

Curriculum Vitae

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Date and place of birth: October 5th, 1985, in Heidelberg, Germany

Nationality: German

Research languages: Spoken: German (native), English, French, Dutch, Bengali (modern, sādhubhāṣā). Reading: Latin, Ancient Greek, Sanskrit.

HIGHER EDUCATION

November 2020 *Habilitation* in Religious Studies, University of Heidelberg.

April 2015 PhD (Dr. phil.) in Religious Studies with distinction (*summa cum laude*), University of Heidelberg.

December 2010 MA (“Magister Artium”) in Religious Studies and Medieval/Modern History, with distinction, University of Heidelberg.

ACADEMIC CAREER

Since April 2024 Chair of Religious Studies and Intercultural Theology, University of Göttingen.

April 2021–
March 2024 Assistant Professor at the Department of Religious Studies, University of Vienna.

July–August 2023 Visiting Scholar at Harvard University.

November 2022 Second place on the shortlist for the Chair of Religious Studies, University of Graz.

November 2020– March 2021	Temporary replacement of the Chair for Missiology, Ecumene, and Religious Studies at the University of Hamburg.
November 2019– March 2021	Postdoctoral project (4 years) on “Religious Social Reform in the Context of Unitarianism and the Brahma Samaj: Exchanges between North America and Bengal,” in the Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics,” University of Münster, Germany.
April 2016– October 2019	Postdoctoral project on “Tantra Within the Context of a Global Religious History of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries,” funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), University of Heidelberg, Germany.
Sep 2016–June 2017	Temporary replacement of an associate professor at the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.
May 2015–March 2016	Postdoc in the Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context,” MC7: “Political Legitimation,” University of Heidelberg.
November 2014– April 2015	Fellow at the Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe,” the Theological Seminary, and the Institute for Religious Studies, University of Heidelberg.
September 2011– October 2014	Doctoral scholarship from the German National Academic Foundation for the project “Socialism, Catholicism, and Occultism in Nineteenth-Century France.”
2009–2010	Semester abroad at the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.
2008–2011	Student assistant in the special research program “Sonderforschungsbereich Ritualdynamik” (SFB 619), at the Department of Medieval History (Prof. Dr. Bernd Schneidmüller), and at the Institute for Religious Studies, University of Heidelberg.
2005–2010	Studies in Ancient, Medieval, and Early Modern History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, University of Heidelberg.

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

Since 2025	Head of the Equal Opportunities Team, Faculty of Theology, University of Göttingen.
Since 2024	Liaison lecturer (<i>Vertrauensdozent</i>) of the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes).

2022–2024	Board member of the Austrian Association for Religious Studies (ÖGRW).
2022–2024	Co-representative of post- and predocs, Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Vienna.
2020	Postdoc representative in the General Assembly of the Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics,” University of Münster.
2015–2016	Project coordinator of project MC7, “Political Legitimation,” in the Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context” at the University of Heidelberg.

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND PRIZES

February 2025	Lower Saxony Professorship grant (456,880 Euro).
April 2024	Research grant by the German Research Foundation (DFG) for “Socialist Mysticism, Mystical Socialism.”
Juli–August 2023	Fellowship at Harvard University, funded by the Gerda Henkel Foundation.
2016–2019	Research grant by the German Research Foundation (DFG) for “Tantra Within the Context of a Global Religious History of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries.”
2011–2014	Doctoral scholarship by the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes).
November 2011	Travel stipend by the Graduate Academy of the University of Heidelberg for the attendance of the Conference of the American Academy of Religion in San Francisco, November 19–22.
2008–2011	Study scholarship by the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes).

EDITORIAL WORK AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Member of the Editorial Board of the *Interdisciplinary Journal for Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society*.
- Book review editor of *Aries: Journal for the Study of Western Esotericism* (Brill).

- Peer reviews for Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Brill, De Gruyter, Equinox, Taylor & Francis, Anthem Press, inter alia.
- Grant reviews for the German Research Foundation (DFG), the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the Central European University, the National Science Centre Poland, and the Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia.

MONOGRAPHS

1. *Global Tantra: Religion, Science, and Nationalism in Colonial Modernity*, New York: Oxford University Press 2022. [[Link](#)]
2. *Sozialismus, Katholizismus und Okkultismus im Frankreich des 19. Jahrhunderts: Die Genealogie der Schriften von Eliphas Lévi*, Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter 2016. [[Link](#)]
3. *Vril: Eine okkulte Urkraft in Theosophie und esoterischem Neonazismus*, München/Paderborn: Wilhelm Fink 2013. [[Link](#)] (Extensive review in *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, further reviews in *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* as well as in diverse academic journals.)

EDITED VOLUMES AND SPECIAL ISSUES

1. with Chienhui Chuang and Sangyun Han, *Esotericism in East Asia: Cultural Interpretation and Politics*, London/New York: Bloomsbury, forthcoming.
2. with Marleen Thaler and Dominic Zöhrer, *Subtle Energies in Therapy, Spirituality, Arts, and Politics: 1800–Present*, Leiden/Boston: Brill, forthcoming.
3. *Far-Right Politics and the Study of Esotericism*, special issue of *Aries* 25/2, 2025. <https://brill.com/view/journals/arie/25/2/arie.25.issue-2.xml>
4. *Global Religious History: Perspectives for Religious Comparativism*, special issue of the *Interdisciplinary Journal for Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society* 10, 2024. <https://brill.com/view/journals/jrat/10/1/jrat.10.issue-1.xml>
5. with Milinda Banerjee, *The Mahabharata in Global Political and Social Thought*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2024.
6. with Giovanni Maltese, *Global Religious History*, special issue of *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 33/3–4, 2021. <https://brill.com/view/journals/mtsr/33/3-4/mtsr.33.issue-3-4.xml>
7. with Egil Asprem, *New Approaches to the Study of Esotericism* (Supplements to *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 17), Leiden/Boston: Brill 2021.

