

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

- Habilitation thesis** submitted on February 2nd, 2026, at the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Zurich, Switzerland
- 2012 **Ph.D.**, Staatliche Hochschule für Gestaltung Karlsruhe, Germany
Kunstwissenschaft und Medientheorie (History of Art and Media Theory), *summa cum laude*
Dissertation: “*Lignum vitae*. Zum Verhältnis materieller Bilder und mentaler Bildpraxis im Mittelalter” (“*Lignum vitae*. On the relationship between material images and immaterial image practices in the Middle Ages”)
Directors: Prof. Dr. Hans Belting, Staatliche Hochschule für Gestaltung Karlsruhe; Prof. Dr. Gerhard Wolf, Kunsthistorisches Institut Florenz, Max-Planck-Institut
- 2001 **M.A.**, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany
Kunstgeschichte, Mittelalterliche und Neuere Geschichte, Philosophie (History of Art, History and Philosophy), *sehr gut*

Employment

- 01/2021– **UZH-Förderungsprofessur, Kunsthistorisches Institut, Universität Zürich**, Switzerland
Principal Investigator: “GLOBECOSAL – Global Economies of Salvation. Art and the Negotiation of Sanctity in the Early Modern Period” (01/2021–06/2026; www.globecosal.ch)
Funding: the European Research Council (ERC) and the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)
- 08/2019–01/2020 **Lehrangestellte** (Adjunct Professor), **Kunsthistorisches Institut, Universität Zürich**, Switzerland
- 03/2009–02/2016 **Wissenschaftliche Assistenz** (Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer), **Institut für Kunstgeschichte, Universität Bern**, Switzerland
in Medieval and Early Modern Art History
Directors: Prof. Dr. Norberto Gramaccini, 03–08/2009 and 01/2010–12/2013; Prof. Dr. Christine Göttler, 01/2014–02/2016

05–08/2003 **Scientific Collaborator, Universität Trier, Germany**
in the Project “Ordnung der Bilder. Repräsentation von Fremdheit und Armut in der visuellen Kultur italienischer und burgundischer Städte vom 12. bis ins 15. Jahrhundert” (“Representation of alterity and poverty in the visual culture of Italian and Burgundian cities from the 12th to the 15th centuries”) of the SFB 600 “Fremdheit und Armut. Wandel von Inklusions- und Exklusionsformen von der Antike bis zur Gegenwart”
Funding: the German Research Foundation (DFG)
Director: Prof. Dr. Gerhard Wolf

Competitive Research Grants / Awards

01/2021–06/2026 **ERC Starting Grant**
Project: Research Group “GLOBECOSAL – Global Economies of Salvation. Art and the Negotiation of Sanctity in the Early Modern Period”, hosted by the University of Zurich, Switzerland

01/2021–12/2025 **SNSF PRIMA-Grant**
Project: Research Group “GLOBECOSAL – Global Economies of Salvation. Art and the Negotiation of Sanctity in the Early Modern Period”, hosted by the University of Zurich, Switzerland

09/2020 **Research Fellowship from the Deutsches Forum für Kunstgeschichte Paris, France**
Project: “The Virgin of Guadalupe, the Eagle and the Cactus: (Re)tracing the Origins of a Criollo Nationalist Symbol”

02–05/2019 **Norman Fiering Fellowship from The John Carter Brown Library at Brown University, USA**
Project: “The Virgin of Guadalupe and the Hapsburg Eagle: A Surprising Merging of Iconographies in Colonial New Spain”

03/2016–02/2018 **Two-year Postdoctoral Research Fellowship from The Gerda Henkel Foundation, Germany**
Project: “The Destruction of the Idols and the Emergence of the Christian Cult Image in New Spain: (Re)Framing Sacred Objects in the Age of Early European Expansion”

10/2003–09/2006 **German Research Foundation (DFG) Dissertation Fellowship, Graduiertenkolleg Bild – Körper – Medium. Eine anthropologische Perspektive, Staatliche Hochschule für Gestaltung Karlsruhe, Germany**

Competitive Publication and Travel Grants

- Publication Subsidies (1): Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), for publication of my first book published by Wilhelm Fink Verlag in 2014
- Long-distance Travel Grants (3): Conference *New Worlds: Frontiers, Inclusion, Utopias, Museu Nacional de Belas Artes*, Rio de Janeiro 2015; Workshop *Transregional Academy on Latin American Art II / Mobility: Objects, Materials, Concepts, Actors*, Buenos Aires 2017; Visiting scholar at the Instituto de Investigaciones Estéticas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City 2018

