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Education

Ph.D. in psychology, UCL	1999
Degree in psychology, UCL	1994
Degree in religious sciences, UCL	1992
Bachelor in philosophy, UCL	1990
Theology degree, Univ. of Athens	1988

Career

UCLouvain, Belgium, Faculty of psychology and education

Full professor	Institute of psychological sciences	2013
Professor	Div. of social and organizational psychology	2008
Head	Div. of social and organizational psychology	2005-2008 & 2013-2014
Associate professor	Div. of social and organizational psychology	2004
Head	Centrer for psychology of religion	2001-today
Assistant professor	Div. of social and organizational psychology	2001
Postdoctoral UCL researcher	Div. of developmental psychology	1999-2001
Aspirant/Research fellow FNRS	Div. of developmental psychology	1995-1999

Université catholique de Lille, France

Visiting Lecturer	Dept. of psychology	1997-2003
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College of William & Mary, VA, USA

Visiting Fulbright Scholar	Dept. of psychology	January–July 2000
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Arizona State University, AZ, USA

Adjunct Faculty	Dept. of psychology	January–June 2009 (sabbatical)
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New York University, NY, USA

Visiting Scholar	Dept. of psychology	January–June 2017 (sabbatical)
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Supervision of research

Supervision of postgraduate training (DEA, till 2006; Doctoral school since 2007)

Isabelle Pichon (2002, France), Philippe Galand (2003, Belgium), Abba Safadi-Bastos (2003, Brasil), Jean-Michel Abrassart (2004, Belgium), Coralie Buxant (2005, Belgium), François Mathijssen (2005, Belgium), Matthieu Van Pachterbeke (2006, Belgium), Serge Dupont (2010, Belgium), Rob Kaelen (2013, Belgium), Carlos Alcala (2018-2020, Spain), Mohamed Abdou (2018-2021, Egypt), Nathalie Castaigne (2023-2024, Belgium)

Direction of PhDs and field of specialization additional to psychology of religion

Isabelle Pichon	2002–2006 (France)	personality/social psychology
Coralie Buxant	2003–2007 (Belgium)	clinical and social psychology
Matthieu Van Pachterbeke, assistant	2004–2011 (Belgium)	existential psychology
Patty Van Cappellen	2008-2012 (Belgium)	psychology of emotions
Joanna Blogowska	2008-2012 (Poland)	social psychology
Magali Clobert	2010-2014 (Belgium)	cultural & social psychology
Caroline Rigo, assistant	2011-2018 (Belgium)	psychology of sexuality
Csilla Deak	2011-2016 (Hungary)	moral psychology
Claire Prade	2012-2016 (France)	psychology of emotions
Filip Uzarevic	2014-2019 (Croatia)	personality/social psychology
Moïse Karim	2019-2023 (Ivory Coast)	personality psychology
Sophie-Charlotte Bertrand Van Ouytsel	2024-today (Belgium)	personality/social psychology
Jiaxin Li	2024-today (China)	sciences of religion

Supervision of postdocs¹; hosting of visiting professors² and researchers³

- ² Lucia Adamovova (Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia), October 2003 - January 2004
- ² Antonio Munoz Garcia (U of Granada, Spain), January - February 2003 and September 2005 - August 2006
- ¹ Stefania Casalfiore (UCL, Education), April 2003 - December 2004
- ¹ Louis-Léon Christians (UCL, Law), April 2003 – May 2005
- ³ Jose Rogerio Machado de Paula (U of Sao Paulo, Brasil), July 2004 - February 2005
- ² José David Urchaga (U Pontificia de Salamanca, Spain), June - July 2006
- ¹ Mike Friedman (U of Texas A&M, USA), October 2006 - September 2007
- ² Napoleón Tapia-Balladares (U of Costa Rica), September - October 2008
- ³ Rosa Scardigno (U of Bari, Italy), September – December 2008
- ¹ Ulrike Rangel (U of Mannheim, Germany), October 2009 – September 2010
- ³ Luis Martínez Guerrero (U Autónoma de Madrid, Spain), August – September 2012
- ¹ Marianne Bourdon (U of Nantes, France), Septembre 2012 – August 2013
- ¹ Jolanda van der Noll (Jacobs U, Germany), September 2012 – August 2014
- ³ Filip Uzarevic (U of Zagreb, Croatia), October 2012 – January 2013
- ¹ Hanyi Xu (Zhejiang U., China, & Univ. of Grenoble, France), Oct. 2012 – April 2014
- ² Mona Abbondanza (U of Québec at Montréal), September - October 2014
- ¹ Magali Clobert (UCL, return from Stanford University), October 2016 – September 2019
- ³ Carlos Alcala (U de Jaén, Spain), October 2017 – June 2018
- ³ Marco Rizzo (U of Turin), October – December 2018
- ³ Laura Simeone (U of Padova), March – May 2023
- ³ Chi Quang Thị Mộng (U Social Sciences & Humanities, HCMC, Vietnam), 09/2024 – 01/2025