8. with Hans Martin Krämer, *Theosophy Across Boundaries: Transcultural and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on a Modern Esoteric Movement*, Albany: State University of New York Press, 2020.
9. *Transgressing Boundaries*, special issue of *Aries* 16/1, 2016. <https://brill.com/view/journals/arie/16/1/arie.16.issue-1.xml>

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

1. “Esotericism, the New Right, and Academic Scholarship,” in: *Aries* 25/2, 2025, pp. 304–353.
2. with Egil Asprem, “Far-Right Politics and the Study of Esotericism,” in: *Aries* 25/2, 2025, pp. 151–162.
3. “Esotericism between Europe and East Asia: How the ‘Esoteric Distinction’ Became a Structure in Cross-Cultural Interpretation,” in: *Numen* 71/1, 2024, pp. 9–28.
4. “Global Religious History and Religious Comparativism,” in: *Journal for Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society*, 2024, pp. 1–30. Advance version doi:10.30965/23642807-bja10091
5. “Religious Comparativism, Esotericism, and the Global Occult: A Methodological Outline,” in: *Journal for Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society*, 2024, pp. 1–24. Advance version doi:10.30965/23642807-bja10080
6. “The Emergence of ‘Esoteric’ as a Comparative Category: Towards a Decentered Historiography,” in: *Implicit Religion*, 24/3–4, 2023, pp. 353–383.
7. “(Anti-)Colonialism, Religion, and Science in Bengal from the Perspective of Global Religious History,” in: *Journal of Global History* 18/1, 2023, pp. 88–107.
8. “Theosophy, Race, and the Study of Esotericism,” in: *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 89/4, 2022, pp. 1180–1189.
9. with Giovanni Maltese, “Global Religious History,” in: *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 33/3–4, 2021, pp. 229–257.
10. “Rajnarayan Basu and His ‘Science of Religion’: The Emergence of Religious Studies through Exchanges between Bengali and Christian Reformers, Orientalists, and Theosophists,” in: *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 33/3–4, 2021, pp. 289–320.
11. “Das sozialistische ‘Königreich Gottes auf Erden’ als Erfüllung der Heilsgeschichte,” in: *Berliner Theologische Zeitschrift* 37, 2020, pp. 140–159.

12. "Socialism and Esotericism in July Monarchy France," in: *History of Religions* 57/2, 2017, pp. 197–221.
13. "Occultist Identity Formations Between Theosophy and Socialism in *fin-de-siècle* France," in: *Numen* 64/5–6, 2017, pp. 568–595.
 - Translated into Polish as "Formowanie się tożsamości okultystycznych wśród teozofii i socjalizmu we Francji *fin de siècle*," in: *Tekstualia* 63/4, 2020, pp. 23–48.
14. "Revolution, Illuminismus und Theosophie: Eine Genealogie der 'häretischen' Historiographie des frühen französischen Sozialismus und Kommunismus," in: *Historische Zeitschrift* 304/1, 2017, pp. 50–89.
15. "The 'Baphomet' of Eliphas Lévi: Its Meaning and Historical Context," in: *Correspondences* 4, 2017, pp. 37–79.
 - Translated into Greek as "Μπαφομέτ – Η Αγνώστη Ιστορία και η Αληθινή Σημασία ενός Συμβόλου," Thessaloniki/Athens: Daidaleos 2020.
 - Translated into Korean as "엘리파스 레비의 바포메트의 의미와 역사적 배경," Enochian 2022.
16. "Socialist Religion and the Emergence of Occultism: A Genealogical Approach to 'Secularization' in 19th-Century France," in: *Religion* 46/3, 2016, pp. 359–388.
17. "Transgressing Boundaries: Social Reform, Theology, and the Demarcations between Science and Religion," in: *Aries* 16/1, 2016, pp. 1–11.
18. "Ein neues Christentum. Frühsozialismus, Neo-Katholizismus und die Einheit von Religion und Wissenschaft," in: *Zeitschrift für Religions- und Geistesgeschichte* 66/2, 2014, pp. 140–162.
19. "Die Erfindung des esoterischen Nationalsozialismus im Zeichen der Schwarzen Sonne," in: *Zeitschrift für Religionswissenschaft* 20/2, 2012, pp. 223–268.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. "Hinduism, Sanātana Dharma, and the Global Struggle about 'True Religion'," in: Frank Peter, Paula Schrode & Ricarda Stegmann (eds.), *Conceptualizing Islam*, Abingdon: Routledge 2025, pp. 59–76.
2. "Awakening India's Shakti: Tantra and (Anti-)Modern Hindu Identity," in: Karl Baier & Mriganka Mukhopadhyay (eds.), *Occult South Asia*, forthcoming.