Visiting Scholar Status and Other Grants

- Visiting Scholar Status (2): at Instituto de Investigaciones Estéticas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City in 2014 and 2018 / Department of the History of Art and Architecture, Brown University, Providence in 2017
- Publication Subsidies (1): Burgergemeinde Bern, for publication of my first book published by Wilhelm Fink Verlag in 2014
- Conference Subsidies (4): Max und Elsa Beer-Brawand-Fonds; Ellen J. Beer-Stiftung; Mittelbauvereinigung der Universität Bern; Donation Maria Bindschedler der Stiftung „Zum Delphin“
- Long-distance Travel Grants (2): *The 63rd Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America*, Chicago 2017; Conference *Around Sacred Images and Sacred Spaces / En torno a las imágenes y espacios sagrados*, Quito 2019

Publications

Works in Progress

(Monograph) *The Global Itineraries of the Martyrs of Japan: Early Modern Religious Networks and the Circulation of Images across Asia, Europe, and the Americas*

(Monograph) *The Destruction of the Idols and the Emergence of the Christian Cult Image in New Spain: (Re)Framing Sacred Objects in the Age of Early European Expansion*

(Edited Volume) *Picturing Sainthood: Images and the Making of Saints in Early Modern Global Catholicism*

(Article) *La circulation mondiale des martyrs du Japon. Transformations de la crucifixion de Nagasaki au sein des réseaux franciscains en terres ibériques* (under review)

(Essay) *Competition and Discord in (Visual) Saint-Making: The Case of the Martyrs of Japan*

Monograph

1. *Lignum vitae*. Zum Verhältnis materieller Bilder und mentaler Bildpraxis im Mittelalter (*Lignum vitae*. On the relationship between material images and immaterial image practices in the Middle Ages). Paderborn: Wilhelm Fink Verlag 2014.

Review: *Medioevo Latino*, Vol. 36, 2015, 91

Edited Volumes

1. *Medieval Art at the Intersection of Visuality and Material Culture: Studies in the ‘Semantics of Vision’*. Edited by Raphaële Preisinger. Turnhout: Brepols Publishers 2021 (=Disputatio. Vol. 32).

Reviews:

- Lola Sharon Davidson, *Parergon* 39, no. 2 (2022), 166-168, <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/873200>

- Patricia Blessing, *The Medieval Review* 22.06.01.,

<https://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/tmr/article/view/34600/37831>

2. Bild und Körper im Mittelalter (Image and Body in the Middle Ages). Edited by Kristin Marek, Raphaële Preisinger, Marius Rimmele and Katrin Kärcher. München: Wilhelm Fink Verlag 2006. 2nd edition: 2008

Reviews:

- Thomas Ertl, sehepunkte 9 (2009), Nr. 2 [15.02.2009], URL: <<http://www.sehepunkte.de/2009/02/13822.html>>
- Bernd Carqué, Zeitschrift für Historische Forschung, Vol. 35, 2008, No 4, 633-634
- Bettina Kaul, Zeitschrift für Kirchengeschichte, 2008, No 119
- Hubertus Lutterbach, Theologische Revue, 104. Jhrg., 2008, No 3, 233
- Joelle Verreet, Journal für Kunstgeschichte, 11.2007, No 3, 202-206
- Andreas Mattena, Theologie und Philosophie, 82. Jhrg., 2007, No 4, 609-611
- Servus Gieben, Collectanea Franciscana, Bd. 77, 2007, 774-775

Peer-reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

1. The Incipient Devotion to the Martyrs of Japan: The ‘True Images’ of the Calvary of Nagasaki. In: Palimpsests of Religious Encounter in Asia, 1500–1800. Edited by Mia M. Mochizuki and Ines G. Županov. Leiden / Boston: Brill 2025 (=Intersections. Interdisciplinary Studies in Early Modern Culture. Vol. 97), 485–519.

2. 日本殉教者のグローバルな旅程——近世の宗教的ネットワークとアジア、ヨーロッパ、アメリカ大陸における図像の流布、大家俊子訳『キリスト教学』第66号(2024)、71–108頁。
[Nihon junkyōsha no gurōbaruna ryotei: Kinsei no shūkyōteki nettowāku to Ajia, Yōroppa, Amerika tairiku ni okeru zuzō no rufu, translated by Ōie Toshiko. In: Christian Studies 66 (2024): 71–108. This is a translation of the essay listed under 6.]

