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EDUCATION

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| 2023 | Habilitation , University of Fribourg (CH), Modern European History |
| 2018 | D.Phil./PhD , University of Oxford, Modern European History |
| 2016 | Visiting Student Research Collaborator, Princeton University |
| 2014 | M.Phil , University of Oxford, Economic and Social History |
| 2012 | B.A. , University College Maastricht (<i>summa cum laude</i>)
Liberal Arts (Humanities) |
| 2011 | Visiting Student, University of California, Los Angeles (GPA 4.0) |
| 2008 | French <i>Baccalauréat Général</i> & German <i>Abitur</i> (<i>mention très bien</i> /1.0) |

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| 2026- | Assistant Professor, Modern European Christianity (tenure-track)
Princeton Theological Seminary |
| 2022-2026 | Principal Investigator
International Research Group 'Catholicism in a Divided World, 1945-1960'
University of Oxford, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, University of Fribourg, University of Leuven, LMU Munich, German Historical Institute in Rome, Princeton Theological Seminary |
| 2022-23 | Visiting Professor
Hebrew University of Jerusalem |
| 2019-22 | Research Fellow
German Historical Institute, Rome |
| 2018-19 | Postdoctoral Fellow
German Historical Institute, Washington DC |
| 2016-18 | Lecturer, Modern European History
Magdalen College/University of Oxford |

RESEARCH GRANTS & FUNDING

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| 2022-26 | Transnational Research Group Grant, Max-Weber-Foundation, 2.5 million €
Role: Principal Investigator |
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2025	Eploration Funds of the Max Weber Foundation for Latin America, 300,000 € Co-author of the grant proposal (with Petra Terhoeven, Lutz Klinkhammer, and Lars Döpking)
2022-26	Hebrew University Jerusalem (c. 150,000 €) Co-Funding for the Max-Weber-Research-Group
2022-26	KADOC Leuven (c. 100,000 €) Co-Funding for the Max-Weber-Research-Group
2025	Publication Grant, Gerda Henkel Foundation Role: Co-Editor
2022	Conference Grant, COST Role: Co-Organizer of the Conference
2022	Publication Grant, Görres-Gesellschaft Role: Writer of Grant Proposal
2021	Conference & Publication Grant, Thyssen-Foundation Role: Writer of Grant Proposal, Co-Organizer of the Conference

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2022-25	Aspen Junior Fellow, Aspen Institute Italia
2019	Graduate Essay Prize of the German History Society (United Kingdom)
2018-19	German Historical Institute, Washington DC, Postdoctoral Fellowship
2016	Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (UK)
2015-18	German National Merit Foundation (<i>Studienstiftung</i>), PhD Scholarship
2014-16	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), PhD Scholarship
2010-14	German National Merit Foundation, B.A & M.A. Scholarship
2011	University of Maastricht Top 3% Award
2011	Visiting scholarship at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

TEACHING

Doctoral Co-Supervision

Angela Cimino, LMU Munich: *The Holy See and the State of Israel, 1948-1958*

Sam Kuijken, University of Leuven: *Catholic NGOs in Africa, 1945-1958*

Julian Sandhagen, Humboldt University Berlin: *Multikonfessioneller Antikommunismus? - Pius XII. und der interreligiöse Dialog auf dem Balkan*

Aurel Dewarrat, University of Fribourg: *Decolonization in French Africa and the Catholic Church*

Princeton Theological Seminary

Christianity under Fascism in Europe (graduate course, 2026)

Christianity in the Cold War (graduate course, 2026)

University of Fribourg

What is Global History? (undergraduate course, 2025)

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Antisemitism and the Catholic Church (MA course, 2022/2023)

University of Bremen, B.A. European Studies Program

Methodological Seminar Series: Oral History (2022)

University of Perugia, B.A. History

Stato sociale e democrazia Cristiana, 1945-1970 (May 2021)

University of Oxford, Magdalen College: B.A. History, B.A. History & Politics

Europe Divided, 1914-1989: Crises, Conflicts, Identities (2016-2018)