3. “Esoterik und Rechtsextremismus: Ansätze für die politische Bildungsarbeit,” in: Ansgar Martins & Philipp Wilhelm Kranemann (eds.), *Esoterik in der politischen Bildung: Begriffe, Probleme und Perspektiven*, Frankfurt am Main: Wochenschau Wissenschaft 2024, pp. 146–156.
4. “Daoism and Kung Fu as Occult Sciences: Historical Comparisons between Chinese Practices and Mesmerism,” in: Lukas Pokorny & Franz Winter (eds.), *Appropriating the Dao: The Euro-American Esoteric Reception of East Asian Thought*, London/New York: Bloomsbury 2024, pp. 15–34.
5. “Theosophy and Race,” in: Charles Stang & Jason Josephson-Storm (eds.), *Theosophy and the Study of Religion*, Leiden/Boston: Brill 2024, pp. 196–222.
6. “Eliphas Lévi: Lucifer as Revolutionary and Redeemer,” in: Per Faxneld & Johan Nilson (eds.), *Satanism: A Reader*, New York: Oxford University Press 2023, pp. 24–49.
7. “Tantra as Experimental Science in the Works of John Woodroffe,” in: Yves Mühlematter & Helmut Zander (eds.), *Occult Roots of Religious Studies: On the Influence of Non-Hegemonic Currents on Academia around 1900*, Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter 2021, pp. 132–160.
8. “Towards the Study of Esotericism Without the ‘Western’: Esotericism from the Perspective of a Global Religious History,” in: Egil Asprem & Julian Strube (eds.), *New Approaches to the Study of Esotericism* (Supplements to Method & Theory in the Study of Religion), Leiden/Boston: Brill 2021, pp. 45–66.
9. with Egil Asprem: “Esotericism’s Expanding Horizon: Why This Book Came to Be” & “Afterword: Outlines of a New Roadmap,” in: Egil Asprem & Julian Strube (eds.), *New Approaches to the Study of Esotericism* (Supplements to Method & Theory in the Study of Religion), Leiden/Boston: Brill 2021, pp. 1–19 & 241–251.
10. “Yoga and Meditation in Esoteric Traditions,” in: Suzanne Newcombe & Karen O’Brien-Kop (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Yoga and Meditation Studies*, Abingdon: Routledge 2020, pp. 130–145.
11. “Hinduism, Western Esotericism and New Age Religion,” in: Knut Jacobsen & Ferdinando Sardella (eds.), *Handbook of Hinduism in Europe*, 2 vols., Leiden/Boston: Brill 2020, pp. 152–173.
12. “Tantra und Katholizismus im Kontext einer globalen Religionsgeschichte“, in: Olaf Blaschke & Francisco Javier Ramón Solans (eds.), *Weltreligion im Umbruch: Transnationale Perspektiven auf das Christentum in der Globalisierung des 19. Jahrhunderts*, Frankfurt: Campus Verlag 2019, pp. 338–362.
13. “Contested Christianities: Communism and Religion in July Monarchy France,” in: Stefan Arvidsson, Jakub Beneš & Anja Kirsch (eds.), *Socialist Imaginations: Utopias, Myths, and the Masses*, Abingdon: Routledge 2019, pp. 21–40.

14. “Doesn’t Occultism Lead Straight to Fascism?” in: Wouter Hanegraaff, Peter J. Forshaw & Marco Pasi, *Hermes Explains*, Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press 2019, S. 225–231.
15. “Esoterik und Rechtsextremismus,” in: Udo Tworuschka (ed.), *Handbuch der Religionen*, vol. 55, München: Olzog-Verlag 2018, pp. 1–20.
16. “Nazism and the Occult,” in: Christopher Partridge (ed.), *The Occult World*, Abingdon: Routledge 2015, pp. 336–347.

ENTRIES IN REFERENCE WORKS

1. “Esotericism and Yoga,” in: Tracy Coleman (ed.), *Oxford Bibliographies in Hinduism*, New York: Oxford University Press 2023, doi:10.1093/obo/9780195399318-0263.
2. “Global Approaches in the Study of Esotericism,” in: Egil Asprem (ed.), *Brill Dictionary of Contemporary Esotericism*, Leiden/Boston: Brill, forthcoming.
3. “Fascism and Nazism (neo),” in: Egil Asprem (ed.), *Brill Dictionary of Contemporary Esotericism*, Leiden/Boston: Brill, forthcoming.
4. “Savitri Devi,” in: Egil Asprem (ed.), *Brill Dictionary of Contemporary Esotericism*, Leiden/Boston: Brill, forthcoming.
5. “Tantra (contemporary),” in: Egil Asprem (ed.), *Brill Dictionary of Contemporary Esotericism*, Leiden/Boston: Brill, forthcoming.
6. “Tempelhofgesellschaft,” in: Egil Asprem (ed.), *Brill Dictionary of Contemporary Esotericism*, Leiden/Boston: Brill, forthcoming.
7. “The Esoteric in Contemporary Politics,” in: Egil Asprem (ed.), *Brill Dictionary of Contemporary Esotericism*, Leiden/Boston: Brill, forthcoming.

MATERIAL FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION

- “Globale Religionswissenschaft in Wendezeiten,” public lecture 2025, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3QgERuDjuo>
- “Religion, Esoterik und die Neue Rechte in Europa: Eine Kulturrevolution von rechts?“, public lecture 2025: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=digAfbimrJw>
- “Rechtsextreme Symbolik erkennen und verstehen,” in: *Weiterbildung* 5, 2024, pp. 18–20.

