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Born 05.05.1981 in Metz (France)

Citizenships: French, German

Two children

ACADEMIC CAREER

- Since 2020** **Professor of early modern history at Trier University**
- 2016** **Habilitation** in early modern and modern history at Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg
- Habilitation thesis: “Der koloniale Traum: Wissen, Aufklärung und die französisch-madagassische Begegnungen der Frühen Neuzeit” (“The Colonial Dream: Knowledge, Enlightenment, and French-Malagasy Encounters in Early Modern Times”)
- 2011-2020** **Lecturer** (*wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter*) in early modern history at Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg
- Oct. 2014-Feb. 2015 & Oct. 2017-Feb. 2018: parental leaves*

EDUCATION

- 2006-2011** **PhD** at Ludwig Maximilian University Munich and Paris IV Sorbonne (supervisors: Martin Schulze Wessel and Denis Crouzet)
- PhD thesis: “Mit Gott rechnen: Katholische Reform und politisches Kalkül in Frankreich, Bayern und Polen-Litauen” (“Counting on God: Catholic Reform and Political Strategies in France, Bavaria and Poland-Lithuania”) (grade: Summa cum laude)
- 2004-2006** **MA** in the elite programme in Eastern European Studies at Ludwig Maximilian University Munich (main subject: history; second subjects: European social anthropology/intercultural communication; grade: outstanding)
- 2005-2006** Warsaw University (history)
- 2000-2004** **MA** at Sciences Po Paris (social and cultural sciences, main subject: history) (grade: Summa cum laude)
- 2003** Humboldt University in Berlin (history)
- 2001-2002** Cologne University (history)
- 2000** Lycée Lakanal (interdisciplinary “classe préparatoire” in humanities)
- 1999** Baccalauréat at the *Französisches Gymnasium* (French grammar school) in Berlin

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024** **Nomination** by the university president as a candidate for the Leibniz Prize (DFG)

2023	Nomination by the university president as a candidate for the DFG review board
2021	Award „Geisteswissenschaften international“ (award of the Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandel, the Fritz-Thyssen-Stiftung, the Wissenschaftsfonds der VG WORT and the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
2018	Joint award of the Fondation del Duca and the Institut de France for <i>La Vierge et le Roi</i>
2016	Short-listed second for an associate professorship in premodern east European history at LMU Munich
2011	Postdoctoral fellowship at the Leibniz Institute of European History in Mainz
2010	Fellowship of the international research training group “Religious Cultures“ (LMU Munich)
2008	Research fellowship of the Ecole française de Rome (research institute for history and archaeology)
2007-2010	Doctoral scholarship of the German Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)
2007	Award of the Consulate General of Poland in Munich for my MA thesis
2005-2007	Member of the German Academic Foundation (<i>Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes</i>)

MEMBERSHIPS

Since 2026	Advisory board of Arye Maimon Institute for the history of Jews (Trier)
Since 2021	Board of Forschungszentrum Europa, Trier University (member of the directory)
Since 2021	Advisory board of Centrum für Postcolonial und Gender Studies (Trier)
Since 2019	Interdisciplinary Centre for European Enlightenment Studies (IZEA, Halle; associated member)
Since 2015	Verband der Historikerinnen und Historiker Deutschlands
Since 2014	German Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
Since 2011	Centre Roland Mousnier (Sorbonne/CNRS; associated member)

THIRD-PARTY FUNDING

Planned projects:

2026	ERC Advanced Grant proposal “State capture: Private interests and institutional development in early modern western Eurasia”
2026	Together with Joëlle Weis: “Starting a Revolution. The Writers and Pamphlets of the Parti patriote in France (1787-1789)”, DFG proposal, 582,000 €

Funded projects:

2026	Together with Kristina Engelhard: “Quellen zur Berliner Mittwochsgesellschaft” (ca. 170,000 €)
2025	Ernennung zum Scout der Alexander-von-Humboldt-Stiftung im Rahmen des Henriette-Herz-Scouting-Programms (Vorschlagsrecht für drei Stipendiat*innen, Gesamtvolumen an Stipendien ca. 216,000 €)

