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Most important/recent publications: *Meditation und Moderne*. 2 vols. Würzburg: Königshausen und Neumann 2009; Karl Baier, Philipp A. Maas, Karin Preisendanz, eds. *Yoga in Transformation. Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*. Göttingen: V&R unipress 2018.

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Most important/recent publications: Léo Bernard, “La médecine néo-hippocratique des années 1930: le temps d’une rencontre,” edited by Olivier Faure and Hervé Guillemain. Pour en finir avec les médecines parallèles, *Histoire, médecine et santé*, no.14 (hiver 2018): p.63–81.

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Most important/recent publications: Friedrich Max Müllers Science of Religion in Auseinandersetzung mit der Theosophischen Gesellschaft (PhD. diss., working title, forthcoming)

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Most important/recent publications: “Die Goldene Leibniz-Medaille, eine Grußblatt-Sammlung, eine ‘Festschrift’ sowie ein Exlibris und die ‘deutsche Wissenschaftstradition’: Späte Ehrungen für Bruno Güterbocks (1858–1940) unendliche Arbeit als Schriftführer der DOG im Jahr 1928.” *Marru* 6, 2018, 311–29.; “Ein Anthroposoph lässt in Berlin den Alten Orient wiedererstehen: Aus dem Gemessenen das Unermessliche.” *Antike Welt* 4, 2017, 35–39.; “Katalog der neuassyrischen Siegelzylinderabrollungen und Stempelabdrücke auf Tontafeln, aufbewahrt im Eski Şark Müzesi, Istanbul (Nr. Ist.1–89).” In *Die neuassyrische Glyptik aus Assur*. Evelyn Klengel-Brandt. Wissenschaftliche Veröffentlichungen der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft 140, 2014, 37–65.; „Männer jagen, Frauen sammeln?“ *Der Weg einer Archäologin in den Orient*. Verlag Hans Schöner. 2012; together with Karen Bartram. *Islamische Kunst für junge Leser. Eine Reise durch die Geschichte*. E.A. Seemann.

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Most important/recent publications: *Mahomet. Repräsentationen des Propheten in deutschsprachiger Literatur des 18. Jahrhunderts*, 566. Göttingen: BERG, 6, 2018; *Lessing im Reinkarnationsdiskurs. Eine Untersuchung zu Kontext und Wirkung von G. E. Lessings Texten zur Seelenwanderung*, 522. Göttingen: KKR, 49, 2005; "Von der ‚protestantischen Revolution‘ in den ‚religionslosen Osten‘. Überlegungen zur Macht von Repräsentationen." In *Religion – Macht – Raum. Religiöse Machtansprüche und ihre medialen Repräsentationen*. Edited by Daniel Cyranka and Henning Wrogemann, 141–154. Leipzig: VWGTh, 56, 2018; "Glaube als Gegenstand der Religionswissenschaft." In *Glaube*. Edited by Friedrich-Wilhelm Horn, 197–229. Tübingen: TdT, 13, 2018; Religious revolutionaries and Spiritualism in Germany around 1848. *Aries* 1 (2016): 13–48.

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Most important/recent publications: *Magie im antiken Christentum: Eine Studie zur Alten Kirche und ihrem Umfeld*. Stuttgart: Anton Hiersemann, 2016; *Prophetie. Innovation, Tradition und Subversion in spätantiken Religionen*. Stuttgart: Anton Hiersemann, 2018; *Gustav Meyrink, Gesammelte Werke*. edited by Marco Frenschkowski. Wiesbaden: Marix 2014. (4 of 8 volumes have appeared, annotated edition); *Zauberbücher: Die Leipziger Magica-Sammlung im Schatten der Frühaufklärung. Katalog zur Ausstellung der Universitätsbibliothek Leipzig 15. 11. 2019–16. 02. 2020*. Leipzig: Universitätsbibliothek Leipzig 2019

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Most important/recent publications: *The Zohar: Reception and Impact*. The Littman Library of Oxford: Jewish Civilization, 2016; *The Genealogy of Jewish Mysticism and the Theologies of Kabbalah Research*. Tel Aviv: Hakibbutz Hameuchad, 2016; "The Quest Universal: Moses Gaster's Interest in Kabbalah and Western Esotericism," *Kabbalah* 40, (2018).

