

## CURRICULUM VITAE / 2017

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### Education and PhD Award

- 2001. Konkani Diploma, Thomas Stephens Konkani Kendr, Alto Porvorim / Goa
- 2000. Habilitation, *venia legendi* [formal authorization to act as professor], Ethnologie [Cultural Anthropology], Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany
- 1988. Ph.D. *summa cum laude*, Ethnologie [Cultural Anthropology], Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany, advisor E.W.Müller
- 1988. Johannes-Gutenberg-University Award, (Best Humanities PhD of the year)
- 1977. M.A. *cum laude*, Ethnologie [Cultural Anthropology], Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany

### Employment

- 2015-present. Professor for Religious Studies, Arizona State University / USA School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies
- 2009-2015. Associate Professor for Religious Studies, Arizona State University / USA School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies
- 2005-2009. Associate Professor, Arizona State University / USA, Department of Religious Studies and School of Global Studies,
- 2002-2005. Adjunct Associate Professor, Ruprecht-Karls University Heidelberg/ Germany, Department of Anthropology
- 2001-2002. Adjunct Associate Professor, Johannes-Gutenberg-University Mainz / Germany, Department of Anthropology and African Studies
- 2000-2001. Visiting Professor, University of Goa / India, Department of Sociology
- 2000-2001. Adjunct Associate Professor, Ruprecht-Karls University Heidelberg/ Germany, Department of Anthropology

1988-1999. Assistant Professor, Ruprecht-Karls University Heidelberg/ Germany, South Asia Institute

1990-91. Visiting Professor and Research Fellow, Delhi University / India, Department of Sociology

1988. Lecturer, University of Zurich / Switzerland, Department of Anthropology

1987-1988. Lecturer, Johannes-Gutenberg-University Mainz / Germany, Department of Anthropology and African Studies

### **Fellowships and Grants**

2012-2013, May to April. Käte Hamburger Kolleg at the Center for Religious Studies, Dynamics in the History of Religions, Ruhr University Bochum, fellowship

<http://www.khk.ceres.rub.de/>

2010, January to May. Cluster of Excellence 'Asia and Europe in a Global Context', research project B14 'Religion on Stage', Heidelberg University, research grant

2009, June to December. Cluster of Excellence 'Asia and Europe in a Global Context', Karl Jaspers Center for Advanced Transcultural Studies, Heidelberg University, fellowship

<http://www.asia-europe.uni-heidelberg.de/en/home.html>

2008-2009, August to August. Difficult Dialogues, Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict at ASU, faculty team leader for curriculum development on religion and conflict, stipend

2007/11. National Endowment for the Humanities, collaborative research grant, PI with Hyaeweol Choi, *Religious Encounters at the Intersection of Colonialism and Modernity*, not awarded

2007/7. Senior Long-Term Research Fellowship, American Institute for Indian Studies, Village-Nation-World: Folklore in Globalizing Goa, not awarded

2006-2007 Institute for Humanities Research, Arizona State University, PI with Assc. Prof Eugene Clay and Assc. Prof Hyaeweol Choi for research project *Religious Encounters at the Intersection of Colonialism and Modernity*, seed grant

2002-2004, German Volkswagen Foundation, PI with Klaus-Peter Köpping for research project *Processing Culture(s) - Culture(s) in Process*, collaborative research grant,

2000-01, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Visiting Professor and Research Fellow at the Department of Sociology University of Goa, scholarship

2000-2001. Ministerium für Wissenschaft, Forschung und Kunst Baden Württemberg, *Research Center Ritualdynamik*, seed grant, total unknown, individual <http://www.ritualdynamik.de/>

1996-99. German Research Council DFG, Habilitation Research Grant

1990-91. German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and University Grants Commission Delhi (UGC), Visiting Professor and Research Fellow at Department of Sociology Delhi University

1983. Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, doctoral research grant