- “Rechtsextreme Esoterik,” Federal Agency for Political Education, 2024: <https://www.bpb.de/themen/rechtsextremismus/dossier-rechtsextremismus/550441/rechtsextreme-esoterik/>
- “Esoterik und Rechtsextremismus,” brochure for the Information and Documentation Centre for Anti-Racism Work, 13 pages, 2017: https://www.vielfalt-mediathek.de/data/strube_esoterik_und_rechtsextremismus_vielfalt_mediathek.pdf

NON-ACADEMIC ARTICLES

1. “Esoterik, Populismus und die neurechte Avantgarde,” in: *Marginalien*, April 17th 2018: <https://marginalie.hypotheses.org/642>
2. “How Socialism Helped to Seed the Landscape of Modern Religion,” in: *Aeon*, November 14th, 2017: <https://aeon.co/ideas/how-socialism-helped-to-seed-the-landscape-of-modern-religion>

REVIEWS AND MINOR CONTRIBUTIONS

1. “Esotericism and Global Religious History,” in: *Aries* 24/2, 2024, pp. 260–264.
2. “Dynamiken des Religionskontakts im Dialog mit verflechtungsgeschichtlichen Ansätzen der Globalen Religionsgeschichte,” *ARGOS* 3/1, 2024, pp. 1-6.
3. “Ankur Barua, The Brahmo Samaj and its Vaiṣṇava Milieus: Intersections of Hindu Knowledge and Love in Nineteenth Century Bengal,” in: *Religious Studies Review* 48, 2022, p. 284.
4. “Katharina Limacher, Doing mandir, doing kōvil: Eine empirische Rekonstruktion hinduistischer Tempelpraktiken in der Schweiz und in Österreich,” in: *Religion in Austria* 7, 2022.
1. “Milinda Banerjee, The Mortal God: Imagining the Sovereign in Colonial India,” in: *Global Intellectual History*, 7/2, 2022, pp. 402–405.
2. “The Emergence of ‘Marxism’ in its Historical Context: A Perspective from Religious Studies,” in: *Global Intellectual History* 3/3, 2018, pp. 275–281.
3. “Eric Kurlander, Hitler’s Monsters: A Supernatural History of the Third Reich,” in: *Correspondences* 5, 2017, pp. 130–139.
4. “Monika Black/Eric Kurlander, Revisiting the Nazi Occult,” in: *The German Quarterly* 90/3, 2017, pp. 396–398.

5. “Peter Staudenmaier, Between Occultism and Nazism: Anthroposophy and the Politics of Race in the Fascist Era,” in: *Aries* 17/2, 2017, pp. 254–259.
6. “Stimulating new Research on the Controversy of the ‘Nazi Occult’,” in: *Aries*, 2016.
7. “Tantra im Kontext der globalen Religionsgeschichte des 19. und 20. Jahrhunderts,” in: *Jahresheft Theologie* 10, 2014/2015, pp. 91–99.
8. “René Gründer, Blótgemeinschaften: Eine Religionsethnografie des ‘germanischen Neuheidentums’,” in: *Aries* 13/2, 2013, pp. 317–321.
9. with Christian Funke, *Leitfaden zum Recherchieren und Schreiben wissenschaftlicher Arbeiten*, Institut für Religionswissenschaft, University of Heidelberg, 2010, 20 pages: <https://religionswissenschaft.zegk.uni-heidelberg.de/studierende/dokumente/ha-formalia.pdf>

ORGANIZED EVENTS

February 2025	PhD Workshop “Socialist Mysticism, Mystical Socialism,” University of Stockholm, 19 February 2025.
November 2023	Founding conference of the work group “Esotericism and Alternative Religiosity” of the German Association for the Study of Religion, 9–10 November, University of Vienna.
July 2023	Workshop “Esotericism and Race,” co-organized with Jason Josephson-Storm, 16–17 July, Williams College, MA.
June 2023	International workshop “What is ‘Esotericism’ in South and East Asia?”, 30 June, University of Vienna.
July 2022	International workshop “Global Religious History: Perspectives for Religious Comparativism,” 28–29 July, University of Vienna.
June 2022	International workshop “Disenchantment and Asia,” 18 June, University of Vienna.
June 2022	Roundtable and book launch at the Oxford Center for Hindu Studies for “Global Tantra: Religion, Science, and Nationalism in Colonial Modernity,” 1 June, University of Oxford.
September 2015	International conference “Theosophy Across Boundaries,” 24–26 September, University of Heidelberg.

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

2022–2023	Postdoc mentoring program of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.
2021–2024	Supervisor in the Vienna Doctoral School of Theology and Research on Religion.
2021–2024	Supervision of BA and MA theses, University of Vienna.
November 2020– March 2021	Supervision of BA and MA theses, University of Hamburg
2015–2018	Mentor in the LGF Graduate School “Global Religious History from Regional Perspectives: Historization and Decentralisation of Religious Identities in the Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries,” University of Heidelberg.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- October 2019: Completion of the “Baden-Württemberg Certificate for Teaching and Learning at University Level.”
- Summer 2025, University of Göttingen: Seminar “The International New Right and Religion.”
- Summer 2025, University of Göttingen: Seminar “Religious Universalism, Colonialism, and Nationalism: Nineteenth-Century Exchanges between India, Europe, and the United States.”
- Summer 2025, University of Göttingen: Seminar “Esotericism – Health – Politics.”
- Summer 2025, University of Göttingen: Proseminar “Introduction to the World of Religions.”
- Summer 2025, University of Göttingen: Key Terms in Religious Studies.
- Winter 2024, University of Göttingen: Lecture “Esotericism and Alternative Religiosity.”
- Winter 2024, University of Göttingen: Seminar “‘Aryans’: Nationalism, Racism, and Religion from a Historical Perspective.”
- Winter 2024, University of Göttingen: Proseminar “Introduction to the History of Religion.”
- Summer 2024, University of Göttingen: Lecture “Introduction to Global Religious History.”
- Summer 2024, University of Göttingen: Seminar “Islam and Yoga in South Asia.”
- Summer 2024, University of Göttingen: Seminar “Esotericism, Occultism, and Spiritualism in Global Perspective.”
- Summer 2024, University of Göttingen: Proseminar “Introduction to the World of Religions.”
- Summer 2024, University of Göttingen: Key Terms in Religious Studies.