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Most important/recent publications: *Erdeni tunumal neretü sudur: Die Biographie des Altan qayan der Tümed-Mongolen; Ein Beitrag zur Geschichte der religionspolitischen Beziehungen zwischen der Mongolei und Tibet im ausgehenden 16. Jahrhundert.* Asiatische Forschungen, 142. Wiesbaden: Otto Harrassowitz, 2001; „Lamas und Schamanen: Mongolische Wissensordnungen vom frühen 17. bis zum 21. Jahrhundert; Ein Beitrag zur Debatte um aussereuropäische Religionsbegriffe.“ In *Religion in Asien? Studien zur Anwendbarkeit des Religionsbegriffs* edited by Peter Schalk, Max Deeg, Oliver Freiberger, Christoph Kleine and Astrid van Nahl, 151–200. Uppsala: Uppsala Universitet, 2013; „Systematically Ordering the World: the Encounter of Buriyad-Mongolian, Tibetan and Russian Knowledge Cultures in the 19th century.“ In „L'orientalisme des marges: éclairages à partir de l'Inde et de la Russie“. Edited by Philippe Bornet and Svetlana Gorshenina. *Etudes de Lettres*, 2–3, (2014): 123–146.; “Of Yellow Teaching and Black Faith: Entangled Knowledge Cultures and the Creation of Religious Traditions.” In *Dynamics of Religion: Past and Present.* Edited by Christop Bochinger and Jörg Rüpke, 231–250. Berlin/Boston: de Gruyter, 2016.

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Most important/recent publications: With Julian Strube, eds. *Theosophy Across Boundaries: Transcultural and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on a Modern Esoteric Movement.* Albany: State University of New York Press, 2020; With Björn Bentlage, Marion Eggert, and Stefan Reichmuth, eds. *Religious Dynamics under the Impact of Imperialism and Colonialism: A Sourcebook.* Leiden: Brill, 2017; *Shimaji Mokurai and the Reconception of Religion and the Secular in*

Modern Japan. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2015; "Pan-Asianism's Religious Undercurrents: The Reception of Islam and Translation of the Qur'ān in Twentieth-Century Japan." *The Journal of Asian Studies* 73, 3 (2014): 619–640.

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His current research interests include: Education for Sustainable Development, intercultural communication and education, textbook research, religious studies, translational studies, esotericism, and postcolonial studies.

Most important/recent publications: "The Stages of Initiation in the Grand Scheme of Theosophical Evolution as the Basis for Ethical Education: Annie Besant's "Quickening of Evolution" as a Paradigmatic Example of Meshing Processes of Hybridization in the Global Colonial Discursive Continuum Around 1900" (PhD. diss., forthcoming); "Translation Between Theosophy, Yoga, Kant and Evolutionism: Annie Besant's *Bhagavadgītā* Translations around 1900" In *ScriptUM: la revue du colloque VocUM* (forthcoming); "Philology as an Epistemological Strategy to Claim Higher Knowledge: Translational Endeavors within the Theosophical Society; A Case Study of Annie Besant's Bhagavad-Gita." In *ESSWE 6 Proceedings, Aries Book Series*, Brill (forthcoming); "Charles Johnston's Interpretation of Yoga: Theosophy, Consciousness, and Spiritual Progress." In *Contemporary Yoga and Sacred Texts*. Edited by Susanne Scholz and Caroline van der Stichele. London: Routledge, forthcoming.

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Most important/recent publications: "Back Home and Back to Nature? *Natural Parenting and Religion in Francophone Contexts*." *Open Theology* 6/1 (2020): 175–201; "Religions and Mothers." In *The Routledge Companion to Motherhood*. Edited by Lynn O'Brien Hallstein, Andrea O'Reilly and Melinda Vandenbeld Giles, 156–164. London-New York: Routledge, 2020. With Giulia Pedrucci "Motherhood(s) and Polytheisms: Epistemological and Methodological Reflections on the Study of Religions, Gender, and Women." *Numen* 65/4 (2018): 404–434; "The Academic Study of Religions and Mothering, Motherhood and Mothers." In *Maternità e Politeismi – Motherhood(s) and Polytheisms*. Edited by Florence Pasche Guignard, Giulia Pedrucci and Marianna Scapini, 61–88. Bologna: Pàtron, 2017; "A Gendered Bun in the Oven. The Gender-

Reveal Party as a New Ritualization during Pregnancy.” *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses* 44 (2015): 479–500.