1981-83. Graduiertenförderung Baden-Wuerttemberg, Doctoral Research Fellow

1983. ASA-Stiftung Studienkreis, travel stipend, Ghana

## Publications

### Single-Authored Books

1. ***Hindu-Catholic Encounters in Goa. Religion, Colonialism, and Modernity*, Bloomington 2014: University of Indiana Press, 214 pgs.**
2. *Wachheit der Wesen: Politik, Ritual und Kunst der Akkulturation in Goa* [Politics, Rituals, and Art of Acculturation in Goa], Münster, Hamburg, London 2003: LIT-Verlag, 253 pgs.
3. *Reisen in vergangene Gegenwart. Geschichte und Geschichtlichkeit der Nicht-Europäer im Denken des 19. Jahrhunderts: die Erforschung des Sudan*, [History and Historicity of Non-Europeans in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Thought: The Exploration of Sudan], Berlin 1988: Reimer, 228 pgs.

### Edited Book

1. *Rituals in an Unstable World: Contingency – Embodiment - Hybridity*, (edited volume with Klaus-Peter Köpping) Frankfurt 2008: Peter Lang, 340 pgs.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters

1. Shrines, Images and Power in Hindu-Catholic Goa, in: *Samaj. South Asian Academic Journal*, accepted
2. Kristapurana. Translating the Name of God in Early Modern Goa, in *Samaj. South Asian Academic Journal* 2015/12, <http://samaj.revues.org/4038>
3. Moving the World — Moving the Self: The Gaude Jagor in Goa in: Huesken, Ute and Axel Michaels (eds). *South Asian Festivals on the Move*, Wiesbaden 2013: Harassowitz, pp. 83-98
4. Ritual, Mimesis, and Emotion: A Post Colonial Case, in: *Emotions in Rituals and Performances. South Asian and European Perspectives on Rituals and Performativity*, edited by Christian Wulff and Axel Michaels, New Delhi 2011: Routledge, pp.444-452
2. Jesuit Rhetorics: Translation and Conversion in Early-Modern Goa, in: *The Constitutive Interplay Between Rhetoric and Culture*, edited by Ivo Strecker, Christian Meyer, Felix Girke, Oxford / New York 2011: Berghahn, pp.210-24
3. Pictorial Encounter. Iconoclasm and Syncretism at India's Western Coast in: *Transcultural Turbulences: Interdisciplinary Explorations of Flows of Images and Media*,

edited by Christiane Brosius and Roland Wenzlhuemer, Vienna 2011: Springer, pp.153-69

4. Crossroads of Religions: Shrines, Mobility, and Urban Space in Goa, in: *International Journal for Urban and Regional Research*, 2008/ 32.3, pp.658–70
5. Zwischen Gehalt und Gestalt: Überlegungen zum Verhältnis von Ritual und Mimesis, in: *Paragrana*. Internationale Zeitschrift für historische Anthropologie 2003/12,1-2, pp.67-78
6. The Lord of Mapusa: Genesis of an Urban God in Goa, in: *Purusartha* 2006/25, pp. 31-47
7. The Becoming of Goa. Space and Culture in the Emergence of a Multicultural Lifeworld, in: *Lusotopie: Lusophonies asiatiques, Asiatiques en lusophonies*, Paris 2000/1, pp.333-39

### **Encyclopedia Articles**

1. Hindu Traditions in Goa, in: *Encyclopedia of Hinduism*, vol. I, ed. Knut A. Jacobson, Leyden 2009: Brill, pp. 249-254
5. Diffusion / Diffusionismus, in: Cancik, H., Gladigow, B., Laubscher, M. (eds.): *Handbuch religionswissenschaftlicher Grundbegriffe*, Bd. III, Stuttgart 1990: Kohlhammer, pgs.218-226

