

CURRICULUM VITAE

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General information

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Current positions: - Visiting Professor (January-June 2025), Department of Anthropology, College of Letters and Science, University of California Berkeley
- Associate Professor (permanent), Institute of Sociological Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- Chercheur Associé (Research Associate), CEFRES (Centre Français de Recherche en Sciences Sociales)
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Research areas: Social and Cultural Anthropology, History, Religious Studies, Ethnology of Europe, History and Anthropology of Religion, Historical Anthropology and Cultural History, Cultural Heritage Studies
Regional areas: Europe (comparatively); Mediterranean, central, and post-socialist Europe, notably Italy, Austria, France, Catalonia (Spain), Czech Republic

Long term positions, fellowships, and affiliations (6 months or more)

01/2025 – 06/2025 Visiting Professor, Department of Anthropology, College of Letters and Science, University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A.
10/2022 – tenure Associate Professor, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
01/2022 – 01/2024 Chercheur Associé (Research Associate), CEFRES (Centre Français de Recherche en Sciences Sociales), Prague, Czech Republic
03/2021 – 10/2022 Assistant Professor, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
08/2020 – 08/2022 ERC CZ Principal Investigator, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
03/2019 – 03/2021 Marie Curie / OP VVV Research Fellow, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
09/2015 – 09/2017 Lise Meitner Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of European Ethnology, Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna, Austria
06/2013 – 06/2015 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic
01/2012 – 07/2012 Visiting Researcher and Lecturer, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, School of Humanities, University of Tallinn, Estonia
06/2011 – 04/2014 Teaching Assistant (“Cultore della materia”) in Cultural Anthropology, University of Messina, Italy
01/2010 – 04/2013 Teaching and research activity for the PhD in Anthropology, Faculty of Scienze della Formazione, University of Messina, Italy

Medium and short-term positions, fellowships, and grants (up to 6 months)

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| 10/2019 – 01/2020 | Adjunct Professor, Department of European Ethnology, Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic |
| 11/2019 | Visiting Lecturership (ERASMUS+), Faculty of Sociology, Anthropology and Folkloristics, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland |
| 10/2018 – 02/2019 | Adjunct Professor, Department of European Ethnology, Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna, Austria |
| 09/2018 – 12/2018 | SAIA Grant for Visiting Research and Teaching Fellowship, Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia |
| 08/2018 – 10/2018 | Faculty Grant for the writing of an ERC Starting Grant, Department of Religious Studies, Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Vienna, Austria |
| 05/2018 – 06/2018 | Grant Josef Dobrovský for a Visiting Fellowship, Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic |
| 04/2018 – 05/2018 | Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociological Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic |
| 10/2017 – 01/2018 | Adjunct Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic |
| 09/2017 – 02/2018 | Adjunct Professor, Department of European Ethnology, Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, University of Vienna, Austria |
| 09/2017 – 12/2017 | Grant for Research Collaboration, Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic |
| 11/2017 – 12/2017 | Visiting Lecturer (ERASMUS +), Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia |
| 10/2014 – 11/2014 | Invited Research Fellowship, Department “Resilience and Transformations in Eurasia”, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany |
| 09/2011 – 03/2012 | Research Grant, Consorzio Mario Negri Sud, Chieti, Italy |
| 12/2010 – 02/2011 | Research Stay at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Sorbonne, doctoral seminar of “Ethnologie religieuse de l’Europe”, Paris, France |

Education

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| 01/2010 – 04/2013 | PhD in Anthropology (Supervisor: Prof. Francesco Faeta), Faculty of Scienze della Formazione, University of Messina, Italy |
| 02/2007 – 04/2009 | MA Degree in History of Religion (final mark: 110/110 con lode [summa cum laude]), Faculty of Scienze Umanistiche, University “La Sapienza”, Rome, Italy |
| 01/2009 – 03/2009 | Grant for Graduation Thesis Abroad, Centre Louis Gernet, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France |
| 09/2007 – 08/2008 | ERASMUS Grant, Section des Sciences Religieuses, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Sorbonne, Paris, France |
| 10/2003 – 02/2007 | BA Degree in History (final mark: 109/110), Faculty of Scienze Umanistiche, University “La Sapienza”, Rome, Italy |

- 10/2002 – 07/2003 First University Year, Faculty of Lettere e Filosofia, University of Firenze, Firenze, Italy
- 09/1998 – 07/2002 High School Diploma, Liceo Classico "O. Fascitelli", Isernia, Italy

Academic qualifications and other significant achievements

- 10/2022 Habilitation for Associate Professorship in European Ethnology, Masaryk University in Brno
- 09/2022 Habilitation for Associate Professorship in History of Religions, Italian Ministry of Education and Research
- 2018-2019 Shortlisted for an ERC Grant: Evaluation B in Step 2 for an ERC Starting Grant (with a high score in the range of the top 15% of all applications in my panel); interview held in Brussels, Belgium, on 26/06/2019
- 11/2017 Habilitation for Associate Professorship in Social Anthropology, Italian Ministry of Education and Research
- 11/2015 Teaching Qualification for Junior Staff, University of Vienna

Other scientific, academic, or institutional tasks, responsibilities, and achievements

- 2023 – 2027 Senior Researcher for the international research project OP-JAK CoRe “Beyond Security: Role of Conflict in Resilience-Building” (CZ.02.01.01/00/22_008/0004595), funded by the European Union and the Ministry of Education of the Czech Republic
- 2024 Member of the Scientific and Organisational Board for the International Conference of the SIEF Ethnology of Religion Working Group, *Religious Art and Power – Contestations and Affirmations*, Hungarian Academy of Arts, 17-19 October, Budapest, Hungary, and the International Workshop *Prague and Its Myths*, CEFRES and the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, 5 April 2024
- 2023 Member of the Scientific and Organisational Board for the International Conference of the SIEF Ethnology of Religion Working Group, *Religious Utopias*, Humboldt University, 16-18 March, Berlin, Germany, and of the 7th Biennial Conference of the Czech Association for Social Anthropology, *Solidarity*, Prague, 6 - 8 October 2023
- 2022 Member of the Scientific and Organisational Board for the International Workshop *Ritualisation des transgressions et normativités dans les espaces publics euro-méditerranéens*, CEFRES and Charles University, 28 February, Prague, and for the International Conference *Religion, Cultural Heritage, and Social Change in Central-Eastern Europe*, July 4-5, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw
- Since 2022 Member of the editorial board of the journal *Religio: Revue pro religionistiku* (ČSR)
- 2021-2023 Member of the research project “Assessing the study of religious change in Central-Eastern Europe”, funded by the Visegrad Fund (project coordinator: Agata Ładykowska)
- Since 2021 Chair of the SIEF Ethnology of Religion Working Group and board member of the SIEF Cultural Heritage and Property Working Group

