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Abstract

Title: To condemn - or not - the violence after the Charlie Hebdo attack: alliance or cleavage between Muslims and French Catholics?

The attack against Charlie Hebdo in January 2015 added a new episode to the question of the relationships between Muslims and Catholics in France. Neither the first ones nor the second were in favor of this anticlerical newspaper. Nevertheless, believers of both denominations participated to the demonstration that followed.
But we heard a lot that Muslims were under-represented in the processions. What proof have we about it? Moreover, if it is true, is it the consequence of the disapproval of this demonstration, or of a propensity of the believers of this religion to demonstrate less than other social groups? Several surveys can help us to answer to these important questions – the French polls in January 2015, but also the scientific surveys.

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Abstract

Title: The drama triangle of religion and violence

Abstract: Few topics are as widely discussed and as often misrepresented as the relation between religion and violence. Defenders and attackers of religion are equally vocal in claiming that religion is or is not a causal factor in widespread contemporary violence (or in overcoming violence in peace-building). In doing so, these voices don't contribute to a nuanced understanding of the issues at stake. Expanding the classical notion of the drama triangle (Karpman), this paper claims that in the performance of religious violence the bystander is intrinsically connected to the dyadic agressor – victim relation as helper, rescuer, judge, witness, or enabler. As these processes function on the individual as well as on the collective and political level, we need a more differentiated model for analysing the intersection of religion and violence. Looking at several contemporary examples of religious violence, the paper will explore the intersection of religion and violence from the various roles in the drama triangle

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Title: What's Love Got to Do with It? Ultranationalism, Islamophobia, and hate crime in Sweden

Sweden is known for its tolerance and liberal policies. Yet, sixty percent of Sweden's mosques and Islamic centres had been subjected to threats, vandalism or arson. Muslim women, in particular, seem to be targets of hate crimes but rarely report incidents to the police. In 2014, the Sweden Democrats, a proto-fascist nationalist party, gained close to 13 percent of the national vote after a fervent anti-Muslim campaign supported by a network of social media outlets in which incitements to violence against Muslim-Swedes proliferated. Based on fieldwork, surveys, and open-ended interviews with one hundred Muslim citizens and forty anti-Muslim activist, as well as a review of anti-Muslim online calls to arms, this essay addresses the surge of anti-Muslim hate crime in Sweden, exploring the role of violence in the proto-fascist attempt to 'recreate' a homogenous nation that did never exist. While the literature on ultranationalist inspired hate crime typically see the perpetrators as angry white men, the nationalists interviewed in this study claimed to act out of love, not hate. By examining how love and hate may reinforce each other, this essay argues that anti-Muslim hate crime is a form of political violence that patrols the borders and identities it produces, and shows the extent to which victims may adopt the perpetrator's gaze and experience their own bodies as deviant, and out of place in their own home country

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Abstract

The paper offers an account of education in nonviolence grounded in the first of Emmanuel Levinas's Talmudic readings "Toward the Other." I begin by exploring Levinas's unique philosophy of religious education, which nurtures responsibility for the other through sacred study, as a part of a counter-Enlightenment alternative to Enlightenment religious thought. I then consider the question of whether one must forget in order to forgive great wrong doing such as South African Apartheid or the Holocaust of European Jewry. Through an examination of Levinas's treatment of several Talmudic passages, I argue that the Jewish tradition takes a paradoxical approach to this question, which may be instructive to others as well. We should forget in order to remember wrong doing. The spiritual process that both perpetrators and victims must undergo in order to embrace this paradox, I contend, is a genuine education in nonviolence.

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The issue of violence leads into the depth and inscrutability of theological reflection. Since the Bible unsparingly brings up the dark sides of God and of human nature, they accordingly must be considered theologically. Martin Luther's position on violence, which is to be interpreted in the light of his doctrine of the two kingdoms, has developed a significant impact.

Theological reflections on the issue of violence are also important with regards to religious education: There is a current trend to focus solely on the gentle Jesus and to avoid God's dark sides. However, studies from the field of developmental psychology show that children have a clear understanding of good and evil. In addition, an "only" loving God hardly withstands painful experiences of children and young people.

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- 1984-1990 Study of Protestant Theology
- 1983-1984 Study of Teacher Education
- 1982 Abitur

Research areas: Competencies and standards in religious education; empirical esearch in religious education; interreligious learning; religious education at schools in Europe.

Friedrich Schweitzer

Title: Against Religiously Motivated Violence:
Religious Education's Contribution to Peaceful Relationships Between Different Religions

Increasingly, Religious Education is expected to be a remedy against religiously motivated violence. This expectation is ambivalent. One the one hand, it implies a new appreciation of Religious Education as a school subject. On the other hand, it can be viewed as an attempt to use this subject for purposes that have little to do with religion but most of all with societal needs. Moreover, the demand is often based on the one-sided assumption that religion is responsible for violence while, in fact, violence can never be explained by only looking at the religious motives involved.

From a theological and educational point of view, Religious Education can and should contribute to

- an understanding of the complex relationship between religion and violence by gaining insight into this relationship, by identifying the peaceful motives inherent in different religions and by critically discussing non-peaceful religious motives and developing a critical stance towards them;
- the ability to take the perspective of the other, especially in relationship to religion, which presupposes knowledge about different religions as well as understanding which, in the case of interreligious relationships, again can be specified as perspective taking;
- attitudes towards members or adherents of religious traditions other than one's own, especially concerning peace and tolerance, respect and mutual recognition;
- competences for appropriately behaving and acting in interreligious contexts.

These tasks are defined on a theoretical level. In the future, they should also be subjected to empirical testing concerning the effects of Religious Education. This is why the paper will also consider possibilities for empirical research in this field.

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Short Curriculum Vitae

Academic Training:
in Theology and Education (dual training), Tübingen, Zürich, Harvard Divinity School (1974-1980)

Degrees:
Diploma in Evangelical Theology, Tübingen 1979
Master of Theology, Harvard Divinity School 1980
Doctor of Social Sciences (Education), Tübingen 1983
Habilitation in Practical Theology, Tübingen 1991

Academic Positions:
Researcher in Education, Institute of Education, Tübingen 1982-1984
Assistant in Religious Education/Practical Theology, Faculty of Evangelical Theology, Tübingen 1984-1991
(Full) Professor of Practical Theology/ Religious Education, Faculty of Evangelical Theology, Mainz, 1992-1995
(Full) Professor of Practical Theology/ Religious Education, Faculty of Evangelical Theology,
Tübingen, since 1995

Additional Qualifications:
Ordained Minister of the Evangelical Church in Hessen and Nassau
Vicar and Certified Teacher of Religious Education (Church Diploma conferred in 1992, after having been pastor in training 1991-1992, Evangelical Church in Württemberg)

Related Positions:
Chairman of the Board of Education, Evangelical Church of Germany
Chairman of the Comenius-Institute, the National Research Institute of the Evangelical Church of Germany
Chairman of the Academic Society of Theology (2002-2008)
President of the International Academy of Practical Theology (1997-1999)
Dean of the Protestant Faculty of Theology, University of Tuebingen (2006-2010)

Lectureships and Fellowships:
Fellow of the Center for Theological Inquiry (in residence 1997), Princeton
Stone Lectures (January 2000), Princeton Theological Seminary
Lecturer at the Karoly Gaspar Reformed University (2001), Budapest
Lecturer at the Theological Faculty Riga (2004)

Emil B.H. Saggau

Title: Eastern Orthodox perspectives on violence

The contemporary national Eastern Orthodox churches have often been accused of having either direct or ideological part in violence across Eastern Europe in the post-communist era. In several scholarly analysis, the churches have even been to some degree linked with ethnic and national violence. Therefore, they have been identified as an ideological root for a distinctive ethno-religious nationalism either blocking the way for a pluralistic society or simply defying it. These cases of violence and conflicts, as well as the subsequent analysis of them does in themselves only points towards a practical and visible manifestation of conflicts, and therefore, they do not answer a broader theological question, namely the question of the general position of the eastern orthodox church regarding violence in general.

This paper will address this broader question and discuss the co-relation and intersection between Orthodoxy and violence. The Orthodox religious tradition´s perspectives and positions on religion and violence will be drawn from concrete examples of its theological teaching. The discussion of the Orthodox position will be based on the Orthodox canonical laws and the writing of the Church fathers in light of the Neo-patristic school‘s interpretation of both traditions.

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Sheikh Ahmed Tamim

Title: “Military Conflict in Ukraine: Islamic Factor”

Report annotation of Religious Administration of Ukrainian Muslims Head

Theme of the report is religious factor role in wars during mankind history, extremism sense and danger in present-day conflicts, particularly in the territory of Ukraine; necessity of inter-religious and inter-cultural dialog is emphasized to prevent and overpass conflicts. Also it is written about Religious Administration of Ukrainian Muslims role in saving peace in Ukraine.

Аннотация к докладу

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«Военный конфликт в Украине: исламский фактор»

Темой доклада является роль религиозного фактора в войнах на протяжении истории человечества, а также значение и опасность религиозного экстремизма в современных конфликтах, в частности на территории Украины. Особое внимание уделяется необходимости межконфессионального и межкультурного диалога для предупреждения и преодоления конфликтов, а также рассказывается о роли Духовного управления мусульман Украины в сохранении мира в Украине.

Short CV Sheikh Akhmad Tamim

Work
Since 1992 Head of the Religious Administration of Ukrainian Muslims, Mufti of Ukraine
Since 1996 Member of All-Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organisations as representative of Ukrainian Muslims.
Founder of the Islamic University and Al-Irashad school

Personal
Born in 1956 in Beirut (Lebanon)
Present nationality – Ukraine
Languages – Arabic, Russian, English

Education
In 1976 he joined the faculty of Computer Engineering of the Kiev Polytechnic Institute.
In 1982 he received a master's degree in "Microprocessor systems and local area networks." For a long time he worked on a specialty in foreign companies.
In 1992 graduated Islamic theological education in "Daru-l-'Arkam bin Abi al-'Arkam" school in Mambidzha (Syria). He also graduated Imam 'Auza'is Faculty of Theology in Arab University of Beirut. He received a doctorate in theology. He is the author of several books on various Islamic sciences.

International activity
Sheikh Akhmad Tamim liaising with the CIS muftiates, Islamic schools, Ministry's of Religious Affairs of the Arab and other Muslim countries. He takes part in international and regional Islamic conferences, forums and symposiums.
Sheikh Ahmed Tamim regular speaker denouncing the pseudo-religious extremism. He has participated in international conferences in Ukraine, Egypt, Russia (North Caucasus, Kazan, Ufa, Moscow), Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Mauritania, and in a whole number of European countries.
An official visit to South Africa, USA, Turkey, Libya and others.
Since 1996, the Mufti of Ukraine takes part in the prestigious scientific international Islamic forum "Hasanian reading" which was held under the patronage of the King of Morocco. He is a full member of the Commission participants in the debate on the reports at the forum.

Goran Basic

Title: Religion, Violence and Genocide: in Narratives of Survivors from the War in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Abstract

The starting point of this study is the war that took place in northwestern Bosnia and Herzegovina in the 1990s. Serbian soldiers and police targeted their use of violent force directly against the civilian populations in northwestern Bosnia. In their quest to expel Bosniacs and Croats from this area, Serbian soldiers and police used mass executions, forced flight, systematic rape, and concentration camps. The aim of this study is analyzing the narratives of survivors of the war in northwestern Bosnia. The focus lies on analyzing interviewees' description of war-time violence and also analyzing discursive patterns that contribute in constructing the phenomenon "war violence". Analysis shows that the interpersonal interactions that caused the violence continue even after the violent situation is over. Recollections from perpetrators and those subjected to violence of the war do not exist only as verbal constructions in Bosnia of today. Stories about violent situations live their own lives after the war and continue being important to individuals and social life. The crimes committed in northwestern Bosnia are qualified as genocide according to indictments against former Serbian leaders Radovan Karadžić and Ratko Mladić. All interviewees in this study experienced and survived the war in northwestern Bosnia. These individuals have a present, ongoing relation with these communities: Some live there permanently, and some spend their summers in northwestern Bosnia. Institutions in the administrative entity Republika Srpska (to which northwestern Bosnia now belong administratively) deny genocide, and this approach to war-time events becomes a central theme in future, post-war analysis of the phenomena "war violence", and "reconciliation". Therefore, it is very important to analyze the political elite's denial of the systematic acts of violence during the war that have been conveyed by the Hague Tribunal, the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina on War Crime, and Bosnian media. The narratives in my empirical material seem to be influenced by (or coherent with) the rhetoric mediated in these fora. When informants emphasize extermination and the systematization of violence during the war, they produce and reproduce the image of a mutual struggle on a collective level. The aim of this struggle seems to be that the described acts of violence be recognized as genocide.

Keywords: Religion, Violence, Genocide, War, Perpetrator of Violence, Subjected to Violence, Bosnia, Narrative, Sociology

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S. M. Capilupi, I. O. Ermachenko.

Title: Dialogue between "The children of Abraham" and the problem of violence and justice:
F. M. Dostoevsky and D. S. Merezhkovsky.

In this article the problem of correlation between the violence and the religion is treated as a metaphysical problem of correlation between the multiple and the conflict, in which the givenness of the conflict is perceived as a manifestation of plurality and freedom of the Being. Economics, sociology, psychology and political science remind us of the existence of certain spaces of conflict in the society and in the world, showing off some of their causes, ways to resolve, reconciliations or softening. Metaphysics of the society and of the conflict in this case is still necessary because always the question (and metaphysics - this is more a science of right questions, than answers) about the ultimate aim of a Being, which is multiple, free, dynamic and therefore susceptible to conflict; and because the world is often in the situation of paradox and in a situation of internal conflict, or, on the contrary, in the situation of the masking of the wars of different origin and manifestation. In this regard, the article analyzes the Christian idea of kenosis in Fyodor Dostoyevsky in the form in which it appears in his novel "The Brothers Karamazov" and most of all in the "Poem of the Grand Inquisitor" and in the interpretation of this by D. S. Merezhkovsky. The tragedy of the Grand Inquisitor is connected both to the correlation between the Jewish soul and soul only "Christian" in the Christianity, both to the relationship between the Judeo-Christianity and the Islam. In this regard, is analyzed also a kind of natural crossing between the eschatological problem of a possible and exceptional "already" and the eschatological problem of possible and exclusive "not yet" of the human salvation. On the one hand, the eschatological presence of the Jewish people reminds Christians that both God's peoples, together with the Islamic people are actually still waiting for the full implementation of the Kingdom of God, and that the joy of the Resurrection of Christ cans not and should not erase the pursuit of a more just and human world. On the other hand, the presence of Jewish people said that, in some sense before being grateful for the Resurrection of Christ and the prospect of a general resurrection, a believing Christian cans and should be grateful to the Father for the gift of Life itself. The religions of Islam and Judaism, sisters in Abram, remind Christians that by the Incarnation shines the Face of the Creator, about the Kingdom of whom Jesus came to proclaim to the world, and that the Church is not the aim, but the means to the Kingdom of God (the Second Vatican Council developed clear doctrine: "The Church is instrument of the Kingdom of God"). This study also addressed to the problem of justification or refutation of the death penalty and the so-called "legitimate defense" of individuals or peoples in the light of biblical teaching.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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PRESENT OCCUPATION

ASSIGNMENT	**Professor and coordinator of the center of the Italian-Russian studies**
INSTITUTION	RUSSIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY FOR THE HUMANITIES (www.rhga.ru)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DIPLOME	**COURSE OF STUDY**	**UNIVERSITY**	**ACHIEVEMENT YEAR DIPLOME**
PHD	**Filosofy of the Literature**	**Saint-Petersburg State University (abbreviation SPbGU)**	**2006**
MASTER DEGREE OR EQUIVALENT	**Russian Filosofy**	RUSSIAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY FOR THE HUMANITIES (Saint-Petersburg, abbreviation RHGA)	**2002**
MASTER DEGREE OR EQUIVALENT	**Arts, Chair of the East Europe History**	**State Rome University "La Sapienza"**	**1999**

FOREIGN LANGUAGES KNOWN

LINGUAGES	**LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE**
RUSSIAN	**EXCELENT**
ENGLISH	**GOOD**

PRIZES, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

YEAR	**DESCRIPTION**
2000	**SCHOLARSHIP of 25 million lire at the University of Rome La Sapienza for a year of postgraduate specialization abroad**
2007	**First prize at the Russian Embassy in Rome for composition in the Russian language on the cultural role of Russian Orthodoxy today**
2011	**Appointment as a member of the German commission KAAD for selecting Russian scholars of St. Petersburg for internships and research in Germany**
2012	**Appointment as a permanent member of the Academic Senate (Učënyj Sovet) and the High Commission Scientific (Naučnyj Sovet) RHGA.**
2013	**Appointment as a permanent member of the editorial staff of the journal "Acta Eruditorum" of RHGA**

TEACHING ACTIVITY AT UNIVERSITIES

ACCADEMICAL YEARS	**COURSE OF STUDY/TEACHING**	**INSTITUTION**	**HOURS**
2007/2008,2008/200, 2009/2010	**Lector of Italian Language and Culture for students of Philological Faculty**	**Institute of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Philological Faculty, State University of St. Petersburg**	**8 academic hours for week for each semester**
2009/2010,	**Italo-Russian Relations:**	**RHGA**	**35 academic hours for**

2010/2011,2011/201, 2012/2013,2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016	**Art, Literature, Philosophy, Politics.**		**week for each semester**

EDUCATION AND RESEARCHES

2014 - Registration for the second year of joint supervision doctorate at the University La Sapienza of Rome.

2013 - Preparation in the second doctorate at the State University of St. Petersburg (SPbGU, www.spbu.ru), chair of the History of Russian Literature of the Philological Faculty, Thesis Director prof. Boris Averin Valentinovič; working title of the thesis: "Analysis and comparative history of the poetics of the 'tragic' in the Russian and European modern novel (with particular attention to the work of A. Manzoni and F.M. Dostoevsky)". The first concrete outcome of this research project is already in the monograph published in Russia. Now I would like to focus the research on the problem of Redemption between Manzoni and Dostoevsky.

2002/2006 – Russian PHD in St Petersburg. June 15, 2006 I discussed successfully (approval of the Scientific Council unanimously) the diplom of "Kandidat filosofskich nauk" (Russian PhD in philosophy) at SPbGU (State University of St. Petersburg), with the work "The problem of salvation in novels of F. M. Dostoyevsky: the philosophical-anthropological aspect". A part of his writings are available in Russian, including the "avtoreferat" (academic abstract and plan), on the site of the chair of Religious studies of the same SPbGU: ***http://drevn.narod.ru/kapilupi.html****.*

2000/2002 - Training course abroad and second degree in Russia. In 2000 I won a grant from the University of Rome La Sapienza for one year of specialization abroad, in Saint Petersburg, at the Russian Academy of Christian Humanities in St. Petersburg (then Russian Christian Institute of Humanities). I was interested in the Russian philosophical problematic. I choose as Rukovoditel' *(Thesis Director) Konstantin Glebovič Isupov, among the leading Russian experts of the philosophy of literature and curator of the tomes PRO ET CONTRA, published by the publishing house of the Institute. I validated my Italian degree in Russia and integrated the studies done with a second degree in philosophy obtained with honors (*Krasny diplom*, "red diploma") on 25 June 2002.*

1999, 17 July - Degree in Arts and Philosophy at the University of Rome La Sapienza. Title of the thesis: The mission to Russia of father F.M. Gaillard (1908-1911). Thesis Director: Professor Antonello Biagini, chair of the History of Eastern Europe. Co-Director: Professor Rita Tolomeo. Final score: ***110/110 and praise.***

1993/1996 - Three-year course of Russian language and literature at the University of Rome "La Sapienza". E the written examinations and oral language, with a total vote of 30/30, 30/30 and 28/30.