3. Spiritual Joy in the Face of Death: Compound Emotions in Texts and Images of the Martyrs of the Japan Mission. In: *Motus mixti et compositi*: The Portrayal of Mixed and Compound Emotions in the Visual and Literary Arts of Europe, 1500–1700. Edited by Karl A.E. Enenkel and Walter S. Melion. Leiden / Boston: Brill 2024 (=Intersections. Interdisciplinary Studies in Early Modern Culture. Vol. 90), 502–536.

4. From the Isle of Patmos to the Territory of the Plumed Serpent: Eschatological Imaginations Sparked by the Virgin of Guadalupe in Colonial New Spain. In: The Eschatological Imagination. Space, Time, and Experience (1300–1800). Edited by Wietse de Boer and Christine Göttler. Leiden / Boston: Brill 2024 (=Intersections. Interdisciplinary Studies in Early Modern Culture. Vol. 96), 276–306.

5. The Martyrs of Japan in the Andean Highlands: The “Indies” as a Cornerstone of Identity Construction in the Viceroyalty of Peru. In: Early South-South Links in the History of World Christianity (16th – Early 19th Century). Edited by Klaus Koschorke, Ciprian Burlăcioiu and Philipp Kuster. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag 2024 (=Studies in the History of Christianity in the Non-Western World / Studien zur Außereuropäischen Christentumsgeschichte. Vol. 38), 141–164.

6. The Global Itineraries of the Martyrs of Japan: Early Modern Religious Networks and the Circulation of Images across Asia, Europe, and the Americas. In: Making Saints in a “Glocal” Religion. Practices of Holiness in Early Modern Catholicism. Edited by Birgit Emich, Daniel Sidler, Samuel Weber and Christian Windler. Böhlau Verlag / Brill 2024 (=Kulturen des Christentums. Neue Zugänge zur Frühen Neuzeit/Cultures of Christianity. New Approaches to Early Modern History. Vol. 3), 375–411.

7. The Virgin, the Eagle and the Cactus: (Re)Tracing the Origins of a *Criollo* Patriotic Symbol in Colonial Mexico. In: Heraldry in Contact. Perspectives and Challenges of a Connective Image Form. Edited by Urte Krass and Miguel Metelo de Seixas. Ostfildern: Thorbecke 2024 (=Heraldic Studies. Vol. 5), 43–48.

8. Raphaële Preisinger, Hannah Joy Friedman, Jonathan E. Greenwood, Wei Jiang und Lucía Querejazu Escobari: Promoting Sanctity by the Means of Artworks. The GLOBECOSAL Project. In: Profiling Saints. Images of Modern Sanctity in a Global World. Edited by Elisa Frei and Eleonora Rai. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht 2023 (=Refo500 Academic Studies. Vol. 97), 97–124.

9. Introduction: A Return to Medieval Visuality after the Material Turn. In: *Medieval Art at the Intersection of Visuality and Material Culture: Studies in the 'Semantics of Vision'*. Edited by Raphaële Preisinger. Turnhout: Brepols Publishers 2021 (=Disputatio. Vol. 32), 23–35.
10. (Re)framing the Virgin of Guadalupe: The Concurrence of Early Modern Prints and Colonial Devotions in Creating the Virgin. In: *Prints as Agents of Global Exchange, 1500–1800*. Edited by Heather Madar. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press 2021 (=Visual and Material Culture, 1300–1700), 181–213.
11. Anachoretic Ideals in Urban Settings: Meditational Practices and Mural Painting in *Trecento* Italy. In: *Solitudo. Spaces, Places, and Times of Solitude in Late Medieval and Early Modern Cultures*. Edited by Karl A.E. Enenkel and Christine Göttler. Leiden / Boston: Brill 2018 (=Intersections. Interdisciplinary Studies in Early Modern Culture. Vol. 56), 179–207.
12. The Power of the Local Site: A Comparative Approach to Colonial Black Christs and Medieval Black Madonnas. In: *New Worlds: Frontiers, Inclusion, Utopias*. Edited by Claudia Mattos Avolesse and Roberto Conduru. São Paulo: Comitê Brasileiro de História da Arte (CBHA), Comité International de l'Histoire de l'Art and Vasto 2017, 116–132.
13. Der Lebensbaum im Refektorium von Santa Croce, Florenz. In: *Kanon Kunstgeschichte. Einführung in Werke und Methoden*. Edited by Kristin Marek and Martin Schulz. Bd. 1: Mittelalter. München: Wilhelm Fink Verlag 2015, 366–381.
14. Das Bild als Schwelle zum Jenseits: Zu Pacino di Bonaguidas *Lignum vitae* in der Accademia von Florenz. In: *Topologien der Bilder*. Edited by Inge Hinterwaldner, Carsten Juwig, Tanja Klemm and Roland Meyer. München: Wilhelm Fink Verlag 2008, 267–283.
15. *Renovatio ad imaginem Dei* – bildanthropologische Konzepte in der Malerei des Trecento am Beispiel von Taddeo Gaddis Ausmalungen im Refektorium von Santa Croce. In: *Kulturen des Bildes*. Edited by Birgit Mersmann and Martin Schulz. München: Wilhelm Fink Verlag 2006, 183–201.