2025	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft: 3,600 € (Early Career Seminar der International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies: „Reforming Religion, Morality, and Society in Afro-Eurasia“)
2024	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft: € 4,200 (International conference “Bloody Politics: How Princes of the House of France Shaped Political Life (1661-1848)”)
2023-24	Together with Miriam Franchina: Prolongation of the project “Religion, slavery and race in the Age of Revolutions: Catholicism from colonial Saint-Domingue to independent Haiti, c1700 to c1830”: € 98.750
Since 2023	Together with Kristina Engelhard: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft: € 386,470 (“Sources to the Berlin Wednesday Society: Edition of the Möhsen Papers“)
Since 2021	European Research Council: € 1,948,683 (Consolidator Grant „Pamphlets and Patrons: How Courtiers Shaped the Public Sphere in Ancien Regime France“)
2020-2023	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft: € 175,057 (research project “Natural Religion and Politics in the French Revolution”)
2019-2023	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft: € 283,500 (research project “Religion, slavery and race in the Age of Revolutions: Catholicism from colonial Saint-Domingue to independent Haiti, c1700 to c1830”)
2018	Fritz-Thyssen-Stiftung and DHI Paris: € 13,000 (conference “Multiple spaces: Decentralising the French colonial empire (16 th -19 th centuries)”, Paris; with Dorit Brixius and Benjamin Steiner) Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation): € 7,300 for the organisation of the international conference “Connected Histories? Expectations of the Latter Days in Judaism, Christianity and Islam in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries”
2017	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation): € 9,300 for the publication of my habilitation thesis Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation): € 7,300 for the conference “The Enlightenment at court, and anti-court polemics in the Enlightenment” DAAD: € 2,250 for a stay at San Marcos University, Lima (Peru) as an invited professor
2016	Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD): € 1,700 for a trip to attend the annual conference of the German Studies Association in San Diego, California
2014	Landesforschungsschwerpunkt “Aufklärung – Religion – Wissen” (Research program of the land of Saxony-Anhalt “Enlightenment – Religion – Knowledge”): € 7,000 for the conference “Enlightened world appropriations: Imperial actors and scenarios of change in 18 th century”
2014	Together with Karsten Holste: Stiftung für deutsch-polnische Zusammenarbeit (Foundation for German-Polish Cooperation): € 1,300 for a study trip to Poznań
2010	Together with Christian Preusse: Gerda-Henkel-Stiftung (Gerda Henkel Foundation): € 12,251 for the conference “Representation and configuration of political order in the Holy Empire and in Poland-Lithuania”
Total:	3,243,461 € approved funds

Participation in other projects:

Seit 2025 Mentor for the DFG project of Dr. Giorgio Tosco (**338,500 €**)

Last update: June 2026

Since 2023	Mentor for BMBF Research group of Dr Adrian Masters „GloVib – Global Entanglements and Racialization: the Iberian Roots of the German Thinking on Race (16-20 th c.)“: around € 1,900,00
Since 2023	Mentor for Marie Curie fellowship of Dr Matthew McDonalds “GoLingua”: € 189,787
Since 2021	Preparation, as a potential PI, of the application for the Collaborative Research Center (<i>Sonderforschungsbereich</i>) “Maritime Dynamics”
Total:	Over 2,427,000 € approved funds

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Trier (in German)

2026	Bachelor course “Court society” (four hours/week) Master course “Dynasties” Course for the preparation of the final history exam Participation to the lecture “Introduction to the study of history” (two hours) Bachelor and master seminar in early modern history
2025/26	French reading course for historians Participation in the lecture “Introduction to the study of history” (two hours) Bachelor and master seminar in early modern history
2025	Course for the preparation of the final history exam Research seminar in early modern history Bachelor and master seminar in early modern history Participation in the lecture “Introduction to the study of history” (four hours)
2024/25	Participation in the lecture “Introduction to the study of history” (four hours) Research seminar in early modern history Bachelor and master seminar in early modern history
2024	Seminar “Oligarchy or Monarchy? French Royal Power Between the Wars of Religion and the French Revolution” Study trip to Paris (one week) Research seminar in early modern history Bachelor and master seminar in early modern history
2023/24	Research seminar in early modern history (together with Stephan Laux) Bachelor and master seminar in early modern history
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2021/22	Course “Early Modern Africa” (together with Miriam Franchina) Research seminar in early modern history (together with Stephan Laux) Workshop series “Between Versailles and the Bastille. Pens and Powers in Eighteenth-Century France”
	Bachelor and master seminar in early modern history
2021	Seminar „The European Expansion“ (together with Ursula Lehmkuhl) Research seminar in early modern history (together with Stephan Laux)
	Bachelor and master seminar in early modern history
2020/21	Seminar “Sex and Politics in the 18th Century“ Course “Masculinities in the 18th Century” Seminar “Conquista: the Spanish Conquest of America” Course: “Christian Terror: Ivan the Terrible” Bachelor and master seminar in early modern and modern history

Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (in German)

2019/20	Lecture “Racialization and racism in early modern Europe” Bachelor course “Race theories in early modern Europe” Course “Early modern Naples” (preparation for an study trip) Master course “Coffee and Cigarettes: colonial goods and European societies (17 th -19 th centuries)”
2019	Bachelor course “Conquista: How did a few thousand Spaniards conquer America?” Lecture “Absolute and sacred? French monarchy between the religious wars and the French Revolution” Bachelor course “Absolute and sacred? French monarchy between the religious wars and the French Revolution” Research seminar in early modern history
2018	Lecture “Apocalypse now! Politics and eschatological expectations in Judaism, Christianity and Islam (15 th -17 th centuries)” Master course “The Military Revolution” Bachelor course “History of Bohemia” Study trip to the southern Bohemia Research seminar in early modern history
2017	Lecture “Conquistadors, merchants, pirates and missionaries: The European expansion, 15 th – 18 th centuries” Master course “Writing world history: Europe and the world in early modern times”
2016/17	Bachelor course “Marriage, household order, friendship and work in 16 th -century Europe” Bachelor course “The outbreak of the Thirty Years’ War” Bachelor course “Vienna, the emperors, and the Holy Roman Empire” (together with Andreas Pečar and Ingrid Würth)

	Study trip to Vienna
2016	Master course "Antichrist and the Great Whore of Babylon: The Last Days and politics in pre-modern times" (together with Andreas Pečar and Ingrid Würth) Master course "Apocalyptic violence? The Bible and terror under Ivan the Terrible" Research seminar "Research in early modern history"
2015/16	Bachelor course "Terror and virtue: violence in the French Revolution" Bachelor course "The war of words and images: flyers in the Thirty Years' War"
2015	Master course "Imperialism and globalisation of Christianity: overseas religious missions in early modern times" Bachelor course "A kingdom in the Holy Roman Empire: Bohemia from the Hussite Revolution to recatholicisation"
2014	Bachelor and master course: "Paris, a stage for the French monarchy" (together with Andreas Pečar) Study trip to Paris
2013/14	Master course "Fighting for the abolition of the slave trade and slavery in the 18 th century" (together with Andreas Pečar) Bachelor course "Writing the history of Enlightenment" Research seminar "Research in early modern history" Bachelor course "Places of memory in Poznań. Architecture and public space as sources for historians" (together with Karsten Holste) Study travel to Poznań, Poland
2013	Bachelor course "Emperor of heretics, king of wild men: The world of Charles V" Bachelor course "An always new world: Perceptions of the Americas from Columbus to Tocqueville"
2012/13	Bachelor course "Monarchy and absolutism in France in the 17 th century" Master course "Enlightenment and the belief in progress: Diversity and universal history in the 18 th century"
2012	Bachelor course "Slavery in the Caribbean" Bachelor course "Knowledge and power: Postmodern theory for historians"
2011/12	Master course "Enlightenment and colonialism in the French empire" Bachelor course "The Storming of the Bastille" Bachelor course "Rome: Papal authority and perceptions of ancient Rome from the Middle Ages to fascism" (together with Andreas Pečar) Study travel to Rome
2011	Bachelor course "Reformation and Catholic Reform" Bachelor course "God's warriors: Wars of religion in Europe in the 16 th and 17 th centuries"

Ludwig Maximilian University Munich (in German)

2010/11	Bachelor course "Poland, from 1569 until today"
2009	Bachelor course "Eastern Central Europe in early modern times"