- Winter 2023, University of Vienna: MA course “The Role of Aryanism for Religion and Nationalism.”
- Winter 2023, University of Vienna: Lecture “Alternative Religious Currents: A Global Perspective.”
- Summer 2023, University of Vienna: Lecture “Introduction to the Systematic-Comparative Study of Religion.”
- Summer 2023, University of Vienna: MA course “Foundations of Historical Source Work in Religious Studies.”
- Winter 2022–2023, University of Vienna: MA course “Islam and Yoga.”
- Winter 2022–2023, University of Vienna: Lecture “Alternative Religious Currents: A Global Perspective.”
- Summer 2022, Masaryk University Brno: MA course “Tantra between Tradition and Modernity.”
- Summer 2022, University of Vienna: MA course “Conspiracy Theories.”
- Summer 2022, University of Vienna: MA course “Source Texts of Esotericism and Occultism.”
- Winter 2021–2022, University of Vienna: Lecture “Introduction to the Systematic-Comparative Study of Religion.”
- Winter 2021–2022, University of Vienna: Lecture “Alternative Religious Currents: A Global Perspective.”
- Summer 2021, University of Vienna: Lecture “Alternative Religious Currents: A Global Perspective.”
- Summer 2021, University of Vienna: MA course “Hinduism and Esotericism.”
- Winter 2020–2021, University of Hamburg: Lecture “Introduction to Religious Studies.”
- Winter 2020–2021, University of Hamburg: Lecture “History of Religion in South and East Asia.”
- Winter 2020–2021, University of Hamburg: *Hauptseminar* “From the Corona Demos to the Lebensreform: Religion, Health, and Politics in the Context of Alternative New Age Spirituality.”
- Winter 2020–2021, University of Hamburg: *Hauptseminar* “Religion and Social Reform within the Global Exchanges between Christian Unitarians and Bengali Hindus in the Nineteenth Century.”
- October/November 2020, University of Mashhad/University of Münster, Summer School “Exploring Christianity in Asia”: “Religious Universalism in Nineteenth-Century Bengal: Exchanges Between Unitarians and Indian Reformers.”
- July 2020, Jagiellonian University Kraków: Course for the Yoga Studies Summer School about “The Reception of Yoga as ‘Occultism’ and ‘Esotericism’ in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries.”

- Winter 2018–2019, University of Vienna, Austria: MA course “Esotericism and Far-Right Extremism.”
- Winter 2016–2017, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands: MA course “Esotericism between East and West.”
- Winter 2016–2017, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands: BA course “Western Esotericism since the 18th Century.”
- Winter 2016–2017, University of Münster, Germany: BA/MA course “Occultism between Religion and Politics.”
- Winter 2014–2015, University of Heidelberg, Germany: BA/MA course “Alternative Religious Movements in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century.”
- Winter 2012–2013, University of Lucerne, Switzerland: BA/MA course “The Emergence of Modern Esotericism.”
- Winter 2011–2012, University of Heidelberg, Germany: BA/MA course “Occultism in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century.”
- Winter 2010–2011, University of Heidelberg, Germany: Tutorial “Scientific Writing.”

FIELD WORK AND RESEARCH TRIPS

- October–November 2018: Research trip to West Bengal and Tamil Nadu, India.
- February–March 2016: Research trip to West Bengal and Assam, India.

MEDIA/OUTREACH

1. June 2025: Interview with the podcast *Vorpolitisch*: “Esoterischer Hitlerismus, VRIL und Theosophie.”
2. March 2025: Interview with the Harvard Center for the Study of World Religions: “Social Histories and Doctrines of Global Tantra and Occultism.”
3. March 2025: Interview with the podcast *Vorpolitisch*: “Julius Evola, Frauenfeindlichkeit und die ‚Neue‘ Rechte.”
4. December 2024: Interview with the podcast *QAnon Anonymous*: “The Völk Mind Virus.”
5. December 2023: Interview with *Ö1* about “Helena Blavatsky – the crazy life of a pioneer of esotericism.”
6. October 2023: TV interview with *ORF* on Spiritualism.

7. März 2023: Interview with *Angela's Symposium*: "Tantra, Daoism, Buddhism: Esotericism from a Global Historical Perspective."
8. December 2022: "Tantra since the Nineteenth Century: A Global History," guest article for *Der Standard*.
9. October 2022: Entry for the *Oxford University Press Blog* about "Modern Tantra and the Global History of Religion."
10. August 2022: Interview with *Bayerischer Rundfunk* about "Ecological on the outside, brown on the inside: dangerous esotericism."
11. June 2022: Interview with the *Journal of the History of Ideas Blog* about "Global Tantra: Religion, Science, and Nationalism in Colonial Modernity."
12. February 2022: Interview with *New Books Network* about "Global Tantra: Religion, Science, and Nationalism in Colonial Modernity."
13. October 2021: Interview with *New Books Network* about "Theosophy across Boundaries" and global approaches within religious studies.
14. June 2021: Interview with *Neue Vorarlberger Tageszeitung*: "Extreme Skeptics and Deniers."
15. June 2021: Interview with *Salzburger Nachrichten*: "Where the Scene of Corona Skeptics is Heading to."
16. February 2021: Interview with *BR* about "Why Esotericists and Right-Wingers Do Not Accidentally Protest Together."
17. September 2020: Radio interview with *SRF* about "Right-Wing Radicals Shoulder to Shoulder with Esotericists: What is the Common Ground?"
18. August 2020: Radio interview with *Deutschlandfunk* about "Querdenken 711 – What the Worldview of the 'Hygiene Activists' Consists Of."
19. January 2019: Radio interview with *ORF* about "National Socialism and Religion."
20. January 2019: Interview with *Katholische Presseagentur Österreich* about "In the Light of the Black Sun: Vienna, Neo-Nazis & Esotericism."
21. November 2018: Radio Interview with *BR* about "The Esotericism of the National Socialists – Racist Occultism."
22. 2018: British Library South Asia Series Podcast about "Bengali Tantra and Nationalism."
23. 2017: Interview for the *National Geographic TV* documentary "World War Weird" about the relationship between National Socialism and esotericism.
24. February 2014: Radio Interview with *WDR* about "National Socialism and Religion."