- Since 2021 Member of the ministerial programme “Cooperatio” for the evaluation of Czech anthropological research; member of the board of the doctoral programme for the Study of Religions of the Department of Religious Studies, Masaryk University, Brno
- Since 2021 Member of the editorial board of the journals *Ethnologia Europaea* (SIEF & NOP-HS), *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures* (Berghahn), and *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications* (Springer)
- Since 2021 Membership of the Scientific and Organisational Board for two International Conferences: *New Approaches to ‘Re-Enchanted’ Central and Eastern Europe*, Moholy-Nagy University, 2-3 December, Budapest, and *Ritualising in the Times of the Corona*, 18-19 September, Charles University, Prague
- Since 2020 Member of the committee for doctoral defences and final state exams for the Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague
- Since 2020 Member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Extreme Anthropology* (University of Oslo), the *Journal of Culture* (Charles University, Prague), and the *Journal of Festive Studies* (H-Net: Humanities & Social Sciences Online)
- 2017 – 2021 Review editor of the *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures* (Berghahn), for which I have edited some 70 reviews during my term
- Since 2012 Manuscript reviewer for various publishers (British Academy, Routledge, Boydell & Brewer, LIT, Quasar, Odoya), edited volumes, and peer-reviewed journals, amongst which *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie sociale*, *Religio*, *Religion*, *Religions* (three different journals with very similar names!), *Journal of American Folklore*, *Ethnologia Europaea*, *Critical Studies in Cultural Heritage*, *Cultural Analysis*, *Ethnologie française*, *Folklore*, *Journal of Culture*, *Journal of Festive Studies*, *Lithuanian Journal of Anthropology*, *Journal of Mediterranean Studies*, *ANUAC*, *Slovenský Národopis/Slovak Ethnology*, *Ethnologia Polona*, *Etnografia: Praktyki, Teorie, Doświadczenia*, *Civiltà e religioni*, *Anthropologie et Sociétés*, *Národopisná revue*, *Conflict and Society*, *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, and others; project reviewer for the Slovak Research Agency (2023), the Czech Science Foundation (2022), the Austrian Academy of Sciences (2021), and the Polish National Science Centre (2020)
- 2015 – 2019 Chair of the SIEF Young Scholar Working Group (for which in 2017 I also co-organised an International Conference in Göttingen)
- 2009 – 2019 Member of the editorial board of *ArcheoMolise*
- 2013 – 2018 Member of the scientific board of the G.Ri.M.M.

Memberships

- Since 2020 International Study of Religion in Eastern and Central Europe Association
- Since 2020 Czech Association for the Study of Religions
- Since 2019 Czech Association for Social Anthropology
- Since 2017 Società Italiana di Antropologia Culturale
- Since 2016 Association of Critical Heritage Studies
- Since 2015 Société Ernest Renan
- Since 2014 Network of Researchers on Heritagisations (Respatrimoni)

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| Since 2012 | SIEF - Société Internationale d’Ethnologie et Folklore (working groups: Ethnology of Religion; The Ritual Year; Cultural Heritage and Property; Historical Approaches in Cultural Analysis; Young Scholars) |
| Since 2012 | European Association for the Study of Religion |
| Since 2012 | European Association of Social Anthropologists |
| Since 2012 | Società Italiana di Storia delle Religioni |
| Since 2012 | Associazione Internazionale Ernesto de Martino |
| 2015 – 2017 | International Society for the Academic Research on Shamanism |
| 2012 – 2017 | International Society for Cultural History |
| 2012 – 2015 | Associazione Italiana per le Scienze Etno-Antropologiche |
| 2011 – 2013 | Coordinamento Nazionale Dottorandi e Dottori di Ricerca in Antropologia |
| 2009 – 2018 | Gruppo di Ricerca sul Mito e la Mitografia (G.Ri.M.M.) |
| 2008 – 2016 | Istituto Molisano di Studi e Ricerche |

Languages

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| Italian ---- | Mother tongue | Portuguese ----- | Passive knowledge |
| English ---- | Fluent/Excellent (C2) | Other Romanic Languages | Passive knowledge |
| French ---- | Fluent/Excellent (C2) | Slovak ----- | Passive knowledge |
| Spanish --- | Fluent (C1) | Esperanto ----- | Reading knowledge |
| Catalan --- | Fluent (C1) | Ancient Greek ----- | Reading knowledge |
| Czech ----- | Advanced/Fluent (B2/C1) | Latin ----- | Reading knowledge |
| German----- | Advanced/Fluent (B2) | | |

Major funded research projects (third-party funds - competitive funding)

- *The Re-enchantment of Central-Eastern Europe* (“ReEnchEu”) – Role in the project: Principal Investigator and Team Leader (5 researchers from 4 countries). 30 months project (08/2020-02/2023), n. LL2006, based on an application for an ERC Starting Grant, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. Funding: Czech Ministry of Education (ERC CZ Program: a national Czech scheme funding excellent projects that scored very highly at the ERC call but were not funded through the standard ERC scheme). Total: circa 12,000,000 Czech Crowns – circa 500,000 Euro.
- *The Re-enchantment of Central-Eastern Europe* (individual project based on an application for a Marie Curie grant); 24 months research project (03/2019-03/2021), n. CZ.02.2.69/0.0/0.0/18_070/0010462, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. Funding: EU Social Fund and OPVTV (MSCA-IF, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – Individual Fellowship: Total score: 80.20% / Threshold: 70/100.00, co-funded by the OPVTV / Czech Ministry of Education. Total: circa 3,150,000 Czech Crowns – circa 120,000 Euro.
- *Reconfiguring Tradition: A Comparative Research on the Revitalization and Institutionalization of European Festivities* (individual project); 24 months research project (09/2015-09/2017 – completed), n. M 1828-G22, University of Vienna, Austria. Funding: FWF - Austrian Science Fund (Lise Meitner Postdoctoral Scheme). Total: circa 135,000 Euro.
- *From Folklore to Intangible Heritage: the Process of Cultural Patrimonialization in Bohemia* (individual project); 24 months research project (06/2013-06/2015 - completed), n.

CZ.1.07/2.3.00/30.0021, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic. Funding: EU Social Fund and Czech Ministry of Education. Total: circa 2,500,000 Czech Crowns – circa 100,000 Euro.