Book Chapters (Other)

1. Die Bilder des Lebens Christi im Orden des heiligen Franziskus. In: *Bild und Körper im Mittelalter*. Edited by Kristin Marek, Raphaële Preisinger, Marius Rimmele and Katrin Kärcher. München: Wilhelm Fink Verlag 2006, 315–342.
2. Kristin Marek, Raphaële Preisinger, Marius Rimmele und Katrin Kärcher: Bild und Körper im Mittelalter. Zur Einführung. In: *Bild und Körper im Mittelalter*. Edited by Kristin Marek, Raphaële Preisinger, Marius Rimmele and Katrin Kärcher. München: Wilhelm Fink Verlag 2006, 9–20.

Book Reviews

1. Invited review of *Optics, Ethics, and Art in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries: Looking into Peter of Limoges's "Moral Treatise on the Eye"*. Edited by Herbert L. Kessler and Richard G. Newhauser (Toronto: Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, 2018; Studies and Texts Vol. 209; Text, Image, Context Vol. 5). In: *Speculum* Vol. 95, No. 3 [July 2020], pp. 837–838.
2. Invited review of Edward Wheatley, *Stumbling Blocks Before the Blind: Medieval Constructions of a Disability* (Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press, 2010). In: *Modern Philology* Vol. 111, No. 2 [November 2013], pp. E157–E159, URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/671943>.
3. Invited review of *Sehen und Sakralität in der Vormoderne*. Edited by David Ganz and Thomas Lentes. Berlin 2011 (=KultBild. Visualität und Religion in der Vormoderne. Bd. 4). In: *sehpunkte* 13 (2013), Nr. 5 [15.05.2013], URL: <http://www.sehpunkte.de/2013/05/19994.html>.

Papers at International Conferences and Invited Lectures

Invited Talks / Presentations

Constructing Missionary Heroism: The Martyrs of Japan in a Transcontinental Perspective

Conference: Empire of Role Models? Championing and Challenging Global Ideals in the Early Modern Iberian Worlds, Università di Bologna / Bologna 19.6.2025

Die transkontinentalen Reisewege der Japanmartyrer

Guest lecture in the Kolloquium zur Geschichte der Frühen Neuzeit 2024/2025, Universität Jena / Jena 15.1.2025

The Global Circulation of the Martyrs of Japan — Disseminating the News and Appropriating the Victims of the 1597 Crucifixion in Nagasaki

Conference: *Fixer le regard: la fabrique visuelle de l'événement (premier âge moderne)*, École française de Rome / Rome 29.3.2024

The Incipient Devotion to the Martyrs of Japan: Creating the 'Calvary of Nagasaki' in Word and Image

Conference: Hagio-scape!, Istituto di Norvegia in Roma / Rome 26.5.2023

The Global Itineraries of the Martyrs of Japan: Circulations and Appropriations across Asia, Europe, and the Americas

Invited lecture at Rikkyo University / Tokyo 24.4.2023

Presentation of the ERC- and SNSF-funded project "Global Economies of Salvation. Art and the Negotiation of Sanctity in the Early Modern Period" at the University of Zurich, together with the GLOBECOSAL-Team

Research colloquium: Forum Frühe Neuzeit, Universität Zürich / Zurich 13.3.2023

The Martyrs of Japan in the New World: Reconstructing an American Visual Discourse on Participation in 'Global Catholicism'

Conference: Early South-South Links in the History of World Christianity (16th – 19th Centuries), Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften der Universität Frankfurt / Bad Homburg 7.1.2023

Wie global war der Barock? Das christliche Kultbild im Zeitalter der europäischen Expansion

Lecture cycle: Die Welt des Barock, Universität Zürich / Zurich 6.12.2022

Presentation of the ERC- and SNSF-funded project "Global Economies of Salvation. Art and the Negotiation of Sanctity in the Early Modern Period" at the University of Zurich, together with the GLOBECOSAL-Team

Networking Days: Perspectives on Early Modern Art: Current Research at Swiss Universities, Universität Bern / Bern 10.11.2022

Presentation of the ERC- and SNSF-funded project "Global Economies of Salvation. Art and the Negotiation of Sanctity in the Early Modern Period" at the University of Zurich, together with the GLOBECOSAL-Team