### **Other Articles and Chapters**

1. Introduction. Beyond Norm, Text and Dialectics: Ritual as Social Praxis, in: *Rituals in an Unstable World: Contingency – Embodiment - Hybridity*, edited volume with Klaus-Peter Köpping, Frankfurt 2008: Peter Lang, pp.9-30
2. Ritual, History and Identity in Goa, in: *Rituals in an Unstable World: Contingency – Embodiment - Hybridity*, edited volume with Klaus-Peter Köpping, Frankfurt 2008: Peter Lang, pp. 185-205
3. Gods and Saints in Goa: Cultural Diversity and Local Religion, in: *In the Company of Gods*. In Memoriam Guenther-Dietz Sontheimer, edited by Aditya Malik, Anne Feldhaus, Heidrun Brueckner, Delhi: 2005: Manohar, pp. 83-104
4. Politics of Acculturation. The Dynamics of Hindu-Christian Ritual in Goa, in: *The Dynamics of Changing Rituals*, edited by Jens Kreinath, Anette Deschner, Constance Hartung, Frankfurt 2004: Peter Lang, pp. 155-66
5. Incorporando o divino: iconografia religiosa, espaço sociológico e história política em Goa, *Embodying the Divine: Religious Iconography, Societal Space and Political History in Goa* in: *Oriente*, Revista Quadrimestral da Fundação Oriente, 2003/15:26-33 (bi-lingual publication)

6. Interpretatio, Exercicium, Mimesis - Ritual und Bedeutung in Goa, in: *Im Rausch des Rituals. Gestaltung und Transformation der Wirklichkeit in körperlicher Performanz*, edited by Klaus-Peter Köpping and Ursula Rao, Münster 2000: LIT-Verlag, pp.125-38
7. Anthropology and Temporality. A Criticism of Theory and Discourse in the History of Anthropological Writing, in: *Creative Arts in Modern India*, vol. I, edited by R. Parimoo, Delhi 1995: Books and Books, pp. 37-57
8. Wie Tag und Nacht. Zur Metaphorik der Ungleichzeitigkeit im anthropologischen Diskurs des 19. Jahrhunderts, in: *Die Vielfalt der Kultur. Ethnologische Aspekte von Verwandtschaft, Kunst und Weltauffassung*, edited by Karl-Heinz Kohl, Heinz-Arnold Muszinski, Ivo Strecker, Berlin 1990: Reimer, pp.629-39

#### **Online Lecture**

Crossroads of Religions: Wayside Shrines in Goa, lecture delivered at 2050 – *Cultures of Living Future. Models of Living Spaces for Europe and India*, workshop organized by Transurban. Verein zur Förderung von Kultur und Wissenstransfer, Goa University, Goa, India, 2/2010, 72 mins. <http://www.trans-urban.net/2050/presentations.htm>, accessed 1/24/2014

#### **Translations and Reprints**

1. Hindu-Catholic Engagements in Goa. Religion, Colonialism, Modernity, Delhi 2014: Orient BlackSwan (revised reprint of Hindu-Catholic Encounters in Goa. Religion, Colonialism, Modernity 2014)
2. Ritual, History and Identity in Goa, in: *World Christianity*, vol. III, edited by Elizabeth Köpping, London 2010: Routledge (reprint of Ritual, History and Identity in Goa, 2008)
3. Between Meaning and Significance: Reflections on Ritual and Mimesis, in: *Celebrating Transgression As Method and Politics in Anthropological Studies of Culture*, edited by Ursula Rao and John Hutnyk, Frankfurt, Oxford, New York 2005: Peter Lang, pp. 145-52 (reprint in translation of Zwischen Gehalt und Gestalt, 2003)

#### **Films**

1. *Staying Awake for God. Introducing the Jagor*. Documentary with Alito Siqueira and Gasper DSouza, 15 min., 2010, published, <http://www.vimeo.com/12507263>
2. *The Zagor of Kakra*, Ethnographic Film, 40 min., 1994, unpublished
3. *The Zagor of Siolim*, Ethnographic Film, 60 min., 1993, unpublished