Teaching record

- 2024-2025, September-January: "Understanding Identity and Social Belonging", 24-hour course, Master's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2024-2025, September-January: "Theories of Globalisation", 24-hour course (taught with Jakub Grygar), Master's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2024-2025, September-January: "Qualitative Research Methods", 24-hour course, Bachelor's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2024, February-July: "Theories of Magic (in Social Anthropology and History of Religions)", 24-hour course, Master's degree (12 lessons; 5 ECTS), Institute of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2024, February-July: "Anthropological Seminar: Museums and Musealisation", 24-hour course, Bachelor's degree (6 lessons; 5 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2024, February-July: "Cultural Heritage: Ideas, Objects, and Practices", 24-hour course, Master's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2024, February-July: "Anthropology of East-Central Europe", 24-hour course (taught with Dr. Zdeněk Uherek and Dr. Jakub Grygar), Bachelor's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2023-2024, September-January: "Understanding Identity and Social Belonging", 24-hour course, Master's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2023-2024, September-January: "Qualitative Research Methods", 24-hour course, Bachelor's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2023, February-July: "Cultural Heritage: Ideas, Objects, and Practices", 24-hour course, Master's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2023, February-July: "Anthropology of East-Central Europe", 24-hour course (taught with Dr. Zdeněk Uherek and Dr. Jakub Grygar), Bachelor's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2023, February-July: "Ethnographic Methods in Practice", Advanced 18-hour course for the Master's degree (8 lessons, 5 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2022-2023, September-January: "Theories of Globalisation", 24-hour course (taught with Jakub Grygar), Master's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

- 2022-2023, September-January: "Religion in the Public Sphere", 24-hour course, Master's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2022-2023, September-January: "Qualitative Research Methods", 24-hour course, Bachelor's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2022, February-July: "Cultural Heritage: Ideas, Objects, and Practices", 24-hour course, Master's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2022, February-July: "Ethnographic Methods in Practice", Advanced 18-hour course for the Master's degree (8 lessons, 5 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2022, February-July: "Anthropology of East-Central Europe", 24-hour course (taught with Dr. Zdeněk Uherek and Dr. Jakub Grygar), Bachelor's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2021-2022, September-January: "Religion in the Public Sphere", 24-hour course, Master's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2021-2022, September-January: "Qualitative Research Methods", 24-hour course, Bachelor's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2021, February-July: "Anthropology of East-Central Europe", 24-hour course (taught with Dr. Zdeněk Uherek and Dr. Jakub Grygar), Bachelor's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2020-2021, September-January: "Qualitative Research Methods", 24-hour course, Bachelor's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2020-2021, September-January: "Theories of Popular Culture and Popular Religion", 28-hour course, Master's degree (8 lessons; 4 ECTS), Department of European Ethnology, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
- 2019, November: Series of lessons in European Ethnology and Anthropology for the ERASMUS+ Programme, 8 hours in all, Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD degrees, Faculty of Sociology, Anthropology and Folkloristics, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2019-2020b, September-January: "The Anthropology of Cultural Heritage", 24-hour course, Bachelor's and Master's degree (12 lessons; 7 ECTS), Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2019-2020, September-January: "The Historical Anthropology of Carnival", 28-hour course, Master's degree (8 lessons; 4 ECTS), Department of European Ethnology, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
- 2018-2019, September-January: "The Anthropology of Religion", 32-hour course, Bachelor's degree (16 lessons; 5 ECTS), Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, Department of European Ethnology, University of Vienna, Austria

- 2018-2019, September-January: "The Anthropology of Memory and Cultural Heritage", 32-hour course, Bachelor's degree (16 lessons; 5 ECTS), Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, Department of European Ethnology, University of Vienna, Austria
- 2018, September-December: "Ethnographic Methods", 36-hour course, Master's degree (10 lessons; 5 ECTS), Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Department of Anthropology, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2018, September-December: "The Anthropology Cultural Heritage", 36-hour course, Bachelor's degree (10 lessons; 5 ECTS), Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Department of Anthropology, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2018, April-June: "(New) Religious Representations and Practices in New Media", 12-hour course, Master's degree (4 lessons; 6 ECTS), Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2017-2018, September-January: "Religion and Rituality in Action: 1) New Religious Practices in/and New Media; 2) Public Events and Festivals – Case Studies from Europe", 32-hour course, Bachelor's degree (16 lessons; 5 ECTS), Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, Department of European Ethnology, University of Vienna, Austria
- 2017-2018, September-January: "The Anthropology of Museums and Cultural Heritage in Europe", 32-hour course, Master's degree (16 lessons; 5 ECTS), Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, Department of European Ethnology, University of Vienna, Austria
- 2017, October-November: "Introduction to the Historical Anthropology of Religions", 12-hour intensive course, Bachelor's degree (4 lessons, 4 ECTS), Department of Religious Studies, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
- 2017, November: Series of lessons in European Ethnology and Anthropology for the ERASMUS+ Programme, 8 hours in all, both the Bachelor's and the Master's degrees, Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2016, March-July: "Anthropology of Cultural Heritage in Europe", 32-hour course, Bachelor's degree (16 lessons; 5 ECTS), Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies, Department of European Ethnology, University of Vienna, Austria
- 2015, March-July: "Anthropology of Cultural Heritage", 26-hour course, Master's degree (13 lessons; 4 ECTS), Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, Department of Social Sciences, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic
- 2015, March-July: "Anthropology of Religion", 26-hour course, Master's degree (13 lessons; 4 ECTS), Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, Department of Social Sciences, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic
- 2014, March-July: "Anthropology of Religion", 26-hour course, Master's degree (13 lessons; 4 ECTS), Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, Department of Social Sciences, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic
- 2012, May-June: "The Historical Anthropology of Festivals", 12-hour course, Master's degree (6 lessons; 2 ECTS), School of Humanities, Department of Anthropology, University of Tallinn, Estonia