STATE PROJECTS

ANNO	PROJECT
2007	**P.R.I.N. (FROM ITALIAN MINSITRY FOR THE EDUCATION) "Memory and representation in philosophy and artistic reflection": University of Turin, Department of Aesthetics, under the coordination of Professor Roberto Salizzoni.**

ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF RESEARCH GROUPS

Years	RESEARCH GROUP	INSTITUTION
2007-2010	Peace and war in cultural contexts. Final outcome was the largest collection of 2010, cited in the list of publications. With the participation of professors from the universities of Rome, Venice and Messina. The Ca 'Foscari University and the Italian Cultural Institute (IIC) in St. Petersburg have co-financed the organization of the conference in 2009.	University Herzen, the Russian Society of Intellectual History, University Ca 'Foscari, IIC in San Petersburg
2010-2011	"Monumentality and modernity" (international interdisciplinary scientific project on the architecture of the totalitarian period in Italy, Russia and Germany: agency.archi.ru/events/extra/event_current.html?eid=3557&fl=2&sl=3). The results of the project were published later in several issues of the magazine of architecture "Kapitel '".	SPbGU, RHGA, House of Architect in Saint- Petersburg
2010-2011	The Risorgimento and Russia. Modernization and stagnation in Italy and in Russia. The Great Reforms of the 60s of the nineteenth century in Russia and the Risorgimento in Italy: similarities and parallels.	RHGA, IIC in Saint - Petersburg, University "Roma

		Tre", Society Dante Alighieri in Saint – Petersburg
2012-2013	International scientific project "Among theocracy and liberalism: for 1700 years of the Edict of Constantine: traditional religions in Russian culture and European history, present situation and perspectives".	RHGA, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, the University for Foreigners of Siena, University of Aosta Valley, IIC in Saint-Petersburg

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

DATE	TITLE	PLACE
October 24, 2007	"Peace and War in cultural contexts" (55 speakers).	Saint-Petersburg: University Herzen.
October 1-4, 2008	San Francisco in the heart of the Russians (cfr. http://www.conssanpietroburgo.esteri.it/Consolato_SanPietroburgo/Archivio_News/San+Francesco.htm).	Saint-Peterburg: Franciscan Fund "Dialogue of Cultures". With the support of the IIC in St. Petersburg.
November 13-15, 2008	Annual Conference of the Theory and Comparative History of Literature: "East and West. Themes, genres and images in and out of Europe".	Naples: University of Naples "L'Orientale".
June 13-20, 2008	XIV International Symposium of the Dostoevsky Society: Dostoevsky - philosophical mind and eyes of writer.	Naples: University of Naples "L'Orientale", Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies.
December 2, 2008	Symposium with the participation of La Sapienza University in Rome on the Centenary of earthquake of Messina: www.pobedaspb.ru/news_111.html.	St. Petersburg, History Museum of Russian Military Maritime Fleet.
June 30-July 1-2, 2010	"Monumentality and Modernity" (The First International Interdisciplinary Scientific Conference in Saint-Petersburg on architecture of totalitarian period in Italy, Russia and Germany: agency.archi.ru/events/extra/event_current.html?eid=3557&fl=2&sl=3).	Saint-Petersburg State University.
March 24-25, 2011	"Prepodavanie gumanitarnych nauk v školach Italii i Rossii" ("The teaching of the humanities in the schools of Italy and Russia"), with the participation of Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan, University of Aosta Valley, with the support of the Consulate General of Italy (CGI) and the Italian Cultural Institute (IIC) in St. Petersburg (myself in the quality of organizer). Following the conference was established the agreement between the RHGA and the Italian Embassy in Moscow for the project PRIA for the disclosure and the dissemination of Italian language in schools in St. Petersburg.	Saint-Peterburg: RHGA.
May 12-13, 2011	"Svoboda sovesti i kul'tura duchovnosti" ("Freedom of conscience and culture of spirituality").	Perm: Perm State Institute of Culture and Arts.

May 25, 2011	“Intellektual’nye i duchovnye tradicii v obščestvennoj žizni Rossii i Italii” ("The intellectual and spiritual traditions in the social life of Italy and Russia"). Title of the intervention: Perspectives of the dialogue between a "reasonable faith" and a "believer reason" in Italy and in Russia (XIX-XX).	Moscow: Russian Academy of Sciences and the Italian Cultural Institute (IIC) in Moscow.
June 12, 2011	“Platonovskie Čtenija” ("Platonic Readings"). Title of the intervention: The Italian Renaissance humanists and their historians: a new look to the 'miracles' of the Manifold and of the Nature.	Saint-Petersburg: RHGA.
June 30-July 1, 2011	The Second International Scientific Conference “Monumental’nost’ i sovremennost’” ("Monumentality and Modernity") on architecture of totalitarian period in Italy, Russia and Germany.	Saint- Petersburg: RHGA and the House of Architect.
October 20, 2011	"The Risorgimento and Russia". Title of the intervention: national Idea and religious Idea in Italy and in Russia (XIX - XX): a historical-philosophical reflection (as organizer, I red the opening speech in the plenary session).	St. Petersburg: Russian National Library, as part of the Week of the Italian Language and Culture in the World with the patronage of the President of the Italian Republic.
November 29-30, 2012	Conference "History of Education in Europe and in Russia: XVIII-XIX centuries". Organizers: Gregorian University, University of Aosta Valley, Catholic University of Milan and the Academy of Sciences in Moscow.	University of Aosta Valley.
May 27-28, 2013	International Scientific Conference "Among theocracy and liberalism: for 1700 years of the Edict of Constantine: traditional religions in the Russian and European culture: history, present situation and perspectives".	Saint-Petersburg: RHGA.
June 25-29, 2013	“The Ontology today in Italy and in Russia”. With the participation of the University of Genoa, Pisa and Turin as in the direct presence of speakers, as in the form of video-conferences in regime of "tele-bridge".	Saint-Petersburg: University ITMO (http://www.ifmo.ru/).
April 25-26, 2014	VIII RISA Convention on the theme "Metamorphosis post-crisis world: new regionalism and scenarios of global governance".	Moscow: MGIMO (www.mgimo.ru)
November 23, 2014	"Mythos and Ethos: reverse perspective of historical time".	Saint-Petersburg: SPbGU
December 4-7, 2014	Centenary of the First World War	Russia, St. Petersburg: University of Herzen.
May 29, 2014	Holy Trinity XIV Annual International Academic Reading	Russia, St. Petersburg: RHGA
May 29, 2015	Holy Trinity XV Annual International Academic Reading	Russia, St. Petersburg: RHGA

PUBLICATIONS

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Title: Violence in the Sunna

The question of violent material in the Sunna is a very complex one. Throughout Muslim history, various models were developed to deal with violent material in the Aḥādīṯ. What all the violent interpretations have in common is the development of a *Ǧihād*-literature alongside the historical events, that the Ḥadīṯ was to be resurrected and the innovation in the religion (*Bidʿa*) was supposed to be battled to achieve purity of religion. The paper asks for the connected reasons and how to deal with this issue.

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Title: Autonomy- A male privilege in Islam?

Abstract

The advent of Islam onto pre-Islamic Arabia brought about a new social order that required a reinterpretation and revaluation of the Self and its relationship to fellow men, underneath one absolute transcendental power.

This new force intended to break through the supressing tribal structures, in order to give way to the unfolding of the individualized and autonomous “person”. This newly gained individuality goes hand in hand with the transgression of the tight hierarchical borders of the tribe into the broader framework of the Islamic umma which places each person on equal footing regardless of sex, language or origin (Quran 49:13). This breakthrough improved the situation of women in particular, by turning the mumin/a into a legal person who is to be protected by the divine law from unrighteousness and despotism.

Paradoxically, it is the same divine source, which is actually to prevent the relapse into old habits that provides the fertile ground for religiously justified violence, beginning from “gentle” disciplining to life-threatening actions as we encounter them in the media time after time, often under the banner of “HRV” (honour related violence). The presentation will discuss a particular part of Quran 4:34, which is frequently used as a reference in connection to religiously justified violence against women. However, the presentation does not intend to question the source nor the validity of the verse, but rather a discussion on the theological consequences that emerge from the classical understanding of the verse, which prevents women from being autonomous, as a theologically approved and therefore downplayed kind of violence against women in Islam.

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Title: Social distance and the perception of threat from refugees

Abstract

The Social Identity Theory (SIT) explains the Inter-group relations especially groups that are in conflict through the concept of in-group favoritism and out-group derogation. According to this theory, when in-group members perceive a threat to the in-group, we favor the in-group, this further reflects prejudices and discrimination against the outgroup that could result in violence between groups.
The aim of this study is to see whether we can predict the social distance towards refugees on the basis of threat perception and belief system. A total of 167 subjects on an average age of 24.3 were involved in the study. The simple linear regression was used to predict the social distance on the basis of threat perception and belief system. The data shows that the perception of the symbolic threat is presented as the predictor of social distance towards the refugees. Further, the perception of the real threat is not in correlation with the social distance. The study will also discuss the power of the presence of two types of threats as well as gender differences in social distance.

Key words: Perception of threat, social distance, refugees

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Title: Muslim Theologians of Non-Violence

Abstract

The presentation will survey contemporary approaches of Muslim thinkers, scholars, and activists who address the problem of interpretations of Islamic religious sources that have been taken to justify or even promote violence.

The approach of the paper will be to survey, categorize, and analyze the strategies adopted by these contemporary Muslim thinkers who wish to recover or perhaps uncover potential resources for non-violence and peacemaking within the tradition.

Some prominent figures who will be considered include Said Jawdat, Wahiduddin Khan, and Mohammed Abu Nimer.

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World Religions: Major concepts from eastern and western religious traditions.
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Islamic Studies

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Arab-Islamic Culture and Civilization
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Panelist on “Site visits and teaching Religious Studies” American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Nov. 23, 2003.

Respondent Panel on “Discourses of Early Sufism” AAR San Antonio, Nov. 20, 2004.

Chair, Panel on “Women in Sufism”, AAR Philadelphia, Nov. 21, 2005.

Respondent Harvard Islam in America Conference, Dec. 1, 2005.

US Institute of Peace, Presenter, Islam and Peace, Conference, Washington, Aug. 22, 2006.

Chair, Panel on “Engagement in Sufism”, AAR San Diego, Nov. 19, 2007.

Chair, Panel on Gender at “The Cross The Crescent and the Ballot Box” Conference, John Felice Rome Center, Loyola University Chicago, April 3, 2008.

Chair, Panel on “Speaking Truth to Power in the Academy” Study of Islam Section, AAR, Nov. 1, 2008.

Chair, Panel on Gender and Contemporary Islamic Law, Middle East Studies Assoc. Conference, Washington, DC. Nov. 23, 2008.

Chair, Panel on “Methodology in the Study of Islam, AAR Annual Meeting, Montreal, Nov. 9, 2009.

Chair, Panel on “Legitimacy and Islamic Knowledge in Germany, the United States, and the Web “ AAR Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Nov. 20, 2011.

Chair, Panel on at the AAR Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA Nov. 21, 2014.

Chair, Panel on “Music and the Sublime in the Muslim World” University of Chicago Feb 20, 2015.

D. Scholarly Awards and Honors

Pre-Doctoral

Entrance Scholarship, McGill University, 1969
Ontario Scholarship, 1969
University of Chicago Graduate Fellowship: 1974, 1975, 1976, 1982
Canada Council Doctoral Research Award, 1977
Humanities and Social Sciences Research Council of Canada, Doctoral Research Award, 1978

Post-Doctoral

Affirmative Action Faculty Development Award, San Diego State University, 1985
American Research Center in Cairo Award for Post-Doctoral Research, July-December 1986
Participant, National Endowment for the Humanities Workshop on the Introductory Course in World Religions, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, June/July 1987
Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Award, SDSU, 1988
Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, SDSU, 1989

Fulbright, U. S. Department of Education Faculty Research Abroad Award, Pakistan, 1989-90
Research "Micro Grants" San Diego State University, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997.
Fulbright Lectureship in Islamic Studies, Malaysia, Summer 1994
San Diego Historical Society, Award for Best paper on San Diego Religious History 1994
Research and Creative Activity Award, SDSU, Spring 1995
Fellow, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, U. of Chicago Divinity School, 1995
Grant-in-Aid for Research (SDSU) 1995, SDSU RCSA Mini Grant 1997
Senior Fellow, Rutgers University Center for Historical Analysis, 1996-1997
Performance Salary Step Increase Award (PSSI), SDSU 1996-97
Summer Research Award, Loyola University Chicago, 1999. 2006
Fellow, Center for Ethics, Loyola University Chicago, Spring 2001.
Fazlur Rahman Award for Islamic Education, PakWatan TV, Chicago, March, 2002.
Research Award, Institute for Christianity and Culture, Loyola University, Summer 2002, 2005
Associate Director, Dept. of Education, Title VIA Grant for South Asian Studies at Loyola, 2001-3
Recognized as Prominent Woman Leader at Loyola, 5th Annual Leadership reception, March 25, 2003.
National Humanities Center, Fellowship 2004-5 (declined)
Fulbright Multi-Country research Award India, Pakistan, Bahrain 2005
Gannon Center for Women and Leadership, Research Fellow, Spring 2007
Loyola University Core Course Development Award, Summer 2008.
Loyola University Research Leave, Fall 2009
Faculty Presenter, AAR Luce Seminar, on Theology of Religious Pluralism, Summer 2009/10
Director, Dept. of Education UISFL Title VI A Grant for Islamic World Studies at Loyola, 2010-2012.

E. Language Training and Research in the Middle East and South Asia

1975 Summer Course in Arabic
1976 Persian Study, Mashhad, Iran
1976 Berkeley Urdu Program Fellowship, three months in Lahore, Pakistan
1977 Arabic Study, two months, Cairo and Damascus
1978 Summer Language Fellowship, Firdausi University, Mashhad, Iran
1978-7 Dissertation Research in Hyderabad, India
1983 Summer Research Project, Yarmuk University, Irbid, Jordan
1986 International Language Inst., Cairo, July-Dec.
1988 Summer CASA III Fellowship in Arabic, American University in Cairo
1989 Fulbright Faculty Research Abroad Award: Research in Lahore, Pakistan
1993 Turkish Language Summer Program. Bogazici University, Istanbul.
1994 Fulbright Lecturer, Malaysia, Summer
1995 Summer CASA III Fellowship in Arabic, American University in Cairo
2002 Summer CASA III Fellowship in Arabic, American University in Cairo
2006 Summer, American Research Center in Turkey, Language Study Fellowship

F. Participation in Professional Organizations
American Academy of Religion 1982-

Chair, Study of Islam Section, American Academy of Religion	1994-1999
Steering Committee, Islamic Studies Section, AAR	1988-1991, 1993-94
Steering Committee, Islamic Mysticism, Group, AAR	2003-2009
Committee on Texts and Translations, AAR	1994-2000
Association of Asian Studies	1982-1995
Middle East Studies Association	1984-
American Institute of Pakistan Studies	1994-
North American Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies	2013-

G. Service on Editorial and Editorial Advisory Boards

Editorial Board Journal of Contemporary Religion	1994-2002
Editorial Board, Religion Book Review Editor	1996-99
Advisory Board, Journal for Islamic Studies (South Africa)	1997-
Editorial Board, Islamic Studies (Pakistan)	1998-
Editorial Board, Islamic Research, Government College, Lahore	2006-
Editorial Board, Journal: Fieldwork in Religion (England)	2006-
Editorial Board, American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences	2007-
Editorial Board, Comparative Islamic Studies	2007-
Editorial Board, Journal of Civilisational Studies (Malaysia)	2009-
Editorial Advisory Board, Journal of Sufi Studies (Brill)	2011-
Editorial Board, Bannu University Research Journal (BURJ), Pakistan	2011-
Editorial Advisory Board, Romano-Arabica, Center for Arab Studies University of Bucharest	2012-
Editorial Advisory Board, HIWAR Das Journal für Islamische Theologie und Religionspädagogik im Interdisziplinären Dialog, Freiburg	2013-
Editorial Advisory Board, International Journal of Islamic Studies (Tehran)	2013-
Editorial Board, Urdu Encyclopedia of Islam, Lahore, Pakistan	2013-
Editorial Board, "Encyclopedia of Islamic Mysticism" (Brill)	

IV. SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY

A. Service to San Diego State University

Member, Africa and Middle East Area Studies Committee	1982-1996
Chair, Africa and Middle East Studies Committee	1992-1996
Member, College of Arts and Letters Committee on Committees	1984
Member, College of Arts and Letters Research Committee	1984-1985, 1990-93
Center for Asian Studies	1985-1996
Faculty Fellow SDSU Residence Program	1993-1994
CAL Committee on Diversity and Emergent Scholarship (Codices)	1995-1996
CAL Personnel Committee	1995-1996

B. Service at Loyola University Chicago

Departmental Advisory Committee, Theology Dept.	1999-2001, 2007-8, 2012-
Jewish Studies Committee	1999-2003

Asian Studies Committee	1998-
Religion Culture and Society	1998-2002
Acting Director, Religion, Culture and Society Program	2000-2001
University Academic Council	2003-4, 2005-2010
Director, Islamic World Studies Minor	2006-
University Research Committee	2007-9
College of Arts and Sciences Leadership Council	2009-
Steering Committee, Center for Global Management and Responsible Leadership	2010-12
Loyola Faculty Council	2011-13

1. Academic Lectures

"Islamic Ethics," University of Southern California School of Religion, March 18, 1985.

"Islam and Modernity in South Asia," Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, April 15, 1985.

"Interdisciplinary Approaches to Islamic Biographical Literature," McGill University, Montreal, October 1986.

"Contemporary Sufism and Sufi Literature in Pakistan," Department of Religious Studies Colloquium, SDSU, November 27, 1990.

SDSU Faculty Seminar on "Covering Other Cultures: Bringing the Middle East into the Classroom," April 11, 1991.

"Intercultural Communication: Middle Eastern and Muslim Students in the Primary and Secondary School Classroom," Department of Education, CSU San Marcos, March 20, 1991 and San Diego State University April 20, 1991.

"Islam and Nationalism," Master of Arts in Liberal Arts Program, SDSU, and Institute for International Security and Conflict Resolution, San Diego, February 25, 1991.

"Islam and Politics in the 90s: Algeria at the Crossroads," Africa and Middle East Area Studies Committee, SDSU, May 4, 1992.

"Teaching Controversy---: Women and Islam", California History/Social Sciences Project
University of California, San Diego, July 10, 1992.

"Theories of Religion in World History", North County Global History Project, Mira Costa College, Oceanside, Feb. 20, 1993.

"Visions as 'Good to Think': Examples from Pre-Modern Muslim Mystics", UCSD Committee on Religious Studies, Feb. 26, 1993.

"Muslim Immigrants in the U. S.: A Complex Community" Conference on Bridges and Barriers to Immigration, University of San Diego, March 24, 1994.

"'New' Islamic Movements in the United States" at the Intellectual Discourse Circle, International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, June 25, 1994.

Lectures on various aspects of Islamic Studies delivered at the National University of Malaysia, the University of Malaya, the University of Indonesia (Jakarta), Sunan Gunung Jati Islamic Institute, Bandung, Indonesia during June and July 1994.

"Visions in Islam", Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, Divinity School, University of Chicago, May 3, 1995.

Discussant, Homi Bhabha's Location of Culture, Religion and Social Theory Workshop, Divinity School, University of Chicago, May 11, 1995.

Introduction to Islam" for "Complexities of Culture Series" UCSD Extension, Feb. 8, 1996.

"Muslim Conversion Narratives" for UCSB Scholars of Islam Series, UC Santa Barbara, Feb. 28, 1996.

"Muslims in America" American Center, Hyderabad, India, Aug. 1, 1996.

Various Lectures in Islamic Studies, University of Peshawar, International Islamic University, Islamabad, University of Karachi, Pakistan, Dec. 1996 and Jan. 1997.

"Pilgrimage and Conversion in Islam", Religious Studies Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Feb. 26, 1997.

"Contemporary Muslim Conversion Narratives". Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, March 18, 1997.

“Contemporary Muslim Women’s Issues”, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI. Feb. 3, 1999.

“The Rushdie Affair” for course at Loyola on South Asian Literature, Nov. 8, 1999.

“Islam and Homosexuality” for course at Loyola on Gay and Lesbian Issues in Education.

“New Trends in Muslim America” Knight Center for Journalism, University of Maryland, June 9, 2000.

“Conversion to Islam and InterFaith Dialogue” Catholic Theological Union Chicago, May 16, 2001.

“The Madrasa System of Islamic Education” Iqra International Symposium, Islamic Cultural Center, Villa Park, June 17, 2001.

“Women in Islam” University of Georgia, Athens, Jan. 18, 2002.

Panelist on “Central Asia: Globalization and Social Change” University of Georgia, Athens. March 20, 2002.

“American Sufi Movements’ lecture and Video presentation, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, April 11, 2002.

“Women in Islamic Spirituality” St. Mary’s/Notre Dame, South Bend Indiana, October 16, 2002

“Religion and Violence in the Middle East” panelist Loyola University Chicago , November 20, 2002.

“Must Civilizations Clash?” Theology Department Colloquium, Loyola University, Feb. 16, 2003.

“Islam, Modernity and Authority” Newberry Library, April 2, 2003.

“Sufism and the Enneagram” for “Three Spiritual Traditions”: Tracing the Roots of the Enneagram” for First Analysis Institute of Integrative Studies and Institute of Pastoral Studies, Loyola University Chicago, June 21-21, 2003.

“Muslims in the Performative Mode” Presentation on Christian Muslim Dialogue. Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Conn. October 22, 2003.