#### **Book Reviews**

1. Vanita Seth. *Europe's Indians. Producing Racial Difference, 1500-1900*, Durham 2010: Duke University Press, in *Asian Studies Review* 2012
2. Arun Saldanha. *Psychedelic White. Goa Trance and the Viscosity of Race*, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press 2007, in *Cultural Geographies*, 2011/ 18.1: 134
3. Alf Hildebeitel and Kathleen Erndl (eds.): *Is the Goddess a Feminist? The Politics of South Asian Goddesses*, New Delhi 2002: Oxford University Press, in: *Sociological Bulletin* 2003
4. John Burton. *An Introduction to Evans-Pritchard*, Fribourg 1992: University Press, in: *Tribus* 1994/43:179-180
5. Alf Lüdtke (ed.) *Herrschaft als soziale Praxis: Historische und sozial-anthropologische Studien*, Göttingen 1991: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, in: *Man* 1993/28: 189-190

### Conference organization

2014/1 — 10. *Western Conference Association For Asian Studies*, ASU 10/2014, Program Committee member, Panel chair

2013/11 — 2014/4. *15<sup>th</sup> International Maharashtra Conference*, ASU 4/2014, Program Committee member, Panel chair

2007/2. *Religious Encounters at the Intersection of Colonialism and Modernity*, Department of Religious Studies and Institute of Humanities Research, Arizona State University, co-organized with Eugene Clay and Hyae Weol Choi

2003/8. *Culture and Hegemony: Politics of Culture in the Age of Globalisation'*, Co-Organizer, Institut fuer Ethnologie Heidelberg funded by German Volkswagen Foundation, Hanover, and National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokio, co-organized with Klaus-Peter Köpping (University of Heidelberg) and Hans-Georg Soeffner (University of Konstanz)

2003/5. *Qualifying Ritual: Contingency – Embodiment – Hybridity*, Institut fuer Ethnologie Heidelberg funded by the German Volkswagen Foundation, Hanover, co-organized with Klaus-Peter Köpping (University of Heidelberg)

2000/11. *Changes through Rituals, Changes in Rituals. The Dynamics of Socio-Religious Constructions in South and East Asia*, Centre d'Études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud, Paris, funded by EHESS, École Des Hautes Études En Sciences Sociales and DAAD, German Academic Exchange Service, co-organized with Klaus-Peter Köpping (University of Heidelberg) and Gilles Tarabout (CNRS, French National Centre for Scientific Research, Paris)

### Professional Service and Memberships

2016 *City and Society. Journal for Urban Anthropology*, reviewer

2016 Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research Council for the Humanities, Netherlands, reviewer

2016 Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, reviewer

2015. Routledge Publishing House, reviewer

2015. Czech Science Foundation. reviewer

2015. University of Heidelberg. Fakultät für empirische Verhaltens- und Kulturwissenschaft. reviewer

2015. American Association of Anthropology, member

2014/11. University of California Press. reviewer

2012 — present. Society for the Anthropology of Religion. member

2012 — 2013. European Association of Social anthropologists, member

2011. South Asia Journal, reviewer

2010 — present. European Association of South Asian Studies, member

2009. Bureau of Jewish education, Phoenix, invited speaker

2008. Routledge Publishing House, reviewer

2007 — 2010. International Society of the Sociology of Religion, member

2007 — present. Cluster of Excellence 'Asia and Europe in a Global Context' at the Karl Jaspers Center for advanced Transcultural Studies, Heidelberg / Germany, research collaborator, fellow, invited speaker < <http://www.vjc.uni-hd.de/>>

2007 initiating and coordinating letters of intent from ASU Department of Religious Studies, School of Global Studies, and Center for Asian Research for Heidelberg Cluster of Excellence

2007/6. International Research. Agenda and Collaboration. German Volkswagen Foundation, Hanover, Germany, invited discussant

2005 — 2013. Collaborative Research Center (*Sonderforschungsbereich* 619), 'Ritual Dynamics. Socio-Cultural Processes from a Historical and Culturally Comparative Perspective', Heidelberg, Germany, executive member (2005), invited discussant (2007), invited speaker (2008, 2010) <http://www.ritualdynamik.uni-hd.de>>