Supervision of theses and projects; theses' opposition

- Kristina Švábová, *Major Rites of Passage in Modern Czech Republic*, PhD dissertation, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, 2024-2028; supervisor: Alessandro Testa
- Michal Saidl, *Challenging the Gods: How Players Perceive the Presence of Supernatural Agents in Digital Games Environment*, PhD dissertation, Department of Religious Studies, Masaryk University, Brno, 2024-2028; supervisor: Alessandro Testa; co-supervisor: Tomáš Hampejs
- Digne Ūdre, *Latvian Folk Ornament and Mythology Nexus as a Revival: Contested Historical Layers, Visualized Ideologies, and Commodified Creativity*, PhD dissertation, University of Tartu 2020-2024; supervisor: Elo-Hanna Seljamaa; opponent: Alessandro Testa
- Solomiia Bryzhovata, *National Identity as an Object of Musealisation: Narratives and Innovative Approaches of Revitalised Museums in Ukraine*, Bachelor's thesis, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, 2024-2025; supervisor: Alessandro Testa
- Gangaanai Ganbaatar, *Functional music and achievement society*, Master's thesis, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, 2024-2025; supervisor: Alessandro Testa
- Minako Namihira, *Eisa in Prague: Understanding Cultural Fluidity in a Globalized Context*, Master's thesis, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, 2024-2025; supervisor: Alessandro Testa
- Christina Darguzas, *Putting Cultural Heritage in the Service of Re-enchantment: Case Studies in Old Town, Prague CZ and Radhadesh, BE*, Master's thesis, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, 2024-2025; supervisor: Alessandro Testa
- Veronika Chalaya, *Pravoslavné pohřební tradice v Belgorodské oblasti / Orthodox funeral traditions in the Belgorod region*, Bachelor's thesis, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, 2024-2025; supervisor: Alessandro Testa
- Helena Maria Christensen, *Understanding Tourist Motivations for Culturally Sustainable Tourism*, Master's thesis, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, 2023-2024; supervisor: Alessandro Testa
- Kristina Švábová, "Vítání občanů": *Social Analysis of a Czech Baby-Welcoming Ceremony*, Master's thesis, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, 2023-2024; supervisor: Alessandro Testa
- Nikola Říhová, *Atheism and non-religion among Czech university students*, Bachelor's thesis, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, 2022-2023; supervisor: Alessandro Testa
- Mafalda Inés González, *Collective memory in Germany looked at from the lenses of Third Culture Kids*, Bachelor's thesis, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, 2022-2023; supervisor: Alessandro Testa
- 09/2020-09/2022: Supervision of four postdoctoral researchers within the ERC CZ project "The Re-Enchantment of Europe" (Charles University, Prague):
 - ~ Dr. Zuzana Bártová: "Examining the Religious Dimension of Managerial Practices and Discourses in Slovakia"
 - ~ Dr. Agata Ładykowska: "Polish Roman Catholicism and 'Re-enchantment': Conflicting Imageries of Anti-abortion Law Protests in Poland"
 - ~ Dr. István Povedák: "The Religious Dimension of Hungarian Neo-nationalism"

~ Dr. Viola Teisenhoffer: “From Contemporary Pagan Renewal to Public Events: New Forms of Rituality, National Identity, and ‘Re-enchantment’ in Hungary”

- Lisa Chokheli, *Covid as a cultural phenomenon: Changing perceptions of daily life among international students in Prague, Czech Republic during COVID-19*, Bachelor’s thesis, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, 2021-2022; supervisor: Alessandro Testa
- Yajing Wang, *A Comparison of Chinese and Czech Oversea Urban Tourism*, Master’s thesis, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, 2021-2022; supervisor: Alessandro Testa
- Tereza Picková, *Where Games and Stories Meet: Four Frames of Meaning in the City of Mist TTRPG System*, Master’s thesis, Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, 2021-2022; supervisor: Barbora Spalová, co-supervisor: Alessandro Testa
- Susanna Banfi, *Der ‘Palio del Niballo’: Zwischen Identität und Performance*, Master’s thesis, Institut für Kultur- und Sozialanthropologie, Universität Wien, 2018-2019; supervisor: Alessandro Testa
- Nunzia Ferrara, *Il Carnevale di Saviano, tra innovazione e tradizione*, Bachelor’s thesis, Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, Università di Salerno, 2014-2015; Supervisor: Giovanni Casadio; co-supervisor: Alessandro Testa

Ethnographic research

- A timespan of more than one year between 2019 and 2022 in different localities in the Czech Republic, but especially in Prague, within the framework of two different research projects (Marie Curie / OPVVV and ERC CZ – Charles University in Prague).
- Short-term ethnographic surveys for some weeks in 2018 in Vienna and in the Salzburg region in the context of a research parallel to my second postdoctoral research project.
- A timespan of about one year between 2016 and 2020 in Solsona, Catalonia, Spain, within the framework of my second postdoctoral research project (Lise Meitner scheme – University of Vienna), but also afterwards.
- Several months during 2013 and 2014 in Hlinsko v Čechách, Bohemia, Czech Republic, within the framework of my first postdoctoral research project (University of Pardubice).
- A timespan of about one year between 2009 and 2012 in Castelnuovo al Volturno, Molise, Italy, within the framework of my doctoral research (University of Messina).



PUBLICATION AND RESEARCH OUTPUT LIST

(many of the following publications can be read and downloaded from <https://cuni.academia.edu/AlessandroTesta>)

Authored books

- 2023: *Ritualising Cultural Heritage and Re-Enchanting Rituals in Europe*. Carolina Academic Press, Durham, series “European Anthropology” (ISBN 9781531026738) – preface by Pamela J. Stewart and Andrew Strathern, 270 pp.

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Interviews

- 2024a (in Italian): "Il ritorno alla religione nei paesi dell'Est". In *l'Adige*, 2-07-2024

- 2024b (in English): Interview for the documentary *Some Kind of Liberating Effect – Religion in Central and Eastern Europe Today*, directed by Valerio Severino and produced by the European Commission

- 2021 (in Italian and English): "L'individualismo dei nostri tempi ci lascia smarriti davanti al virus" / The individualism of our times leaves us lost when facing the virus". In *Progetto Repubblica Ceca*, January-March 2021

- 2020 (in Czech and English): "Italský vědec Testa: Zkoumám oživování religiosity / Researching the revival of religiosity". In *Forum: Magazin Univerzity Karlovy*, n. 8/2020

- 2019 (in Romanian and Italian): "Interviu cu Alessandro Testa, cercetator in Istoria Religiilor: Informația nu este echivalentă cunoașterii, așa cum nici cunoașterea nu este echivalentă cu inteligența și spiritul critic". In *contributors.ro*, January 2019

- 2017 (in Czech): "Masopust uspokojuje touhu někam patřit". In *Rozhlas.cz*, 28-02-2017

- 2016 (in Catalan): "Un antropòleg a Solsona". In *Celsoa*, n. 1006 (2-12-2016)

Lectures, presentations for conferences, and other oral contributions

- 2024a, 17/10: (with Tobias Köllner and Eva-Maria Euchner) "Religion and Power: a New Research Project". Roundtable for the conference *Religious Art and Power – Contestations and Affirmations*, Hungarian Academy of Arts, 17-19 October, Budapest, Hungary

- 2024b, 04/10: "Nurturing, Losing, Choosing One's Religion: Theorizing Modes of Religiosity for a Comparative Anthropological History of Europe". Paper for the conference *Religion in Transformation: Changing the Conditions of (and by) Religiosity*, Central European University, 4-6 October, Vienna, Austria