"Interpreting American Sufi Movements: Reading the Visual Signs" Harvard Islamic Mysticism Workshop, Feb. 13, 2004.

“Representing Muslims in the American Academy” Harvard Conference on “Islam in America”, March 7, 2004.

“The Shaping of American Muslim Identity”. Keynote Speech, Islam in America Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit. April 7, 2004.

“Faith Development and Spiritual Maturation in the Works of Said Nursi”. 7th annual conference Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture, Oct. 4, 2004.

March 4, 2005 Lecture “The Relevance of Shah Wali Allah’s Thought for Contemporary Muslims” at Dept. of Islamic Studies, Jamia Millia University, New Delhi India

April 30, 2005 Lecture “American Muslims after 9/11” at International Islamic University, Islamabad Pakistan

Aug. 7, 2005. “Said Nursi and Maulana Ilyas: Examples of Pietistic Spirituality among 20th Century Islamic Movements” Ilm Wakfi Conference, Istanbul.

Sept. 20, 2005 “American Muslim Identity”, John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Feb. 25, 2006. “Teaching about Islam”, Midwest Association of Colleges, Lake Forest IL.

March 5-6, 2006 “Concepts of Childhood and Youth in Islam”, Project on Childhood Spirituality Conference, Chicago, Il.

April 19, 2006. “Introduction to Sufism” East-West perspectives, East West University, Chicago.

Oct. 27, 2006. “Sufi Networking in the West”, Islam in America Workshop, Harvard University, Boston.

Nov. 3, 2006. “Sufi Modernism” East-West Seminar, Valparaiso University, Indiana.

Nov. 6, 2006. "The Nur Movement in Comparative Perspective" John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Nov. 11, 2006. "Neither of the East not of the West: Sufi Women in the United States", St. Xavier University Conference on Portraits of Women in Islam.

Jan. 16, 2007Lecture "Sufism and the Modern" at Darul Arqam, Singapore.

Jan. 17. 2007 Lectures "Muslims in America" at the University of Singapore, "Islam and Spiritual Identity" Simply Islam, Singapore.

Jan. 19, 2007. Presentation on "Muslim Youth Cultures, Negotiating Identity and Teaching for Tolerance". Conference: Oslo Coalition and Hasanuddin State University, Makassar, Indonesia.

Jan. 22, 2007. Lecture on "Sufi Modernism" at Hasanuddin State Islamic University, Makassar, Indonesia.

Jan. 23, 2007 Lecture at Gadjah Mada University Center for Religious Studies, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Jan. 24, 2007 Lectures at Muhammadiyyah University and Nawesea Pesantran, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

April 17, 2007 Lecture on "Women In Islam: Beyond Polemic and Apologetic", Northwest Illinois University, Macomb, IL.

April 20, 2007 Lecture on "Iqbal's Complaint and Answer" at American Islamic College, Chicago.

Nov. 5, 2007 "Women and Textual Interpretation" Hidden Treasures Conference, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.

Jan. 3, 2008 "Islam and Religious Freedom", Islamic Call Society University, Tripoli, Libya.

April 14, 2008. "Cultural Worlds: Culture Wars: Islam Christianity and Culture in the 21st Century" Chapel Series, Loyola University Chicago.

Oct. 17, 2008. "Sufi texts: Sufi Contexts--the Case of American Sufi Movements", Middle East Center, University of Chicago

Oct. 30, 2008. "Muslim Youth and Interfaith Dialogue" Interreligious Dialogue Conference, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago.

Dec. 15, 2008. Sidi Muhammad ibn Abdullah University, Fez, Morocco. Sufi Modernism. Bilingual presentation (English and Arabic) to graduate students.

Dec. 16, 2008. Sidi Muhammad ibn Abdullah University, Fez, Morocco. "Sufism in the West", Bilingual presentation (English and Arabic) to graduate students.

June 2 and 3rd, 2009. Presentations on “Women and Islam” at Conference on Globalization and the Common Good. Loyola University Chicago.

June 7-14, 2009. Presentations on Islam and Theologies of Religious Pluralism at the AAR Luce Seminar, New York City.

September 8, 2009 ,“Women in Islam: Pakistan and Afghanistan” Shared Texts Symposium, Loyola University Chicago,.

Oct. 22, 2009. “The Gülen Movement”, at the Dialogue Conference, Northern Iowa University, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

October 30, 2009, “Women and Interpretation” Islamic World Studies Town Hall Meeting, DePaul University Chicago,

Feb. 19, 2010. “Muslims of North Chicago”. Center for Urban Research and Learning, Loyola University Chicago.

Nov. 28/29, 2010. Presenter on Islam, The Philosophical-Theological Conference on Interfaith Foundations. Sheil Catholic Center, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

Dec. 21, 2010. Islamic Studies and Gender Studies, Iqbal Research Institute, International Islamic University, Islamabad.

Dec. 22, 2010. “The Framing of the American Mosque” Islamic Research Center, International Islamic University, Islamabad.

Jan. 5, 2011. “Gender and Islamic Studies” Osmania University, Hyderabad, India.

Jan. 7, 2011. “Global Islamic Movements” University of Hyderabad, India.

March 24, 2011 “Global Spirituality: The case of Contemporary Sufi Movements” at Global Spirituality Seminar, Aarhus University, Denmark.

March 25, 2011. Presented paper at the “Dialogue across Worldviews” Conference at the University of Copenhagen.

April 30, 2011. Respondent for paper on “Chicago Muslims” by Paul Numrich presented at the Chicago Area Group for the Study of Religious Communities, Loyola University.

May 26, 2011, Presentations on “Women’s Rights and Islamic Law” and “Minority Rights in Islamic Law and Islamic States” at the Syracuse International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences, Syracuse, Italy

June 15, 2011 presented paper on “Alter/native Democracies: Muslim and Catholic Negotiations of Culture, Religion, and Citizenship in the 21st Century” at Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia as part of the Democracy, Culture, and Catholicism International Research Project of the Hank Center.

Sept. 24, 2011. Presented “Converts to Islam as Culture Brokers: Classical and Contemporary Examples” at Symposium on “Interreligious Dialogue and the Cultural Shaping of Religions”, Boston College.

March 12, 2012. “Post-Tariqa Sufism” at Osmania University, Hyderabad India.

April 13, 2012. “Reviving Islamic Theology as a Humanistic Project” at the workshop on “Imagining Muslim Humanities” Duke University.

June 18, 2012 presented paper on “Alter/native Democracies: Muslim and Catholic Negotiations of Culture, Religion, and Citizenship in the 21st Century” at Gregorian Institute, Rome, Italy, as part of the Democracy, Culture, and Catholicism International Research Project of the Hank Center.

July 11/12, 2012. Kazan, Russian Federation. Series of 4 academic lectures delivered for the Higher Education Support Program, Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching (ReSET) on "Islam: Religious and Social Practices. Universality and Locality", Topics included the study of Islam in South Asia, Sufism in the West, and Women in Islam.

Oct. 10, 2012. “The Parameters of Authority and Dissent in Islam” for the In Good Faith program at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.

Oct. 17, 2012. Muslim Women and Contemporary Debates” at Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL.

May 8, 2013. “Islamic Education in the West” Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, Baku Azerbaijan.

May 15, 2013 Presentation on Book on Sufism in the West, Moroccan American Cultural and Educational Center, Rabat, Morocco.

May 16, 2013. “Sufi Movements in the West” (In Arabic) Muhammad V University, Rabat Morocco.

May 25, 2013 “Shadhili Sufis in the West” for conference on Moroccan Sufism in the West, Kelaa M’gouna, Morocco.

July 13-15, 2013. Several lectures on contemporary Islamic Movements, for Open Society, Higher Education Support Program, Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching (ReSET), Almaty, Kazakhstan.

February 28, 2014 “Muslima Theology: The Voices of Muslim Women Theologians” Zakir Husain Institute of Islamic Studies, Jamia Millia University, New Delhi, India.

March 3, 2014 “American Sufis and American Islam” Department of Islamic Studies, Jamia Millia University, New Delhi, India.

April 23, 2014. “Teaching the Introductory Course on Islam”, Islamic Studies Students Society, University of Chicago.

April 30, 2014. Discussant, “Islam is a Foreign Country” by Zareena Grewal, Islamic World Studies Program, De Paul University.

May 3, 2014. “Public, Public Sphere, Public Square: Habermas and Islamic Exceptionalism” Open Society, Higher Education Support Program, Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching (ReSET), Bodrum, Turkey.

March 4, 2015. “Shah Wali Allah” Oxford University, Oxford Institute of Islamic Studies.

April 11, 2015. “Islam and the Academic Curriculum” for Conference on Islam at U.S. Jesuit Universities and Colleges, University of San Francisco.

2. Public Lectures

"Islam," Educational Growth Opportunities Program, College of Extended Studies, SDSU, March 26, 1984.

"The Qur'an," Hoover High School, San Diego, April 25, 1984.

"Islam and Judaism," Havarot Beshert of Temple Beth Israel, San Diego, April 30, 1984.

"Dialoguing with Muslims," Episcopalian Priests of the Diocese of San Diego, St. Andrews by the Sea Episcopal Church, San Diego, May 8, 1984.

"Islam and Nuclear War," symposium on "The Arms Race and the Third World," College of Extended Studies, SDSU, October 27, 1984.

Discussant, "Among the Believers," by V. S. Naipaul, La Jolla Book Review Group, November 12, 1984.

"Islam and Politics," World Affairs Council of San Diego, March 21, 1985.

"Diversity Within Islam," Pacific Beach Congregational Church, October 25, 1987.

Moderator of Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Dialogue on "God and the Divine Attributes," Berkeley, October 29, 1988.

"Islam and Judaism," Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies Lecture Series, SDSU, April 2, 1989.

"Sufism," Educational Growth Opportunities Program, College of Extended Studies, SDSU, April 19, 1989.

"Introduction to Islam," La Jolla Friends Meeting, La Jolla, CA, February 2, 1991.

"Basic Beliefs in Islam," Alpine Library Book Discussion Group, Alpine, CA, March 27, 1991.

"Women in Muslim Societies," American Association of University Women, San Diego, April 13, 1991.

Panelist on "One Nation under God—Indivisible?—Religion and the Establishment Clause," University of San Diego, October 27, 1991.

"Islam and Modernity," Temple Adat Shalom, San Diego, November 4, 1991.

"Gender Roles in Islam," UCSD International Studies Club, May 4, 1992.

"Panelist on "Islam in Somalia" Refugee and Social Services, San Diego, Feb, 20, 1993.

Organizer and Moderator of Film Festival on "Women in Four Middle Eastern Muslim Societies" San Diego State University, March-April 1993

"Women in the Middle East" Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. San Diego, April 17, 1993.

"Introduction to Islam" St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Chula Vista, April 18, 25,1993.

"Islam and Muslim Culture in South Asia" University of California, San Diego, April 8, 1994

Organizer and Moderator. SDSU Film Festival on Perspectives on Immigration and the Middle East, March-April, 1994.

"Shah Wali Allah and Devotion to the Prophet' International Milad al-Nabi Conference, Chicago, Illinois, Sept. 12, 1994.

"Women in Islam", Bilal Mosque, Fremont, California Jan. 22, 1995

"Shah Wali Allah of Delhi" Villa Park Islamic Foundation, Chicago, February 19, 1995.

"The Future of Islam in America" Islamic Society of Peoria, Illinois, March 4, 1995.

"Women in Islam". ATT Employee Diversity Program, Lombard, Illinois, April 24, 1995.

"Muslim Women: Feminists or Womanists?" Loyola University, Chicago, Muslim Students Association, April 28, 1995.

"Islamic Feminists?" Villa Park Islamic Foundation, Illinois, May 7, 1995.

"Shah Wali Allah", Muslim Students Association, University of Chicago, May 16, 1995.

"Muhammad Iqbal and Love for Prophet Muhammad" 2nd Annual Milad al-Nabi Conference, Chicago, Il, Aug. 27, 1995.

"Islam and Muslim Students", English Language Center, University of California, San Diego, Dec. 1, 1995.

Organizer and Moderator of Film Festival on "Religion and Political Issues in Recent Films from the Arab World", SDSU, March-April, 1996.

“Sufi Qur’an Interpretation”. Libertyville Islamic Center. July 15, 1997.

"Mystical Interpretations of the Qur'anic Light Verse". 4th Annual Milad al-Nabi Conference. Chicago July 27, 1997.

"Fundamentals of Islamic Art". Council of American Muslim Professionals, Chicago. Oct. 2, 1997.

"Who are the Muslim Community". Muslim Community Center of Chicago. Oct. 18, 1997.

"Muslims in America" for Lilly Foundation National Conference for Newspaper Religion Editors and Journalists, Harvey Islamic Center, Chicago, Dec. 4, 1997.

"Introduction to Sufism", Council of American Muslim Professionals, Chicago, Il, March 14, 1998.

"The Relevance of Shah Wali Allah to Contemporary Muslim Thought", Northbrook Islamic Center, Illinois, March 15, 1998.

"Iqbal and Goethe", Iqbal Society, Villa Park, Il, March 15, 1998.

"The Place of Sufism in the Islamic Tradition", Islamic Unity Conference", Washington, D. C. Aug. 8, 1998.

"Spiritual Aspects of the Prophet's Biography", 5th Annual Milad al-Nabi Conference, Chicago, Il, Aug. 11, 1998.

"The Waliullahi Movement", Conference on The Contribution of South Asia to Islamic Thought", Islamic Foundation, Villa Park, Il. Aug. 13, 1998.

"Contemporary Issues in Islamic Law", Islamic Cultural Center, Northbrook, IL, Nov. 8, 1998.

"Classical Islamic Political Theory", Islamic Cultural Center, Northbrook, IL, Feb. 7, 1999.

"Contemporary Issues in Islamic Law" for Ithna Ashari Shi'i Community of Toronto, Canada, March 17, 1999.

"Islamic Institutions: The Khanqah", Islamic Cultural Center, Northbrook, Il, May 9, 1999.

"Love and Devotion to the Prophet", Milad al-Nabi Celebration, Peoria, Il, June 26, 1999.

"Adab-o Akhlaq: The Best Example Of the Prophet", Milad al-Nabi Celebration, Naqshbandiyya Foundation, Chicago Il, July 12, 1999.

"Contemporary Issues in Islam", Emeritus Program. Oakton Community College, Skokie, IL, Sept. 21, 1999.

"Grief and Grieving in Islam" Ministry Center, Loyola University, Nov. 8, 1999.

"Shah Wali Allah and his Influence" Muslim Educational Center, Morton Grove, IL, Nov. 13, 1999.

"Marriage and Childbirth in Islam" Ministry Center, Loyola, March 8, 2000.

Graduation Speaker, Universal Islamic School, Bridgeview, IL, June 11, 2000.

"Issues in Muslim Education" American Muslim Council, Washington, DC, June 2000.

"Islam and the Death Penalty" for Panel on Religious Perspectives on the Death Penalty, Chicago Humanities Festival, Nov. 12, 2000

"The Significance of Jerusalem for Muslims" Catholic Theological Union, Hyde Park IL, Jan. 23, 2001.

"Forgiveness in Islam" Ministry Center, Loyola University, March 19, 2001.

"Islam and the Muslim Student" Loyola Staff Council, April 25, 2001.

"The Place of Sufism in Islam" Ibn Sina Society, Cleveland, OH, May 5, 2001.

Graduation Speaker, Islamic Foundation School, Villa Park, IL, June 1, 2001.

"Heroic Women in Islam", Irshad Islamic Center, Lombard, IL Sept. 8, 2001.

Presenter, Interfaith Memorial Service, First Presbyterian Church, Evanston, Sept. 11, 2001.

Speaker, St. Nicholas Church, Evanston, Sept. 16, 2001.

Session on Islam and Muslims, Lake Street Church, Evanston, Sept. 23, 2001.

Speaker, Urs and Qawwali, Chishtiyya Foundation, Chicago, Sept. 29, 2001.

Loyola Peace Studies Forum Speaker, Sept. 2001.

Oct. 4 Presentation for Loyola Faculty on "Background on Islam and the Current Crisis"

Oct. 11, 2001. Loyola Committee on Diversity Affairs, Department of Psychology, Forum on Aftermath of Sept. 11.

Oct. 24, 2001 Rogers Park Community Forum on "Islam and the War on Terrorism"

Oct. 29, 2001 Loyola University Teach-In "Beyond September 11"

Nov. 13, 2001 International Trucking Company " Warrenville, IL "Islam and Diversity.

Nov. 13. 2001 St. James Church Chicago "Islam"

Nov. 15, 2001 Vocation as "calling" Loyola Ministry, project Evoke

Nov. 21, 2001 Thanksgiving service prayer, St. Nicholas Church, Evanston

Nov. 27, 2001 Federal Deposit Insurance Institute, Chicago. "Islam: An Overview"

Nov. 29, 2001. Columbia College Journalism Seminar "South Asia: Cultural Elements"

Feb. 6, 2002 Beth Emet Evanston. Series of Four lectures on Islam.

Feb. 9 and Feb. 16, 2002. University of Chicago Middle East Center Outreach program for Chicago Teachers.

Feb. 15, 2002. "Women in Islam Today" for North Shore Women's Club, Winnetka, IL.

Feb. 18, 2002. Justice Week Speaker on "Governance and Democracy in Islam" for Loyola School of Education.

Feb. 28, "Understanding Islam" Chicago International Women's Association.

March 1, 2002 "Hope in Islam" Islamic Foundation, Villa Park, IL.

March 12, 2002 Presentation for The Dow Chemical Company Diversity Initiative, Midland Michigan and broadcast world wide to Dow employees on "Women in Islam"

March 12, 2002 Midland Michigan, Civic Center, presentation on "Women in Islam"
2002
March 13, Presenter, Peace Now Jewish-Muslim Dialogue, Beth Emet, Evanston, IL.

March 18, 2002. "Hope in Islam" Center for Faith and Mission, Loyola, Chicago.

April 12, 2002. Lecture on "The Role of Islamic Movements in the United States" Islamic Center of Central Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

April 16, 2002 , "The Study of Religion post 9/11" Religious Studies Colloquium, Theology Department, Loyola University.

April 25, 2002, "Meditation and Remembrance in the Sufi Tradition", Soul Space retreat center, Chicago.

June 1, 2002, "Hope, Fear, and Social Activism in Islam" Indian Muslim Relief Committee, Lombard, IL

Sept. 11, 2002. Memorial Service, Beth Emet Synagogue, Evanston, Presenter.

"Sufism in the Islamic Tradition" Northwestern University Muslim Students Association, Oct. 24, 2002.

,March 25, 2003 "Winning the Peace?: Gulf War II Teach-In" Loyola University Chicago.

Four Lectures at Elijah School of Religion on "Islam and Authority", Jerusalem, August, 2003.

Sept. 15, 2003. Introduction to the Whirling Dervishes of Turkey, Chicago Theater, Chicago.

Sept. 20/21, 2003. Retreat Leader, Muslim Women's Association of New Mexico, Abiquiu, NM.

October 15, 2003. Loyola. Muslim Women: Spirituality and Practice for Islam Awareness Week.

Nov. 26, 2003. Presenter, Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Ravenswood Ministerial Association.

Feb. 10, 2004. "Going over to the Dark Side: Otherness and Evil in Lord of the Rings" Theology Dept. panel on Lord of the Rings, Loyola University.

March 21, 2004. Panel on "Faith, reconciliation and hope" for Chicago Tikkun conference on the Middle East.

March 25, 2004. Presenter. Panel for Women's History Month. Loyola University.

March 31, 2004. The Iraq war-one year later. Loyola University.

April 15, 2004 Loyola University "Revisiting the Idea of Vocation"

April 20, 2004 "Islamic Views of Vocation" Crossroads Center, Chicago.

May 2, 2004. "Spiritual Aspects of the Life of Muhammad" Niagara Foundation Milad Celebration, Rosemont, IL.

May 8, 2004. Speech on "Knowledge and the Intellect in Islam" for Midwest Ismaili Council Milad Celebration, Chicago IL.

May 16, 2004. "Iqbal and Love of the Prophet" Iqbal Day Celebration, East-West University, Chicago, Il.

July 10-12, 2004. Three presentations on aspects of Islam at the Parliament for the World's Religions, Barcelona, Spain.

Aug. 20, 2004. Talk on "Women in the Chishti Order" Annual Urs of Khwaja Muinuddin Chishti, Chishtiyya Foundation, Chicago, Il.

Aug. 21, 2004. "Shah Wali Allah and his relevance to Muslims Today" at the Indian Muslim Educational Foundation dinner, Villa Park, Il.

Sept. 15, 2004. Introduction. Whirling dervishes of Konya, Turkey. Chicago Theater, Chicago, Il.