25. August 2013: Interview with REMID (Religionswissenschaftlicher Medien- und Informationsdienst) about “Socialism and Occultism.”

26. April 2013: Interview with REMID about “esoteric neo-Nazism.”

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Religion.
- De Nobili Research Library Vienna.
- Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft.
- European Association for South Asian Studies.
- Royal Asiatic Society.
- Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Theologie.

INVITED LECTURES AND KEYNOTES

1. “Western Civilization in the Kali Yuga: Civilizationist Narratives within Global Far-Right Networks,” Civilization and Conceptions of World Order, University of Göttingen, 16–17 June 2025.
2. “Globale Religionsgeschichte in Zeitenwenden: Was kann Religionswissenschaft gesellschaftlich leisten?” inaugural lecture, University of Göttingen, 7 May 2025.
3. “Esoterik und Rechtsextremismus: Eine Verhältnisbestimmung,” Bayerische Landeszentrale für politische Bildungsarbeit, Akademie für politische Bildung Tutzing, 17–18 March 2025.
4. “The Global History of Modern Tantra,” Harvard Center for the Study of World Religions, 13 March 2025.
5. “From the Revolt Against the Modern World to the Great Replacement: Esotericism, Conspiracy Narratives, and the New Right,” Staging Enmity: From Representation to Projection, University of Heidelberg, 24–25 January 2025.
6. “Religion, Esoterik und die „Neue Rechte“ in Europa: Eine Kulturrevolution von rechts?” lecture series Gesellschaftlicher Zusammenhalt, University of Göttingen, 21 January 2025.
7. “Religionsvergleich und globale Religionsgeschichte,” Global Histories: Lectures on Christianity and Religions, University of Halle, 21 November 2024.

8. "Esotericism and the German-Speaking New Right: Great Replacement, Occident, and Kali Yuga," Conspiracy Theories and Religion: Examining the Intersection from a Religious Studies Perspective, University of Zürich, 12–13 September 2024.
9. "Die Bedeutung von Esoterik für die Neue Rechte: Großer Austausch, Abendland und Kali Yuga," Tagung der Wissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft für Theologie, University of Heidelberg, 8–11 September 2024.
10. "Religious Universalism and Nationalism in Bengal," Asian Regionalisms in an Age of De-Globalization: Observing, Discoursing, Identifying, University of Göttingen, 5 July 2024.
11. "Notions of 'Esotericism' in Different (Academic) Cultural Contexts: Bridging Gaps and Starting Conversations," Religion and the Occult in Modern Japan, University of Amsterdam, 21 June 2024.
12. "Hinduism, Tantra, and the Question of an 'Esoteric Corpus'," FU Berlin, 18 October 2023.
13. "Esotericism and Politics in Academic Education and Public Discourse," Pedagogy and Esotericism, Kokugakuin University, Tokyo, 20 September 2023.
14. "Aryanism in the Tangle of Iranian and German Nationalism," Esotericism and Race, Williams College, MA, 16–17 July 2023.
15. "What is 'Esotericism' in Asia? Methodological Challenges and Historical Developments since the Sixteenth Century," What is "Esotericism" in South and East Asia?, University of Vienna, 30 June 2023.
16. "What Is 'Esotericism' from Global and Comparative Perspectives?," India in the Making of the Global Esoteric, 1200–2000, University of Leiden, 15–16 June 2023.
17. "Scripture and Knowledge within Exchanges between the USA, Europe, and Bengal," Heidelberg Center for American Studies, University of Heidelberg, 25–27 May 2023.
18. "Yoga and Nationalism" & "The Global History of Modern Tantra," University of Lausanne, 4 April 2023.
19. "The Global History of Modern Tantra," ETH Zürich, 3 November 2022.
20. "A Global Historical Approach to the Study of Esotericism and the Challenge of Comparativism," Esotericism East and West: New Perspectives, Tohoku University, Japan, 22 September 2022.
21. "Esoterik und Rechtsextremismus – Historische Kontinuitäten vom Nationalsozialismus bis zum heutigen Rechtsextremismus," Esoterik und Demokratie: Ein Spannungsverhältnis, Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung (Federal Agency for Civic Education), Fulda, 5–6 September 2022.
22. "Experience and Practice in Bengali Śākta Philosophy between Local Tradition and Modern Science," Workshop "Experiments with Experience," University of Bern, 2–3 September 2022.