- 2024c, 06/09 (invited): "Tra dentro e fuori: quindici anni di studi sul patrimonio culturale dell'Alta Valle del Volturno". Lectio magistralis for the conference *Tracce di Luce II: Alla scoperta di Charles Moulin*, 7-8 September, Castelnuovo Volturno, Italy

- 2024d, 23/07: (invited) "Antropologia i cultura popular a Catalunya / Anthropology and Popular Culture in Catalonia". An event centred on the book *Popular Culture, Identity, and Politics in Contemporary Catalonia*, with the co-participation and co-moderation of Mariann Vaczi and a number of Catalan anthropologists, organised by the Generalitat de Catalunya, and hosted by the 18th EASA Biennial Conference *Doing and Undoing with Anthropology*, University of Barcelona 23-26 July 2024, Barcelona, Spain

- 2024e, 05/07: (invited): “Teorie e pratiche del re-incanto nei contesti Europei post-socialisti”. Seminar for the Centre for Religious Studies, Bruno Kessler Foundation, Trento, Italy
- 2024f, 05/04: Introduction and moderation of the International Workshop *Prague and Its Myths*, organised and hosted by the CEFRES and the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2024g, 05/04: “Praga Magica: The Late Modern Evolutions of a Cultural Myth”. Paper for the International Workshop *Prague and Its Myths*, CEFRES and Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2024h, 27/03: “Rito e ritualità nella storia e nelle culture europee in tre recenti volumi”. Paper for the homonymous workshop at the University of Roma Tre, Rome, Italy
- 2024i, 14/03: (invited) “Knowledge Architecture in Urban Religious Heritage: The Case of Prague”. Paper for the workshop *Defining Knowledge Architectures within Jewish Heritage Studies*, University College London, 14-15/03, London, United Kingdom
- 2024j: 15/01: (invited) “Multidisciplinary Approaches to Religious and Cultural Heritage”. Paper for the homonymous workshop at the University of Bucharest, Romania
- 2023a: 04/12: (invited) “*Praga Magica* by Angelo Ripellino: The Importance and Impact of a Cult Book”. Lecture for the Anglo-American University in Prague, Czech Republic
- 2023b, 30/11: (invited) “Cultural Heritage in Once-Socialist Countries: Heterogeneous Ideas on Serendipitous Ethnography, Imagined Marginality, and even Stranger Things on this Side of Europe”. Keynote speech for the international conference *Heritage on the Margins? Central and Eastern European Perspectives*, 29–30 November, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2023c, 28/11: (invited) “Esiste o è esistito uno sciamanismo europeo o eurasiatico? Riflessioni critiche sullo stato della questione”. Lecture at Ca’ Foscari University, Venice, Italy
- 2023d, 04/09: Convenorship of the panel “Culture(s) in an Enchanted Universe: The Legacy of Marshall Sahlins (in the Study of Religion)” for the EASR annual conference *Religions and Technologies*, 04-09 September 2023, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2023e, 04/09: “From Culturalism to Onto-cosmology - and back through Neo-structuralism: The Salience of Sahlins’ Holism in the Study of Religion”. Paper for the EASR annual conference *Religions and Technologies*, 04-09 September 2023, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2023f, 09/06: Convenorship of the panel *Religious (Un)certainties in Times of Upheaval*, for the Biennial SIEF Conference *Living Uncertainty*, 6-10 June 2023, Brno, Czech Republic
- 2023g, 26/04: (invited) “Rituality and the Structure of the Conjuncture in European History”. Lecture at Department of Anthropology and the Divinity School at Harvard University, Cambridge, U.S.A.
- 2023h, 25/04: (invited) “Carnival and the Carnavalesque in the Cultural History of Europe: Forms, Functions, and Phenomenology”. Lecture at Center for the Study of Europe, Boston University, U.S.A.
- 2023i, 19/04: (invited) “Representations of Religion in the New Media”. Lecture at the Department of Philosophy and the Center for Italian Studies at Stony Brook University, New York, U.S.A.
- 2023j, 30/03: “Re-thinking the Concept of Re-enchantment in Central-Eastern Europe”. Paper for the “Sociological Seminars”, Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

- 2023k, 17/03: "The Twilight of Cockaigne: The Decline of a Once Powerful European Popular Utopia". Paper for the conference *Religious Utopias*, March 16-18, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany
- 2023l, 10/02: (invited) "Popular Frazerism and Re-enchantment". Paper for the conference *Shaking the Tree, Breaking the Bough: Frazer's Golden Bough at 100*, 10-12 February, University of Melbourne, Australia
- 2022a: 04/07: "Religion, Heritage, and Change as Reflected in the Reconstruction of the Marian Column in Prague Old Town". Paper for the conference *Religion, Cultural Heritage, and Social Change in Central-Eastern Europe*, July 4-5 2022, Warsaw, Poland
- 2022b: 01/07: (invited) "The Politics of Culture in Former-socialist Central-eastern Europe: The Heritage of Praga – The Other Praga". Key-note lecture for the SIEF Summer School 2022 *Urban Heritage on the Right Bank. Heritage in Warsaw as Seen from the Praga District*, 26 June - 3 July, Warsaw, Poland
- 2022c: 21/06: (invited) Convenorship of the session "The Unsolved Conundrum: Rituality Creativity and National Identities" for the Conference *Ritual Creativity*, 19-22 June, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
- 2022d: 21/06: "Rituality Creativity and National Identity: The Unsolved Conundrum in Central Catalonia". Paper for the Conference *Ritual Creativity*, 19-22 June, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
- 2022e: 28/02: (invited) Organisation and discussantship of the international workshop *Ritualisation des transgressions et normativités dans les espaces publics euro-méditerranéens*, Centre Français de Recherche en Sciences Sociales and Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2022f: 10/02: (invited) "Enchanting the Event: Popular Frazerism and the Search for Authenticity in Heritagised Rituals". Lecture at the College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences, University College Cork, Ireland
- 2022g: 14/01: (invited) "Rituality and Social (Dis)Order: The Historical Anthropology of Popular Carnival in Europe", Seminar im Rahmen des von der DFG geförderten Projektes *Fette Welten Utopische und anti utopische Diskurse über Essen und Körper in der Vormoderne Frankreich und Italien*, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Germany
- 2021a: 02/12: (invited) "Re-thinking (with) the Concept of Re-enchantment". Key-note speech for the International Conference *New Approaches to 'Re-Enchanted' Central and Eastern Europe*, Moholy-Nagy University, 2-3 December (conference postponed to 7-8 April 2022), Budapest, Hungary
- 2021b: 03/11: "The Uncertain Future of Religious Pasts in a Troubled Present: The Refoundation of the Marian Column in Prague's Old Town Square". Paper for the conference *Religion and Heritage: Futures for Religious Pasts*, University of Amsterdam, 3-5 November, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2021c: 29/09: Convenorship for the panel "Recent Debates and Activities in the Anthropology of Religion" (co-convenors: François Gauthier and Tobias Köllner), Annual Conference of the German Anthropological Association, 27-30 September, Bremen, Germany
- 2021d: 28/09: "*Praga Magica*: from Literary Trope to Popular Myth". Paper for the CEENASWE conference *Occultism and Politics in East-Central Europe*, 27-29 September, Prague, Czech Republic