SUPERVISION OF BA, MA AND PHD THESES

Since 2021	Building the City of God. Rigorist-Augustinian Networks in Early Modern Languedoc (PhD project of Nele Döring; dissertation submitted)
Since 2021	Being a pamphleteer in the first half of the eighteenth century in France: Logics of social mobility (PhD project of Miranda Kam)
Since 2019	Theopolitics: Religion and Politics in the French Revolution (PhD project of Mathias Sonnleithner)
2020-2024	Teaching Theology in the Enlightenment (PhD project of Adrian Grave; second supervisor)
2016-2019	“Authority”. A political concept in the English Revolution and the Interregnum (PhD thesis of Carolin Schäfer; second supervisor)
2015-2025	Ca. 20 BA und MA theses on topics such as “The Moravian Missions”, “Luther and the Witches”, “Legitimation Strategies of Catherine II of Russia”, “The Concept of Reason of State”, “The Tatarian Embassy in Berlin 1750”, “Treason Trials in Early Modern England”, “National Consciousness in Luxemburg in the 18 th Century”, “Women in the French Revolution: Madame Roland”, “A Stylometric Analysis of Raynal’s <i>Histoire des deux Indes</i> ”, “Orientalism at the University of Strasbourg”, “The Brabant Revolution”

TRAININGS

2023	Training in stylometry (with Artjoms Sela and Joanna Byszuk, Uniwersytet Jagiellonski, Cracow)
2022, 2024	Trainings in network analysis (with Martin Grandjean, Université de Lausanne, and with Markus Gamper, Universität zu Köln)

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSABILITIES

2023-2024	Member of the commission to select a new professor in modern history, Trier University
2023-2024	Manager of the history institute of Trier University
2023	Member of the commission for the habilitation of Christian Reidenbach (French literature, Universität Bonn)
2022	President of the commission to select a new professor in medieval history and Jewish history, Trier University
2022	Member of the commission to select a new professor in French religious history, Frankfurt/Main University
2021-2023	Member of the jury for the prize of the best scholarly article by young scholars, Faculty III of Trier University
Seit 2021	Responsible for the Erasmus exchange programmes with France, Ireland and Spain; creation of a new exchange programme with Trinity College Dublin
2021	Member of the commission to select a new professor in democracy studies, Trier
Since 2020	Member of the assembly of professors of the history institute, Trier
2013-17	Representative of the academic personnel of the history institute, Halle
2013	Member of the commission to select a new professor in east European history, Halle

PAPER PRESENTATIONS (selection)

- 2006-2026 44 papers in research seminars at Universiteit Amsterdam, HU Berlin, Universität Bielefeld, Universität Bremen, TU Darmstadt, Universität Düsseldorf, TU Dresden, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Universität Frankfurt/Main (twice), Universität Freiburg, Universität Gießen, Forschungszentrum Gotha, Universität Halle (several), Universität Heidelberg, Universität Köln, Universität Krakau, Université de Lyon, LMU München, Historisches Kolleg München, Universität Münster, Université Paris-Sorbonne (twice), EHESS Paris, DHI Paris (twice), Nice, Princeton University, Universität Saarbrücken (twice), Universität Trier (twice), Universität Tübingen and Warsaw University
- Planned: 2027 “Court Society and the Origins of the French Revolution” (Pannel “Reconsidering political parties and order in the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Empire” at the conference of the Consortium on the revolutionary era in New Orleans, January 2027).
- 2026 “Christian Thomasius against Philosophie, or, What was Enlightenment?” (Conference of the German Studies Association in Phoenix, September 2026)
- Together with Mathias Sonnleithner: “God in the National Assembly. Religio-political language and constitutional debates in the French Revolution, 1789-1793” (Conference “The French Revolution and the Sacred”, Sciences Po Paris and Princeton, May 2026)
- 2025 Commentary at the conference “Ruling dynasties in the Age of Revolution, 1780-1850” (Vienna, Austrian Academy of Sciences, November 2025)
- Religious Reform, Inclusion and Exclusion in the Eighteenth Century: Enlightenment Tolerance Narratives as Instruments to Defend One’s Faith (Conference “Narratives of Toleration. Religious plurality and social diversity in early modern Christianity”, Berlin, 28-30 August 2025)
- Exploring authorship in Raynal’s *Histoire des deux Indes* (Voltaire Foundation Workshop on Digital Enlightenment Studies, 8-9 May 2025)
- 2024 The duc d’Orléans, the Palais-Royal court and the outbreak of the French Revolution (International conference “Bloody Politics: How Princes of the House of France Shaped Political Life (1661-1848)”, Universität Trier, June 20th-21st 2024)
- 2023 Die Aufklärung – das letzte Kapitel der mittelalterlichen Bildungs- und Wissensgeschichte? (Lecture series, Universität des Saarlandes, December 2023)
- The Triumph of Theocracy. Reconsidering the Age of Revolutions (Keynote lecture at the conference “Colonialism and the Age of Revolutions”, Leiden, November 2023)
- Das Gute und das Wahre: Wissen und teleologisches Weltbild in der Aufklärung (Historikertag Leipzig, September 2023)
- Roundtable “Interrogating Religion, Natural Rights, and Secularization from the Enlightenment to the Age of Revolution” (ISECS Conference, June 2023, Rome; together with Jeffrey Burson)
- The Palais-Royal Style of Revolution: the Faction of the Duc d’Orléans and Brissot’s politics (ISECS Conference, June 2023, Rome; Panel “Reconsidering the Public Sphere in Pre-Revolutionary France: Radical Writers and their Patrons”)
- Sensibilitätskultur und Polemik: Brissot gegen Chastellux (Conference “Invektiven in der Aufklärung” / “Invectives in the Enlightenment”, May 2023, Halle)
- Religion und Politik in der Französischen Revolution (“Religion and Politics in the French Revolution”, Public lecture at Frankfurt University in Spring 2023)
- 2022 Enlightenment and French Colonial Projects: Policies and Ideas (Workshop “The French Globalization Project”, Leipzig University)