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Most important/recent publications: “L’essor du bergsonisme en Turquie: une lecture de la guerre d’indépendance à travers la revue *Dergâh* (1921–1923).” In *Turcs et Français. Une histoire culturelle, 1860–1960*. Edited by Güneş Işiksel and Emmanuel Szurek, 115–132. Rennes: Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2014; “Conceptualiser le mysticisme dans une perspective académique: la constitution d’une histoire générale du mysticisme chez Mehmet Ali Ayni (1868–1945).” *European Journal of Turkish Studies* [Online], 25 | 2017, Online since 20 December 2017, connection on 27 December 2017. URL: <http://journals.openedition.org/ejts/5451>; “Variations bergsoniennes dans les écritures intellectuelles et littéraires turques.” In *Annales bergsoniennes IX – Bergson et les écrivains*. Paris: PUF, “Epiméthée”, forthcoming; “Psychologies ottomanes et turques. Un laboratoire pour les partages savants”, *Revue d’histoire des sciences humaines et sociales* 34 (forthcoming)

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Most important/recent publications: *What is it like to be Dead? Near-death Experiences, Christianity, and the Occult*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018; “Buddhist Insight Meditation (vipassanā) in Religious Settings and Kabat-Zinn’s ‘Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction’: An Example of Dedifferentiation of Religion and Medicine?” *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 32, no. 3 (2017): 447–463; “Religiöse Symbole im öffentlichen Raum: Symbolwirkung als kollektive Intentionalität einer Deutungsgemeinschaft.” *Zeitschrift für Religionswissenschaft* 25, no. 2 (2017): 196–232.

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Most important/recent publications: *Islamischer Internationalismus im 20. Jahrhundert: Untersuchungen zur Geschichte der islamischen Weltliga*. Leiden: Brill 1990; “Was ist die islamische Aufklärung?” *Die Welt des Islams* 36 (1996): 276–325; “On Relating Religion to Society and Society to Religion.” In *Debating Islam*. Edited by Samuel M. Behloul, Susanne Leuenberger, and Andreas Tunger-Zanetti, 325–348. Bielefeld: Transcript, 2013; *Der Koran und die Genealogie des Islam*. Basel: Schwabe, 2015; *Geschichte der islamischen Welt: Von 1900 bis in die Gegenwart*. München: Beck, 2016.

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Most important/recent publications: “Western Sufism and Gnosis.” In *The Gnostic World*, edited by Garry Trompf, Gunner B. Mikkelsen and Jay Johnston, 527–536. New York: Routledge, 2019; Ed., *Key Thinkers of the Radical Right: Behind the New Threat to Liberal Democracy*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019; “Sufi Religious Leaders and Sufi Orders in the Contemporary Middle East.” *Sociology of Islam* 6 (2018): 212–32; *Western Sufism: From the Abbasids to the New Age*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016; *Against the Modern World: Traditionalism and the Secret Intellectual History of the Twentieth Century*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004

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Most important/recent publications: With Egil Asprem, *New Approaches to the Study of Esotericism*. Leiden/Boston: Brill 2021; with Hans Martin Krämer, ed. *Theosophy Across Boundaries: Transcultural and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on a Modern Esoteric Movement*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2020; *Sozialismus, Katholizismus und Okkultismus im Frankreich des 19. Jahrhunderts: Die Genealogie der Schriften von Eliphas Lévi*. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter 2016; “Socialism and Esotericism in July

Monarchy France.” *History of Religions* 57, no. 2 (2017): 197–221; “Occultist Identity Formations Between Theosophy and Socialism in fin-de-siècle France.” *Numen* 64, no. 5–6 (2017): 568–595; “Socialist Religion and the Emergence of Occultism: A Genealogical Approach to ‘Secularization’ in 19th-Century France.” *Religion* 46, no. 3 (2016): 359–388.

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Most important/recent publications: „Europäische“ *Religionsgeschichte: Religiöse Zugehörigkeit durch Entscheidung – Konsequenzen im interkulturellen Vergleich*. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2016; “Hieroklasmus – Die okzidentale Reformation in religionsvergleichender Perspektive: Explorative Überlegungen.” In *Kirchengeschichte und Religionswissenschaft: Methoden und Fallstudien*. Edited by Klaus Fitschen, Wolfram Kinzig, Armin Kohnle, and Volker Leppin, 175–220. Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt 2018; *Rudolf Steiner: Die Biographie*. 3rd ed. München: Piper 2016. First published 2011 by Piper (München, Zürich).