³ Liping Zhang (Renmin U of China), January – June 2025

Subsequent career of supervised PhD students and postdocs

Isabelle Pichon, PhD, afterwards lecturer at the University of Reunion Island & UCO
Louis-Léon Christians, research fellow, afterwards professor at the UCLouvain
Stefania Casalfiore, postdoc, afterwards responsible for religious education at CFB
Coralie Buxant, PhD, afterwards lecturer at the UCLouvain and Univ. of Namur
Lucia Adamovova, PhD stay, afterwards professor at the Slovak Academy of Sciences
Rosa Scardigno, PhD stay, afterwards postdoc at the University of Bari
Mike Friedman, postdoc, afterwards professor at Fucam-UCLouvain School of Management
Ulrike Rangel, postdoc, afterwards researcher at the German State Institute for School Development
Matthieu Van Pachterbeke, PhD, afterwards lecturer and consultant in statistics at the UCL
Patty Van Cappellen, PhD, today researcher director at Duke University, North Carolina
Joanna Blogowska, PhD, today employee at the Polish Academy of Science
Magali Clobert, PhD & postdoc, today professor at the University of Caen Normandy
Jolanda van der Noll, postdoc, afterwards postdoc researcher at the University of Hagen
Csilla Deak, PhD, today learning coordinator at BP company
Claire Prade, PhD, today lecturer at Aix-Marseille University
Caroline Rigo, PhD, afterwards people analytic experts at Axa Bank and Insurance, Belgium
Filip Uzarevic, PhD, afterwards research collaborator at Oxford University and postdoc researcher at University of Zagreb

Member of Ph.D./Dr. habil. committees / juries

Brezo Cortes Pozo (UCL, 2005), Niko Tiliopoulos (U of Edinburgh, 2004), Sylvia Mohr (U of Geneva, 2007), Jan Reitsma (U of Nijmegen, 2007), Fabien Chaffard (U of Bordeaux 2, 2007), Benjamin Thijse (UCL, 2009), Diana Sistiva (U of Bordeaux 2, 2009), François Mathijssen (UCL, 2011), Marianne Bourdon (U of Nantes, 2012), Caroline Iweins (UCL, 2012, chair), Jobi Thomas Thurackal (KULeuven, 2012), Nastasya Van der Straten Waillet (UCL, 2013), Bonnie Poon Zahl (Cambridge U, 2013), Anne Fetsje Sluis (U of Groningen, 2014), Maja Schachner (Tilburg U, 2014), Qirui Tian (U of Toulouse, 2014), Véronique Neuvens (UCL, 2014, chair), Lee Huuskes (U of Wollongong, Australia, 2016), Alexy Assaf Beck (UCL, 2018, chair), Laëtitia Leloup (UCL, 2018), Emmanuel Declercq (UCL, 2018, chair), Baptiste Boisseau (U of Nantes, 2019), Christophe Panichelli (U of Liège, 2019), Kyle Messick (Conventry U, 2019), Maria Toth (UCL, 2020), Human-Friedrich Unterrainer (Dr. habil., U of Vienna, 2020), Cindel White (U of British Columbia, 2021), Viivi Eskelinen (U of Helsinki, 2024), Camille Boever (UCL, current), Liselotte Cullman (UCL, current), Saartje Van den Bossche (UCL, current), Yaakov Greenwald (Hebrew U of Jerusalem, current)

Grants (principal investigator)

2024-2028 Research grant (PDR) from the National Fund for Scientific Research, "Religion's role on conspiracy beliefs: Between individual and cultural differences", 267.000 €

2023-2024 Grant (PhD student: Nathalie Castaigne) from the Research Council of UCLouvain, "Pro-environmental attitudes and behavior: The role of spirituality and religiosity within individual differences", 45.000 €