- 2021e: 18/09: Organisation, Introduction, and Conclusion to the International Symposium *Ritualising in the Times of the Corona*, 18-19 September, Charles University, Prague
- 2021f: 31/08: "The Reconstruction of the Marian Column in Prague Old Town - between Religion, Heritage, and Politics". Paper for the EASR Annual Conference *Resilient Religion*, 30 August – 3 September, Pisa, Italy
- 2021g: 26/06: "Rituality and Social (Dis)Order: How the Carnavalesque shaped European Popular Culture throughout the Centuries". Paper and book presentation, Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2021h, 21-22/06: Conventorship for the panel "Problematising 'Re-enchantment' in Central-eastern Europe (Visegrád): Norm, Exception, or Transgression?" (co-convenors: Agata Ładykowska and István Povedák), Biennial SIEF Conference *Breaking the rules? Power, participation and transgression*, 19-24 June 2021, Helsinki, Finland
- 2021i, 21-22/06: "Dis-encharnted and Re-enchanting Wars of Statues in Prague: Stalin, Ivan Konev, Jan Hus, and Holy Mary". Paper for the Biennial SIEF Conference *Breaking the rules? Power, participation and transgression*, 19-24 June 2021, Helsinki, Finland
- 2021j, 25/02: (invited) "The Ritual Making of Central Catalonia: National Identity and Collective Forms of Action in Times of Political Crisis". Paper for the "Sociological Seminars", Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic
- 2021k, 13/01: Organisation and chairing of the workshop *Thinking with the Concept of "Re-Enchantment" in Central-Eastern Europe*. Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2020a, 10/11: "'Miseri homines in ferarum habitu transformantur et virilem vultum effeminant'. Patterns of 'Masking Culture' in Pre-industrial Europe". Paper for the conference *Maska a identita v transkulturní perspektivě*, 9-10 November, University of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic
- 2020b, 3/10: "It's two Kinds of Magic: *Magická Praha, Staročeský Masopust*, and the Making of Czech (Inter)National Cultural Heritage and Tourism in the Post-socialist Era". Paper for the conference *Nadpřirozené Československo: magie, okultismus a víra v nadpřirozeno v kontextu utváření moderního státu*, 2-4 October, ČASA/AVČR, Český Krumlov, Czech Republic
- 2020c, 30/08: conventorship of the panel "The Future within the Past, the Past within the Future – Theorising about the Retro-Futurology of Cultural Heritage" (co-convenors: Helmut Groschwitz and Ullrich Kockel; discussant: Kristiin Kuutma), for the Fifth Association of Critical Heritage Studies Biennial Conference "*Future*", 26-30 August, London, England
- 2020d, 30/08: "'Retro-futurology', ICH, and European complex(iti)es", paper for the Fifth Association of Critical Heritage Studies Biennial Conference "*Future*", 26-30 August, London, England
- 2020e, June (moved to June 2021): "*Con la cultura non si mangia*" (cit.): The Emergence of Micro-economies within and around Processes of Intangible Cultural Heritagisation", paper for the SIEF Ritual Year Conference *Economy and Traditions*, Riga, Latvia (paper reviewed and accepted but conference postponed to November because of the COVID-19 pandemic)
- 2020f, April (moved to April 2021): "'Marginally', 'partly', 'pseudo', or 'semi'-religious: methodological reflections on studying (apparently) non-religious social facts with (apparent) religious characteristics in peripheral European contexts", paper for the ISORECEA (International Study of Religion in Eastern and Central Europe Association) Conference *Religion on the Periphery*,

Olomouc, Czech Republic (paper reviewed and accepted but conference cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic)

- 2020g 07/01: (invited) "Re-thinking re-enchantment: is religiosity re-emerging in post-secular Europe?" Lecture for the "Ethnologisches Kolloquium", Institut für Ethnologie, University of Hamburg, Germany

- 2019a, 05/12: "Theorising and Discussing Re-enchantment in Europe". Lecture for the Institute of Sociological Studies, Charles University, and the Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic

- 2019b, 04/11: (invited) Remote Intervention (zoom call) at the workshop about SIEF as an accredited UNESCO NGO (with the SIEF's Board and the participation of Valdimar Hafstein, Kristin Kuutma, Nevena Škrbić Alempijević, Chiara Bortolotto, and others), Marseille, France

- 2019c, 30/10: (invited) "Bilancio del dibattito sullo sciamanesimo eurasiatico e mondo europeo antico e medievale". Lecture for the curriculum in Religious Studies, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Salerno, Italy

- 2019d, 28/06: "Pagan" masks in contemporary European winter festivals, popular Frazerism, and the search for festive authenticity (and its heritagisation)". Paper for the EASR annual conference *Religion - Continuations and Disruptions*, 25-29 June, Tartu, Estonia

- 2019e, 22/05: (invited) "Fuggire dalla festa: rifiuto sociale e pratiche di non-partecipazione tra Musulmani in Catalogna". Lecture for the seminar *Diversità religiosa e città: movimenti e percorsi di cittadinanza*, Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, Università Roma Tre, Rome, Italy

- 2019f, 21/05: (invited) "Religione ed evoluzionismo culturale: su alcuni recenti studi". Lecture for the seminar *Metodologia della Storia delle Religioni*, Dipartimento di Storia, Culture, Religioni, Università "Sapienza", Rome, Italy

- 2019g, 16/04: Convenorship of the panel "Performing Transformation, Claiming Transition: Public Gatherings and Rituals in Catalonia from the 1970s to the Present" (co-convenor: Mariann Vaczi; discussant: Dorothy Noyes), for the 14th SIEF Conference *Track Changes: Reflecting on a Transforming World*, April 14-17, Santiago de Compostela, Spain