Feb. 16, 2005 Lecture on "Sufism in the West" (in Urdu) at the Arabic and Persia Research center Library, Tonk, Rajastan, India

Feb. 25 and 27 lectures at the Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Research Library, Patna India

March 4, 2005 lecture at the Habitat Center, New Delhi India

March 21, 2005 Lecture at the Jamaat-i Islami headquarters, New Delhi India

April 23, 2005 Presentation at the Council for Islamic Ideology, Islamabad Pakistan.

April 30, 2005 Lecture at International Islamic University, Islamabad Pakistan

April 28, 2005 Presentation at United States Educational Foundation Fulbright Conference in Lahore.

May 21, 2005. Presentation at the Annual Milad al-Nabi Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

May 22, 2005. Presentation at the Annual Milad al-Nabi Conference, Dallas, Texas.

July 1, 2005 Lecture, "American Muslims" Community Builders Forum, Skokie, Illinois

Sept. 21, 2005. Respondent, Loyola University theatre production "In the Heart of America".

Nov. 9, 2005. Panelist on "textual criticism" Theology Dept. Loyola University Chicago

Nov. 11, 2005 "Sufi Thought and Contemporary Issues", for the Chicago Interfaith Gathering.

Jan. 6, 2006 "American Sufism" Community Builders Forum, Skokie Illinois.

Jan. 8, 2006. "American Sufism" Downtown Islamic Center, Chicago.

Jan. 10, 2006. "Diversity in Islam: Media Representations" Class in Journalism, Northwestern University, Evanston, Il.

Jan. 15, 2006 "Muslim Women's Spirituality" for BVM National Meeting, Loyola University Chicago.

March 4, 2006. "Women and Religion", International Women's Day Celebration, Des Plaines Turkish Community Center, Il.

March 19 "Women in Islam" , Unitarian Church, Hyde Park, IL

April 3, 2006. "End of Life Issues in Islamic Medical Ethics" Loyola Medical Center, Maywood, IL.

April 16, 2006. Milad, Islamic Women's Association, Islamic Foundation, Villa Park, IL.

April 20 "Mercy and Spiritual Transformation", Milad, Turkish Intercultural Club, Loyola University Chicago.

May 27, 2006 Workshop. "American Muslim Identity", Community Builders Chicago Convention, Rosemont, IL

June 4, 2006. Welcome address. Iqra International Educational Foundation Banquet, Bloomingdale, Il

Sept. 22, 23, 2006 Presentations at the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago IL for Conference on Christian Muslim Engagement for Peace and Justice.

Oct. 30, 2006. "Transforming the Self: Transforming Society" Muslim Christian Dialogue at the Siena Center, Dominican University, Lake Forest, Illinois.

Nov. 4, 2006 "Gender and Family Justice in Islam", Evangelic Christian/Muslim Dialogue. North Park University, Chicago.

Jan. 6, 2007. "Reflections on the Hajj Pilgrimage: Patriarchal or Provocative", Abrahamic Traditions Dinner, Mount Prospect, Il.

Feb. 13, 2007. Presentation at the Loyola Museum of Art on "Islam and Islamic Art".

Feb. 17, 2007. Panelist "Islam in Pakistan and Pakistanis in Chicago" Fulbright Association of Chicago.

March 7, 2007. Presentation on "Basic Islam" at Christ Church, Episcopal, Winnetka, IL.

March 20, 2007. Panelist "Gender Apartheid: Fact or Fiction", Loyola University Chicago.

March 21, 2007. Moderator, panel on "Understanding Mideast tensions and Hopes", Peacemaking Conference, Loyola University Chicago.

April 2, 2007. Speaker. "Islam and Modernization", Northeastern University Chicago.

April 27/28, 2007. Respondent. Jesus and Mary in Islamic and Christian Traditions, Nawawi Foundation Seminar, Oak Brook, IL.

April 30, 2007. Presenter. Honorary degree to Shirin Ebadi, Gannon Center/Loyola University Chicago.

May 3, 2007, Presenter, "Rumi A Voice for Our Times". Niagara Foundation, Chicago.

May 5, 2007. Presenter. Women in Religion and Culture. Hellenic Museum, Chicago.

May 11, 2007. Lecture on "Sufism and the Modern" Frankfort Islamic Center, Frankfort, Il.

May 25, 2007. Presentation on Islam at Veterans Center, Evanston, IL.

May 27, 2007. Moderator. Panel on Family Relationships, Community Builders Convention, Skokie, IL.

Sept. 8, 2007. "Rumi: A Voice for our Times". Mount Prospect Library, Mount Prospect, IL.

Oct. 2. 2007 Speaker, "Rumi Commemoration" North Park University, Chicago.

June 25, 2008. "The Contemporary Relevance of Sufism" Institute of Strategic and Policy Initiatives, Oak Brook, IL.

Oct. 9, 2008. "Introduction to Islam. BP Naperville, Il.

Oct. 11, 2008. Response to Razia Fasih Ahmad's Urdu Novel, Zakhm-e Tanha'i. Arbab-e Urdu, Skokie,

Oct. 19, 2008. Welcome speech, Iqra Educational Foundation 25th Anniversary Banquet, Chicago.

Nov. 15, 2008. "Prophets and Scriptures in Islam", Abraham Salon, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hoffman Estates, Il.

Nov. 23, 2008. "Thanksgiving and Eid al-Adha", Averroes Academy Islamic School, Glenview Il.

Jan. 29, 2009. "Islamic Spirituality" for the Institute of Spiritual Companionship, Wilmette, IL.

March 21, 2009. Presenter on Interfaith Dialogue at the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago Workshop. Islamic Foundation, Bridgeview, IL.

July 18, 2009. Presented on Islam at the Abrahamic Reunion, Abode of the Message, New Lebanon, New York.

Oct. 31, 2009 "Mystical Approaches to the Qur'an" at The Qur'an Conference, Iqra International and al-Furqan Institute, Skokie, IL.

Nov. 11, 2009. "Afghan Women and the Elections" at the Freedom Project Table of Nations, Chicago, IL.

March 3, 2010. "Islamic Poetry and Spirituality". Islam Awareness Week, Loyola University Chicago.

March 5, 2010 "Basement Mosques and other Muslim Spaces in North Chicago". Community Builders, Skokie,IL.

March 13, 2010. "Female Companions of the Prophet", Milad un Nabi Organization, Elmhurst, Il.

April 27, 2010. "Meditation and Inter-religious Engagement: A Sufi-Catholic Conversation" at the Center for Inter-religious Engagement, De Paul University, Chicago.

Sept. 28, 2010 "The Framing of the American Mosque" Islam in America Conference, American Islamic College, Chicago, IL.

Oct. 4, 2010. Council of Islamic Organizations, Chicago, Conference, Panelist on "Issues facing Illinois Muslims".

Nov. 5, 2010. "Islam and Culture/s" Fourth Presbyterian Church. Chicago.

Dec. 25, 2010. "Issues of Muslim Youth" al-Huda, Karachi Branch.

March 8, 2011. Women, Gender and Society in Turkey" at the Study Turkiye Workshop 11, ZK Consulting Chicago.

Sept. 17, 2011.Conference commentator "islam and Muslims I America" American Islamic College, Chicago.

Sept. 19, 2011. Panelist on "The Last Things" for Medieval Studies Program, Loyola University Chicago.

Oct. 27, 2011 9/11 A decade Later: Panel on Religious Perspectives. First Unitarian Church, Hyde Park

Nov. 1, 2011. Advocate Forum, Loyola LGBTQ issues and the World Religions

Nov. 9, 2011 “Is Feminism Dead”. The Feminist Forum. Loyola University Chicago.

Nov. 16, 2011 “Interfaith Dialogue with Women Religious Leaders”, North Park University, Chicago.

Dec. 15, 2011. “Islamic Scriptures” at Faith to Faith First Congregational Church (UCC), Crystal Lake, IL.

Jan. 23, 2012. “What does a Religious Tradition Pass On”, Center for Interreligious Engagement, De Paul University, Chicago.

Feb. 24, 2012. “Women, Gender and Society in Turkey” at the Study Turkiye Workshop 12, ZK Consulting Chicago.

April 17, 2012. Respondent to Jacob Neusner, “The Three Religions Of One God: Do They Possess The Law Of The Same God”, Loyola Law School, Chicago.

June 15, 2012. Lecture on “Muslima Theology: The (New?) Voices of Muslim Women Theologians” at Instituto Tevere, Rome, Italy.

July 27, 2013. “Muslim Perspectives on the Spirituality of Ramadan” John Carroll University, Cleveland , OH.

Aug. 29, 2013. Respondent, Film on “Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World”, Illinois Humanities Council, Chicago.

Sept. 1, 2013. “The Purposefulness of Islamic Law (Shari’a): Ijtihad between Maqasid (Objectives) and Asrar (Deeper Meanings)”, Bayt al-Ilm, Barrington, Il.

Jan. 9, 2014. Panelist on teaching interfaith/interreligious topics for Focus on Teaching and Learning, Loyola, Watertower Campus.

Feb. 4, 2014. “Food, Religion and Culture: The Case of Islam”, “Passing the Plate” an interfaith panel at Loyola University Chicago.

Feb. 17, 2014. “The Prophet Muhammad and Women’s Rights”, University of Toledo, Oh.

Aug. 7, 2014 “Christian Muslim Dialogue, Theology, and Religious Studies”, Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago, Interfaith Dialogue Committee, Islamic Foundation South, Villa Park, Il

Aug. 15, 2014 Panelist “Vocation and the College Student: Islamic Perspectives”, Benedictine University, Lisle, IL.

Aug. 31, 2014. “American Sufi Movements and the Changing Culture of American Islam”. Annual Ahl al-Bayt Conference, Bayt al-Ilm Islamic Center, Streamwood, Il.

Jan. 28, 2015. “Islam and Reconciliation” Butler University Indianapolis.

April 4, 2015. “Dhikr: Islamic Context and Mahdavi Practice”, Mahdavia Conference, Chicago Il

April 23, 2015 “Islam and Religious Pluralism” Sheil Catholic Center Seminar, Evanston, IL.

3. Service on Boards and Committees

Elected to Board, National Conference (formerly National Conference of Christians and Jews), San Diego, 1995-6.

Theology and the Natural Sciences (Templeton): Study of Islam, 1999.

Board, Iqra International Educational Foundation, Chicago, 2005-2012.

Board, Community Builders Foundation, Chicago, 2005-

Board, Niagara Foundation, Chicago, 2006-.

Board, Institute of Strategic and Policy Initiatives, Oak Brook. 2008-.

Board, Rogers Park-West Ridge Historical Society, 2008-2011.

Faculty Advisor, Muslim Student Association, Loyola University 1997-2005.

Faculty Advisor, Middle Eastern Students Association, Loyola University Chicago, 2003-2005.

Faculty Advisor, Turkish Intercultural Club, Loyola University Chicago, 2006-2008.

Theological Advisor, The Center for Spiritual Development in Childhood and Adolescence, Minneapolis, MN. 2006-.

Reviewer, Fulbright National Committee, Washington, 2006.

Discipline Reviewer, Religious Studies, for Fulbright national, 2010-12.

External Reviewer for a number of Ph. D. dissertations in Religious Studies and Sociology including Drew University, University of Exeter, University of Queensland, Concordia University (Montreal), Wilfred Laurier University (Waterloo, Canada).

International Board of Trustees, American Islamic College, Chicago 2010-.

Reviewer: Qatar Foundation, Swedish Government, Netherlands Government.

Executive Council, American Islamic College 2013-

4. Consultancy

Group Facilitator, Canada-Pakistan Round Table Consultation (sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency), Toronto, Canada, January 29-31, 1986.

Consultant and Lecturer, Canadian International Development Agency, Ottawa, Canada. Presentations on "Cross-Cultural Communication" (Pakistan), and "Islam in South Asia," May 1986.

Manuscript reviewer in Islamic Studies for State University of New York Press, Paragon Press, U. of Wisconsin, Prentice-Hall, Oxford U. Press, Blackwell.

Proposal Reviewer for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, University of Alberta.

Evaluator. National Endowment for the Humanities Four Week Institute for High School Teachers on "Islam: The Quran and the Hadith as Texts in Understanding Islamic Tenets, Civilization, and World View". New Mexico, Aug. 1994.

Academic Consultant, Council for Islamic Education, Fountain Valley, CA

Academic Consultant, Islamic Information Services, Los Angeles (Islam TV)

Sept. 2010 Consultant, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, Global Survey of Muslims

5. Other

Television Interview, "Muslims in San Diego," Channel 51, San Diego, January 28, 1991.

Radio Interview, "The Islamic Countries Today," KPBS Radio, San Diego, February 4, 1991.

Newspaper Interview (cited as expert), "American Muslim Women", San Francisco Chronicle, Nov. 3, 1991.

Article and Interview "Marcia Hermansen: Professor of Islamic Studies" (in Arabic) al-Majalla. The International News Magazine of the Arabs. (London) 25 June 1994. pp. 54-55.

Television Interview, Radio-Television Malaysia, July 1, 1994, Kuala Lumpur.

Newspaper Interview, Berita Harian Newspaper (in Bahasa Malaysia), Kuala Lumpur, July 10, 1994.

Televised lecture broadcast on UCSD TV Channel. "Introduction to Islam" Feb. 1996.

Various Interviews on "Islam TV", Los Angeles, March 1996.

Admissions Interviewer of Prospective Undergraduates, University of Chicago Alumni Association, 1983 to present.

Faculty Adviser, Muslim Student Association, SDSU, 1984-1989, 1991- 6 and South Asian Student Association, SDSU, 1992-3.

Television Interview, "Saviree, Saviree", Islamabad, Pakistan, Dec. 26, 1997.

Videographer (credited) "Celebrating the Prophet in the Remembrance of God: Sufi Dhikr in Egypt," 1997 Video by Valerie J. Hoffman, Dept. of Religion, University of Illinois

Interviewed for newspaper article on Rumi Festival, Raleigh News and Observer, Oct. 2, 1998.

Interviewed by Chicago Sun Times on Generation X and Religion (Muslim community) Dec. 1998.

Consulted by National Public Radio, WBUR Boston for upcoming program on the Qur'an responding to Atlantic Monthly article. Dec. 23, 1998.

Interviewed by Columbia University School of Journalism student, Priya Malhotra for article on "Muslim Women Converts". Jan. 1999.

Interviewed by Teresa Watenabe of Los Angeles Times for article on "Sufis in America", Jan. 27, 1999. Cited in article published on April 15, 1999.

Organizing Committee. Rogers Park Community Vision, Committee for Unity Vigil against Violence. July 10, 1999.

Interviewed by Michael Paulson, religion writer for the Boston Globe for story on "Muslim Home Schooling". July 20, 2000.

Advisory Board, Pew Project on "Religion, Immigration, and Civil Society in Chicago", Loyola 2000.

Consulted by PBS show "Religion & Ethics NewsWeeekly" about Conversion to Islam in America, August 7, 2000.

Consulted by San Diego Union regarding Bahraini princess story, August 9, 2000.

Consulted by Los Angeles Times religion writer, Teresa Watanabe for story on the "Role of American Muslims in a Global Context", Oct. 3, 2000.

Quoted in Company Magazine, Winter 2000 in article "Changing Faces" on diversity at America's Jesuit Universities, p. 29.

Consulted by Kathleen Roberts of the Elgin Courier, May 3, 2001 for story of religious conversion in America.

Consulted by the Boston Globe, May 10, 2001 for story of women converts to Islam in America. Published May 13 and copied world wide.

Interviewed and quoted in Salt Lake City Tribune, "Meaning of Jihad a Topic of Debate Since Terrorist Attacks on United States", by Peggy Fletcher Stack, Sept. 22, 2001.

Consulted, Oct. 1, 2001. Flame Productions, Great Britain, for documentary proposal on Muslims in America.

Loyola Student Fulbright Application Committee, Loyola University Chicago, Oct. 2001.

Oct. 5, 2001. Consulted by Aline McKenzie, Staff Writer, The Dallas Morning News.

Oct. 9 2001. Consulted by M. Lampman, Christian Science Monitor or Islamic conservatism.

Oct. 17, 2001. Consulted by Rick Wurtzman, Wall Street Journal on "Muslims in San Diego"

Oct. 18, 2001, consulted by Blain Harden, NY Times on "Saudi Influence on American Muslims"

Oct. 25, 2001, consulted by Sandi Dolbee, San Diego Union on "Muslims in San Diego" and "Ramadan"

Nov. 21, 2001. Consulted by Douglas Todd of the Vancouver Sun on "Authority in Islam" cited in article published.

Photographed for and featured in exhibit on "The Historic Chicago Bungalow" and bungalow write-up and photograph published in, The Chicago Bungalow Dominic A. Pacyga & Charles Shanabruch (Chicago: Architecture Foundation, 2001), 140-1.

Produced Video "In the Garden of American Sufi Movements" Screened at American Academy of Religion, 2001.

Feb. 15, 2002. Cited in New York Daily News article by Priya Malhotra on "American Muslim Women".

Feb. 25, 2002 consulted by Marianna Farrell of the Daily Southtown for story on Islam.

March 1, 2002 consulted by Sanjay Dixit of Newsweek on a story regarding conservatism and American mosques.

March 1, 2002. Consulted by Maherin Gangat on "Converts to Islam in America" and videotaped interview for documentary on this subject.

March 7, 2002 consulted by Bruce Nolan of The Times Picayune, New Orleans.

March 12, 2002. Interview by John Hall at CBS, WSGW Saginaw, Michigan on Islam.

April 12.2002. Interview on Focus 580, WINN Radio (PBS) Urbana on "Muslims in North America'.

April 17, 2002. Consulted by Jennifer Gross, Valley News Dispatch, Pittsburgh, for article on "Conversion".

August 26, 2002. Consulted by Michael Paulson, Boston Globe for Muslims in America since Sept. 11.

Sept. 4, 2002. Consulted by Devin Fernandez for Public Interest article on Muslim Schools in America.

Oct. 16, 2002. Article on my talk, "Women's Spirituality in Islam". South Bend Observer.

Nov. 19, 2002. Consulted by Muneeza Arjuman of India Observer (New York) for article on Pakistanis in the United States.

Jan. 24, 2003. Interviewed by Noreen S. Ahmed-Ullah, Chicago Tribune for story on Muslims in America.

Feb. 27, 2003. Interviewed by the Wall Street Journal on Muslim Student Associations in the United States.

March 2, 2003. Interviewed on "Our House" Pakistani radio program in Chicago on the topic "Women in Islam".

August 8, 2003. Interview by Holly Rossi for Religious News Service on "Progressive Muslims".

Sept. 3, 2003. Interviewed by Eric Roston, Time Magazine for an article on Islamic Schools.

Oct. 10, 2003. Interviewed by Fox News, off air for segment on arranged marriages.

Oct. 15, 2003. Consulted by Justin DeRose NPR Chicago WBEZ on Muslim youth cultures.

Nov. 13, 2003 Consulted by Paul Barrett, Wall Street Journal on Muslim youth in America.

Nov. 18, 2003. Consulted by Kimberley Palmer, Chicago Tribune/Red Eye for story on Islamic Finance. Cited in article published Jan. 21, 2004.

March 1, 2004. Live telephone interview for Iran's Sahar satellite TV channel on "Muslims in America".

March 6, 2004. Interview taped for WBEZ radio, Chicago on Progressive Muslim Youth.

March 13, 2004. Article on me in Zaman Turkish Newspaper.

April 5, 2004. Consulted by Chicago Tribune reporter Genieve Abdo for story on Detroit Mosque survey.

April 26, 2004. Consulted by Stella M. Chavez, Dallas Morning News for a story on a local Sufi center. Quoted in the Dallas Morning News, Thursday, April 29, 2004, page 1B. "Diversity in Suburbia".

April 27, 2004. My interview on "Muslim Youth Cultures" aired on NPR station WBEZ Chicago.

April 28, 2004. Consulted by Anna Mulrine, U.S. News & World Report magazine for an article on the Progressive Muslim Movement in America.

May 3, 2004. Consulted by Noreen S. Ahmed-Ullah, Chicago Tribune for story on Muslim Youth in America.

May 12, 2004. Consulted by Mark Oppenheimer, Boston Globe for story on American converts to Islam.

July 22, 2004. Consulted by Judy Marcus of North Shore Magazine for story on "Religious Faith in Chicago".

Sept. 3, 2004. Consulted by Asra Noumani, for piece on progressive Islam in Time Magazine.

Oct. 8, 2004. Consulted by Barbara Brotman, Chicago Tribune for story on Muslim Student Organizations.

Oct. 8, 2004. Consulted by David Briggs, Cleveland Plain Dealer and Religion News Service for story on Rumi, Ramadan, and interfaith dialogue.