European and World History IV: 1815-1914 (Society, Nation, Empire), (2016/2017)

General History XII: 1856-1914 (2016/2017)

Economic Approaches to History (2016-2018)

Theories of the State: Hobbes, Rousseau, Marx (2016/2017)

A Comparative History of the First World War, 1914-1920 (2016/17)

University of Oxford, St Peter's College, Tutorials for BA & MA Exchange Students

Authoritarian Ideologies in Modern Europe (2015/16)

Science and Technology in the Second World War (2015/16)

National Socialism and the Holocaust (2015/16)

Teaching Qualifications

Habilitation, Modern History, University of Fribourg

Developing Learning and Teaching Certificate (DLT), University of Oxford

Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (UK)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Fulbright Committee, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2026-

International Admissions Committee, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2026-

Editorial Board, *Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken*, 2020-

Employee Representative, German Historical Institute in Rome, 2020-2022

Library Committee, German Historical Institute in Rome, 2019-2022

Admissions & Undergraduate Interviews, Magdalen College/Oxford, 2016-17

Graduate Faculty Representative, Economic & Social History, 2013-14

REVIEWING

Journal of Modern European History
Modern Italy
English Historical Review
QFIAB

OUTREACH

TV Consulting, ARTE Documentary “The Popes and the Jews” (in production 2026)
Schools Ambassador, Oxford University outreach program at St Peter’s College, 2017-18

EXTRA TRAINING

Palaeography Diploma, German Historical Institute London
STATA (Data Analysis and Statistical Software)
SPSS (Statistical Program for Social Scientists)

AFFILIATIONS

Aspen Institute Italia, 2022-
SISSCO (Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea), 2019-
SISCALT (Società Italiana per la Storia Contemporanea dell’Area di Lingua Tedesca), 2019-
Arbeitskreis Italienische Geschichte, 2023-2026
American Historical Association, 2017-2018
German Studies Association (USA), 2016-2019
Görres Institute in Rome, 2019-2025
German History Society (UK), 2016-2019
German National Merit Foundation, 2010-2018

LANGUAGES

German (native)
French (near-native – born in France, French Baccalauréat/A-Levels)
English (fluent – graduate studies in the UK, post-doc in the US)
Italian (fluent – seven years in Italy)
Spanish (reading skills)
Dutch (beginner, B.A. in the Netherlands)
Latin (translations)

PUBLICATIONS

Simon Unger

Monographs

Consensus in Conflict: Nazism and the Shared Foundations of German Intellectual Culture, 1918-1945
Forthcoming in 2026/27, Cambridge University Press.

Die Zeitschriften ‚Eckart‘ und ‚Hochland‘: Entwicklungen des christlichen Konservatismus in Deutschland, 1918-1970 (Paderborn: Schöningh Verlag, 2023).

English title: *The Journals ‚Eckart‘ and ‚Hochland‘: Evolutions of Christian Conservatism in Germany, 1918-1970.*

Edited Volumes

Revolutions in Faith: Catholicism’s Cold War in Latin America
Under review by University of North Carolina Press [with Daniel McDonald & Jaime Pensado]

Genocide, Historical Memory, and the Remaking of Catholicism after 1945
(Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming in 2027) [with Noah Benninga & Angela Cimino]

Catholicism in Decolonization: The Vatican and the End of Empires
(London: Routledge, forthcoming in 2027) [with Siegfried Weichlein, Sam Kuijken, Aurel Dewarrat]

Connecting Believers in a Divided Europe: Cold War Catholicisms from the Balkans to the Baltics
(London: Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming in 2026) [with Marion Dotter, Julian Sandhagen, Viktoriia Serhienko]

Total Warfare and the Mixed Economy of Welfare: Entangling European Experiences, 1914-1950
(London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2026) [with Fabien Théophilakis & Michele Mioni]

Das Europäische Archiv der Stimmen: Oral History im interdisziplinären Diskurs
(Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann, 2025) [with Maximilian Stange & Kay Wolfinger]

The Global Pontificate of Pius XII: War and Genocide, Reconstruction and Change, 1939-1958
(Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2024) [with Nina Valbousquet].