1998-2002. European Association of Social Anthropologists, member

### **University Service**

2015/8 – present. ASU, Schools of Philosophical, Historical and Religious Studies, Personnel Committee, member

- 2014/8 — present ASU, Religious Studies, Director of Undergraduate Studies
- 2014/8 — 2015/5. ASU Barrett Honors College, Faculty Advisor
- 2009 — present. ASU School of International Letters and Cultures, graduate faculty
- 2008 — present. ASU Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, affiliated faculty
- 2008 — present. Asian Major Committee, member
- 2007 — present. ASU South Asia Council, founding member, co-chair 2007-2012, 2013 executive member, 2014 – present co-chair
- 2005 — present. ASU Center for Asian Research, executive member
- 2011/2. ASU President's Community Enrichment Program, invited speaker
- 2010 — 2013. ASU Graduate Studies Committee, member
- 2008 — 2011. Religious Studies, Religious Studies Forum, founding member, executive member
- 2008 — 2009. ASU Academic Standard Committee, member
2007. ASU School of Global Studies, search committee 'Place Studies', member
- 2007 — 2008. ASU Religious Studies, academic senate
- 2009 — 2013. ASU Religious Studies, Graduate Studies Committee, member
- 2006 — 2009. ASU School of Global Studies, Personnel Committee, member
- 2006 — 2009. ASU School of Global Studies, Undergraduate Studies Committee, member
- 2005 — 2009. ASU Religious Studies, Undergraduate Studies Committee, member
- 2000 — 2001, 2002 — 2005. Heidelberg University, Fakultät für Verhaltens- und empirische Kulturwissenschaften, member

**Public Lectures and Presentations (selection)**

- 2016/7 In Memoriam Dr. Madhavi Sardesai, Invited Lecture, Jaag Prakashan, Birth Anniversary of late linguist and Konkani writer, Panjim, Goa, India
- 2016/7 Crossroads of Religion: Shrines, Mobility and Urban Space in Goa, 24th European Conference for South Asian Studies, Warsaw, Poland
- 2016/7 "Hindu-Catholic Encounters in Goa", Xavier Centre of Research Activities Historical Research, Alto Porvorim, Goa, India
- 2015/6 Religion an der Schnittstelle von Kolonialismus und Moderne: Hinduistisch-Katholische Begegnung in Goa (Indien), Institut für Südasien-, Tibet- und Buddhismuskunde Universität Wien (Vienna)



- 2015/6 *Kristapurana: Zur Problematik früh-modern-christlicher Übersetzung in Indien*, Jahresvortrag: Sammlung de Nobili. Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Indologie und Religionsforschung. Wien
- 2015/7 *Kristapurana: Zur Problematik früh-modern-christlicher Übersetzung in Indien*, Seminar, Institut für Kulturwissenschaften Ost- und Südasiens, Universität Würzburg
- 2015/9 *Hindu-Catholic Encounters in India: Religion, Colonialism, Modernity*, ASU Religious Studies Forum
- 2014/10. *Hindu-Catholic Encounters in Goa. Religion, Colonialism, Modernity*, paper presented at 43rd Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Madison, Wisconsin
- 2014/10. *Kristapurana. Jesuit Translation and Religious Plurality in Early-Modern Goa*, paper presented at Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies WCAAS, Arizona State University
- 2014/7. *Syncretism Reconsidered: Hindu-Catholic Encounters in Goa*, paper presented at 23rd European Conference on South Asian Studies, University of Zuerich, Switzerland
- 2014/6. *Syncretism Reconsidered: Hindu-Catholic Encounters in Goa*, invited lecture at the Centre d'études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud, Paris
- 2014/11. *Hindu-Catholic Encounters in Goa. Religion, Colonialism, Modernity*, invited lecture ASU Center for Asian Research, A.T.Stele Lecture Series, Arizona State University
- 2013/3. *Moving the World, Moving the Self: Tribal Rituals in Goa*, invited paper presented at "Religion in Motion. Boundary Work in the Global Religious Field", Conference Käte Hamburger Kolleg, University of Bochum / Germany
- 2013/6. *Extracting the Gold of Truth from the Alloy of Paganism*, invited paper presented at "Christianity Translated: Knowledge Circulation and Epistemic Transformation", Conference Käte Hamburger Kolleg, University of Bochum / Germany
- 2012/7. *Cutting Across Doctrines: the Goan Ganv*, paper presented, 22<sup>nd</sup> European Conference on South Asian Studies, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2012/ 4. *The Movement of People Through Post-Colonial Spaces*, invited speaker, Immigration, Migration, Movement, spring symposium, Institute for Humanities research, ASU, Tempe, USA
- 2011/12. *Moving the World – Moving the Self: The Goan Jagor*, invited paper, Goa 1961 and Beyond. An Intellectual Appreciation and Celebration of 50 Years of Goa's Liberation, University of Goa, Goa, India
- 2011/6. *Moving the World – Moving the Self: The Goan Jagor*, invited paper, "South Asian Festivals on the Move", workshop organized by Cluster of Excellence 'Asia and Europe in a Global Context, University of Heidelberg and the Department of Culture Studies and Languages Oslo University, Oslo University, Oslo, Norway

