Wyttenbach.
- “Acid Utopias and Sober Self-Empowerment. Visions of Society and the Self in the American Counterculture of the 1960s and 1970s.” 18th Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR), Pisa, September 2.
- “Analytical Clarity and Normative Fuzziness. A Response.” Panel *Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives*. 18th Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR), Pisa, September 1.
- “Jacques Waardenburg.” Annual Conference of the Swiss Society for the Study of Religion *New Classics in the Study of Religion*. University of Zurich (online), February 12–13.
- Response “Analytische Begriffe kollektiver Akteure in der Geschichtsschreibung.” Internationaler Workshop *Religion in Kontakt und Konflikt*. University of Fribourg (online). February 18.
- “Reframing Religion and Academia in the Long Sixties. An Introduction.” International conference *Religion and Academia Reframed. Connecting Religion, Science, and Society in the Long Sixties*. University of Bern (online), February 4–5.
- 2020
- Response “Epistemological, theoretical, and methodological issues.” Review panel on François Gauthier’s book *Religion, Modernity, Globalization*. University of Fribourg, October 8.
- “‘Thou Shalt Not Vaccinate?’ Die Politik der Impfverweigerung bei Mormonen, Christian Scientists und den Zeugen Jehovas.” Habilitation conference, University of Bern, April 20.
- 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.” Trial lecture, 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*s, University of Bern, May 9–10.
- “Introduction”. International workshop, *A Matter of Perspective: Disentangling the Emic/Etic Debate in the Scientific Study of Religion*s, 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.

Podcasts

Podcast series “IKOS: Religion and Politics” (preparation, recording, production), <https://www.hf.uio.no/ikos/english/research/groups/religion-and-politics/relpol-podcast/relpol-podcast.html>

1. Interview with Kathinka Frøystad, “Religious Offence in India.” Oslo, March 7, 2023
2. Interview with Ricarda Stegmann, “Entangled History in Paris.” Fribourg, April 7, 2023
3. Interview with Hanne Amanda Trangerud, “Trump and the American Evangelicals.” Oslo, Mai 16, 2023
4. Interview with Bodhisattva Chattopadhyay, “Religion and the Politics of Future Fiction.” Oslo, June 6, 2023
5. Interview with Olav Børreson Fossdal, “Material Religion in Asylum Cases.” Oslo, August 14, 2023
6. Interview with Mark Teeuwen, “The Politics of Tradition in Japan.” Oslo, January 16, 2024

Media and public outreach

- 2023
- Video-interview on current research as part of the scientific dissemination “Mapping Religionswissenschaft,” <https://mappingrewi.com/videos/>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AuDG8IQaw-E>
 - Round-Table Discussion “Corona – Rückblick, Ausblick, Aufarbeitung,” Protestant and Catholic Churches Schwyz/Brunnen, November 21, with Cornelia Niggli.
 - Guest on the morning radio show “In altre parole” (15-minute discussion). Swiss Radio RSI Rete 2, 17–21 April:
 - Religione e intelligenza artificiale (17 April)
 - Le dimensioni religiose del conflitto Russo-Ucraino (18 April)
 - Rinascita psichedelica ed esperienze mistiche (19 April)
 - Visioni del mondo e pandemia (20 April)
 - Religioni e sfide ecologiche (21 April)
 - Interview on the history and organization of Jehovah’s Witnesses in the wake of the mass shooting in Hamburg on March 9, *Watson.ch*, March 11
 - Interview on the history and organization of Jehovah’s Witnesses in the wake of the mass shooting in Hamburg on March 9, Radio RSI Rete1, March 10.
 - Interview: “Il progetto ‘Religion: wissenschaftlich’ e la religione in Svizzera”. *Alphaville*, Radio RSI Rete2, January 19.
- 2022
- Interview: Mapping *Religionswissenschaft*. <https://mappingrewi.com>
 - Creation and coordination of the student-driven public outreach project “Religion: wissenschaftlich”: <https://religion-wissenschaftlich.ch>
- 2021
- Public conference. “Regionale Glaubenstransparenz. Eine religionswissenschaftliche Einordnung,” Krefeld, September 28.
 - Interview. “Studying abroad without leaving your desk.” [Short report on a ‘virtual teaching exchange’ experience.] *International Blog*, University of Bern, September 6.
 - Interview. “Le chiese come attori sociali”. *Il Caffè*, June 27, 28-29.
- 2020
- Interview. "جدل مثير العمومية المدارس في الأديان تدريس فيه كان الذي العصر انتهى" [The era in which the teaching of religions in public schools was a matter of controversy has come to an end.]. *Swissinfo Arabic*, December 8.
 - 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]
- Kirgiz translation [Эмиль Дюркгейм (1858–1917)]
- 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'Éducateur”, 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

- 2023 Continuing education module for lower-secondary teachers, “Ripensare le ‘religioni del mondo’ in classe”, Bellinzona (Switzerland), Dipartimento Formazione e Apprendimento del Canton Ticino (DFA), November 18.
- Continuing education module for upper-secondary teachers, “Who is a Religious Insider? Academic, Political, and Didactical Debates.” Faglig-pedagogisk dag, University of Oslo, November 2.

- 2022 Continuing education module for social workers, “Les institutions publiques: laboratoires de la sécularisation et lieux du pluralisme. Advanced vocational training, *Diversité religieuse en institution*. University of Lausanne, October 7.
- Continuing education module for education policy-makers, “Religions, Etat, écoles. Exemples du cas suisse.” Paris (online), Institut des hautes études de l'éducation et de la formation, January 12.
- 2021 Continuing education module for social workers, “Les institutions publiques: laboratoires de la sécularisation et lieux du pluralisme. Advanced vocational training, *Diversité religieuse en institution*. University of Lausanne, December 10.
- Continuing education modules for secondary school teachers (3 modules), “Storia delle religioni e insegnamento scolastico. Concezioni politiche e didattiche in tensione,” Bellinzona (Switzerland), Dipartimento Formazione e Apprendimento (DFA), October 2.
- 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.