Online workshop: CHC (*Caelestis Hierusalem Cives*. The Role and Function of the Latin Hagiographic Epic in Early Modern Saint-Making, Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck) meets GLOBECOSAL. Workshop on early modern sanctity, 20.10.2022

Lokale Helden – das GLOBECOSAL-Projekt an der Universität Zürich

Project Presentation "Global Economies of Salvation. Art and the Negotiation of Sanctity in the Early Modern Period" at the University of Zurich, Rotary Club Zürich Plus / Zurich 7.6.2022

Kunstwerke als Verhandlungsräume der Macht im frühneuzeitlichen 'globalen' Heiligkeitsdiskurs

Conference: Decolonizing Art History. Zur postkolonialen Revision europäischer Kunst, Fridtjof-Nansen-Akademie für Politische Bildung / Ingelheim 24.5.2022

Spiritual Joy in the Face of Death: Compound Emotions in Texts and Images of the Martyrs of the Japan Mission

Conference: *Motus mixti et compositi*: The Portrayal of Mixed and Compound Emotions in the Visual and Literary Arts of Northern Europe, 1500-1700, Emory University / Atlanta 8.4.2022

Presentation of the ERC- and SNSF-funded project "Global Economies of Salvation. Art and the Negotiation of Sanctity in the Early Modern Period" at the University of Zurich

Colloquium: Forschungen zur Geschichte der Frühen Neuzeit, Universität Bern / Bern 26.11.2021

From the Isle of Patmos to the Territory of the Plumed Serpent: Eschatological Imaginations Sparked by the Virgin of Guadalupe in Colonial New Spain
Online-conference: Space, Time and Experience in the European Eschatological Imagination, 1400-1800, 26.03.2021

The Virgin, the Eagle and the Cactus: (Re)Tracing the Origins of a Criollo Nationalist Symbol in Colonial Mexico
Lecture cycle: Museum Talks at the Leiden Department of Art History, Online Museum Talk 12.11.2020

(Re)framing the Virgin of Guadalupe: An Iconographical Reconsideration
Conference: Around Sacred Images and Sacred Spaces / *En torno a las imágenes y espacios sagrados*, Universidad Central del Ecuador, Quito 20.6.2019

(Re)framing the Virgin of Guadalupe: The Concurrence of Early Modern Prints and Colonial Devotions in Creating the Virgin
Lecture cycle: Kolloquium zur Bild-, Kunst- und Kulturgeschichte, Universität Bielefeld / Bielefeld 13.12.2018

Le 'Lignum vitae' de saint Bonaventure dans l'art trécentisque
Workshop: « Describe arborem ». *Les trames arborescentes dans la littérature, la théologie et la méditation de saint Bonaventure*, Projet Trames arborescentes / Paris 20.4.2018

Erfolg oder Scheitern des christlichen Bildes im Dienste der ‚geistigen Eroberung‘? Der Kult der Jungfrau von Guadalupe in der ‚Neuen Welt‘
Lecture cycle: Kunst_Kultur_Netzwerk_Transfer, Karlsruher Institut für Technologie / Karlsruhe 20.7.2017

Vers une 'science de l'image': Une esquisse des modèles dominants de la 'Bildwissenschaft'
Workshop: *Histoire de l'art et philosophie de l'art*, Université Rennes 2 / Rennes 13.12.2013

Other Talks / Presentations

Von Patmos nach Tepeyac: Die Jungfrau von Guadalupe im Spiegel transkultureller Bild- und Sakralitätskonzepte
Conference: 38. Deutscher Kongress für Kunstgeschichte, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München / Munich 26.2.2026 (online)

From Nagasaki to the World: The Martyrs of Japan in a Transcultural Perspective
Conference: 72nd Annual Conference of the Renaissance Society of America, San Francisco 20.2.2026

The 'Path of Perfection' in the Emblematic Discourse on the Martyrs of Japan
Conference: 13th International Conference of the Society for Emblem Studies, Universität Wien / Vienna 29.7.2025

The Global Circulation of the Martyrs of Japan. Disseminating the News of the 1597 Crucifixion in Nagasaki Through Religious Networks
Workshop: Transnational Circulations of Devotional Objects through Religious Orders: Between the Iberian World and Rome, Bibliotheca Hertziana / Rome 4.2.2025

Competition and Discord in (Visual) Saint-Making: The Case of the Martyrs of Japan
Conference: Picturing Sainthood: Images and the Making of Saints in Early Modern Global Catholicism, Bibliotheca Hertziana / Rome 21.6.2024