- 2010/1. *Ritual, Mimesis and Emotion in an Age of Facts*, invited paper, International Conference 'Emotions in South Asian and European Rituals', organized jointly by Cluster of Excellence „Asia and Europe in a Global Context“ (Heidelberg), Cluster of Excellence “Languages of Emotions” (Berlin), Collaborative Research Centre (SFB) “Cultures of the Performative” (Berlin), Collaborative Research Centre (SFB) “Dynamics of Ritual” (Heidelberg), and Max Mueller Bhavan (Mumbai), January 4-6, 2010, The International Centre, Goa, India
- 2010 /10. *Ambiguous Affinities: Hindu-Catholic Encounters in Early-Modern and Post-Colonial Goa*, presentation, ASU South Asia Council, Tempe, Az, USA
- 2010/5. *Goa in a Global Context*, invited speaker, Goan Culture, undergrad seminar, University of Goa, Goa, India
- 2009/10. *Iconic Encounter: Images and Shrines in Goa*, invited paper, "Flows of Images and Media", Annual Conference of the Cluster of Excellency “Asia and Europe in a Global Context”, University of Heidelberg October 7-9th 2009
- 2009/3. *India's 9/11?- Terrorist Attack in Mumbai 2008*, The Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Phoenix
- 2009/2. *Vasco da Gama's Error: why the 'Discoverer of the Sea Route to India Mistook a Hindu Goddess for the Catholic Mary*, Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Tempe, Az, USA
- 2008/10. *Passion for Praxis: Rituals, Miracles and Science*, International Conference on Ritual Dynamics, University of Heidelberg, Germany
- 2008/10. *Village, Nation, World: Frameworks of Ritual in Globalizing*, Cluster of Excellence 'Asia and Europe in a Global Context, University of Heidelberg (Germany)
- 2008/7. *Crossroads of Religion: Shrines, Mobility and Urban Space in Goa*, South Asia Forum, University of Würzburg (Germany)
- 2008/9. *Ritual and History in Goa*, ASU Religious Studies Forum
- 2007/10. *Crossroads of Religion: Shrines, Mobility and Urban Space in Goa*, Center of South Asia, Annual Conference, Madison, Wisconsin
- 2007/9. *Religious Encounters at the Intersection of Colonialism and Globalization*, School of Global Studies Workshop Series
- 2007/7. *Crossroads of Religion: Shrines, Mobility and Urban Space in Goa*, International Society for the Sociology of Religion, Leibzig
- 2007/2. *Round Table Key Note and Concept Note* presented at 'Religious Encounters at the Intersection of Colonialism and Modernity', IHR-Conference at Arizona State University
- 2003/5. *Strategies of Portuguese Conquest and Conversion in 17<sup>th</sup> Century Goa*, paper presented at 'Portugal Indico, Conference of International Historians and Anthropologists on the