Katholizismus am Eisernen Vorhang: Der Vatikan, Westdeutschland und der Kalte Krieg, 1945-1965
(Münster: Aschendorff-Verlag, 2024).
English title: *Catholicism at the Iron Curtain: The Vatican, West Germany, and the Cold War, 1945-1965*

Eugenio Pacelli and Germany: New Archival Perspectives on Papal Politics, 1917-1958
(Berlin: De Gruyter, 2021).

Journal Articles

- 2024 'Threats and Premonitions: German Intellectual Debates on Antisemitism in 1932', *Contemporary European History*, 33/4, pp. 1137 – 1154.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S096077732200090X>
- 2023 'Ambigüités de l'*Aufarbeitung* chrétienne: Débats catholiques sur le legs du régime nazi dans l'Allemagne d'après-guerre, 1945-1960', in: *Revue d'Histoire de la Shoah*, 218/2, pp. 323-348, <https://doi.org/10.3917/rhsho.218.0323>
- 2023 'Ambiguities of Christian "Aufarbeitung": Catholic debates on the legacy of the Nazi regime in postwar Germany', in: *Revue d'Histoire de la Shoah*, 218/2
Online publication: <https://www.cairn-int.info/journal-revue-d-histoire-de-la-shoah-2023-2-page-323.htm>.
- 2023 'Conversione e Ricostruzione – I rapporti tra Vaticano e la Repubblica Federale Tedesca', in: *Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken (QFIAB)*, 103, pp. 374-388 [with Maddalena Alvi].
<https://doi.org/10.1515/qufiab-2023-0019>
- 2023 'Pius XII and Postwar Germany: Research Questions and New Archival Material', in: *Riforma e Movimenti Religiosi*, 13, pp. 153-176.
- 2022 'The Social Backgrounds of Nazi Leaders: A Statistical Analysis of Political Elites in Weimar Germany, 1918-1933', *Journal of Historical Sociology*, 35/2, pp. 222-249.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/johs.12370>
- 2022 'Wiederbewaffnung oder Wiedervereinigung: Deutsch-vatikanische Politik im Vorfeld der Stalin-Noten', *Themenportal Europäische Geschichte*,
<https://www.europa.clio-online.de/essay/id/fdae-112847>.
- 2021 "'Leaders, not Lords!' – Führertum, Nazism, and Democracy in the Weimar Republic', *German History*, 39/4, pp. 560–584.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/gerhis/ghab067>
[Winner of the Graduate Essay Prize of the German History Society, 2019]
- 2020 'Public Criticism and Private Consent: Protestant Journalism between Theology and Nazism, 1920-1960', *Central European History*, 53/1, pp. 94-119.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S000893891900092X>
- 2019 'Images of the Collective: Shapes, Types, and Bodies in the Weimar Republic', *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute*, 63, pp. 53-73.
- 2014 "'Do you really need a Castle?' – Material inheritance and noble status symbols in present-day society', *Journal of Nobility Studies*, 21, pp. 129–150 [with Jaap Dronkers].
- 2012 'Why and how does the Dutch Nobility retain its Social Relevance?', *Journal of Nobility Studies*, 19, pp. 83–102 [with Jaap Dronkers].