Oct. 8, 2004. Featured in Inside Loyola, "Extraordinary Lives" column.

Oct. 15, 2004. Consulted by Irv Leavitt of the Pioneer (Glenview), for a story on Islamic Religious Healing.

Nov. 2, 2004. Consulted by Leah Zeldes, Lerner News for story on Foods of Eid.

Nov. 24, 2004. Consulted by Manya Bashear, Chicago Tribune for story on Bridges (Muslim) TV channel.

Dec. 7, 2004. Consulted by Barbara Brotman for Chicago Tribune story on Muslim Youth. Quoted Dec. 23, 2004 in article "Struggle for the soul of Islam: Muslim youth forge own path in America," p. 1A.

Dec. 8, 2004. Consulted by Anitra Humphreys of Gospel Truth for a story on "Hearing the Voice of God."

Dec. 31, 2004. Chicago Tribune interviewed by Manya Bashear and quoted in article "Questions of Faith bound to rise from Catastrophe" p. 10.

Jan. 10, 2005. Interviewed on "Progressive Muslims" by Douglas Williams for Radio program "Adhan" on station WLUW.

Jan. 11, 2005. Consulted by Greg Di Cresce, Medill News Service for item on Islamic Medical Ethics.

Feb. 2005 Lecture write ups published in several Indian Newspapers in Jaipur and Patna.

April 14, 2005. Interviewed about American Muslims published in Times of India Newspaper.

May 3, 2005. Article on my lecture in Islamabad published in Jang newspaper, Pakistan.

Aug. 25, 2005. Consulted by Julia Liebovitz of Religionlink for article on Women's groups in mosques.

Nov.-Dec. 2005 Consulted by BBC C4 re documentary on Sufism.

Aug. 19, 2006. Consulted by Ben Wallace-Wells of Rolling Stone for an article on Muslim Converts in the West.

Aug. 25, 2005 Consulted by Dennis Mahoney, Religion reporter, The Columbus Dispatch, Ohio for story on the Whirling Dervishes of Turkey.

Oct. 20, 2006. Consulted by Deborah Horan, Chicago Tribune for a story of Bohra Muslims and Eid.

Nov. 3, 2006 Consulted by the "Breakfast Club" Radio Program, Kingston, Jamaica, re Muslim Women.

Nov. 8, 2006 Consulted by Noreen Ahmed-Abdullah, Chicago Tribune for story of Muslim Women's Conference in New York. Cited in article published Nov. 10, 2006, p. 3.

Nov. 29, 2006 Consulted by Helen Gray, Kansas City Star, and cited in article, "Finding a Faith: Discovering Islam and Charismatic Christianity" Dec. 16, p. 1.

Feb. 1, 2007. Consulted by Lisa Fernandez, San Jose Mercury News for an article on Amulets and Islamic Spiritual Healing.

Feb. 20, 2007. Consulted by Cathleen Falsani, Chicago Sun Times for article on "Sufism in Chicago".

Feb. 25, 2007. Consulted by Mark Johnson, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, for a story on female converts to Islam. Quoted in story published March 15.

March 1, 2007. Interviewed on the Radio show Extension 720, WGN Chicago, on varieties of Islamic movements.

March 3, 2007 Consulted by Pat Kampert, Chicago Tribune for the article on religion and masculinity "Men Muscle their Way into a Faith that Fits" and quoted twice. Section Q. p. 3.

March 14, 2007. Consulted and quoted by Mark Johnson, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, for a story on "Conversions Veiled" about female converts to Islam.

March 29, 2007. Interviewed on Channel 11 WTTW "Chicago Tonight" regarding the book, The Search by Rhonda Byrne.

April 1, 2007. Interviewed by Nooreen Ahmed-Abdullah, Chicago Tribune for story on female translator of the Qur'an.

April 8, 2007. Interviewed by Steve Shoemaker on radio show "Keeping the Faith", WILL 580 AM (NPR) Champaign-Urbana on "Islamic Mysticism".

April 25,2007 Interviewed by Brad Greenberg, LA News, for an article on divorce among American Muslim youth.

May 17, 2007 Consulted by Michele Marr, Huntington Beach (CA) Independent on the meaning of "tariket" in Turkey.

Nov. 1, 2007. Consulted by M. Lampman, Christian Science Monitor on "Sufism in the West".

Nov. 9, 2007. Interviewed by Noreen Ahmed-Abdullah, Chicago Tribune for story on "Ismaili Center and Concert". Quoted in Section 2, p. 11.

April 30, 2008. Interviewed on "Radio Islam" Chicago regarding the topic "Islam and Culture".

Sept. 15, 2008. Cited in article "An Unusual Partnership: Islamic Scholars at Jesuit Universities" by Tom Michel in America Magazine, 32-33.

Nov. 13, 2008 Urdu Times Chicago Report on "Razia Fasih Ahmed Event--Urdu Book Launch" story with picture of my presentation on the Urdu novel "Zakhm-e-Tanha'i" p. 8.

June 23, 2009. Advisory board for documentary "New Muslim Cool" aired on PBS television.

July 2, 2009. Consulted by Kristine Herrndobler, Houston Chronicle about the whirling dervishes.

Aug. 18, 2009. Consulted by Manya Brachear, Chicago Tribune re story on "Taking the extra step at Ramadan". Quoted in article published August 23, 2009.

Nov. 10, 2009. Consulted and quoted by Manya Brachear, Chicago Tribune, for story on "Embryos' Fate", Section A p. 8

Dec. 10-12, 2009. Consulted by the Presbyterian Church, Louisville Kentucky for document on Muslim Christian Relations.

June 23, 2010. Consulted by Nora Kaplan-Bricker for *Slate Magazine* on Americans adopting Muslim names.

July 30, 2010. Consulted by Karen Calabria of America.gov for story on student run campus mosques and chaplains. Cited in published article Aug, 28, 2010.

Aug. 5, 2010 Interviewed by Odette Youssef, NPR, Chicago on Muslims in North Chicago.

Oct. 30, 2010. Interviewed by Helen O'Neill, Associated Press, on American Sufi Movements.

Nov. 3, 2010. Interviewed by "Radio Islam", Chicago, on Female converts to Islam.

Nov. 19, 2012. Consulted by Ron Lopata, Chicago Tribune for story on Indo-Pakistani cuisine.

Feb. 14, 2013 Interviewed by Kavya Sukumar for Medill Broadcast on "Rehabilitation of the word 'Jihad'".

Nov. 12, 2013 Interviewed by Nadia Faulx for NPR's CodeSwitch on the "hipster shadi" website for young Muslims. Cited Nov. 30 http://www.npr.org/blogs/codeswitch/2013/11/30/247572566/single-muslim-hipster-seeking-same-you-may-be-in-luck

July 24, 2014 Interviewed by Gillian Flaccus, Associated Press, on progressive Islamic trends in the U.S. Muslim community.

Jan. 11, 2015 Consulted by Fariba Nawa, independent journalist on currents in American Muslim thought and intra-Muslim diversity.

Jan. 16, 2015. Consulted By Manya Brachear, Chicago Tribune, for article on “Muslim Responses to Online Radicalization”.

March 6, 2015. Faculty Advisor, Pakistani Student Association, Loyola University Chicago.

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Abstract

In the minds of many in Europe and North America, the words Islam and violence often go hand in hand. Islam is readily associated with 9/11, Afghanistan, Osama Bin Laden, car bombings, the oppression of women, the persecution of Christians, and more. But what if Islam really does not fit this caricature? Like Christianity, it is all too often simplified, vilified and misunderstood.

This presentation will speak about a pedagogical model that engages Muslims and non-Muslims alike in discovering a comprehensive Islam for themselves as a journey into its two most central tenets (belief in God and being a good person) and how to live those out peacefully in the context in which they find themselves. This model is grounded in a worldview framework that is transdisciplinary and comprehensive and seeks to present an Islam that is open, dynamic and peace-loving – not prescriptive, static or violent.

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Professor of Worldview Studies: Renaissance College, UNB

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Distinguished Fellow: University of South Africa (Pretoria)

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Ph. D.	University of Toronto (1989): Religious Studies.
M. A.	University of St. Michael's College (1981): Theology.
M. Phil.	Institute for Christian Studies (1979): Philosophical Theology.
B. A.	Calvin College (1975): Sociology.

POSITIONS

2013 – 14	Sabbatical Year
2013 -	Professor of Worldview Studies, Renaissance College, UNB
2012 - 15	Director: Master of Philosophy in Policy Studies (UNB)
2011 -	Visiting Professor: Protestant University of Darmstadt
2010 -	Distinguished Fellow: University of South Africa (Pretoria)
2007 - 13	Associate Professor of Worldview Studies, Renaissance College, UNB
2004 - 06	Senior Teaching Associate, Renaissance College, UNB
2000-04	Instructor, Renaissance College, UNB, part-time
1987-2004	Campus Minister, University of New Brunswick
2001/1999	Instructor, Faculty of Education, University of New Brunswick, Intersession
1986-87	Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto, Religious Studies Department

1985-86 Instructor, Redeemer University College, part-time

1983-84 Instructor, Redeemer University College, part-time

GENERAL AREAS OF ACADEMIC INTEREST

Worldview Study; Religion; Worldviews and Education; Worldviews and Public Policy; Worldviews and Leadership; Science and Religion

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books

Valk, J., Albayrak, H., & Selçuk, M. *An Islamic Worldview: Religion in a Modern, Democratic and Secular State.* (In progress).

Valk, J. *Worldviews In and Around Us: A Framework Journey into Knowing Self and Others*. (In progress)

Chapters in Books

Valk, J. (2016). "Worldview Inclusion in Public Schooling", in Etherington, M. (Editor). *What Teachers Need to Know: Topics of Inclusion.* Eugene, OR.: Wipf and Stock (In progress)

Valk, J. (2015). "Christian Worldview Education in a Public University", in Kurian, G. & Lamport, M. (Editor) *Encyclopedia of Christian Education.* Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. 279-280

Valk, J. (2013). "Knowing Self and Others: Sustaining Ethical Leadership", in Beauvais, C., Shukla R., David-Blais M. (Editors). *Ethical Leadership and Contemporary Challenges: Philosophical Perspectives*. Leeuven, BE: Peeters. 19-42.

Valk, J. (2010). "Worldviews of Today: Teaching for Dialogue and Mutual Understanding", in Karin Sporre & Jan Mannberg (Editors), *Values, Religions and Education in Changing Societies.* Dordrecht, NL: Springer. 103-120.

Valk, J. (2006). "The Concept of *Coincidentia Oppositorum* in the Thought of Mircea Eliade", in Bryan Rennie, *Mircea Eliade: A Critical Reader.* London: Equinox Publishing. 176-185.

Refereed Journal Publications

Valk, J. (2012). "Christianity through a Worldview Lens", *Journal of Adult Theological Education,* 9, 2: 158-174.

Selçuk, M. and Valk, J. (2012). "Knowing Self & Others: A Worldview Model for Religious Education in Turkey", *Religious Education,* 107 (Oct/Dec) 5: 443-454.

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ACADEMIC PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

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Valk, J., & Selçuk, M. (2014). "Journeying into a Peaceful Islam: A Worldview Framework Approach", Presentation. Religious Education Association Conference. Chicago. Nov 7 – 9.

Valk, J. (2014). "Pupils' texts and contexts: A multiple case study of Bildung in pupils' writing in Norwegian RE." A Response Paper. *International Seminar on Religious Education & Values***.** York, United Kingdom. July 27 – Aug 1.

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Valk, J. (2009). "Worldviews of Today: Teaching for Dialogue and Mutual Understanding", *Changing Societies – Values, Religions, and Education*. Omea, Sweden. June 9-13.

Valk, J. (2009). "Knowing Self and Others: Sustaining Ethical Leadership", *Canadian Jacques Maritain Association (Congress for the Humanities and Social Sciences)* Ottawa, ON. May 26-27.

Valk, J. (2009). "The Hebraic Element in the Mission and Empire of Christianity", *American Society of Church History*. Montreal, PQ. April 16-18, 2009. (Respondent).

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Valk, J. (2008). "Model Leaders and Leadership Models: Worldview Types & Worldview Frameworks." Paper. *International Leadership Association Conference***.** Los Angeles, CA. November 12-15.

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Valk, J., Mengel, T. & Joyce, M. (2006). "Teaching at the Crossroads: Renaissance College's (UNB) Undergraduate Degree Program in Interdisciplinary Leadership Studies." Round Table Presentation. *International Leadership Association Conference***.** Chicago. November 1-4.

Valk, J. (2006). "Knowing Self and Others: Worldviews, Worldview Communities and Higher Education." *Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education Conference*. York University. May 29-31.

Valk, J. & Alberts, N. (2005). "Know Thyself: Reflecting on and Deepening Personal Worldviews as Part of Student Learning." *Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Conference*. University of Prince Edward Island. June 8-11.

Valk, J. (2004). "Knowing Self and Others: Religion and the University of New Brunswick." *Faith, Freedom and the Academy: The Idea of the University in the 21st Century Conference*. University of Prince Edward Island. October 1-3.

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Valk, J. (2003). "A Plural Public School: Worldviews and Moral Education at Renaissance College." *"The Schooled Heart: Moral Formation in American Education" Conference***.** Baylor University. October.

Valk, J. (2001). "Spirituality in the Classroom." *"Discovering Teaching as a Vocation" Conference*. Atlantic Baptist University. March.

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Valk, J. (1987). "The Concept of *Coincidentia Oppositorum* in Eliade." *American Academy of Religion Conference***.** Queen's University, April.

Valk, J. (1987). "Josephus: His Pharisee Connection." *Canadian Learned Societies: Canadian Society of Biblical Studies***.** McMaster University, June.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS/VISITING LECTURES/WORKSHOPS/VISITING PROFESSOR

Valk, J. (2014). "Knowing Self & Others: Exploring Worldviews in International Contexts." Visiting Professor Lectures. Protestant University of Darmstadt. April 13-16; 20-23. Teaching Module

Valk, J. (2015). "Implementing a Worldview Framework for Islamic Education." InHolland University, Amsterdam. April 17.

Valk, J. (2015). "A Worldview Framework Approach for Religious Education." Utrecht University, Utrecht. April 17.

Valk, J. (2014)."Worldview Education and why it is important." Ankara University, Ankara Turkey, December 12.

Valk, J. (2014). "Worldview Education: A Framework Approach for Probing Self and Others", Faculty of Psychology and Education, Free University, Amsterdam. December 8.

Valk, J. (2014). "Theoretical Reflections on the Impact of Worldviews on Inclusive Education". Visiting Professor Lectures. Protestant University of Darmstadt. October 21-25. Teaching Module

Valk J. and Stein, A. (2014). "Worldviews and Inclusive Education: Three Ontological Positions", University of Heidelberg. June 2. Colloquium Presentation.

Valk, J. (2014). "Knowing Self & Others: Exploring Worldviews in International Contexts." Visiting Professor Lectures. Protestant University of Darmstadt. April 7-11; 22-29. Teaching Module.

Valk, J. (2014). "Worldviews in Philosophical Perspective". Class presentation. Ankara University. March 28.

Valk, J. (2014). "Christianity and Women". Class presentation. Ankara University. March 19.

Valk, J. (2014). "Worldviews and Christianity". Class presentation. Ankara University. March 14.

Valk, J. (2014). "Worldviews". Class presentation. Ankara University. March 12.

Valk, J. (2013). "Preconditions of Fundamental Coherences of Inclusive Education", Visiting Professor Lectures. Protestant University of Darmstadt. October 21-25. Teaching Module

Valk, J. (2013). "Ontological/Epistemological Aspects of Islam" workshop. Ankara University. September 16 - 20.

Valk, J. (2013). "A Worldview Framework in Leadership Education." Colloquium Presentation, University of Heidelberg, June 10. Presentation.

Valk, J. (2013). "Worldviews and Non-Profit Management." Class Presentation. Protestant University of Darmstadt. June 6.

Valk, J. (2013). "Cultural Dimensions of Islam" workshop. Ankara University. April 24-26.

Valk, J. (2013). "Knowing Self & Others: Exploring Worldviews in International Contexts." Visiting Professor Lectures. Protestant University of Darmstadt. April 15-23.

Valk, J. (2013). "Ultimate/Existential Questions in Islam" workshop. Ankara University. January – February 1.

Valk, J. (2012). "Cognitive Justice and Worldviews", Response Paper, *SARCHI Chair in Development Education Retreat*, University of South Africa (Pretoria), November 22-30.

Valk, J. (2012). "Preconditions of Fundamental Coherences of Inclusive Education", Visiting Professor Lectures. Protestant University of Darmstadt. October 12-19. Teaching Module

Valk, J., Plaice, E., Perley, I., Perley, D., DeMarsh, L. (2012). "Language Giveaway: Before the Dam: Documenting Maliseet in Educational, Spiritual and Cultural Contexts." Oromocto, NB (Mar. 24); Kingsclear (Mar 25); Tobique (June 22).

Valk, J. (2012). "Knowing Self & Others: Exploring Worldviews in International Contexts." Visiting Professor Lectures. Protestant University of Darmstadt. April 19-24. Teaching Module.

Valk, J. (2011). "Citizenship and Worldviews: Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge Systems", Keynote Address, *SARCHI Chair in Development Education Retreat*, University of South Africa (Pretoria), November 19-25.

Valk, J. (2011). "Worldview Framework & Types" Workshop, Faculty of Education, Ankara University, October 20-21.

Valk, J. (2011). "Preconditions of Fundamental Coherences of Inclusive Education", Visiting Professor Lectures. Protestant University of Darmstadt. October 12-19. Teaching Module.

Valk, J. (2011). "Worldview Framework & Types" Workshop. Faculty of Education, Ankara University, May 23-27.

Valk, J and Selcuk, M. (2011). "What does religion say to people?" Faculty of Education, Ankara University. May 25.

Valk, J., Plaice, E., Perley, I., Perley, D., DeMarsh, L., McGrath, W. & Taylor. J. (2011). "Before the Dam: Documenting Maliseet in Educational, Spiritual and Cultural Contexts", *Works in Progress Seminar*, Faculty of Education, UNB, January 26.

Valk, J. (2010). "Worldviews and Indigenous Knowledge Systems", *SARCHI Chair in Development Education Retreat*, University of South Africa (Pretoria), November 19-29.

Valk, J. (2009). "Knowing Self and Others: Religion, Worldviews and Education", Atlantic Baptist University. Faculty of Education. January, 26.

Valk, J., and Plaice, E. (2008). "Before the Dam: Documenting Maliseet in educational, spiritual and cultural contexts", *Works in Progress Seminar*, Faculty of Education, UNB, March 12.

Valk, J. (2008). "Inter-Faith Dialogue", Fredericton Unitarian Fellowship, February 24.

Valk, J. (2007). "Knowing Self and Others: Religion, Worldviews and Education", Faculty of Education Colloquium, UNB, November 20.

Zundel, P., Roderick, C., Bishop, M., Foster, J., Lynch, E., Reeves, V., Spacek, R., Valk, J. (2006). "Renaissance College: Learning Outcomes at the Program Level." Co-presented for Alan Blizzard Award – Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Conference. University of Toronto. June 14-18.

Valk, J. (2006). "Religion at UNB." Presentation to UNB faculty and students group. UNB Faculty of Education. February 10.

Valk, J. (2003). "Assessing Student Learning Outcomes." Co-presentation at UNB Teaching and Learning Centre. January 23.

Valk, J. (1998). "A Leap in Faith: Postmodern Possibilities for the Study of Religion at UNB." Faculty of Arts. University of New Brunswick, October 30.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS

2014 ***TÜBİTAK, Ministry of Education – Turkey***. 4500 TL ($2250.00 Cdn) plus travel costs

2012 ***Royal Society of Canada*** -- $3000.00 awarded.

2007 ***Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council – Aboriginal Learning*** $179,000 awarded – 3 year. Title: *"Before the Dam: Documenting spoken Maliseet in educational, spiritual and cultural context."* Co-applicant. (with Evie Plaice, Imelda Perley, David Perley)

2006 ***Curriculum Internationalization Grant*** - $1,250.00 awarded – received from the UNB International Relations Office. Co-applicant. (with Jonathan Foster).

2005 ***UNB-URF (University Research Fund)*** - $3,000.00 awarded – "Worldview Impacting Educational Policy at St. Mary's First Nation."

2001 "***Science and Religion" Course Award*** - $10,000.00 (US) awarded, from the Centre for Theology and the Natural Sciences, Berkeley, CA. Applicant.

TEACHING AWARDS

2006 ***Alan Blizzard Award*** – Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. Co-recipient. *University of Toronto*, June 2006.

2005 ***Student Choice Award –*** nominated – UNB.