- Portuguese Presence in the Colonial Period', Brown University, Department of Portuguese and Brazilian Studies
- 2003/3. *Mimetic Moments. The Negotiation of Self and Other in Early-Modern Luso-Indian Encounters*, paper presented at the 'American Association for Asian Studies Meeting', New York
- 2003/8. *Distinctive Commonalities: Syncretic religiosity in Goa*, paper presented at 'Culture and Hegemony: Politics of Culture in the Age of Globalization, Conference at the University of Heidelberg
- 2003/5. *Structure and Contingency: Reflections on the History of a Hindu-Christian Ritual in Goa*, paper presented at Qualifying Ritual: Contingency – Embodiment – Hybridity, Conference at the University of Heidelberg
- 2002/8. *Contested Purity: Notes on Goa's Hindu Culture*, paper presented at 'Goa Hindu', conference at Arrabida, Lisbon, Fundação Oriente
- 2001/11. *Ritual and Mimesis*, paper presented at conference DFG-Sonderforschungsbereich 'Kulturen des Performativen', Freie Universitaet Berlin
- 2001/4. *From ganvpon to comunidad: Towards an Anthropological Reading of the Social History of Goa*, joint paper presented with Alito Siqueira, at University of Goa, Department of History
- 2001/1. *Goa and the Study of Culture(s)*, public lecture series (4), presented at University of Goa
- 2000/11. *Traditions of Invention: The Emergence of an Urban God in Goa*, paper presented at Changes Through Rituals, Changes in Rituals. The Dynamics of Socio-Religious Constructions in South and East-Asia, conference at the Centre d'Etudes de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud, Paris
- 2000/11. *The Meanings of Ritual: Notes on an Anthropological and Indological Debate*, lecture presented at the Centre d'Etudes de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud, Paris
- 2000/7. *Signs, Substances and Mimesis: Reflections on Hindu and Christian Ritual*, paper presented at the European Association of Social Anthropology Meeting, Krakau
- 2000/5. *Zeichen und Wunder. Zu einer Ethnologie religiöser Erfahrung*, lecture presented at Ethnologisches Institut, University of Frankfurt
- 1999/12. *Possibilities of the Impossible: Hindus, Christians and Miracles*, paper presented at 'The Word and the Flesh', conference Ethnologisches Institut, University of Tübingen,
- 1999/10. *Ritual and Hybridity*, paper presented at the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerkunde Meeting, Heidelberg
- 1999/10. *Ritual and Hybridity: A Goan Case*, paper presented at 'Dynamics of Changing Rituals', conference Internationales Wissenschaftsforum, University of Heidelberg
- 1999/3. *Exercitium, Mimesis, Interpretation: Some Anthropological Notes on the Interpretation of the Goan Jagar/Zagor*, paper presented at XIII Local History Seminar, Goa University