Articles in Edited Volumes

- Forthcoming 'Conservatism as Anti-Totalitarianism? Intellectual Debates within German Christian Democracy, 1945-1960', in: F. Bock / M. Ruff (eds.), *Christian Politics in Europe, 1945-2021* (Oxford: Berghahn Books, forthcoming in 2027).
- Forthcoming 'Colonial Revolt and Indigenous Clergies', in: S. Weichlein / S. Unger / S. Kuijken / A. Dewarrat (eds.), *Catholicism in Decolonization: The Vatican and the End of Empires* (London: Routledge, forthcoming in 2026).
- Forthcoming 'From Wartime Silence to Postwar Reforms: Holocaust Memory and the Road to *Nostra Aetate*', in: N. Benninga / A. Cimino / S. Unger (eds.), *Genocide, Historical Memory, and the Remaking of Catholicism after 1945* (Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming in 2026).
- Forthcoming 'Introduction: Catholicism at the Iron Curtain', in: M. Dotter / J. Sandhagen / V. Serhiienko / S. Unger (eds.), *Connecting Believers in a Divided Europe: Cold War Catholicisms from the Balkans to the Baltics* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming in 2026).
- Forthcoming 'The "Neighbor" as a Concept of Exclusion: Antisemitic Rhetoric from the Weimar Republic to Nazi Germany', in: B. Schäbler (ed.), *Neighborliness in Global Perspective* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, forthcoming in 2025).
- Forthcoming 'Reactions to Totalitarianism: Paradigm Shifts in European Welfare Organizations, 1914-1950', in: M. Mioni / F. Théofilakis / S. Unger (eds.), *Total Warfare and the Mixed Economy of Welfare: Entangling European Experiences, 1914-1950* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2025).
- 2025 'Das Europäische Archiv der Stimmen. Historisch-methodische Perspektiven', in: M. Stange / S. Unger / K. Wolfinger (eds.), *Das Europäische Archiv der Stimmen: Oral History im interdisziplinären Diskurs* (Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann, 2025), pp. 7-14.
- 2024 'Wie feminin ist Ernst Jünger? Männlichkeitsidole, Nationalismus und der Gender-Diskurs', in: A. Pschera (ed.), *Ernst Jüngers Geschlecht(er)* (Frankfurt a.M.: Klostermann, 2024), pp. 105-118.
- 2024 'Conservative Continuities and Roads to Reform in a Global Catholic Church', in: S. Unger & N. Valbousquet (eds.), *The Global Pontificate of Pius XII: War and Genocide, Reconstruction and Change, 1939-1958* (Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2024), pp. 1-20. [with Nina Valbousquet].
- 2024 'Documents for a Revised History', in: S. Unger & N. Valbousquet (eds.), *The Global Pontificate of Pius XII: War and Genocide, Reconstruction and Change, 1939-1958* (Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2024), pp. 358-364 [with Nina Valbousquet].
- 2024 'Katholische Kirche und Kalter Krieg: Laufende Forschungen zur vatikanischen Nachkriegspolitik', in: S. Unger (ed.), *Katholizismus am Eisernen Vorhang: Der Vatikan, Westdeutschland und der Kalte Krieg, 1945-1965* (Münster: Aschendorff-Verlag, 2024), pp. 7-24.

- 2024 'Pius XII and German Rearmament. Vatican Responses to the "Stalin-Note", 1951–1952', in: S. Unger (ed.), *Katholizismus am Eisernen Vorhang: Der Vatikan, Westdeutschland und der Kalte Krieg, 1945-1965* (Münster: Aschendorff-Verlag 2024), pp. 135-149 [with Maddalena Alvi]
- 2023 'Catholic Social Action in Post-War Germany: Pius XII and the Creation of Christian Trade Unions in the Federal Republic 1948–1959', in: M. Busani & P. Valvo (eds.), *A Christian Revolution: Dialogues on Social Justice and Democracy Between Europe and the Americas (1945-1965)* (Rome: Studium, 2023), pp. 55-83.
- 2021 'The Political Ambiguities of the Catholic Church', in: S. Unger (ed.), *Eugenio Pacelli and Germany: New Archival Perspectives on Papal Politics, 1917–1958* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2021), pp. 3-13.
- 2019 'Barockrhetorik – Gelehrte als Träger politischer Kommunikation in der frühen Neuzeit', in: A. Burkhardt (ed.), *Handbuch Politische Rhetorik* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2019), pp. 137-156 [with Johannes Lemke].