- 2019h, 16/04: "Tracking Unachieved Transformations: Pseudo-transition in Solsona (central Catalonia) through the Mirror of its Main Festival". Paper for the 14th SIEF Conference *Track Changes: Reflecting on a Transforming World*, April 14-17, Santiago de Compostela, Spain

- 2019i, 11/04 (invited): "Festive Intangible Cultural Heritage in Europe and in Catalonia: Problems and Perspectives". Lecture at the Institute of Anthropology, University of Barcelona, Spain

- 2019j, 13/03: (invited) "The vernacularisation of Intangible Cultural Heritage and the politics of culture and identity in European public rituals". Lecture for the seminar of the Department of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

- 2019k, 24/01: (invited) "Frazer's legacy in academic and popular culture". Lecture at the Institute of Religious studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

- 2019l, 23/01: (invited) "The making of festive heritage and the politics of identity in Europe today: comparative insights". Lecture for the HERILIGION project, Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

- 2018a, 13/11 (invited): "Public Rituals in Catalonia from the Spanish Transition to the Current Crisis". Lecture for the Institute of Ethnology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia

- 2018b, 06/11 (invited): “Being Europeans: How do We Study European Identity/Identities?”. Lecture for the Research Seminar of the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2018c, 01/11 (invited): “Problematic Philosophical Parallels between Ernesto de Martino, Mircea Eliade, and Claude Lévi-Strauss on Magic and Shamanism”. Lecture for the Institute for the History of Religion, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania
- 2018d, 21/09: “Religious and Identity Conflicts, Parody, Blasphemy, Nationalism(s), and Other Mixed Up Things in a Central-Catalonian Public Ritual”. Paper for the Paper for the 13th Conference of the SIEF Working Group on Ethnology of Religion *Religion and Politics Conflict and Peace*, 20-23 September 2018, Siena, Italy
- 2018e, 21/09 (invited): Discussant (with Clara Saraiva, István Povedák, and Marion Bowman) at the final roundtable for the 13th Conference of the SIEF Working Group on Ethnology of Religion *Religion and Politics Conflict and Peace*, 20-23 September 2018, Siena, Italy
- 2018f, 10/07 (invited): “Les « derniers » et leurs « saveurs » : mythe culturel, discours académique, et/ou réalité historique?”. Paper for the seminar *Apocalypses, salut et sauveurs culturels. Anthropologie des activistes patrimoniaux*, Fondation des Treilles, 9-14 July, Tourtour, France
- 2018g, 18/06 (invited): “Unexpected Resonances and Troubled Relationships: Problematic Philosophical Parallels between de Martino, Eliade, and Lévi-Strauss on Magic and Shamanism”. Paper for the EASR annual Conference *Multiple Religious Identities*, 17-21 June, Bern, Switzerland
- 2018h, 31/05 (invited): “The Symbolic Codification and Political Role of Collective Performances and Public Rituals in Central Catalonia (Berga, Solsona)”. Lecture for the weekly seminar of the Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2018i, 13/05 (invited): “An introduction to the anthropology of European identity/ies”. Lecture for the seminar “Jean Monet Lectures: Teaching Europe”, Department of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2018j, 16/04 (invited): “Heritage making processes and the politics of culture in post-socialist Europe: the case of Masopust (UNESCO) in Czechia”. Lecture for the seminar *Anthropology of East-Central Europe*, Department of Sociological Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2017a, 21/09: Convenorship of the panel “The Work of Culture: Making Sense in/of Religion as a Communication System” (co-convenor: Giuseppina Paola Viscardi) for the EASR annual Conference “Communication Religion”, 18-21 September, Leuven, Belgium
- 2017b, 20/09 (invited): “Mythopoesis in Revitalised Traditions: Carnival and the Social Production of a Vernacular Mythology”. Paper for the EASR annual Conference *Communicating Religion*, 18-21 September, Leuven, Belgium
- 2017c, 28/03: Convenorship of the panel “Re-enchantment, ritualisation, heritage-making: processes of tradition reconfiguration in Europe – historical and ethnographic examples” (co-convenor: Cyril Isnart; discussant: Sharon Macdonald) for the 13th SIEF Conference *Ways of Dwelling: Crisis, Craft, Creativity*, 27-30 March, Göttingen, Germany
- 2017d, 28/03: “What is ‘popular Frazerism’ and how is it at work in Europe today? Conceptualising re-enchantment, ritualisation, and heritage-making from a different perspective”. Paper for the 13th SIEF Conference *Ways of Dwelling: Crisis, Craft, Creativity*, 27-30 March, Göttingen, Germany

- 2017e, 26/03: organisation and presentation of the First Conference of the SIEF Young Scholars Working Group *Coming of Age: Young Scholars in the Field of Folkloristics, Ethnology, and Anthropology*, 26 March, Göttingen, Germany
- 2017f, 26, 03: Convenorship of the panels “Paradigm Shifts and Crossings of Disciplinary Borders” e “M.A., Ph.D., Postdoc – What Comes Next? Discussion Round” at the First Conference of the SIEF Young Scholars Working Group *Coming of Age: Young Scholars in the Field of Folkloristics, Ethnology, and Anthropology*, 26 Marzo, Göttingen, Germany
- 2016a, 23/11 (invited): “El treball de camp sobre les pràctiques socials tradicionals: reflexions crítiques”. Lecture for the XIV Seminari d’Antropologia Social, Girona University, Girona, Spain
- 2016b, 28/09 (invited): “How festive traditions change in Europe: re-enchantment, (re-)ritualisation, heritage-making (case studies from Italy, France, and Czech Republic)”. Lecture for the Department of Ethnology, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia
- 2016c, 03/06: “Pseudo-religious Intangible Heritage or Intangible Heritage with Religious Characteristics? Conflicts of Interpretations and Definitions in Two Ethnographic Cases”. Paper for the Association of Critical Heritage Studies Biennial *Conference What does heritage change? Le patrimoine, ça change quoi?*, 2-10 June 2016, Montréal, Canada
- 2016d, 07/06: “Le patrimoine immatériel, ça change tout. L’impact de la création de patrimoines immatériels dans les différents domaines de la vie sociale. Quelques exemples européens”. Paper for the Association of Critical Heritage Studies Biennial Conference *What does heritage change? Le patrimoine, ça change quoi?*, 2-10 June 2016, Montréal, Canada
- 2016e, 09/03 (invited): “European Carnivals as objects of anthropological investigation. Theories, methods, and case studies”. Lecture for the *Institutskolloquium des Instituts für Kultur- und Sozialanthropologie*, Universität Wien, Sommersemester 2016, Vienna, Austria
- 2015a, 05/11: “The Reconfiguration of Traditions, Heritages, Identities, and Other Anthropologically Relevant Things: Doing Comparative Ethnological Research throughout Europe”. Lecture for the *Institutskolloquium des Instituts für Europäische Ethnologie Wien*, Wintersemester 2015, Vienna, Austria
- 2015b, 11/10: “Zoomorphic masks and masquerades in pre-modern European folklore: any real connection with initiation and shamanism?”. Paper for the conference of the International Society for the Academic Study of Shamanism *Sacred Landscapes and Conflict Transformation: History, Space, Place and Power in Shamanism*, 9-13 October 2015, Delphi, Greece
- 2015c, 10/07: “Il carnevale europeo e la sfera alimentare: considerazioni comparative a partire da materiali storici ed etnografici”. Paper for the conference *Il cibo e il sacro. Tradizioni e simbologie*, 7-11 July 2015, Velletri, Italy
- 2015d, 22/06: Convenorship of the panel “From Folklore to Intangible Heritage” for the 12th International SIEF congress *Utopias, Realities, Heritages. Ethnographies for the 21st century*, 21-25 June 2015, Zagreb, Croatia
- 2015e, 22/06: “From folklore to cultural heritage and the other way round. Theoretical annotations from two ethnographic case-studies (Italy and the Czech Republic)”. Paper for the 12th International SIEF congress *Utopias, Realities, Heritages. Ethnographies for the 21st century*, 21-25 June 2015, Zagreb, Croatia