2003 ***Allan P. Stuart Award for Excellence in Teaching*** - nominated – UNB

2001 ***Allan P. Stuart Award for Excellence in Teaching*** - nominated – UNB

OTHER AWARDS

2013 ***UNB Merit Award***
Sabbatical Granted: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

2003 ***Honourable Mention Award*** in the *Theological Reflection* category by *Canadian Church Press* for "Salvation here and hereafter" in ***Catalyst*** 25 (August 2002) 4: 12.

BOOKS REVIEWED

Valk, J. (1997). "Bryan Rennie, *Reconstructing Eliade: Making Sense of Religion*" in ***Religious Studies*** 33 (March): 352-54.

Valk, J. (1994). "Carl Olson, *The Theology and Philosophy of Eliade*" in ***Religious Studies*** 30 (March): 122-23.

Valk, J. (1991). "Marguerite Van Die, *An Evangelical Mind: Nathanael Burwash and the Methodist Tradition in Canada, 1839-1918*" in ***Fides et Historie*** XXIII (September) 2:115-17.

Valk, J. (1991). "William A. McKim, ed., *The Vexed Question: Denominational Education in a Secular Age*" in ***Fides et Historie*** XXIII (September) 2:119-20.

ARTICLES/ABSTRACTS REFEREED FOR ACADEMIC CONFERENCES/JOURNALS

2014 "Self-Views & Their Identities for Leadership", *Journal of Business Ethics*
"Identities & Its Implications for Organizational Leadership", *Journal of Business Ethics*

2011 Peer Review Conference Papers, *International Leadership Association*, March.

2010 Peer Review Conference Papers, *International Leadership Association*, March.

2008 Peer Review Conference Papers, *International Leadership Association*, March.

2007 Peer Review Conference Papers, *International Leadership Association*, March.

2001 Manuscript on Jacob Cats: 17th C. Netherlands. *History of Education Quarterly***.**

2001 Manuscript on youth and sexuality in 17th C. Netherlands. *History of Education Quarterly*.

1999 Manuscript on mental retardation in 19th C. Netherlands. *History of Education Quarterly*.

1998 Manuscript on Family Reform Movement in 17th C. Netherlands. *History of Education Quarterly*.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Sept 2000 *"Intelligent Design" Conference*. *University of New Brunswick*
35 registrants - co-organized

June 2000 *"Phoenix Rising": Global Multifaith Campus Ministers Conference*. *University of British Columbia*. 400 registrants. Chair: International Conference Committee

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

2015 *External Reviewer*. Academic Integrity Case. Ontario University. June.

2011 *Feature Editors.* (John Valk/Thomas Mengel). *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, "Leadership Education in the Context of Wisdom and Worldviews."

2010 *Feature Editors.* (John Valk/Thomas Mengel). *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, "Leadership Education in the Context of Wisdom and Worldviews."

2010 *Guest Editor*. *Journal of Leadership Studies*. Symposium: "Leadership for Transformation: The Impact of Worldviews."

2007 to present. *Coordinator*. MPhil Program. School of Graduate Studies.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- International Seminar on Religious Education and Values
- International Leadership Association

THESIS SUPERVISION/EXAMINATION

2014 Supervisor, PhD. Thesis – Dave Ferrell – School of Graduate Studies. Ongoing.
Supervisor, MPhil. Thesis – Nicholas Sehl – School of Graduate Studies. Ongoing.
Co-Supervisor, MPhil. Thesis – Katee Mitchell – School of Graduate Studies. Ongoing.
Supervisor, MPhil. Thesis – Chris George – School of Graduate Studies. Ongoing.
Supervisor, MPhil. Thesis – Godwin Ogueri Njoku – School of Graduate Studies. Ongoing.
Co-Supervisor, MPhil. Thesis – Arun Budhathoki – School of Graduate Studies. Ongoing.

2013 Committee Member, MPhil Thesis – Lawrence Blake – School of Graduate Studies. Successfully completed.
External Reader, PhD Thesis – Bhengu – University of South Africa (Pretoria)
Supervisor, MPhil. Thesis – Chris George – School of Graduate Studies. Ongoing.

2012 Supervisor, MPhil. Thesis – Amy Bowerman – School of Graduate Studies. Ongoing.
Supervisor, MPhil. Thesis – Nicholas Sehl – School of Graduate Studies. Ongoing.
Supervisor, MPhil. Thesis – Katee Mitchell – School of Graduate Studies. Ongoing.

2011 Supervisor, MPhil. Thesis – Bryan MacDonald – School of Graduate Studies. Discontinued.

2010 *Supervisor*, MPhil. Thesis – Tashi Wangmo – School of Graduate Studies. Successfully completed.

Reader – Ph.D. Dissertation – Julie Devlin – UNB Department of Psychology. Successfully completed

2009 *Committee Member*, M.Phil. Thesis – Doug Pawson – School of Graduate Studies. Successfully completed

Co-supervisor, M.Phil. Thesis – Janice Harvey – School of Graduate Studies. Successfully completed.

2008 *Committee Member*, M.Phil. Thesis – Norman Haven – School of Graduate Studies. Successfully completed.

2007 *Reader* – M. ED. Thesis – Louise Morrison – UNB Faculty of Education. Successfully completed.

2006 *Reader* – M.Phil. Thesis – Erin O'Brien – School of Graduate Studies. Successfully completed.

2005 *Reader* – M. Ed. Thesis - Shannell Donaldson - UNB Faculty of Education. Successfully completed.

2003 *Reader* – M. Ed. Thesis - Carla Peck - UNB Faculty of Education. Successfully completed.

Supervisor - M. Th. Final Paper - Chris Hayes - Wycliffe College, University of Toronto.

Successfully completed.

GUEST SPEAKERS ARRANGED FOR PRESENTATIONS AT UNB

2004 Dr. Colin Humphreys (Cambridge University). Topic: "Science & Religion."

2003 Dr. Owen Gingerich (Harvard University). Topic: "Science & Religion."

Michael Dowd/Connie Barlow. (Authors) Topic: "Science & Religion."

2002 Dr. Denis Lamoureux (University of Alberta). Topic: "Science & Religion."

2001 Dr. John Harker (Ministry of External Affairs – Special Envoy to Sudan) Topic: "Peace in Talisman's Sudan."

1999 Dr. John Hare (Calvin College). Topic: "Does Morality Need God?"

1998 Lois Sweet (Journalist). Topic: "Religion and Education."

1993 Dr. Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen (Calvin College). Topics: "Private vs Public Life: A Case for De-gendering", "Life After Eden."

Dr. John Cooper (Calvin College). Topics: "The Relevance of Christianity in the University"; "A Christian Voice in the Contemporary Academic Dialogue."

UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT

RCLP 1011 *Worldviews, Religions and Cultures* (3 ch)

- 25-30 students
- Taught 15 times: Fall 2000 → Fall 2014

RCLP 1011 *Worldviews, Religions and Cultures* (3 ch) – online version

- 10-15 students
- Taught 5 times: Fall 2007 → Fall 2009; Fall 2011; Summer 2015

RCLP 1111 *Integrative Forum I* (6 ch)

- 25-30 students
- Team-taught
- Taught 5 times: Fall 2007; Fall 2000 → Fall 2003

RCLP 1112 *Integrative Forum II* (6 ch)

- 25-30 students
- Team-taught
- Taught 4 times: Winter 2001 → Winter 2004

RCLP 2014 *Public Policy Special Topics I* (3 ch)

- 20-25 students
- Co-taught course
- Course Coordinator
- Taught 11 times: Fall 2003 → Fall 2014

RCLP 3014 *Public Policy Special Topics II* (3 ch)

- 20-25 students
- Co-taught course
- Course Coordinator
- Taught 14 times: Winter 2001 → Winter 2015

RCLP 3775 *Science and Religion* (3 ch)

- 6-8 students
- Co-taught course
- Course Coordinator
- Taught 3 times: Winter 2002, 2005, 2011.

BIS 1111 *Integrative Forum I* (3 ch)

- 6 students
- Team-taught course
- Taught 2 times: Summer 2004 and 2006

BIS 2014 *Public Policy Special Topics I* (3 ch)

- 3 students
- Team-taught course
- Course Coordinator
- Taught 2 times: Fall 2004 and 2006

EDUC 5076 *God in the Classroom* (3 ch)
- 12-15 students
- Taught 2 times: Summer 1999 and 2000

MPHIL6103/6204 *Field Seminars/Research Workshop* (3 ch)
- 6-10 students
- Team-taught
- Course Co-coordinator
- Taught 3 times: Fall /Winter 2004 → 2007

MPHIL 6305 *Worldviews and Policy Studies* (3 ch)
- 5-12 students
- Team-taught
- Course Coordinator
- Taught 6 times: Winter 2009 → Winter 2015

New Courses Developed		***Year Developed***
MPHIL 6305	"Worldviews and Policy Studies" (co-developed)	2009
RCLP 1011	"Worldviews, Religions and Cultures" (online)	2007
MPHIL6103/6204	"Field Seminars/Research Workshop" (co-developed)	2006
BIS-RCLP 2014	"Public Policy Special Topics I" (co-developed)	2004
BIS-RCLP 1111	"Integrative Forum I (co-developed)	2004
RCLP 2014	"Public Policy Special Topics I" (co-developed)	2002
RCLP 3015	"Public Policy Special Topics II" (co-developed)	2002
RCLP 3775	"Science and Religion" (co-developed)	2001
RCLP 1112	"Integrative Forum II (co-developed)	2001
RCLP 1111	"Integrative Forum II (co-developed)	2000
RCLP 1011	"Worldviews, Religions and Cultures"	2000

Independent Reading Courses

2015	RCLP 4997	Emilie Chiasson
2014	IDST 6203	Dave Ferrell
2013	MPHIL 6206	Amy Bowerman
	MPHIL 4997	Katee Mitchell
	RCLP 4997	Taryn Knorren

2011 MPHIL 6206 "Capitalism as a Worldview", Bryan MacDonald

2010 MPHIL 6205 "Urban Settlement and Capitalism", Bryan MacDonald

2009 MPHIL 6205 "Bhutan and Gross National Happiness", Tashi Wangmo

2008 MPHIL 6205 "Humanity & Earth", Janice Harvey
MPHIL 6205 "Explorations of Worldviews", Ayoka Bubar
RCLP 4997 "Global Justice and Women", Abbie Mitchell, Beth Giesbrecht

2003 RCLP 4996 "Vaclav Havel", Leah Campbell

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2011-2013

- UNB Senate - Renaissance College, Faculty representative. Fredericton Senate.
- UNB Senate Admissions Committee
- RC Research Committee
- Director: MPhil in Policy Studies
- Keeper of the *Knowing Self and Others* Outcome - Renaissance College.
- RC Strategic Assessment Committee

2010-2011

- UNB Senate - Renaissance College, Faculty representative. Fredericton Senate.
- RC Research Committee
- Coordinator: MPhil in Policy Studies
- Keeper of the *Knowing Self and Others* Outcome - Renaissance College.
- RC Strategic Assessment Committee

2009-2010

- UNB Senate - Renaissance College, Faculty representative. Fredericton Senate.
- RC Research Committee
- Coordinator: MPhil in Policy Studies - Philosophy, Politics & Economics Stream.
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3. *"2000'li Yıllara Girerken İrşad Anlayışımız Üzerine Bazı Düşünceler" (Towards 2000s Some Remarks on Public RE),* **Second International Religious Council ,** 23–27 November 1998, Ankara/ Turkey.

4. "*Peace Education in Interreligious Projects"***, World Conference On Religion and Peace (W.C.R.P)**, 25-29 November 1999, Amman/Jordan.

5. "*Caring For Future Generations: Euro-Mediterranean Conference An Inter-Religious Agenda***", UNESCO and Malta University** 27- 29 January 2000, Valetta/Malta.

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8. *"Learning Community: The German Education System and Dialogue with Muslims"***,** Conference of Ministers of Education and Culture; 13–14 March, Weimar/Germany.

9. "*Der Islam im Westen Der Westen im Islam"***, Osnabrück University,** 28 October–01 November 2002, Osnabrück/ Germany.

10.*"Zwei Kulturen-Ein Weg in Europa"***,** 26-27 October 2002, Münster/ Germany.

11. *"Adolesence and RE"*, **ISREV XIII,** 28 July–2 August 2002, Kristiansand/Norway.

12. *"Islam and Democracy"* **NATO Parliamentary Assembly, 10.Mediterranean Sea,** 17-19 October 2004, Nouakchott/Mauritania.

13. *"Religion and Violence: The Role of Religious Education and Values"*, **ISREV XIV,** 25-30 July 2004, Villanova University, Pennsylvania/USA.

14. *"Ta'aruf: Qur'anic Concept and its Implication for Religious Education*", **Different Faces of the Islamic Ummah in a Globalized World** 7 December 2005, Pakistan.

15. *"İnternational Islamic Conference True Islam and Its Role in Modern Society"***,** 6 June 2005, Amman/Jordan.

16. *"Re-Thinking Re in School in the Light of Contributions by John M. Hull to Turkish Experience"*, **Religious Education as Encounter,** 21 October 2005, Amsterdam/Holland.

17. *"el- Ahlak fi't Terbiye'd Diniyye"*, **Doha Forth Conference For Religious Dialogue** 25-27.April.2006,Qatar University, Doha/Qatar.

18. *"The Theological Foundations of Religious Power in Islam and Christianity"*, **Eugen Biser Foundation & Ankara University,& Ludwig Maximillians University** 19-20.May.2006, Munich/ Germany.

19. "*Developing an Interfaith Dimension in RE: Theological Foundations and Educational Framework with Special Reference to Turkish Experience"*, **Religious Education in a World of Religious Diversity**, ISREV XV. 30.July-04.August.2006, Driebergen/Holland.

20. *"The Contribution of RE to Democratic Culture (Challenges and Opportunities),* **Religion, Spirituality and Character,** 9-11 February 2007**,** Cambridge/ England.

21. *"Under What Conditions can Islamic Pedagogy Promote an Understanding of Individualized Religion?",* **Religious Education and the Theology of Religions: The Relationship between the Self-understanding of Religion and Religious Education Today,** 27 July- 1August 2008, Ankara/ Turkey.

22. "*Understanding of Islam and the Challenges of Modern Age",* **Islam Frauen und Europa Seminar für Religionswissenchaft,** Leibniz Universitat**,** 14-16.November.2008, Hannover/ Germany

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25. "*Faith and Reason in Christianity and Islam, Interreligious Symposium*", **Eugen Biser Foundation & Ankara University**, 22-23.10.2010, Munich Germany

26. What are possible futures for the field of Religious Education? Where are we and where might we be going? *In the Flow: Learning religion and religiously learning amidst global cultural flows..*,Religious Education Association(REA annual meeting)7–9 November, 2010 Denver/ Colorado

27. "*An Islamic Worldview: Religion in a Modern, Secular, Democratic State''* (with Dr. John Valk) **'Respecting History and Remembrance in Religious Education Research',International Seminar on Religious Education and Values (ISREV XVIII), 29 July-**3rd August 2012, Christian Institute, Turku/ Finland"

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33. *"An Insight from the Qur'an on Diversity", **Simposio Internacional Universidad Nacional,** 28 April 2015,Costa Rica*

34. *"Islamic Religion Education; the Experience of Ankara University*", Divinity Faculty, German-Turkish Science Year. 07-10 May 2015, Osnabrück University

Selected Books

1. Çocuğun Eğitiminde Dini Motifler, (Religious Patterns in Child Education), TDV Yayınları, Ankara 1991.

2. Din Öğretiminde Özel Öğretim Yöntemleri, (New Approaches in RE) with Prof. Dr. Beyza Bilgin, Gün Yayıncılık, Ankara 1997.

3. Din Hizmetlerinde İletişim ve Halkla İlişkiler (Dini Danışmanlık ve Rehberlik), (Religious Counseling in RE) with Erdoğan Fırat and Haluk Yüksel, Anadolu Üniversitesi Yayınları No:1048, Eskişehir 1999.

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9. Teaching Religion,Teaching Truth, Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives. (withJeff Astley,Leslie J. Frances,Mandy Robbins) Peter Lang, Bern, 2012

10. Islam,Frauen und Europe, Islamicher Feminismus und Gender Jihad-neue Wege für Musliminnen in Europa? (with Ina Wunn), Kohlhammer, Stuttgart, 2013.

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3. *"A Qur'anic Approach to the Concept of "Living Together": Ta'aruf.* ***International Handbooks of Religion and Education,*** **I. International Handbook of the Religious, Moral and Spiritual Dimensions in Education. Souza, Durka Engebretson, Jackson (eds). Springer.** The Netherlands**,** 2006. p. 1141–1148.

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5. Überlegungen zum Islamischen Religionsunterricht in Deutschland, Peter Graf/Wolfgang G.Gibowski(Hg**), Islamische Religionspadagogik**, Var Unipress, Gottingen 2007, pp. 95-105

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13. "*Die Definition von 'Jihad' und die Bedeutung für die religiöse Erziehung in einer Welt des religiösen Pluralismus*". **Islam,Frauen und Europe**, Islamicher Feminismus und

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Abstract

The concept of religious pluralism is a multidimensional issue and capable of arousing controversy. It is difficult to define this term in a way which is acceptable to everyone. As a name of the worldview, religious pluralism deals with an attitude, approach or policy regarding the diversity of religious belief systems co-existing in a society. The paper intends to shed light on the explanations of the concept of religious pluralism and their relevance to the Qur'anic teachings and prophetic traditions while touching upon some common misconceptions of Muslims and non-Muslims such as ijtihād related misconceptions. The Qur'ān explicitly and unequivocally prohibits the use of coercion in faith because coercion would violate the fundamental human right-the right to a free conscience. Violence and cruelty are not in the spirit of the Qur'ān, nor are they found in the life of the Prophet who has not come to cancel out the teachings of Abraham, Moses and Jesus (peace be upon them all), nor in the lives of such saintly Muslim scholars as Rumi, Niyazi-i Misri, Yunus Emre, Ahmed Yesevi, Haci Bektaş-i Veli, Bediüzzaman, Fethullah Gülen and some other similar figures. The paper emphasizes quoting some verses that the Qur'ān is a pluralistic document and accordingly there must be no compulsion in religion as clearly stated in the Muslim Holy Book.

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Abstract

Debates upon civil disobedience in Islam dates back to early Islamic theo-political history in terms of practical contexts, involving the accession of Abu Bakr to Caliphate as the first political successor to the Prophet Muhammad, to the exclusion of Ali from taking part in consultations leading to transition of power and the ensuing resentment of Ali with capacity of civil disobedience to develop in due course. In theory, civil disobedience in Islamic political thought reflects a line of tension in balancing between administrative "justice" and social "stability". The emphasis upon "justice" in public administrative context holds the capacity to activate civil disobedience with possibility of 'civil strife', while the emphasis upon "stability" holds the capacity to appease the idea of "commanding right and forbidding wrong". The line of tension across civil disobedience discloses the potentiality of divergence between theoretical "perfectionism" in upholding the value based principles, and practical "consequentialism" in safeguarding the utilitarian objectives of human deeds. This paper will survey the idea of civil disobedience in Islamic politico-legal theory across tension between theory and practice in multiple contexts.

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VIOLENCE VS. RELIGION

Abstract

That the religion is the main if not the only cause of violence seems nowadays self-evident almost to everyone. Strongly supported by the world's most influential mass media, this accusation, started some two hundred years ago, today brought its verdict by proclaiming the religion guilty for the crime of social violence and war crimes. Heartily supporting the accusation, many distinctive academics offered their expert's opinion to prove that "religion itself produce a perverse solidarity that we must find some way to cut", by pointing that "it is only the religious faith which is strong enough to motivate such utter madness in otherwise sane and decent people". Brainwashed by this synchronized public lynch, even the most moderate and neutral people may still believe that the violence is in some way essentially inherent to religion as such, notably to Islam. While prescribing to religion the fanatical bigotry as its immanent ingredient, the accusation points to the liberal state as the only mean by which 'the perverse solidarity' could be destroyed, and 'the utter madness" would not be allowed to intrude never again on 'the sane and decent' political stage.

The paper insists that the root of violence goes much deeper than the history of organized human society and all its institution, including the religion. Aggressivity, violence and warfare have always been a part of human existence, as well as of political life. The greatest wars in history were secular in its character, and religion had little or no influence in any stage of this wars.

In conclusion, the paper offers arguments which proves that religion could not be guilty for the modern world violence. Contrariwise, it is the violence stimulated and organized by the secular liberal state, which is directed against religion, since it is perceived as the main obstacle for gaining the total control over all aspects of human life. The projects called **The End of History and the Last Man**, and **The Clash of Civilizations**, have clearly and more than explicitly disclosed the agenda of this strategic program.