Reviews & Reports

- Forthcoming 'Brandon Bloch: Brandon Bloch, Reinventing Protestant Germany: Religious Nationalists and the Contest for Post-Nazi Democracy', *Lutheran Quarterly*.
- Forthcoming 'E. Foster & U. Greenberg (eds.): Decolonization and the Remaking of Christianity', in: *Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken* 106.
- Forthcoming 'Jörg Seiler: Literatur – Gender – Konfession. Katholische Schriftstellerinnen, Band 1-3', in: *Arbitrium*.
- 2025 'David Kertzer: The Secret History of Pius XII, Mussolini, and Hitler', in: *Politics, Ideology & Religion* 26, pp. 137-139.
Online at: <https://doi.org/10.1080/21567689.2024.2412903>
- 2025 'Otto Kallscheuer: Papst und Zeit', in: *Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken* 105, pp. 481-482.
- 2024 'Pius XII: Tritt uns dieser Papst als gesplante Persönlichkeit entgegen?', in: *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ)*, 27 December.
Online at: <https://www.faz.net/aktuell/feuilleton/bilder-und-zeiten/papst-pius-xii-tritt-er-uns-als-gesplante-persoennlichkeit-entgegen-110186765.html>
- 2024 'Hubert Wolf: Die geheimen Archive des Vatikan und was sie über die Kirche verraten', in: *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ)*, 30 October 2024.
Online at: <https://www.faz.net/aktuell/feuilleton/buecher/hubert-wolfs-die-geheimen-archive-des-vatikan-110077322.html>
- 2024 'Ex Cathedra. Otto Kallscheuer sondiert die Theologie des Papsttums', in: *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ)*, 28 June 2024.

- Online at: <https://www.faz.net/aktuell/feuilleton/buecher/otto-kallscheuers-papst-und-zeit-19818769.html>
- 2023 'Katholische Kirche und Kalter Krieg: Anti-Kommunismus war nicht alles', in: *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* (FAZ), 29 April 2023.
- 2022 'Conference Report: War and Genocide, Reconstruction and Change. The Global Pontificate of Pius XII, 1939–1958', in: *Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken*, 102, pp. 502-506.
Online at: <https://doi.org/10.1515/qufiab-2022-0025>
- 2022 'Mark E. Ruff: Katholische Kirche und Nationalsozialismus', *H-Soz-Kult*, 09 November 2022.
Online at: <https://www.hsozkult.de/publicationreview/id/reb-49987>
- 2022 'Pius XII. im Zweiten Weltkrieg: Er blickte mit Angst auf Hitler und Mussolini', in: *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* (FAZ), 06 August 2022. Online at: <https://www.faz.net/aktuell/feuilleton/buecher/rezensionen/sachbuch/david-kertzers-buch-the-pope-at-war-18200509.html>
- 2022 'Diplomatie ohne Territorium', in: *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* (FAZ), 5 April 2022 (Discussion of Jörg Ernesti's book *Friedensmacht* about the Vatican's foreign policy).
Online at: <https://www.faz.net/aktuell/feuilleton/buecher/joerg-ernestis-buch-ueber-die-aussenpolitik-des-vatikans-seit-1870-17937148.html?premium>.
- 2021 'Domenico Tardini: Diario di un cardinale (1936-1944). La Chiesa negli anni delle ideologie nazifascista e comunista', *QFLAB*, 101, pp. 847-848
Online at: <https://doi.org/10.1515/qufiab-2021-0024>
- 2020 'Claudia Müller: Politische Religion und Katholizismus - Geltungsgeschichten im faschistischen Romanità-Kult', *QFLAB*, 100, pp. 810-812.
Online at: <https://doi.org/10.1515/qufiab-2020-0036>
- 2020 'Das Reichsinstitut für ältere deutsche Geschichtskunde 1935 bis 1945 – ein „Kriegsbeitrag der Geisteswissenschaften“?', *H-Soz-Kult*, 25 January 2020.
Online at: <https://www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/fdkn-127177>
- 2017 'Guenther Lewy: Harmful and Undesirable. Book Censorship in Nazi Germany', *German History*, 35/2, pp.342-344.
Online at: <https://doi.org/10.1093/gerhis/ghx007>