- 2015f, 18/02 (invited): "Why Study the Masopust in the Czech Republic: Folklore, History, Anthropology and the festivals as windows onto culture and society". Lecture for the seminar *Kula Seminar*, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2014a, 13/11: "The Samnites and Their Religiosity". Lecture at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
- 2014b, 30/10: "'Masopust' between Folklore and Intangible Heritage: UNESCO, Post-socialism and the Politics of Tradition in a Bohemian Town". Lecture at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
- 2014c, 09/10 (invited): "Being Europeans: problems of identity behind and beyond politics, economy and laws". Lecture at the Metropolitní Univerzita Praha, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2014d, 27/09: "The Re-Enchantment of Europe: 'Traditional' Carnivals and the Belief in Propitiatory Magic (Two Ethnographic Cases from Italy and the Czech Republic)". Paper for the 10th annual conference of the SIEF working group on the ritual year *Magic in Rituals and Rituals in Magic*, 25-27 September 2014, Innsbruck, Austria
- 2014e, 30/08 (invited): "La religiosità dei Sanniti. Riflessioni a partire dai siti alto-molisani". Paper for the conference *Gli italici: tra biologia, cultura e coltura*, 31 August 2014, Roccaraso, Italy
- 2014f, 31/07: "Obsession With Immutability. Traditions, Cultural Heritages, And Other Things That Are Not Supposed To Change". Paper for the 13th EASA Biennial Conference *Collaboration, Intimacy & Revolution - innovation and continuity in an interconnected world*, 29 July-3 August 2014, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2014g, 31/07: Convenorship of the panel "Obsession with Change" (co-convenor: Francisco Martínez) for the 13th EASA Biennial Conference *Collaboration, Intimacy & Revolution - innovation and continuity in an interconnected world*, 29 July-3 August 2014, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2014h, 23/05: "«This is no spectacle». Poetics of Authenticity and Ritualization in the Use of Tradition in Europe Today". Paper for the 11th Conference of the SIEF Working Group on Ethnology of Religion *Making Sense of Religion. Performance, Art and Experience*, 22-23 May 2014, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2014i, 06/05: "Pride, Prejudice, Methodological Dilemmas, and Slivovice. Unsystematic Observations on Doing Fieldwork in Czechia". Presentation for the workshop *SOCIOCON*, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic
- 2014j, 28/04: "Structuralism yesterday and today". Lecture for the seminar "Key texts for social anthropology" (held by Yasar Abu-Gosh), Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2014k, 18/03: "Gender and Carnival festivities in Europe". Lecture for the seminar "Anthropology of Europe" (held by Lale Yalçin-Heckmann), University of Pardubice, Czech Republic
- 2014l, 06/02 (invited): "The Overwhelming Power of 'Tradition': Festivals, Carnivals and the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Europe Today". Lecture for the *Ernest Gellner Seminar*, Czech Association of Social Anthropologists, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2014m, 29/01 (invited): "Carnivals, UNESCO and the Politics of Tradition in Post-socialist European Contexts. First Comparative Observations". Lecture for the *Inimkond Seminar*, Tallinn University, Tallinn, Estonia

- 2013a, 16/12: "Representations of Religions in Videogames and Other New Media". Lecture for the seminar "Anthropology of Media and New Media" (held by Michal Tošner), University of Pardubice, Czech Republic
- 2013b, 12/12 (invited): "Micro-history, Ethnography and the Study of European Carnivals (and their religious characteristics)". Public Lecture for the Czech Association for the Study of Religion, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
- 2013c, 15/07: "L'homme-cerf, l'ethnologue et le maire: un exemple ethnographique entre politisation du folklore et folklorisation de la politique". Paper for the congress *Folklore et politique*, Institut d'Histoire Culturelle Européenne, 15-16 July 2013, Château de Lunéville, France
- 2013d, 05/06: "Ibridismo zoo-antropomorfo nella lunga durata: dalle tassonomie simbolico-rituali alla patrimonializzazione". Paper for the congress *The Role of Animals in Ancient Myth and Religion*, 05-07 June 2013, Grumento Nova, Italy
- 2013e, 27/04: "Patrimonio culturale immateriale e strategie locali". Paper for the workshop *Riflessioni sullo stato di attuazione della Convenzione UNESCO per la Salvaguardia del Patrimonio Culturale Immateriale a 10 anni dalla sua adozione*. Associazione "Circolo della Zampogna", 27 April 2013, Scapoli, Italy
- 2013f, 21/02 (invited): "Exploring the Power Dimensions of Festivals". Paper for the congress *Playgrounds and Battlefields*, University of Tallinn, 19-22 February 2013, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2012a, 09/06: "The Carnival of Castelnuovo al Volturno". Paper for the Anthropology Summer School, Saaremaa, Estonia
- 2012b, 28/03: "Folk Aesthetics. Notes on – and examples of – the reinterpretation of European folk music traditions in classical and contemporary music genres". Lecture for the Workshop *Melomaania III*, University of Tallinn, Estonia
- 2011a, 29/10: "Gl' Cierv di Castelnuovo al Volturno: un carnevale tra passato e modernità". Paper for the congress *Il paesaggio agrario del Molise. Storia, tutela e valorizzazione*, 20, 23, 29 October 2011, Campobasso, Italy
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