23. "Mobilität und globale Verbindungen im kolonialen Kontext: Rammohan Roy und die Entstehung der vergleichenden Religionswissenschaft," keynote, VI. Interdisziplinärer Kongress für Pietismusforschung „Reisen und Religion im (langen) 18. Jahrhundert“, University of Halle, 27–31 August 2022.
24. "Decolonial Desires: Thinking through Discipline and Difference," discussion with Saurabh Dube, Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen Vienna, 13 June 2022.
25. "Contextualizing 'Orthodoxy' and 'Reform': Shashadhar Tarkachuramani and the Sarvamangala Sabha," Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, 4–6 February 2022.
26. "Autorität durch Geheimnis und Initiation: Indische Agency im Austausch mit der Theosophischen Gesellschaft," University of Augsburg, 3 February 2022.
27. "Esotericism – East, West, or Universal? A Global Historical Approach to Tantra and Theosophy," University of Stockholm, 26 November 2021.
28. Book launch "Handbook of Hinduism in Europe," Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, 22 November 2021.
29. Roundtable "Intellectual History and Political Economy," Decolonising Archives, Rethinking Canons, University of Cambridge, 26 March 2021.
30. "Vom 'Mapah' zum ‚Baphomet‘: Die Wurzeln alternativ-religiöser sexueller Devianz und Androgynität im französischen Frühsozialismus," Gender- und Queerstudies als erkenntnistheoretische Herausforderung für die Religionswissenschaft, University of Hamburg, 2 June 2021.
31. "Das sozialistische ‚Königreich Gottes auf Erden‘ als Erfüllung der Heilsgeschichte," Gott und Zeit. Religiöse und philosophische Zeitvorstellungen von der Antike bis zur Gegenwart, HU Berlin, 7–8 February 2020.
32. "Savitri Devi: Esoteric (Neo-)Nazism and Bengali Nationalism," Knowledge of India in Nazi Germany, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, 31 January 2020.
33. "Radical Reformism, Occultism, and Freemasonry in Nineteenth-Century France," Edges of Freemasonry II, University of Tampere, 30–31 August 2019.
34. "Esotericism and Contemporary Far-Right Politics," University of Catania, 27 May 2019.
35. "Yoga and Meditation in Modern Esoteric Traditions," Disciplines and Dialogue: The Future of Yoga and Meditation Studies, SOAS London, 28–29 March 2019.
36. "Awakening India's Shakti: Tantra and (Anti-)Modern Hindu Identity," Occult South Asia Workshop, University of Vienna, 23–24 November 2018.

37. "Modern Śākta Identities in a Global Context: Bengali Tāntrikas and John Woodroffe," Śākta Traditions Symposium II, University of Oxford, 1 June 2018.
38. "Bengali Tantra, Orthodoxy, and Nationalism," South Asia Series, British Library London, 26 February 2018.
39. "Der Streit zwischen Sozialisten und progressiven Katholiken um die 'wahre' Religion im Frankreich des 19. Jahrhunderts," International Research Training Group "Religious Cultures in 19th and 20th-Century Europe", Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, 26 July 2017.
40. "Eliphas Lévi and the Historiography of Occultism," Thesis Prize speech at the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism, University of Erfurt, 1–3 June 2017.
41. "Hinduism, Western Esotericism, and New Age Religion," Hinduism in Europe, University of Stockholm, 26–28 April 2017.
42. "The Socialist Roots of Occultism, or the Occult Roots of Nazism? A Discussion of the Tangled Relationship Between Esotericism and Politics in the Nineteenth Century," ETH Zürich, 9–11 March 2017.
43. "Die Entstehung alternativer Katholizismen im Frankreich des 19. Jahrhunderts und die Globalisierung der universalen Religion." Conference by the Cluster of Excellence "Religion and Politics" in Münster, about "Weltreligion im Umbruch: Transnationale Perspektiven auf das Christentum in der Globalisierung des 19. Jahrhunderts," 7–9 Oktober 2016.
44. "Early French Socialism and its Influence on the European History of Religions," University of Amsterdam, 26 September 2016.
45. "Alternative Konzepte von 'Religion' im Kontext von Sozialismus, Katholizismus und Okkultismus: Die Bedeutung des Fortschrittsdiskurses für die Schriften von Eliphas Lévi," Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, 23–24 June 2016.
46. "French Socialist Movements and Religion," Utrecht University, 17 May 2016.
47. "Socialism and Religion in Nineteenth-Century France," Presidency University Calcutta, 24 February 2016.
48. "Heilende Naturkräfte im Spannungsfeld von Esoterik, Religion, Wissenschaft und Politik". Workshop "Towards an Anthropology of Blessing," artes Graduate School Cologne, 31 March–1 April 2015.
49. "Okkultismus und Sozialismus," Doctoral colloquium of Prof. Dr. Sylvia Paletschek, Freiburg, 3 December 2013.
50. "Die Entstehung des Okkultismus im 19. Jahrhundert," Workshop zum Stand der Erforschung von Theosophie und Anthroposophie, Fribourg, 28 February – 1 March 2013.