- The PaPa project (Workshop “Book history with Heurist”, Online and at Trier University)
- Brissot, Secretary General of the Chancellery of the duc d’Orléans. The Palais-Royal Style of Revolution (Workshop “Libelles, Libellistes and Book Trade. Around Simon Burrows’ Oeuvre”, Trier University).
- The Palais-Royal Style of Revolution (Conference “Monarchy in Turmoil. Princes, Courts, and Politics in Revolution and Restoration, 1780-1830”, Leiden University, May)
- Révoltes et révolutions à l’époque moderne : perspectives historiographiques (“Revolts and Revolutions in Early Modern Times: Historiographical Perspectives”, Conference “Du mécontentement individuel à l’action collective ? Nouvelles recherches autour de la logique interne des révoltes modernes”, German Historical Institute Paris, March)
- Diderot, a Moderate *Philosophe*? (Conference “What was Moderate about the Enlightenment? Moderation in Eighteenth-Century Europe”, Newcastle, January)
- 2021 Theokratische Aufklärung? Gott und die Natur in den Schriften französischer Philosophen im 18. Jahrhundert (“Theocratic Enlightenment? God and Nature in the Writings of French Philosophes in the 18th Century”, Conference “Von der Physikotheologie zum Vitalismus”, Halle)
- 2019 Theocratic Enlightenment? (Conference “The Place of Religion in the Enlightenment”, Halle)
- The politics of French-Malagasy encounters: rivalries between imperial actors and integration of French people into Malagasy politics (Conference “De-centering early modern French colonial history”, Paris)
- 2018 Enlightened World Appropriations, 18th-19th centuries (Workshop with colleagues and students of the Universidad de San Marco, Lima, Peru)
- Diderot and the Right to Colonize. Anti-Spanish Propaganda and Patriotism in the History of the Two Indies (Conference “Civilisation – Nature – Subjugation. Variations of (de)colonisation”, Halle)
- Les Lumières (post)coloniales. Représentations du progrès dans les colonies de plantation françaises et à Haïti (1750-1820) (“The (post-)colonial Enlightenment. Ideas of Progress in the French Plantation Colonies and in Haiti”, Conference “L’actualité des Lumières dans les Caraïbes françaises : religion, savoir et raison”, Halle)
- How to Become a Terrorist. Ivan the Terrible and the Age of Apocalypticism (Conference “Connected Histories? Expectations of the Latter Days in Judaism, Christianity and Islam in the 16th and 17th centuries”, Halle)
- With God and “heretics” against fellow Catholics, or Can it be that the war of France against Spain was religious? (European Academy of Religions, Bologna, Italy)
- 2017 Between Assimilation and Relegation: Visions of the Southern Indian Ocean during the French Revolution (Conference “The French Revolution: A Moment of Respatialization”, Leipzig)
- Florenz, Münster, Moskau: das Neue Jerusalem im Europa der Reformationen (“Florence, Munster, Moscow: the New Jerusalem in Reformation Europe“, Conference “Reformationen finden Stadt. Aspekte eines Weltereignisses”, Augsburg)
- The Fabrication of the *philosophe*: Catholicisms, Court Culture and the Origins of the Enlightenment Moralism (The Enlightenment at Court, and Anti-Court Polemics in the Enlightenment, Halle, Oktober)