Die Reisewege der Japanmartyrer. Bildfragen im globalen Kontext
Inaugural Lecture at the University of Zurich / Zurich 10.10.2022

Eschatological Imaginations Sparked by the Virgin of Guadalupe in Colonial New Spain
Conference: 68th Annual Conference of the Renaissance Society of America, Dublin 2.4.2022

The Virgin, the Eagle and the Cactus: Mexican Colonial Heraldry and the Aztec Empire's Foundational Glyph in the Creation of a Criollo Nationalist Symbol
Conference: *Arma virosque...* The Coat of Arms in Extra-European Contexts, Universität Bern / Bern 31.1.–1.2.2020

The Virgin of Guadalupe, the Eagle and the Cactus: (Re)tracing the Origins of a Criollo Nationalist Symbol
Lecture cycle: Fellow's Talks, The John Carter Brown Library / Providence 24.4.2019

The Global Itineraries of the Martyrs of Japan: Early Modern Religious Networks and the Circulation of Images Across Asia, Europe and the Americas

Conference: College Art Association Conference, New York 15.2.2019

Das christliche Kultbild in der ‚Neuen Welt‘: Sakralobjekte zur Zeit der frühen europäischen Expansion

Conference: Tagung NESOB – Projekte zum *Siglo de Oro*, Freie Universität Berlin / Berlin 11.5.2018

„D'ignoto pittore giapponese“: The Paintings of the Martyrs of Nagasaki in Il Gesù

Conference: 63th Annual Conference of the Renaissance Society of America, Chicago 30.3.–1.4.2017

Early Modern Trade and Its Transcontinental Impact on Art

Conference: Hybrid Creations. Trade Between Europe, the Americas and Asia and Its Transcontinental Impact on Art in the Early Modern Age of Globalization, Universität Bern / Bern 24.–25.9.2015

The Power of the Local Site: A Comparative Approach to Colonial Black Christs and Medieval Black Madonnas

Conference: New Worlds: Frontiers, Inclusion, Utopias, Museu Nacional de Belas Artes / Rio de Janeiro 25.–29.8.2015

Die ‚unsagbaren Worte‘ des Seraphs: Das Geheimnis der Stigmatisation in einem Wandbild der italienischen Vor-Renaissance

Conference: 61th Annual Conference of the Renaissance Society of America, Berlin 26.–28.3.2015

(Re)framing the Baroque Virgin: Cult Images of the Virgin Mary in the Viceroyalties of New Spain and Peru

Conference: XV. Internationaler Barocksommerkurs der Stiftung Bibliothek Werner Oechslin ‘Baroque and Neobaroque in the Spanish and Portuguese World’, Bibliothek Werner Oechslin / Einsiedeln 16.–20.6.2014

The Virgin of Guadalupe Reconsidered: The Role of Early European Prints in Creating the Virgin

Conference: 60th Annual Conference of the Renaissance Society of America, New York City 27.–29.3.2014

The ‚Medieval Gaze‘

Conference: Semantiken des Sehens. Kunstproduktion und Kulturen des Blicks im Mittelalter, Universität Bern / Bern 10.–11.5.2010

Imaginatio iuvat intelligentiam. Bild- und neurowissenschaftliche Perspektiven auf die Funktion des Ikonischen im Mittelalter (together with Matthias Schmidt)

Conference: Bildprozesse. Imagination und das Imaginäre im Dialog zwischen Kultur- und Naturwissenschaften, Zentrum für Kunst- und Medientechnologie Karlsruhe / Karlsruhe 03.–04.05.2007

Zur Entwicklung räumlicher Vorstellungen in der Malerei des Trecento

Conference: Mit Warburg vor dem Bild. Zur Aktualität der Ikonologie, Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz, Max-Planck-Institut / Florence 04.07.2005

Inneres Bild und äußerer Blick – Vorstellungsbilder und Malerei in der Andachtspraxis des Franziskanerordens

Conference: Körper und Bild im Spätmittelalter – Techniken und Reflexionen des Bildes, Zentrum für Kunst- und Medientechnologie Karlsruhe / Karlsruhe 21.–22.11.2003

Interview

Article by Roger Nickl (with a translation into English by Caitlin Stephens): Lokale Helden / Local Heroes. In: UZH Magazin 26. Jahrgang, Nr. 1 (März 2021), 35–37, <https://www.news.uzh.ch/de/articles/2021/kunstgeschichte.html>