51. "Das 'Vril'-Konzept im Spannungsfeld zwischen Okkultismus, Spiritismus, Parapsychologie und Politik," WGFP-Kolloquium, Freiburg, 21–23 October 2011.
52. "Vril: Zur Geschichte eines Begriffs im Kontext westlicher Esoterik," IGPP-Kolloquium, Freiburg, 3 November 2010.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

1. Co-organization of panels about "Globale Religionsgeschichte und Religionsvergleich" with own paper on "Die Entstehung 'esoterischer' Vergleichskategorien zwischen Europa und Asien vom 17. bis zum 19. Jahrhundert," Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft, University of Bayreuth, 25–28 September 2023.
2. Co-organization of panels about "Neue Perspektiven für die Esoterikforschung" with own paper on "Arier-Konzepte im Geflecht zwischen Deutschland, Russland, Iran und Indien," Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft, University of Bayreuth, 25–28 September 2023.
3. "Sufis, Yogis, and Buddhists: 'Esoteric' as a Comparative Category since the Seventeenth Century," European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism, University of Malmö, 26–28 June 2023.
4. Roundtable on *Global Tantra* at the EASR conference with Adrian Hermann, Ulrike Schröder, and Karénina Kollmar-Paulenz, University College Cork, June 27–July 2022.
5. "Subtle Energies and Blunt Politics: Occult Forces within a Global Tangle of Nationalism and Racism," Subtle Energies: Explorations within Holistic Healing and Spirituality, University of Vienna, 28–30 April 2022.
6. "Tantra in Nineteenth-Century Bengal: Between Reform and Revival," AAR conference San Antonio (digital participation), 22 November 2021.
7. "Bengali Contributions to a Global History of 'Sciences of Religion'," Religion as an Object of Historical and Social Scientific Study: Global Perspectives, Research Group Multiple Secularities, Universität Leipzig, 3–5 November 2021.
8. "The Theosophical Society in India between Reform and Tradition," International Theosophical History Conference, 8–10 October 2021.
9. Roundtable "Global Religious History: Aspects of a Research Perspective for Religious Studies," Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft, University of Leipzig, 13–16 September 2021.
10. "(Anti-)Colonialism in Bengal from the Perspective of Global Religious History," Beyond Eurocentrism in Intellectual History, UCL Institute of Advanced Studies London, 2–4 September 2021.

11. "Tantra in Modern Bengal from the Perspective of a Global Religious History," European Conference on South Asian Studies, University of Vienna, 26–29 July 2021.
12. Co-organization of the panels and roundtable "Theoretische Grundlagen einer globalen Religionsgeschichte und ihre methodische Umsetzung" and own paper "(Anti-)Modernes Bengalisches Tantra im Kontext globaler Debatten über Religion, Wissenschaft und nationale Identität," Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft, University of Hannover, 3–6 September 2019.
13. "From Mesmerism to Tantrik Occultism: Contested Paths to Higher States of Consciousness" and organization of the roundtable "Should We Drop the 'Western'?", conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism, University of Amsterdam, 2–5 June 2019.
14. "Bengalischer Tantra im Kontext einer globalen Religionsgeschichte," Deutscher Südasietag, University of Bonn, 27–28 June 2019.
15. "(Anti-)Modern Religious Nationalism in Bengal: Tantra and Hindu Identity in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century," Religion und Religionsdiskurse transnational: Konstruktion und Abwehr von Globalität, German Historical Institute Rome, 21–22 June 2018.
16. "Tantra als 'Bharata Dharma': Hindunationalismus im frühen 20. Jahrhundert zwischen Universalität und Partikularität," Globale Religionsgeschichte aus regionaler Perspektive, University of Heidelberg, 7–9 June 2018.
17. "Tantra as Experimental Science in the Works of John Woodroffe," Conference „The Birth of the Study of Religion: Out of the Spirit of Occultism," University of Fribourg, 14–16 February 2018.
18. "La France Martyre, La France Messie: Elitism and Universalism in French Radical Socialism and Occultism," European Association for the Study of Religions, University of Leuven, 18–22 September 2017.
19. "Contested Christianities: Communism and Religion in July Monarchy France," European Association for the Study of Religions, University of Leuven, 18–22 September 2017.
20. "Tantra als universelle religiöse Tradition in den Schriften John Woodroffes," Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft, University of Marburg, 13–15 September 2017.
21. "Embracing Heresy: Radical Social Reform Movements and Esotericism in July Monarchy France," European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism, University of Erfurt, 1–3 June 2017.
22. "Die Rückkehr Gottes aus dem Exil: Katholische Polemiken und Apologien neuer Religionsformen in Frankreich," Die Romantik und ihre Religionen, University of Halle, 17–19 May 2017.
23. "The Emergence of French Occultism Against the Background of Neo-Catholic and Socialist Orientalism," European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism, 15–17 April 2015.

24. "Ein neues Christentum: Die Suche nach einer wissenschaftlichen Vernunftreligion im postrevolutionären Frankreich," Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft, 11–13 September 2013.
25. "Die Entstehung des Okkultismus," Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft, 11–13 September 2013.
26. "Social Regeneration and Universal Harmony: The Socialist Roots of Eliphas Lévi's Theory of Magnetism," European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism, 26–28 June 2013.
27. "Religion im französischen Frühsozialismus, 1825–1848," Working Group "Religion und Politik" of the Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionswissenschaft, 26–27 April 2013.
28. "Okkultismus und europäische Religionsgeschichte: Vernunft, Religiosität und Wissenschaftlichkeit an der Wende des 19. zum 20. Jahrhundert," Doctoral forum of the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, 14–16 June 2012.
29. "The Aryan Jesus from Outer Space: New Age Adaptations of *völkisch* Christianity," Regimes of Religious Pluralism, Universiteit van Amsterdam, 19–20 April 2012.
30. "Esotericism in German Far-Right Circles: Recent Developments Under the Sign of the Black Sun," Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, 19–22 November 2011.
31. "'Esoterischer Nazismus': Eine religionsgeschichtliche Betrachtung," 16. Symposium der Studierenden der Religionswissenschaft, Heidelberg, 21–23 May 2009.