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So far he had published 37 books and monographic studies, among which *The Methods of Criticism; Domination and Revolution; Philosophy of Iconoclasticism; Motivation and Meditation; Noumenology of Body; Language of Philosophy; Macedonia, catena mundi; Study in fragmentation and Despair; The Meaning and the Virtue; Logos and Hierarchy, The Shield of Gold; Hundred Steps Above; Human faces; The Descendends of Gods (Philosophy from Thales to Socrates); Trust in Oneself; Philosophy of Religion in German Idealism; Philosophers of Consolation – Socrates and Plato; Ex Cathedra; Thread of Wool; Drop of Rain; Honey in the blood; On the Islamic Identity of Europe;*
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His works are included in a number of philosophical proceedings and literary anthologies, throughout the world, being translated into English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Albanian, Turkish language.

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Laurentiu D. TANASE PhD
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Title: Building a mosque in Bucharest; inter-religion tensions or social reflex against Islam

Abstract

The careful observation of religious life, the changes society knew in general and the religious behavior in particular have fueled, in the sociology of religion studies, the known theories of secularization. The scientific discussions in this regard, based on surveys and information from various fields followed the explanation and understanding of the evolution of religion in contemporary societies.

From linear theory of secularization, which would have led to the disappearance of religion in modern societies, and to their denial, a few years later, the religion has demonstrated the importance, the vitality and the influence it can have on human behavior and on the evolution of contemporary societies.

In countries of Central and Eastern Europe, especially the Orthodox, who lived for 50 years under the totalitarian communist regime, and where religion has been dramatically censored by the atheist regime, religious behavior has experienced a marked revival after the fall of communism, more active than the one in the Occidental secularized space. The dynamism of the religion to which we refer has been fueled by an attitude and a strong ethnic-religious connection founded on the historical evolution of the respective people, mentality and attitude encouraged by politicians lacking public legitimacy and social strategies in search of quick electoral support, which has favored the emergence of an equally nationalist and populist discourse, which calls into question even the functioning of the religious pluralism.

In Romania, the European country with a tolerant behavior toward religious pluralism, we have seen recently, fundamentalist nationalist tendencies visible in the context of building a Muslim mosque in Bucharest. We wonder if this reflex is specific behavioral modernity in general of the religious contemporary European pluralism or it is a characteristic of historical reflex of the majority Romanian Orthodox Christian society. Is there a risk that such intolerant behavior, ethnic and religious to increase the emergence of extremist nationalistic tendencies and religious fundamentalism to a wider level in the European society and in other Christian countries than those in the South-East of Europe and in the Balkans especially? How can religious education temper such extremist nationalist tendencies?

Here are some highlights of our study that tries to identify more closely the ratio of the mutual influence between religion and violence in contemporary European society.

Key words: Romania, Islam, contemporary society, religious pluralism, religious education, religion and violence

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Kostake Milkov

Title: Embracing the other: Lessons from History and Contemporary Christian Thought

Abstract

Christianity's story from the very beginning is a story followed upon a string sense of tending and caring for the vulnerable and the oppressed expressed in the Old Testament. There are numerous commands through which Yahweh the Lord reminds his chosen people to welcome the foreigner, deal fairly with the poor who look for justice, and protect the widow and the orphan. Jesus summarizes this in the twofold command of loving God and loving one's neighbor which is extended to encompass the enemy.

Christianity has not always loved up to this ideal with some dire consequences for that. There have been throughout its history though, thinkers who have committed themselves in fleshing out this twofold command. One of them is Maximus the Confessor, a seventh century monk and a theologian whose writings on asceticism revolve around the principle of love and renunciation for the sake of the other.

In this presentation we will see how Maximu's thought can be relevant for us today, and compare it to the thinking of few contemporary Christian thinkers who explore the identity and otherness in the light of Jesus twofold command.

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CURRENT POSITIONS

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Postdoctoral Research, Langham International Research and Training Seminar, since 2011 Senior Associate at OCCA (Oxford Center for Christian Apologetics), since 2012

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General Secretary, "SEAM", National Student Movement 1998–2005

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Doctor of Philosophy, University of Oxford, 2011 Master of Studies, University of Oxford, 2008

Master of Arts in Theology, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA, 1998 Bachelor of Arts in Theology, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Osijek, Croatia, 1994

ACADEMIC/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Lecturer in Systematic Theology- Evangelical Theological Seminary, Osijek, Croatia,

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PUBLICATIONS

Books

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Milkov, Kostake, Обожени и оправдани: толкувањето на спасението во православното и протестантското предание (Deified and Justified: Eastern Orthodox and Protestant Interpretation of Salvation, Metanoja 2005.

Curriculum Vitae

Edited books into Macedonian

Volf, Miroslav. Exclusion and Embrace, Metanoja, 2005.

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Book Reviews/Forwards/ Articles

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Translated books from English into Macedonian

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Henry, Nouwen. With Open Hands, Metanoja 2011

Bainton Roland. Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther, Metanoja 2003

Gumbel, Nicky. Questions of Life, Metanoja 2001

Kreeft, Peter. The Journey, Metanoja,1999

Lewis, C. S. The Screwtape Letters, Metanoja 2000

Translated books from Macedonian into English

Kletnikov, Eftim. The Living Stone, Unpublished manuscript

Dissertation

Milkov, Kostake. Renunciation in the Thought of Maximus the Confessor, University of Oxford 2011.

RESEARCH INTEREST

- Patristic
- Ecumenism
- Ethics

PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES

"Introduction to Eastern Orthodoxy and its Sources " Lectures taught for the Balkan Semester organized by Dr. Meic Pearse from Houghton College, NY, October 23 – November 16 2012.

"Eastern Orthodox Ecclesiology" Paper presented at the Balkan International Conference under the auspices of IFES. Athens, October 1, 2011.

"The Resurrection: the Evidence and its Significance." Presentation delivered at the RZIM Oxford Summer School, July 5, 2012.

"Does the Christian Worldview Make Sense?" Presentation delivered at the RZIM Oxford Summer School, July 5, 2012.

"The Orthodox Church: Space, Aesthetics, Theology." Presentation delivered at the USA Embassy in Skopje Macedonia. May 29, 2012.

"Divinization, Saints and Icons: Ministering in an Eastern Orthodox Environment." Paper presented at the IFES Easter Conference "Undivided." April 8, 2012

"Responding to the Word in Writing." Four lectures on reflective and creative response to biblical texts given at the IFES Easter Conference "Undivided." April 05-10, 2012.

"Kenosis in Expositio orationis dominicae." Paper presented at the XVI International Conference on Patristic Studies. University of Oxford, August 10, 2011.

“Orthodox Understanding of Salvation.” Paper presented at the Balkan International Conference under the auspices of IFES. Sofia, January 14, 2011.

“Passion for Life.” Public lecture to University Students, Skopje. October 17 2011.

“Renunciation According to Maximus the Confessor.” Paper presented at the XV International Conference on Patristic Studies. University of Oxford, August 11, 2007.

“Orthodoxy and Protestantism in dialogue in post-Communist Macedonia.” Public colloquia: Keston Seminars on Religions, State, and Society, Regent's Park College, University of Oxford. June 16, 2005.

“Theosis in the Thought of the Early Reformers,” Reformation Symposium at the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Osijek, Croatia, October 31, 2004.

“The Teaching of the Orthodox Church,” IFES Eurasia Institute for Staff Development and Training, Kiev, June 22-25, 2004

“Cross-cultural communication of the Gospel,” Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, September 2001

Curriculum Vitae

“The Image of God in Man,” University of Cyril and Methodius, Department of Philosophy, December 2001.

“Eastern Religions,” IFES Easter Conference, April 2000.

Ilshat H. Kokbore

Title: Religion Prosecution in East Turkistan

My topic will cover following points (Abstract with ppt. support):

- Background of East Turkistan and Uyghur people in modern history
- Brief History of Chinese occupation (Qing, Nationalist, Communist)
- Religion prosecution (General)
- The religion prosecution in communist Chinese rule, after the Chinese communist "Reform". (1978-current)

Short CV Ilshat H. Kokbore

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After graduated from Dalian Tech University in 1988; Ilshat Kokbore started a 15 years of career as a language and tech subject teacher in Shihezi Vocational Teacher Training College, in East Turkistan until 2003 November.
Because Ilshat Kokbore not only actively campaigned for Uyghur equal rights, but also organized a student demonstration when he was in university, he was put on government's black list and constantly under the government's surveillance, political prosecution.
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Nedžad Grabus

Title: Misunderstanding and misinterpretation of religion

Abstract

Man is a being of religion. Religion has its transcendental and earthly side. It is Abrahamic traditions that play a dominant role in the international relationships. Abrahamic religions rest on similar foundations of ethical monotheism. Religion is not made up merely of fundamental beliefs of transcendental nature. Religions are burdened by wish for power as well as language and national hegemonies. This is the reason why conflicts arising on behalf of religion occur so frequently. In this paper, we shall attempt to explore some causes of misunderstanding and misinterpretation of religion. We will particularly attempt to define relationships between religious values and the problem of violence that occurs in the name of religion.

Short CV Nedžad Grabus

Prof. dr. Nedžad Grabus is a professor of theology at the Faculty of Islamic Studies in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

He has been included in the interreligious dialogue from his student's years on. He was the editor of the first interreligious program in Sarajevo that dealt with topics of general importance and covered both Islamic and Christian issues. He participated in and lectured at various religious conferences all over the world, from Vatican, Oslo, Copenhagen and Cairo to Medina, Vienna, Istanbul and numerous others. Presently he holds the position of Mufti of the Islamic Community in Slovenia, which makes up for his credibility in respect of this function. In Slovenia, he is a member of the Institute for Ecumenical Theology and Interreligious Dialogue as well as the member of Editorial Board of the technical publication Unity and Dialogue. He continues to publish texts of interreligious nature and dialogue in the English, German, Slovenian and Bosnian languages. Prof. dr. Grabus maintains excellent connections and cooperation with European institutions and universities. He is a well-known mediator between and integrator of Christian and Islamic thought and philosophy, having been, inter alias, a guest lecturer at the protestant academy in Badball, at the catholic faculty in Maribor and numerous other locations and occasions. He personally organized and lectured at the international scientific symposium "Gaining Mutual Respect through Dialogue" combining lecturers from the Faculty of Islamic Studies in Sarajevo and Faculty of Theology in Ljubljana. He is a universally known and highly respected public figure, featuring in TV and radio programs and in the general intellectual sphere. He is the author of the book titled "Coexistence is our Way". He has recently published the book titled "Belief, knowledge and cognition".

Wolfgang Palaver

Title: The Complex Relationship between Violence and Religion

Abstract

Terrorist attacks by religiously motivated people have led to an identification of religion and violence. In a first step this paper will show that such an identification is much too simple because it overlooks the complex relationship between violence and religion. Looking at some examples in modern history and referring to some more sober publications on this topic will emphasize that it is really us human beings who are mainly responsible for all acts of violence. A second step will show us how the French-American literary critic and anthropologist René Girard's sees the relationship between violence and religion. With the help of Girard we can distinguish between the violent sacred that characterized the archaic past and the holy that is at the center of the Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam). A third part of the paper will deal more directly with the holy by discussing different images of God. We will find out that wherever God is understood along the lines of human power acts of violence are easily justified with the help of religion whereas a God that is characterized by renunciation in regard to power (*kenosis*) puts human violence into question. This last part relies mainly on insights from the French philosopher and mystic Simone Weil. Wherever human beings imitate God's renunciation they can open up towards each other without hatred and violence.

Short CV

Wolfgang Palaver is Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Dean of the School of Catholic Theology at the University of Innsbruck, Austria (where he earned his doctorate). From 2007 to 2011 he was president of the "Colloquium on Violence and Religion". He has published books and articles on religion and violence, Thomas Hobbes, Carl Schmitt and René Girard. His most recent book is *René Girard's Mimetic Theory* (Michigan State University Press, 2013).

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Islamic Radicalism
(An epistemic Perspective)

Abstract

The aim of the paper is to show that, what we call Islam, in essence, is Quran. In this context, all what is said about Islam, but is not included in Quran, is not Islam; it is interpretation of it, and, interpretation is knowledge. Knowledge in its radical sense is always subject to correction or re-interpretation of it. Radicalism from Islamic perspective means continuation with the transfinite procedure of knowing and understanding god's words, with no mediator, as truth or essence, but yes, as knowledge and opinion, using your own mind. Radicalism as the word itself entails, from Islamic perspective, is salvation for humanity. The self-proclaimed leaders in knowledge, although knowledge yielding procedure knows no leaders, are the main obstacle of our living in harmony with god and his words. Being radical means to try to act and live in accordance with gods words, of course, the way you understand them. So there is nothing wrong with being radical. The problem comes when we do not act radically. Those who do not behave radically with gods words are immature generations and, immaturity is the inability to use ones understanding without guidance from another.

Curriculum Vitae

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1965 - 1975	Primary and secondary school in Um el Fahm
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1980 - 1985	Studies in Biology at the University of Zurich Prediploma examinations in: Biology I-IV, Biochemistry I-II, inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry and Mathematics
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1984 - 1985:	Teaching assistant of undergraduate students at the Institute of Zoology, University of Zurich
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1. Biology for Medical Students and Laboratory
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1. *Lukas Müller*, (1989/1990)"Growth factor induced changes in expression of cell adhesion molecules in a transformed rat Schwann cell line"
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Student's projects:
20 research projects at Al Qasmi research center (2009-2013)

Master thesis:

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Matthias Lütolf, (1999) "Evaluations of PVA-hydrogels as modell system for in vitro investigation of the effects of mechanical properties on cells".

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Ph.D. thesis:

Thomas Hirt, (19921995) “Synthesis and characterization of biodegradable and biocompatible polyesterurethane for medical use”.

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Andreas Lendlein, (1994-1997) “Synthesis and characterization of rapidly degradable and biocompatible polyesterurethane for medical use”.

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Remy Stoll, (1995-1998) “Synthesis and characterization of rapidly degradable and biocompatible polyesterurethane for medical use”.

Pascal Pfister, (1999-2001) “Cell response to the flexibility of micro-structured environments”.

Soliman Qiadan (2011-present) “Novel anti-diabetic natural drug candidates: from herbs to identification of chemical structure and molecular mechanism”. Co-supervisors: Dr. Hilal Zaid (QRC) and Dr. Yoel Sasson (Hebrew University, Jerusalem).

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Dr. Med. thesis:

Adrian Tun Kyi (1997-2000) “Cultivation and characterization of the cell response of chondrocytes to newly developed, highly porous, and biodegradable polyesterurethane”.

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Thomas Huber, (1998-2000) “Cell-substrate-interactions of primary isolated rat osteoblasts and biodegradable polyesterurethane”.

Martin Moro, (1998-2000) “Cultivation of primary isolated rat chondrocytes on biodegradable polyesterurethane foam for autologous cell transplantation”.

Frank Bochmann, (1997-1999) “Biocompatibility testing of Degrablock”

Atul Sunkthankar, (1997-1999) “Isolation and cultivation rat tendocytes on newly developed, highly porous, and biodegradable polyesterurethane”.

Charles Wolf, (1999-2001) “Cultivation of primary isolated rat chondrocytes and rat osteoblasts on DegraPol- foam for autologous cell transplantation”.

Conferences

1. Scientific committee of "The First Regional Scientific Conference on Traditional Arabic and Islamic Medicine", Amman, Jordan, August 8-10, 2007
2. Scientific committee of "The 5th Palestinian Conference for Clinical Laboratories", March 28-29, 2008, Jenin, PA
3. Scientific committee of 5th Congress on Scientific Research Outlook & Technology (SRO5) 26-30 October, 2008-Fez-Morocco".
4. Scientific committee of The Second Conference on Biotechnology Research and Applications in Palestine, An-Najah National University, 26-27th September, 2010
5. Organizing and scientific committee of "The First Regional Scientific Conference on Traditional Arabic and Islamic Medicine", Al-Qasemi Academy, Baqa, Israel. January 2010.
6. Chair and organizing committee of "Integrating Traditional Medicine in Research and Clinical Practice:"TRANSCENDING FROM THE ROOTS", Al-Qasemi Academy, Baqa, Israel. May 2011
7. Scientific committee of The Palestinian conference on graduate students research in natural and applied sciences, Birzeit university 22 March 2014.
8. Co-Chair of the The Second Annual Givat Haviva Conference
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Editorial Boards:

1. Evidence based Alternative and Complementary Medicine, Oxford Journals (eCAM)
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Awards:

- Best research award (1998) of Swiss surgical society
- Best research award (2010) of "The Israeli Society for Complementary Medicine"
- Hijawi Awards 2X

List of publications

Books:

1. Saad B and Said O., (2011) Greco-Arab and Islamic Herbal Medicine: Traditional System, Ethics, Safety, Efficacy and Regulatory Issues, Wiley-Blackwell John Wiley & Sons, Inc. The book includes the following 19 chapters:

Chapter 1: An Overview of Greco-Arab and Islamic Herbal Medicine

Chapter 2: History of Greco-Arab and Islamic medicine

Chapter 3: Herbal Medicine

Chapter 4: The Arab-Islamic Roots of Western Medicine

Chapter 5: Contributions of Arab and Islamic Scholars to Modern Pharmacology

Chapter 6: Natural Drugs in Greco-Arabic and Islamic Medicine

Chapter 7: Method of Therapy in Greco-Arab and Islamic Medicine

Chapter 8: Commonly Used Herbal Medicines in the Mediterranean

Chapter 9: The Current State of Knowledge of Arab Herbal Medicine

Chapter 10 :Greco-Arab and Islamic Medicine Practiced Outside the Middle East

Chapter 11: Biosafety of Herbal Medicine

Chapter 12: Arab Medicinal Plants from Traditional Uses to Scientific Knowledge

Chapter 13: Modern In Vitro Test Systems

Chapter 14: Modern In Vivo Evaluations and Clinical Trials

Chapter 15: Medical Ethics in Arab and Islamic Medicine

Chapter 16: Medicinal Herbs and Extracting their Active Ingredients

Chapter 17: Food Therapy

Chapter 18: Drug Development from Herbal Sources

Chapter 19: Herbal Remedies: Use, Demographic and Regulatory Issues

2. Riaz M, Saad B, Zia Ul Haq M (2015) Anthocyanins and Human Health: Biomolecular and therapeutic aspect. Springerbrief, Springer (Proposal accepted)

The book includes the following 11 chapters:

1. Herbal-derived medicine
2. Introduction to Anthocyanins
3. Chemical structure of Anthocyanins
4. Anthocyanins as colouring agents
5. Anthocyanin absorption and metabolism
6. Biosynthesis of Anthocyanins
7. Factors affecting the stability of Anthocyanins
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Original papers:

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Summary
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Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Lund University, 2007 – 2012. Dissertation in sociology: "Samverkan blir kamp. En sociologisk analys av ett projekt i ungdomsvården" (When collaboration becomes a struggle. A sociological analysis of a project in the Swedish juvenile care).

Master's Degree, Lund University, 2005 – 2006. Publication for Master's degree in sociology: "Livet efter kriget – Nationalism, försoning och oförsonlighet i ett bosniskt efterkrigssamhälle" (Life after the war - Nationalism, reconciliation and implacability in a Bosnian post-war society).

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Basic, Goran (2009a) *Vi är fortfarande kompetenta! Röster från socialtjänsten om ett samarbetsprojekt i ungdomsvården* (We’re still Competent! Voices from Social Service Staff in a Collaboration Project concerning Juvenile Care in Sweden). Lund: Network for Research in Criminology and Deviant Behavior 2009:1.

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Basic, Goran (2007) *Skulle jag grilla lamm med dig? Försoning och oförsonlighet i före detta lägerfångars berättelser* (Would I Grill Lamb with You? Reconciliation and Implacability in Stories of Former Prison-Camp Detainees). Lund: Network for Research in Criminology and Deviant Behavior 2007:2.

Basic, Goran (2005) *Krig och brott - definitioner av kriminalitet i ett bosniskt efterkrigssamhället* (War and Crime. Definitions of Crime in a Bosnian Post-War Society). Lund: Network for Research in Criminology and Deviant Behavior 2005:2.

6. Peer Reviewed Conference Papers:

Researching Security: Approaches, Concepts and Policies, University St. Kliment Ohridski, Faculty of Security, Skopje, Ohrid, Macedonia (20150602-20150603). ”Researching Security: Collaboration Obstacles and Success in Described and Observed Experiences of Police and Border Guards’ in the Baltic Sea Area” (Keynote Speaker).

Researching Security: Approaches, Concepts and Policies, University St. Kliment Ohridski, Faculty of Security, Skopje, Ohrid, Macedonia (20150602-20150603). ”Extreme case of insecurity: violence narratives of survivors from war in Bosnia and Herzegovina”.