Interviews & Media Reports

- 2024 'Simon Unger and Julian Sandhagen in conversation with Alex Favalli', *TRAFO Blog for Transregional Research*, 15 February 2024, <https://trafo.hypotheses.org/50435>
- 2024 'Der Kalte Krieg und Pius XII', in: *Collegium Carolinum* (2024), pp. 8-11.
- 2024 'Kanzler und Pontifex zogen am selben Strang: Wie Papst Pius XII. im Kalten Krieg Politik machte', *Katholische Nachrichtenagentur*, 07 January,

<https://www.katholisch.de/artikel/50126-wie-papst-pius-xii-im-kalten-krieg-politik-machte>

- 2023 'Zur Politik des Vatikans im Nachkriegsdeutschland', *Evangelische Zeitung*, 27 December, <https://evangelische-zeitung.de/zur-politik-des-vatikans-im-nachkriegsdeutschland>
- 2023 'David Kertzer im Gespräch mit Simon Unger', Fritz Bauer Institute, 01 November, <https://www.wbg-wissenverbindet.de/aktuelles/blog/interview-auf-englisch-mit-prof.-dr.-david-kertzer-und-dr.-simon-unger-alvi>.
- 2023 'Die Rolle von Papst Pius XII. und der katholischen Kirche in der europäischen Nachkriegszeit', *Wissen-Entgrenzen-Podcast* 14, 17 May <https://soundcloud.com/maxweberstiftung/14-globales-pontifikat-pius-xii>
- 2022 'Als Pius XII. ein Global Player im Kalten Krieg war', *Vatican News*, 07 January 2022, <https://www.vaticannews.va/de/vatikan/news/2022-01/vatikan-pius-xii-kalter-krieg-forschung-dhi-projekt-archiv.html>.
- 2022 'Der Papst förderte die Westbindung. Internationale Historiker beschäftigen sich mit der Rolle des Vatikans im Kalten Krieg', *Radio Vaticana*, Interview by Mario Galgano, 05 March 2022.
- 2021 'Was sagen die neuen Akten über Papst Pius XII.?', *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, 4 July 2021, <https://www.faz.net/aktuell/politik/archive-im-vatikan-neue-erkenntnisse-ueber-pius-xii-17417562.html>.
- 2021 'Ce que peut révéler l'ouverture des archives du Vatican sur les silences du pape Pie XII face au nazisme', *Le Monde*, 09 July 2021.
- 2021 »Papst der Deutschen«? »Papst der Juden«?, *Jüdische Allgemeine*, 17 June 2021, <https://www.juedische-allgemeine.de/religion/papst-der-deutschen-papst-der-juden/>.
- 2021 'Hannah Arendt heute', *Geisteswissenschaften im Dialog*, 18 June 2021; <https://gid.hypotheses.org/2958>.
- 2020 'Highlighting Intellectual Continuities That Linked Fascist and Democratic Worldviews', *TRAFO Blog for Transregional Research*, 08 April 2020; <https://trafo.hypotheses.org/23606>.

Website & Blog

- 2022-today Management of the Website & Blog 'The Global Pontificate of Pius XII', <https://piusxii.hypotheses.org>.