International Conferences, Workshops and Lecture Series Organized

- 2026 Public talk by Prof. Dr. Antonella Romano jointly organized with the Research Colloquium Negri / Teuscher / Zaugg, Department of History, University of Zurich: “Construire le monde depuis Rome au 16e siècle : questions, objets, méthodes”, Zurich, March 12, 2026
- 2026 Panel “Saints in the Making: Images Across the Early Modern Catholic World” chair: Walter S. Melion
72nd Annual Conference of the Renaissance Society of America, San Francisco, February 20, 2026
- 2024 International conference “Picturing Sainthood: Images and the Making of Saints in Early Modern Global Catholicism”
(together with the GLOBECOSAL Team) Bibliotheca Hertziana, Rome, June 19–21, 2024
- 2022 (Fall semester) Institute Colloquium at the Institute of Art History of the University of Zurich under the title “Negotiations of Sacrality and Materiality in the Early Modern Globalized World”,
guest lectures by:
- Wendy Shaw (Freie Universität Berlin)
- Aaron M. Hyman (Johns Hopkins University)
- Samuel Luterbacher (Occidental College)
- Anatole Upart (Royal Society of Arts, London)
- Bat-ami Artzi (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva)
- Gabriela Siracusano (Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero/CONICET, Argentina)
- Thomas B.F. Cummins (Harvard University)
- 2015 International conference “Hybrid Creations. Trade Between Europe, the Americas and Asia and Its Transcontinental Impact on Art in the Early Modern Age of Globalization”
(together with Linda Báez Rubí, Instituto de Investigaciones Estéticas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México / Project *Bilderfahrzeuge*, Warburg Institute) Universität Bern, September 24–25, 2015
- 2010 International conference “Semantics of Vision. Art Production and Visual Cultures in the Middle Ages” (together with Thomas Dittelbach) Universität Bern, May 10–11, 2010
- 2003/2004 2-part international conference; part 1: “Körper und Bild im Spätmittelalter. Techniken und Reflexionen des Bildes”, ZKM Karlsruhe, November 21–22, 2003; part 2: “Le portrait individuel: Réflexions autour d’une forme de représentation du 13ème au 15ème siècle”, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales Paris, February 6–7, 2004 (together with Katrin Kärcher, Kristin Marek, Dominic Olariu and Marius Rimmel)

Teaching

University of Zurich

Lecture Courses

- *Fallen Idols and Risen Saints in the Early Modern Era of Globalization* (taught in English with members of the “Global Economies of Salvation” team and guests, Fall 2023, 2 SWS)
- *Negotiations of Sacrality and Materiality in the Early Modern Globalized World* (Conception and Organization of Institute Colloquium, Fall 2022)

- Single lecture in Tristan Weddigen's lecture cycle (Lecture: *Kunst und Architektur der frühen Neuzeit und Moderne in Lateinamerika*, 06.10.2015)

M.A.-Seminars

- *The First Viral Images. Early Modern Prints as Agents of Global Exchange* (taught in English with Antonio De Caro, Fall 2025, 2 SWS)
- *Kunst und visuelle Kultur der Jesuiten in der Frühen Neuzeit* (taught with Antonio De Caro, Fall 2024, 2 SWS)
- *Cross-cultural Encounters Between Europe and East Asia in the Early Modern Period* (taught in English with Antonio De Caro, Spring 2024, 2 SWS)
- *Cult Images in the Age of Global Expansion* (taught in English with members of the "Global Economies of Salvation" team in the M.A.-Program "Art History in a Global Context", Fall 2023, 2 SWS)
- *Transatlantische Verflechtungen von Kunst und Kultur zur Blütezeit der iberischen Reiche* (taught with Lucía Querejazu Escobari, Spring 2023, 2 SWS)
- *The Art of New Spain in the Age of the Baroque* (taught in English in the M.A.-Program "Art History in a Global Context", Fall 2019, 2 SWS)

Courses for both B.A.- and M.A. students

- *Bildkult und Bildersturm. Verehrung und Zerstörung der Bilder im Christentum* (Spring 2022, 2 SWS)
- *Kunst der Kolonialzeit aus Lateinamerika und die Kontexte ihrer Entstehung: Übung vor Originalen* (Fall 2021, 2 SWS)

B.A.-Seminars

- *Materie und Materialität in der Kunst der Frühen Neuzeit* (Fall 2022, 2 SWS)

Excursions

- *Mexico: Cultures of Colonial Conversion* (9-day excursion, taught with Aaron Hyman, Spring 2026)
- *Lissabon: Transkulturelle Begegnungen zur Blütezeit der iberischen Reiche* (7-day excursion, taught with Antonio De Caro, Spring 2025)

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Courses for Ph.D. candidates, Graduate School of the Humanities

