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EDUCATION

2023	Habilitation , University of Fribourg (CH), Modern European History
2018	D.Phil./PhD , University of Oxford, History
2016	Visiting Student Research Collaborator, Princeton University
2014	M.Phil , University of Oxford, Economic and Social History
2012	B.A. , University College Maastricht, Liberal Arts
2011	Visiting Student, University of California, Los Angeles

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2026-	Assistant Professor, Modern European Christianity 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

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

2022-26	Transnational Research Group Grant (PI), Max-Weber-Foundation, 2.5 million €
2022-25	Aspen Junior Fellow, Aspen Institute Italia

2022	Book Series Publication Grant, Görres-Gesellschaft
2021	Conference & Publication Grant, Thyssen-Foundation
2019	Graduate Essay Prize of the German History Society (United Kingdom)
2018-19	German Historical Institute, Washington DC, Postdoctoral Fellowship
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

TEACHING

Doctoral Co-Supervision

Angela Cimino, LMU Munich: *The Holy See and the State of Israel, 1948-1958* (supervision in the research group “The Global Pontificate of Pius XII: Catholicism in a Divided World”).

Sam Kuijken, University of Leuven: *Crafting Catholic Internationalism: The Jeunesse Ouvrière Chrétienne Internationale and the Rise of International Catholic Organizations (1920–1960)*.

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

Aurel Dewarrat, University of Fribourg: *Decolonization in Francophone Africa and the Catholic Church* (preliminary title).

Princeton Theological Seminary

Christianity under Fascism in Europe (graduate course, 2026)

Christianity in the Cold War (graduate course, 2026)

History of Secularization, 1789-today (graduate course, 2026)

Christianity and Democracy in Modern Europe (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 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-
Religion & Society Committee, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2026-
Editorial Board, *Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken*, 2020-
Faculty Representative, German Historical Institute in Rome, 2020-2022 & 2024-2025
Admissions & Undergraduate Interviews, Magdalen College/Oxford, 2016-17
Graduate Representative, Economic & Social History, 2013-14

REVIEWING

Journal of Modern European History
Modern Italy
English Historical Review
Lutheran Quarterly
QFIAB
Moderne Stadtgeschichte
Sociology Lens

OUTREACH

Schools Ambassador, Oxford University outreach program at St Peter's College, 2017-18

PUBLICATIONS

Simon Unger

Monographs

Consensus in Conflict: Nazism and the Shared Foundations of German Intellectual Culture, 1918-1945
Forthcoming in April 2027, 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

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 2027) [with Marion Dotter, Julian Sandhagen, Viktoriia Serhiienko].

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 '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>
- 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', *Virtus. Journal of Nobility Studies*, 21, pp. 129–150 [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 'Introduction: 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 2027) [with Aurel Dewarrat].
- Forthcoming 'The Battle for a Catholic Memory of the Holocaust from Pius XII to the Present', in: N. Benninga / A. Cimino / S. Unger (eds.), *Genocide, Historical Memory, and the Remaking of Catholicism after 1945* (Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming in 2027) [with Noah Benninga & Angela Cimino].

- 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 2027) [with the co-editors].
- 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).
- 2026 '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, 2026).
- 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-Alvi & 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-Alvi & 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 'Rebecca Carter-Chand: Christian Internationalism and German Belonging: The Salvation Army from Imperial Germany to Nazism', in: *Journal of Religious History*.
- Forthcoming 'Alberto Melloni & Gianmarco Braghi (eds.): *Synods of the Churches of and after the Reformation. Alliances and Concords (19th–21st Centuries)*', in: *Theologische Literaturzeitung*.
- Forthcoming 'Brandon Bloch: *Reinventing Protestant Germany: Religious Nationalists and the Contest for Post-Nazi Democracy*', in: *Lutheran Quarterly*.
- Forthcoming 'Elizabeth Foster & Udi 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 gespaltene 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-gespaltene-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>

Website & Blog

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

Organized Conferences & Seminar Series

- 2026 'Catholicism and Democracy: The Catholic Church in Latin America, 1945-2000', Santiago de Chile, 26-27 March [with Martina Weisz & Stefan Ruderer].

- 2025 'Christianity and Decolonization in the Middle East', Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo, 10-11 November [with Erica Morretti & Jacopo Pili].
- 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 [with Julian Sandhagen & Stefan Samerski].
- 2024 'Catholicism and the Cold War in Latin America', University of Oxford, 21-22 November [with Daniel McDonald & Jaime Pensado].
- 2024 'Connecting Believers in a Divided Europe: Cold War Catholicisms from the Balkans to the Baltics', LMU München, 03-04 May [with Marion Dotter, Julian Sandhagen, Viktoriia Serhiienko].
- 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 [with Max Stange & Kay Wolfinger].
- 2023 'Uscire dalla Guerra: Il cattolicesimo in Italia dopo il 1945', German Historical Institute in Rome, 03-04 April [with Alessandro Santagata].
- 2022 'Warfare and Welfare in Twentieth-Century Europe', German Historical Institute in Rome, 01-02 December [with Michele Mioni & Fabien Théofilakis].
- 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 [with Nina Valbousquet].
Conference Report: <https://www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/fdkn-127716>
- 2020-21 Rome Modern Italy Seminar, Convener, Union of Foreign Institutes in Rome, Research Seminar.
- 2014-15 Economic & Social History Graduate Seminar, Co-Convener, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, weekly research seminar.