Invited Talks

- 2025 'The Global Pontificate of Pius XII', Embassy of the Holy See in Berlin, 19 February.
- 2024 'Transatlantic Catholicism between Franco and Perón', University of Oxford, Latin America Seminar Roundtable, 21 November.
- 2024 'Research beyond the Turning Points of 1933 and 1945', University of Warwick, 18 March.
- 2023 'Der Platz der Alchemie in der europäischen Wissenschaftsgeschichte', University of Fribourg, 12 October [Habilitation lecture on a topic unrelated to my research].
- 2023 'Christian Renewal and Conservative Continuities: German Christian Democracy and the Catholic Church after 1945', Keynote Lecture at the CIVITAS Academy, Leuven University, November 07.
- 2023 'The Global Pontificate of Pius XII', Aachen University, June 06.
- 2023 'Re-Armament or Re-Unification? Pius XII and Konrad Adenauer react to the Stalin Note, 1951-52', German Embassy to the Holy See, Rome, May 16.
- 2022 'Le 'Reichskonkordat' dans la République de Adenauer: débats entre Rome et Bonn sur l'héritage du National Socialisme, 1945-1958', Mémorial de la Shoah, Paris, 11 December.
- 2022 'The Global Pontificate of Pius XII: Catholicism in a Divided World', University of Berne, 19 September.
- 2021 'La diplomazia vaticana: prospettive italiane, francesi e tedesche a confronto', Roundtable with Lucia Ceci, Nina Valbusquet, and Giovanni Maria Vian, French Embassy to the Holy See, June 16.
- 2021 'Schatten des Abendlands: Christdemokratie und Antimoderne in der europäischen Nachkriegszeit, 1945-68', University of Göttingen, January 28.
- 2019 'Ambivalent Theologies: Protestant Traditionalism in the Face of the Holocaust', Center for Research on Anti-Semitism, Berlin, July 03.
- 2016 'The Educational Backgrounds of Nazi Leaders: A Statistical Overview, 1918-1933', Utrecht University, May 10.
- 2015 'Kulturkritik zwischen Nationalsozialismus und Widerstand: Die protestantische Kulturzeitschrift Eckart und ihr Leserkreis', Albert-Ludwig University Freiburg, November 09.

Organized Conferences & Seminar Series

- 2026 'Catholicism and Democracy: The Catholic Church in Latin America, 1945-2000', Santiago de Chile, 26-27 March.

- 2025 'Christianity and Decolonization in the Middle East', Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo, 10-11 November.
- 2025 Annual Conference: 'Catholicism in a Divided World, 1945-1958', University of Fribourg, 08-09 May.
- 2025 'Pius XII. und die multiplen Migrationen der Nachkriegszeit', Humboldt Universität Berlin, 19-20 February.
- 2024 'Catholicism and the Cold War in Latin America', University of Oxford, 21-22 November.
- 2024 'Connecting Believers in a Divided Europe: Cold War Catholicisms from the Balkans to the Baltics', LMU München, 03-04 May.
- 2024 Annual Conference: 'Catholicism in a Divided World, 1945-1958', GHI Warsaw, 04.-05 April.
- 2023 Annual Conference: 'Catholicism in a Divided World, 1945-1958', LMU Munich, 26-27 May.
- 2023 'Das Europäische Archiv der Stimmen', Villa Vigoni, Como, 12-14 April.
- 2023 'Uscire dalla Guerra: Il cattolicesimo in Italia dopo il 1945', German Historical Institute in Rome, 03-04 April.
- 2022 'Warfare and Welfare in Twentieth-Century Europe', German Historical Institute in Rome, 01-02 December.
- 2022 Annual Conference: 'Catholicism in a Divided World, 1945-1958', German Historical Institute in Rome, 04-05 April.
- 2021 'War, Genocide, Reconstruction, and Change: The Global Pontificate of Pius XII, 1939-1958', German Historical Institute in Rome & École Française de Rome, 14-16 June.
Conference Report: <https://www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/fdkn-127716>
- 2020-21 Rome Modern Italy Seminar, Convener, Union of Foreign Institutes in Rome, monthly research seminar.
- 2014-15 Economic & Social History Graduate Seminar, Co-Convener, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, weekly research seminar.

Conference Papers (selection)

- 2025 'Pius XII and Decolonization in the Middle East', Flemish Institute Cairo, 9 November.
- 2024 'The Catholic Church in the Cold War', LMU Munich, 03 May.

- 2023 Re-Armament or Re-Unification? Pius XII and Konrad Adenauer react to the Stalin Note, 1951-52', LMU Munich, May 26.
- 2023 'Wie feminin ist Ernst Jünger? Die Neue Rechte und der Gender-Diskurs', Bad Saulgau, 02. April.
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