Crisis Management Days. 8th International Scientific Conference, University of Applied Sciences Velika Gorica, Velika Gorica, Croatia (20150514-20150515). ”Ekstremni slučaj krize: Definicije ratnog nasilja u pričama preživjelih poslije rata u Bosni i Hercegovini” (”Extreme Case of Crisis: Definitions of War Violence in Narratives of Survivors from the War in Bosnia and Herzegovina”).

DO THE RIGHT THING! Anthropology and morality, The Swedish Anthropological Association and Lund University, Lund, Sweden (20150417-20150419). ”Construction of morally correct actions: in the stories of violence during the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina”.

Contemporary Youth, Contemporary Risks. Journal of Youth Studies Conference, Journal of Youth Studies, The Danish National Centre for Social Research and University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark (20150330-20150401). ”Coherent Triads in Swedish Youth Care”.

First Conference of Victimology in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ambassadors of Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, International Peace Research Association – IPRA, Bihać University, Sakarya University and Institute of Knowledge Management Skopje, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (20150303-20150304). ”Definicije ratnog nasilja i pomirenje u pričama preživjelih poslije rata u Bosni i Hercegovini” (”Definitions of War Violence and Reconciliation in Narratives of Survivors from the War in Bosnia and Herzegovina”).

International Conference on Community Empowerment, Coping, Resilience and Hope, Brisbane Institute of Strengths Based Practice, Hyderabad, India (20141214-20141216). ”Reconciliation Narratives of Survivors from War in Bosnia and Herzegovina”.

Victims' protection: International law, national legislations and practice, The Fifth Annual Conference of the Victimology Society of Serbia, Victimology Society of Serbia, Beograd, Serbia (20141127-20141128). ”Different Categories of Victims and Competition for Victimhood in the Stories after the Bosnian War”.

Criminal Justice and Security in Central and Eastern Europe, Understanding Professionalism, Trust, and Legitimacy, The Tenth Biennial International Conference, University of Maribor, Ljubljana, Slovenia (20140915-20140917). ”Reconciliation and Implacability: Narratives of Survivors from the War in Bosnia and Herzegovina”.

Exploring Blind Spots, 27th Conference of the Nordic Sociological Association, Lund University, Lund, Sweden (20140814-20140816). ”Ethnic monitoring and social control in juvenile care institutions”.

The Balkans in the New Millennium: From Balkanization to EUtopia, The Balkans Sociological Forum, Tetovo University (SEE) and Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Tetovo and Skopje, Republic of Macedonia (20140620-20140622). ”Reconciliation and implacability: narratives of survivors from the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina” (Keynote Speaker).

Sigurnost urbanih sredina (”The Security of Urban Areas”), Sarajevo University, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (20140516). ”Priče bivših bosanskih logoraša: Rituali u koncentracionim logorima” (”Narratives of Former Bosnian Detainees: Concentration Camp Rituals.”).

Institutionsvård i fokus (”Institutional care in focus”), Swedish National Board of Institutional Care, Stockholm, Sweden, (20140327-20140328). ”When Collaboration Becomes a Struggle”.

Ett inkluderande samhälle? En inkluderande sociologi? (”An inclusive society? An inclusive sociology?”), University of Gothenburg and Swedish Sociological Association, Gothenburg, Sweden (20140313-201403 15). ”Ethnic monitoring and social control: Descriptions from juveniles in juvenile care institutions”.

Ett inkluderande samhälle? En inkluderande sociologi? (”An inclusive society? An inclusive sociology?”), University of Gothenburg and Swedish Sociological Association, Gothenburg, Sweden (20140313-201403 15). ”Concentration camp rituals: narratives of former Bosnian detainees”.

Annual Conference of Urban Research and Development Society – Democracy, Citizenship and Urban Violence, Dhaka University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, (20140312-20140313). ”Competing for victimhood: Stories of Bosnian war survivors” (Keynote Speaker).

Annual International Conference on Forensic Science – Criminalistics Research (FSCR), Global Science and Technology Forum (GSTF), Singapore, Singapore, (20131209-20131210). ”Narratives after the Bosnian war: competition for victimhood”.

Crisis, Critique and Change, the 11th European Sociological Association Conference, Turin University, Turin, Italien, (20130828-20130831). ”Concentration camp rituals: narrative of former Bosnian detainees”.

Crisis, Critique and Change, the 11th European Sociological Association Conference, Turin University, Turin, Italien, (20130828-20130831). ”Forgiveness, reconciliation and implacability in narratives of survivors after the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina”.

Place and Perspectives of Criminal Justice, Criminology and Security Studies in Contemporary Settings, Sarajevo University, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (20130516). ”Pomirenje i nepomirivost: priče onih koji su preživljeli rat u Bosni i

Hercegovini" ("Reconciliation and implacability: narratives of survivors from the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina.").

Curiosity and serendipity – a conference on qualitative methods in the social sciences, the European Sociological Association Midterm Conference (RN20), Lund University, Lund, Sweden, (20120920-20120921). "What is this a case of? Methodological lessons from a reanalysis of conflicts within the Swedish Juvenile Care".

Social Relations in Turbulent Times, the 10th European Sociological Association Conference, Geneva University, Geneva, Switzerland (20110907-20110910). "Detecting Triads in a Swedish Juvenile Care Project".

7. Ongoing Peer Reviewed:

Basic, Goran (submitted) "Concentration camp rituals: narratives of former Bosnian detainees".

Basic, Goran (submitted) "'Ideal victim' and competing for victimhood: stories of Bosnian war survivors".

Basic, Goran (submitted) *När samverkan får erkännande. Beskrivna och observerade erfarenheter från ungdomsvården* ("Successful collaboration. Described and Observed Experiences of Youth Care").

Basic, Goran (submitted) "Coherent triads: descriptions of successful collaboration in youth care".

Basic, Goran (submitted) "Definitioner av våld i överlevandes berättelser efter kriget i Bosnien" ("Definitions of Violence in Stories of Survivors from the Bosnian war").

Basic, Goran (submitted) "Successful collaboration: success points of interest beneficial for juveniles in youth care".

Basic, Goran (submitted) "Definitions of Violence: Narratives of Survivors from the War in Bosnia and Herzegovina".

Basic, Goran (submitted) "Victimhood, Forgiveness and Reconciliation: in Stories of Bosnian War Survivors".

Basic, Goran (submitted) "Observed successful collaboration: Coherent triads in youth care".

8. Ongoing research projects:

Project "Turnstone". A study of the cooperation between the border police and coastguards in the Baltic Sea area (financed by the European Commission). 2014 - . Description: Based on empirical material (interviews and field observations), the purpose of this project is to map and analyze how the staff of the different organizations experience, understand, and define organizational, cultural, historical, and legal differences between the different border agencies. In addition, the aim is also to map and analyze how travelers experience, interpret, and define "freedom of movement" in the Baltic Sea region regarding the border agencies.

War Sociology - Renewed Analysis of Ethnographic Material from Bosnia. 2012- . Description: In this project analyzes verbally depicted experiences of survivors from the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. One aim of the project is to describe how the actors portray the social phenomenon of "war violence" "victimhood" and "reconciliation", and the second is to analyze discursive patterns that interplay in the creation of the terms “victim” and “perpetrator”. My research question is, How do the interviewees describe war violence, victimhood and reconciliation after the war? In this project, I try to access the phenomena of "war violence" "victimhood" and "reconciliation" by analyzing the interviewees’ stories, namely their own descriptions in relation to themselves and others.

Successful collaboration. Described and Observed Experiences of Youth Care (financed by the Swedish National Board of Institutional Care). 2012- . Description: Previous collaboration research shows that problems and conflicts sometimes arise as a part of collaboration. This project analyzing successful cooperation, even if it unfolds during shorter interaction sequences. In this study I endeavor to describe the contributing factors that are necessary to achieve the phenomenon of a successful collaboration. I do this partially with help from studies published in the literature, but especially by analyzing my own empirical material: narratives from the interviewees and field notes. The aim is to analyze how and when the actors within youth care portray successful cooperation, and which discursive and interactive patterns are involved in the construction of this phenomenon.

9. Completed research projects:

Policing Ethnicity in a Diversified Sweden (financed by the Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare, FORTE). 2011-2013. Description: Previous research has emphasized the institutional racism in total institutions. Researchers have highlighted the importance of narratives but have not focused on narratives about ethnic monitoring and social control. This study tries to fill this gap by analysing stories related to descriptions of ethnic monitoring and social control as told by juveniles of non-Swedish ethnicity in Swedish juvenile care institutions. A juvenile’s ethnicity was highlighted by drawing attention to the staff’s monitoring and social control. Interviews elucidated the victimhood that non-Swedish juveniles portrayed in relation to the staff and/or Swedish juveniles. When juveniles of non-Swedish ethnicity described ethnic monitoring and social control, they generally distanced themselves from staff behaviour and portrayed a victim identity. In constructing their identity, juveniles sometimes used their ethnic background rhetorically when describing everyday situations in the institution. The juveniles portrayed a humiliated self through dissociation from the staff and through the descriptions that they were treated differently than Swedish juveniles.

Dissertation Project: Conflicts in the Youth-care - Accounts, Comparisons and Alliances. 2007-2012. Description: In this study a collaboration project in Swedish youth care is analysed. The aim of the project was to enhance coordination between the Social Services and the Swedish National Board of Institutional Care in order to make the efforts more efficient. The project also employed a number of coordinators. The overall purpose of this study is to analyse conflicts, alliances and comparisons identifiable in interviews and observations. The analytic findings are put into an overall “collaboration context” represented by earlier research on the social phenomenon of “collaboration”. In this way the study contribute to a sociological understanding of a contemporary widespread phenomenon.The empirical materials of the study consist of recorded conversational

interviews with 147 project participants (youngsters, parents and various professional categories) as well as observations of meetings, informal get-togethers and visits to institutions, Social Services offices, the head office of the National Board of Institutional Care and coordinators. The material was analysed using the analytic perspectives of Georg Simmel (1950/1964), Theodore Caplow (1968) and Erving Goffman (1959/2004). The analysis shows that the project manifested and led to struggles between organizations involving representatives from the Social Services, the National Board of Institutional Care and the project, as well as to several interpersonal conflicts between representatives from various categories of involved professionals, and the youngsters and their parents. The study also shows that the client, in such human service organizations, faces a significant risk of being marginalized. Professionals who appreciated the collaboration often drew their conclusions based on their interaction with other professionals, but the collaboration did not guarantee a successful treatment of the client.

Ethnicity in Youth-care (financed by the Swedish National Board of Institutional Care). 2009-2010. Description: The aim of this study is to analyze when and how ethnicity is actualised through categorisations in Swedish youth-care, to attract attention to how these categorisations are indicated and point out how the narrators own ethnic identity is shaped and upheld through different markings. Ethnicity is used explicitly as well as implicitly, by the youths themselves and the professionals, in peer relations within each collective and between the collectives. Usually ethnicity is used as an explanation and as an instrument in the interaction, i.e. it is used to achieve different things or to emphasize or highlight a desirable image of people or problems at hand. The professionals use ethnicity to explain the youths actions, they also compare themselves to colleagues regarding who displays the greatest ethnic consideration or who knows most about ethnicity. Ethnicity then becomes a resource in presenting one-self: you present yourself as, for instance, “culturally competent” in relation to others. The youths also use ethnicity when they talk about the placing at various institutions, the social control at the institution, discrimination, love relations, etc. The life in the institution becomes ethnically charged in interviews with youngsters, but this perspective is not always shared by other actors. Treatments interpreted as ethnic discrimination by the youths are sometimes seen as self-inflicted by the staff, e.g. as a result of alleged inappropriate behaviour. Ethnicity is a contested marker in this context and thus a potential weapon in the interplay. This is specially highlighted through ethnically coloured profanity and name-calling which the youths experience as an instrument of humiliation.

Process evaluation regarding the project ”Counteract violence and gangs” (financed by the Swedish National Board of Institutional Care). 2007-2009. Description: This study concerns a large evaluation of a project concerning Swedish juvenile care. We analyse how professionals, youngsters and parents perceived and interpreted the three-year project which involved different authorities whose representatives should form a care-giving chain. The project also employed a number of coordinators. Beyond accounting for the results from just over one houndred interviews and an intense field work our ambition was also to place our findings in a greater social and cultural context. The origin of our analysis is based upon the empirical material, not from a before hand constructed perspective; the example of the coordinators’ focus on administrative issues was therefore discovered through interviews and observations and not something that we were looking for or even expecting to find.

Reconciliation and Implacability in Stories of Former Prison-Camp Detainees (financed by the Scandinavian Research Council for Criminology). 2006-2007. Description: Is it possible for civilians, who have been targets of war action, to reconcile with their former enemies? In this study I am analyzing the stories told by former camp-prisoners who were imprisoned at the beginning of the Bosnia-Herzegovina war in the early 1990's. These prisoners were detained in the concentration-camps of Omarska, Keraterm and Manjača. The former prisoners took refuge in the Nordic countries after the war. The aim of the study is partly to analyze traces of reconciliation and implacability, and partly to detect and describe the rituals of interaction that emerged during the war, which have been revised and reinterpreted after the war. The study is based on 13 interviews with former camp-prisoners and their close relatives who now live in Sweden, Denmark and Norway. Added to the study is a document analysis of verdicts by the Hague-tribunal and UN reports.

10. Other relevant information:

Editorial Board
World Journal of Social Science Research
International Journal of Multicultural and Multireligious Understanding

Peer Reviewer of Journal Articles:
World Journal of Social Science Research
International Journal of Multicultural and Multireligious Understanding
Social Inclusion
Journal of Youth Studies

Keynote Invitation
'I too, remember dust': Peace-building, Politics & the Arts', The University of Winchester, Winchester, England (20150907-20150908). "War Violence, Victimhood and Reconciliation: in Stories of Bosnian War Survivors".

International Conference: Innovation and Research in Arts and Humanities, Institute of Mobin Cultural Ambassadors, Istanbul, Turkey (20150827). "Coherent Triads and Collaboration Identities in Swedish Youth Care".

Researching Security: Approaches, Concepts and Policies, University St. Kliment Ohridski, Faculty of Security, Skopje, Ohrid, Macedonia (20150602-20150603). "Researching Security: Collaboration Obstacles and Success in Described and Observed Experiences of Police and Border Guards' in the Baltic Sea Area".

International Conference on Community Empowerment, Coping, Resilience and Hope, Brisbane Institute of Strengths Based Practice, Hyderabad, India (20141214-20141216). "Conflict resolution and peace building: Post-war reconciliation in narratives of survivors from the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina".

Leadership and Learning in the Asian Century, Exploring Leadership and Learning Theories in Asia (ELLTA) and the Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia (20141117-20141119). "Peace Building, Conflict resolution, Prosperity and Sustainability: Post-War Reconciliation and Implacability in Narratives after the War".

Member of Scientific Council:
First Conference of Victimology in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ambassadors of Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, International Peace Research Association – IPRA, Bihać University, Sakarya University and Institute of Knowledge Management Skopje, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (20150303-20150304).

Honors & Awards
LMK Foundation, 2014, Nominated and accepted to the idea forum in Björkliden 2014.

Foundation Oscar II's scholarship, 2013, Oscar II`s scolarshop for the best dissertation in the field of Social Sciences, ”Samverkan blir kamp. En sociologisk analys av ett projekt i ungdomsvården” (When collaboration becomes a struggle. A sociological analysis of a project in the Swedish juvenile care).

Best Essay with an European Theme, 2005, Third place in contest: Best Essay with an European Theme (2004/2005) for sociology essay: ”Tillbaka till Ljubija – Upplevelser och erfarenheter hos återvändande bosnienmuslimer och bosnienkroater” (Back to Ljubija – Experiences of returning bosnian-muslims and bosnian-croats). Center of European Research, Lund University.

Networking at national and international level, seminar outside university and participation in the mass media:
BHT 1 in Bosnien. Interview about the phenomena ”victimhood” and ”reconciliation” after the war for the TV program Novi Ugao (New Perspectives). 2015.
(http://www.bhrt.ba/bht1-emisije/novi-ugao/novi-ugao-03-03-2015-2/ , 20:52-21:27)

Media plan institut (”Media Plan Institute”) in Bosnien. Interview about the phenomena ”violence” and ”reconciliation” after the war. 2015.

Swedish Radio, ”Kan man försonas efter ett krig?” (Can people reconcile after a war?), interview about research results, 2014. (http://sverigesradio.se/sida/gruppsida.aspx?programid=83&grupp=10974&artikel=5924822)

Swedish radio, ”Alla ser sig som offer efter Balkankrigen” (All see themselves as victims after the Balkan wars), interview about research results, 2014. (http://sverigesradio.se/sida/artikel.aspx?programid=96&artikel=5927549)

TV Hema in Bosnia and Hercegovina, Interview about security in urban environments, 2014.

Participation in the book ”Druženje po mjeri duše” (Successful Bosnians in Scandinavia), author Šefko Kadrić (along with, among others, Zlatan Ibrahimović, Jasenko Selimović and Stevan Dedijer), 2013.

Newspaper: Bosanska Posta, ”Od prvog ispita do doktorata sa 150 posto” (”From first examination to filosofie doctor dissertation - with 150 percent working tempo), interview about research results, 2013.

TV Hema in Bosnia and Hercegovina, Interview about book ”Druženje po mjeri duše” (Successful Bosnians in Scandinavia) and the current educational situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2013.

Swedish radio, ”Öppna motsättningar i fruktlöst ungdomsprojekt” (Open contradictions in youth project), interview about research results, 2012. (http://sverigesradio.se/sida/artikel.aspx?programid=83&artikel=5363907)

Newspaper: Oberoende, ”När blir en friserad sanning en lögn?” (”When does a tampered truth become a lie”), interview about research results, 2012.

Seminar Series in Bosnia and Hercegovina, 2011.”Reconciliation and Implacability in Stories of Former Prison-Camp Detainees”; ”Konflikti kao objašnjavajuće uporedbe” (Accounting for conflicts through comparison); ”Obzervirani konflikti na sastancima” (Observed meeting conflicts); ”Prepričani konflikti – roditelja i djece” (Juveniles’ and parents’ description of conflicts).

Swedish radio, ”Försoning men inte samma liv som före kriget” (Reconciliation but not the same life as before the war), interview about research results, 2011. (http://sverigesradio.se/sida/artikel.aspx?programid=353&artikel=4557419)

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Short CV

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His most recent publications are:

- co-authored with Didier Ruedin & al., *The population of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Switzerland*, Federal Office of Immigration, Bern : FOM, 2014 (FR/DE/ENG);
- “Albanian-speaking transnational populations in Switzerland: continuities and shifts”, *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, Routledge, Vol. 13, No. 2, 227–243, 2013;
- co-author with Marta Cola and Manuel Mauri Brusa.“The Kosovar diaspora in Switzerland: Construction of Identities between Media Use and Diasporic Traits », *Romanian Journal of Communication and Public Relations*, Vol. 14 No. 4 (28): *Diasporic Identities, Media, and the Public Space* [special issue], 2012.
- "Islam and the integration of Muslims in Switzerland", *Tangram*, Bern: Federal Commission against Racism, 2010.
- "The Balkan Muslim diasporas in Switzerland", in: Mallory Schneuwly-Purdie, Lathion Stephane (ed.), *Muslims in Switzerland: historical legal and social realities*, Geneva, Labor & Fides, 2009, pp. 37-52, 2009;
- *The National Question in South East Europe. Genesis, emergence and development of national identity Albanians in Kosovo and Macedonia*, Bern: Peter Lang, 386p, 2008;
- co-authored with Xavier Bougarel. "*Islam and Politics in the Western Balkans: Kosovo, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro*," Politorbis (special issue), Bern: Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, 71p, 2007.

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Arabic	**1**	**2**	**2**
Bosnian	**1**	**1**	**1**
Macedonian	**1**	**1**	**1**
Albanian	**1**	**1**	**1**

7. Membership of professional bodies: director of Foundation for science and culture "Dituria" in Gostivar.

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2008-	Tetovo	State University of Tetovo	Lecturer	Psychology of personality, industrial psychology, political psychology
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1999-2008	Skopje	Humanitarian Organization "Hilal"	Member	Humanitarian aid, social work

13. Other relevant information: (e.g. Publications)

1. Perception of social and religious identity of Albanians in Macedonia and Turkey, Logos-A, Skopje 2008.
2. Psychology of religious identity, Gostivar 2006.
3. Integration between social identity and religion at the Balkan Muslims, Istanbul 2007.
4. Freud and Religion, Logos-A, Skopje 2011.
5. Scientific Conferences