- *Text versus Bild? Grundlagen historischer Forschung* (taught with Maurice Cottier, Fall 2016 and Fall 2019, Blockveranstaltung)

Lecture Courses

- *Die Globalisierung des sakralen Bildes im Zeitalter der Reform: Materialität, Medialität und Praktiken des Sehens* (taught with Christine Göttler and Steffen Zierholz, Fall 2014, 2 SWS)

M.A.-Seminars

- *Die Globalisierung des religiösen Bildes in der Frühen Neuzeit: Visuelle Strategien der Jesuiten in Europa und Übersee, 1600–1800*, with a 5-day excursion to Rome (taught with Christine Göttler and Steffen Zierholz, Fall 2014, 2 SWS)
- *Padua in der Renaissance 1300-1500* (taught with Norberto Gramaccini and Claudia Lehmann, with a 7-day excursion to Padua, Spring 2011, 2 SWS)

B.A.-Seminars

- *Die Sixtinische Kapelle. Ausstattung und Programm der erneuerten ‚capella magna‘ des Vatikanpalastes* (taught with Johannes Rößler, Fall 2015, 2 SWS)
- *Der Krieg der Bilder II. Einführung in die visuelle Kultur Neu-Spaniens im Zeitalter des Barocks* (Spring 2015, 2 SWS)
- *Der Krieg der Bilder I. Einführung in die visuelle Kultur des Vizekönigreichs Neu-Spanien während der frühen Kolonialzeit* (Spring 2014, 2 SWS)
- *Bildkult und Bildersturm. Verehrung und Zerstörung der Bilder im Christentum von den Anfängen bis heute* (Fall 2013, 2 SWS)
- *Einführung in die christliche Ikonographie* (Fall 2010, 2011 and 2012, 2 SWS)
- *Malerei und Stadtkultur. ‚Öffentliche‘ Bildprogramme im Italien der Dantezeit* (Spring 2012, 2 SWS)
- *Bild und Körper im Mittelalter* (Spring 2010, 2 SWS)
- *Selbstdarstellung und Argumentation im Bild. Malerei und Ordenspolitik im Italien des 13. und 14. Jahrhunderts* (Spring 2009, 2 SWS)

Graduate supervision

University of Zurich

- Postdoctoral: Research projects within the GLOBECOSAL research project (Antonio De Caro, Hannah Friedman, Jonathan Greenwood, Jiang Wei, Linda Müller, Lucía Querejazu Escobari)
- Ph.D. dissertation, Salma Martínez Campos, “The reception of Hispano-Philippine ivories in New Spain (1580-1640)” (ongoing)
- M.A.-thesis, Elin Weiss, “Der Globus in der niederländischen und flämischen Vanitas-Malerei des 17. Jahrhunderts” (ongoing)
- M.A.-thesis, Xueyan Chen, “Mapping Globality, Staging Authority: The Bankoku Ezu and the Aesthetics of Power during the Tokugawa Ascendancy, 1590s–1610s” (2025)
- M.A.-thesis, Giulia Quadraro, “The Devotion to the Virgin of Copacabana in Early Modern Europe” (2024)

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- Member of the Ph.D. committee of Maria Belen Misle Echeverria, “The Retables of the Churches of Female Monasteries in Quito” (2023)
- co-supervision of M.A.-theses

Undergraduate supervision

University of Zurich

- B.A.-thesis, Luisa Pirisi, “Vom Greis zum jungen Mann. Der ikonographische Wandel des heiligen Josef in der südeuropäischen und lateinamerikanischen Kunst bis 1800” (2022)

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- oral B.A.-exams

Service and Committees

University of Zurich

- Interdisciplinary Committee at the Graduiertenschule of the Philosophical Faculty, Member, 01/2023–

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- Medieval Art History Search, Committee Member (2015–2016)
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- Committee for International Relations of the University of Bern, Member (2011–2015)
- Presentation of the Institut für Kunstgeschichte during the *Freshers' Days* (Information event for schools, 2010–2013)
- Superintendence of the publication data of the Institut für Kunstgeschichte (*FactScience*, 2009–2013)

Professional Organizations

- *Latin American Center Zurich* at the University of Zurich, Member
- Research Network *Carl Justi-Vereinigung zur Förderung der kunstwissenschaftlichen Zusammenarbeit mit Spanien, Portugal und Iberoamerika*, Member
- *Research Network for Critical Transcultural Perspectives on Cultural and Aesthetic Practices*, Member
- Research Network *Netzwerke Siglo de Oro Berlin (NESOB)*, Member
- *Deutscher Verband für Kunstgeschichte e.V.*, Member
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