- Transozeanische Erfahrungen, Aufklärung und Wissensgenerierung in der zweiten Hälfte des 18. Jahrhunderts (Conference “Das Meer in der Frühen Neuzeit, Wolfenbüttel, October)
- The Other Prussia (Conference “Recovering Forgotten History. The Image of East-Central Europe in English-Language Academic Textbooks”, Warsaw and Torun, 13th June)
- Le langage du corps: théatralisations jésuites (Conference “Les langues, le langage et la foi dans l’Europe des Réformes”, Paris, 9th June)
- Katholiken gegen den Marienkult: Die rigoristische Kampagne gegen die barocke Marienfrömmigkeit im späten 17. Jahrhundert (Conference “Maria in den Konfessionen und Medien der Frühen Neuzeit“, Gotha)
- Der Kampf der Favoriten: Cinq-Mars und Richelieu am französischen Königshof (Symposium “Der Rebell des Königs” at the Leipzig Opera)
- 2016 Producing Colonial Knowledge through Literature: Benyovszky on Madagascar (Conference “Central Europe and Colonialism”, Wrocław, Poland)
- Discipline, Coercion, and Religious Fears: A comparison between Muscovy under Ivan the Terrible and the Palatinate under Frederic III (1550s-1570s) (40th Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, San Diego, California)
- Revolutionäre Politik als Umsetzung aufklärerischer Visionen? Revolution und Ancien Régime im Indischen Ozean (International Workshop “Revolution der Tugend. Politik – Literatur – Geschichte 1789-1815” at the Interdisciplinary Centre for European Enlightenment Studies in Halle)
- 2015 Die mediale Konstruktion von Universalität oder Wie versammelten Jesuiten eine Stadt in ihrem Fahrwasser? (Conference “Jesuitenuniversitäten als Medienzentren”, Paderborn University)
- 2014 Le pouvoir culturel du prince: l’institution d’une communauté religieuse des sujets dans la vague de patronage marial du XVII^e siècle (Workshop “Sainteté et politique à l’époque moderne”, Casa de Velázquez, Madrid)
- Historicisation et naturalisation: expliquer, supprimer, cimenter l’infériorité des Amérindiens (Conference “L’Amérique du Sud et les Lumières”, Argentine National Library, Buenos Aires)
- 2013 Un monument du triomphe après une défaite: l’imaginaire politico-religieux de la gloire et la colonne mariale de Munich (Conference “De la ‘vaine Gloire’ mondaine à la Gloire céleste: l’autorité monarchique et la croyance religieuse en représentation à l’époque moderne”, Villa Medici, Rome)
- Eine “Polnische Toleranz” im Europa der Gegenreformation? Angst vor der himmlischen Strafe und Konfessionspolitik in Polen und Frankreich in der ersten Hälfte des 17. Jahrhunderts (Conference “Confessio im Barock”, Wuppertal University)
- Von der Notwendigkeit, für Gott zu eifern. Die Suche nach himmlischen Gnaden und die Niederlage der Vasa-Monarchie in Polen-Litauen (um 1600-um 1655) (Conference “Religiöse Eiferer/Zélateurs religieux”, HAB Wolfenbüttel and Paris IV Sorbonne)
- “Sklave sein heißt herrschen”: Marienpatronat und Staatskonstruktion im Mitteleuropa der ersten Hälfte des 17. Jahrhunderts (Conference “Transregionalität der Kult(ur)regionen. Bayern – Böhmen – Schlesien zur Zeit der Gegenreformation”, Institut für ostdeutsche Kirchen- und Kulturgeschichte, Cloister Tepl, Czech Republic)
- Die Entstehung der Kolonialgeschichte in der Spätaufklärung: Neue Ansätze einer modernen Historie? (Conference “Die Vielfalt der Sattelzeit. Strukturen und