- 1999/2. *The Becoming of Goa. Space and Culture in the Emergence of a Multicultural Lifeworld*, paper presented at 'Portuguese-Speaking Space in Asia, Asians in Portuguese Speaking Space', conference Lusotopie, International Center Goa
- 1998/6. *Text, Performanz und Akkulturation in Goa*, paper presented at 'Text, Ritual, Performanz, conference Internationales Wissenschaftsforum, University of Heidelberg
- 1998/1. *'But Our Ancestors Did It Like This: The Politics of Acculturation in Goa*, paper presented at 'Les Portes De L'Asie. Les Heritages Multiples De Vasco Da Gama', conference Centre D'Etudes De L'Inde Et De L'Asie Du Sud , Paris
- 1997/7. *Ludic Religiosity: The Zagor of Goa*, lectures presented at seminar at South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg,
- 1996/8. *Meaning and Action in a Hindu-Catholic Festival of Goa*, paper presented at 14th European Conference of Modern South Asian Studies Meeting, Copenhagen,
- 1996/6. *Goan Identities. The Politics and Social Praxis of Cultural Self-Representation*, lecture presented at seminar Department of Sociology University of Goa
- 1995/1. *Territorial Cults in Urban Environments of Goa*, paper presented at 'Religious Imaginations in the City', Symposium Max Müller Bhavan Bangalore
- 1994/8. *Transformation and Translation: The Cult of Shanta Durga / Sateri / Saibini Mai*, paper presented at 13th European Conference of Modern South Asian Studies Meeting, Toulouse
- 1994/2. *Ganv and Gods in Hindu-Christian Goa*, paper presented at 'Guenther Dietz Sontheimer Memorial, symposium Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts, Delhi
- 1993/9. *The Goan Jagor: Negotiator of Cultural Difference*, lecture presented at Chowgule College, Margao/Goa
- 1991/3. *History and Historicity of Non-Europeans in 18th and 19th Centuries Thought*, paper presented at 'Judging An Other Culture', Indo-German Seminar, Max Müller Bhavan, Delhi
- 1991/1. *German Hermeneutics and the Emergence of Interpretive Anthropology*, paper presented at seminar Department of Political Science, University of Baroda, India
- 1991/1. *Interpretive Anthropology and the Dead of the Colonial Object*, paper presented at 'Comparative Aesthetics and Criticism of Contemporary Arts, UGC National Seminar, Department of Art History and Aesthetics, University of Baroda, India
- 1990/11 and 12. *Clifford Geertz and the Project of Interpretive Anthropology and Textual Homelands: Evans-Pritchard and the Writing of Ethnography*, lectures presented at Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University

### **Teaching**

2010. ASU IAPA International Alliance for the Prevention of Aids, faculty advisor
2010. ASU 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Graduate Conference on Asian Studies, faculty advisor, discussant

2010. ASU Religious Studies Track Development committee 'Religion in a Global Context', member

2008 — 2010. ASU Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, curriculum development, *Teaching and Talking About Religion*, leading of faculty team with Juliane Schober

2005 — 2006. ASU Modell United Nations Club, faculty advisor

### **Courses Taught (selection)**

#### Religious Studies (graduate)

Theories of Ritual (REL 598)

Contemporary Theories of Religion (REL 502)

Religion and Colonialism (REL 691)

Religious Encounters: Colonialism and Globalization (REL 596 & 405)

Rituals of the World (REL 405 & 598)

#### Religious Studies (undergraduate)

##### **Religion, Culture, Public Life (REL 101)**

Approaches to Religion (REL 307)

Hinduism (350)

Introduction to South Asia (REL 294)

Religion in Global Context (REL 394 & 405)

Religions of India (REL 394 & 394)

Religious Pluralism in South Asia (REL 394)

Ritual, Symbol, Myth (REL 207)

#### Global Studies

Contemporary Global Trends (SGS 103)

Governing the Global in India (SGS 494)

Immigration and Nationalism (SGS 394)

#### Cultural Anthropology (graduate)

Indian History: Subaltern Critiques

Interpretive Anthropology

Culture as Text: Contemporary Anthropological Theory

Mimesis in Representation and Performance: Contemporary Methods

Crisis of Representation: Contemporary Methods

Post-Colonial Identities: Current Indian Discourses

Cultural Anthropology (undergraduate)

Cultural Anthropology, Introduction

Political and Economic Anthropology, Introduction

History of Anthropology, Introduction

Anthropology and History

British Social Anthropology

Myth and History

Goa: History, Society and Culture

Syncretism in South Asia

Religion and Society in India

Caste in India

Visual Anthropology

"Through Foreign Eyes" — Perspectives on Alterity in Ethnographic Films, interdisciplinary workshop

The Power of Images: Anthropological Approaches to Iconology (graduate seminar class)

**Languages**

German (R,W,S), English (R,W.S), French (R,W.S), Spanish (R,W.S), Portuguese (R), Konkani (R,S),