- Tendenzen des historischen Erzählens um 1800 im deutsch-französischen Vergleich”, Interdisciplinary Centre for European Enlightenment Studies, Halle)
- Mit Gott rechnen (Book presentation at the Historisches Kolleg, Munich)
- 2012 The Empire comes back: Aufklärerische Weltaneignung und die Rückkehr des französischen Kolonialismus (Introductory lecture to the series of lectures “Aufgeklärter Kolonialismus” at the Interdisciplinary Centre for European Enlightenment Studies, Halle)
- Civilizing Madagascar: Enlightenment narrative, French colonial expansion, and the origins of civilizing mission (Conference “Legends of Empire”, New York University)
- 2011 State-building as a consequence of religious change? Catholic universalism and political-religious cults in the 17th century (Symposium “The Catholic Reformation”, King’s College, London)
- Polen als Vormauer der Christenheit: Eine religionshistorische Erklärung des Chiffres in der ersten Hälfte des 17. Jahrhunderts (2nd Conference of Polish Studies “Die Mitte Europas. Kommunikation – Konstruktion – Kooperation“, Mainz University)
- 2010 Die Widersprüchlichkeit der Wasa-Zeit: Sakralisierung der Monarchie und Konflikte um das “Iustitia-Defizit” (Conference “Politische Ordnungsvorstellungen und Ordnungskonfigurationen im Heiligen Römischen Reich und in Polen-Litauen”, Centre for historical research of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Berlin)
- Voies nationales ou culture commune? Interpréter la piété baroque et la Réforme catholique en France, Allemagne et en Pologne (Conference “Construction d’un imaginaire collectif européen de la Renaissance aux Lumières: Allemagne, France, Pologne”, Lublin Catholic University, Poland)
- A la quête de l’Universel: constructions étatiques et patronages mariaux en Bavière, France et Pologne-Lituanie (vers 1600 – vers 1660) (Conference “La sainteté entre Églises et États”, Sorbonne, Paris)
- 2007 Gottesmutter Königin der Welt, Königin von Polen: das Marienpatronat als Universalisierung Polens im 17. Jahrhundert und der Kulturtransferansatz (Conference “Transnationalität in Osteuropa”, Herder Institute, Marburg)
- Eine Instrumentalisierung der Gottesmutter? Die Entwicklung des Marienpatronats in Polen im Kontext der politischen Krise des 17. Jahrhunderts (Conference “Maria in der Krise”, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich)
- Kultur und Struktur. Die Ausbreitung des staatlichen Marienpatronats im 17. Jahrhundert und die Geschlechtergeschichte (13th Conference of the Association for gender history in early modern times, Stuttgart)

ORGANISATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

- 2027 “Le monde des révolutions. Jacques-Pierre Brissot: circulations, réseaux et mobilisations politiques des années 1780 à nos jours” (International conference organised together with Anne de Mathan, February 2026, Caen)
- Pannel “Reconsidering political parties and order in the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Empire” at the conference of the Consortium on the revolutionary era in New Orleans, January 2027
- 2026 “Reforming Religion, Morality and Society in Afro-Eurasia: Intellectual and Cultural Traditions in Motion in the Global Eighteenth Century” (Early Career Seminar of the

- International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies [ISECS]; together with Alexander Bevilacqua, J.B. Shank and Joan-Pau Rubiés; Trier, 18-20 Juni 2026)
- 2025 “Aufklärung jenseits der Öffentlichkeit. Diskursfreiheit, Geheimhaltung und Exklusivität im 18. Jahrhundert / Enlightenment Beyond the Public Eye” (Conference; together with Kristina Engelhard and Armin Emmel; Trier, 4-5 September 2025)
- 2024 International conference “Bloody Politics: How Princes and Princesses of Royal Blood Shaped Politics in France (1660-1848)” (together with Benoît Carré, Simon Dagenais, Nele Döring und Miranda Kam)
- 2023 International conference “Questioning Slavery: Catholic Perspectives” (together with Miriam Franchina und Jeremy Popkin)
- ISECS Conference (June 2023, Rome): Roundtable “Interrogating Religion, Natural Rights, and Secularization from the Enlightenment to the Age of Revolution” (together with Jeffrey Burson, Margaret Jacob)
- ISECS Conference in June 2023, Rome; Panel “Reconsidering the Public Sphere in Pre-Revolutionary France: Radical Writers and their Patrons”
- 2022 International *journée d'étude* “Libelles, Libellistes and Book Trade. Around Simon Burrows' Oeuvre” (Trier University, Workshop; together with Nele Döring)
- 2021-22 12 workshops with renowned scholars in the series “Between Versailles and the Bastille. Pens and Powers in Eighteenth-Century France” (Trier University)
- 2019 International conference “Multiple spaces: De-centering the French colonial empire (16th-18th centuries)” (Paris) (together with Dorit Brixius and Benjamin Steiner)
- 2018 International conference “Connected histories? The Latter Days in Christianity, Islam and Judaism from the 16th to the 17th centuries” (Halle)
- 2017 International conference “The Enlightenment at court” (Halle) (together with Andreas Pečar and Thomas Biskup)
- 2015 International conference “Enlightened world appropriations: Imperial agents and colonialism” (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)
- 2014 Series of lectures “Aufgeklärte Weltaneignungen” (“Enlightenment world appropriations”; Interdisciplinary Centre for European Enlightenment Studies, Halle) (together with Andreas Pečar)
- 2010 International conference “Representation and configuration of political order in the Holy Empire and in Poland-Lithuania” (Centre for historical research of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Berlin; together with Christian Preusse, Alan Ross and Tomasz Gromelski)
- 2007 International conference “Konkurrierende Ordnungsvorstellungen. Politik und Religion in Ostmitteleuropa, 17.-20. Jh.” (“Competing representations of order: Politics and religion in Central-East Europe, 17th-20th centuries; Ludwig Maximilian University Munich; together with Laura Hölzlzimmer, Christian Preusse and Johannes Gleixner)

ACTIVITIES AS A PEER REVIEWER, SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

- 2013-2026 Journals and book series:
XVIIe siècle; Beiträge zur Geschichte und Kultur Westeuropas; Bloomsbury (twice); Central European History; Cristianesimo nella Storia; The Catholic Historical Review; Early Modern Low Countries; Francia; The Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation; Forschungen und Materialien der deutschen Aufklärung; Francia;

Journal of Social History; Political Theory; Religions; Revue d'études slaves; Sixteenth-Century Journal; Theatrum Historiae

- 2026 German council for the evaluation of scientific institutions (*Wissenschaftsrat*)
Fonds national de la recherche scientifique (Belgium)
Herzog-August-Bibliothek Wolfenbüttel
- 2025 Review for the Polish National Science Foundation (Narodowe Centrum Nauki)
- 2024 Volkswagen-Stiftung
Award of the association “Cour de France”
- 2023-2024 Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG): evaluation of a proposal for a collaborative research centre (SFB)
- 2023 European Research Council (ERC)
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung)
Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
- 2021 ERC mentoring and workshops at Halle and Trier universities
- 2019 Czech National Science Foundation (Grantová agentura České republiky)
- 2019 Programme „Reinforcing Women in Research“ (REWIRE) of Universität Wien
- 2016 & 2018 Three peer-reviews for the Polish National Science Foundation (Narodowe Centrum Nauki)
- 2017 Foundation for Civic Space and Public Policy, Warsaw
- 2016 Swiss National Science Foundation (Fonds national suisse de la recherche scientifique)

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- 2025 SWR (television) “The Secret Society of the Freemasons”
- 2022 Event on the Ukraine War in the framework of the programme “Demokratie leben!” (Bürgerhaus Trier-Nord)
Event on the history of racism (in the framework of the programme “Schule ohne Rassismus – Schule mit Courage”, Friedrich-Wilhelm-Gymnasium, T)
Antenne Trier, Interview on the history of Ukraine
- 2020 Radio SWR 2, Interview on the project “Pamphlets and Patrons”
- 2018 Radio France Culture, La Fabrique de l’histoire, long interview on the topic “Religion and Politics in the 17th Century”
- 2015 Radio SWR 2, review of *Falsche Freunde*
- 2015 Spektrum, review of *Falsche Freunde*
- 2015 Die Presse, review of *Falsche Freunde*
- 2015 Radio Deutschlandfunk, review of *Falsche Freunde*
- 2015 Newspaper Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeit (FAZ), review of *Mit Gott rechnen*
- 2012 Event in the Catholic Student Community, Halle, on the history of Catholicism
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LANGUAGE SKILLS

French	Native
German	Near native
English	Excellent passive and active command
Polish	Very good passive and active command
Russian	Good passive command, basic active command
Italian	Good reading command, basic listening comprehension and active command
Spanish	Good reading command, basic listening comprehension and active command
Dutch	Basic reading and listening command
Hungarian	Basic reading command
Latin	Good reading command