- 2018-2020 Grant (PhD student: Carlos Alcala) from the Research Council of UCLouvain, "The effects of nature on morality: An environmental psychology perspective", 76.500 €
- 2018-2021 Doctoral position in religious sciences (Mohammad Ashraf) from the International Action Committee of the University of Louvain: "Cross-cultural psychology of fundamentalism across religions", 74.000 €
- 2016-2019 Post-doctoral position (Magali Clobert) from the National Fund for Scientific Research, "Cultural vs. religious differences: Isomorphism or compensation?", 120.000 €
- 2015-2019 Doctoral position (Aspirant: Filip Uzarevic) from the National Fund for Scientific Research, "Modern atheism: Indifference, belief, or dogmatism?", 140.000 €
- 2014-2016 Research grant (PDR) (PhD student: Claire Prade) from the National Fund for Scientific Research, "Awe: The dark, or not so bright, side of a self-transcendent positive emotion", 82.000 €
- 2012-2016 Doctoral position (Aspirant: Csilla Deak) from the National Fund for Scientific Research, "When abstract impersonal deontology conflicts with interpersonal prosocial concerns: Emotional, cognitive, and moral determinants", 120.000 €
- 2012-2015 Grant from the John Templeton Foundation (USA), "Clarifying the very nature of awe and its implications for spirituality", 313.000 €
- 2012-2014 Postdoctoral position (Jolanda van der Noll), co-funded by the Marie Curie Actions of the European Commission and the Académie Universitaire Louvain, "Restricting Islam in the public sphere: The role of secularism and religiosity", 75.000 €
- 2010-2014 Doctoral position (Aspirant: Magali Clobert) from the National Fund for Scientific Research, "Religion, prejudice, and dogmatism in Eastern, non-monotheistic cultural contexts", 120.000 €
- 2009-2010 Postdoctoral position (Mike Fridman) from the Research Council of the University of Louvain, "Religion's role in acculturation of (ex)immigrants", 38.000 €
- 2008-2013 (co-promoters: L.-L. Christians, I. Roskam, F. Brion) Grant Research Coordinated Action (ARC) from the Communauté Française de Belgique and the UCL, "Religious fundamentalism, dogmatism, and radicalisms: Internal dynamics and social regulation", 800.000 €
- 2008-2012 (co-promoter: A. Wenin) Doctoral position (Aspirant: Patty Van Cappellen) from the National Fund for Scientific Research, "The impact of positive emotions on religion and spirituality: A psychological and biblical study", 120.000 €
- 2006-2009 Metanexus Institute (USA), Local Societies Initiative: "Religion, values, and morality in secularized and multicultural societies", 15.000 \$
- 2006-2007 Postdoctoral position from the Research Council of the University of Louvain (FSR): "Religion's role in acculturation among Muslim immigrants", 30.000 €
- 2005-2007 (co-promoter: J. Scheuer) Grant from the Fund for Collective Fundamental Research (FRFC, B): "The new conversions: a challenge for the theories of functionalism and religious socialization", 50.000 €
- 2003-2005 (co-promoter: L.-L. Christians) Grant from the Federal Belgian Science Policy (B), Program *Social Cohesion*: "Cults in a pluralist system: devices for a policy of precaution", 220.000 €
- 2002-2006 Grant (PhD student: Isabelle Pichon) from the Research Council of UCLouvain (FSR): "Religion and prosocial behavior: from aggression to altruistic sacrifice", 100.000 €
- 2000 Fulbright Grant-in-aid (USA, B), 100.000 BEF

- 1999 Cathol. Comm. for Cultural Collaboration (I, B), Grant for the English translation (Saroglou, 2001) of a book published originally in French, 50.000 BEF

Fellowships & Mission grants

- Nov 2024 Erasmus+ fellowship for teaching mobility, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City
- 01-04/2017 Belgian National Fund for Scientific Research (B), Mission grant, New York University
- 04-06/2009 Communauté Wallonie-Bruxelles International, Fellowship of excellence, Arizona State University
- 01-03/2009 Belgian National Fund for Scientific Research (B), Mission grant, Arizona State University
- 1999-2001 UCLouvain, Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 1995-1999 National Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS, B), Doctoral Fellowship
- 1992-1994 Fund Alexandros ONASSIS (GR), Post-graduate Fellowship
- 1989-1995 Cathol. Comm. for Cultural Collaboration (I, B), Post-graduate Fellowship
- 1984-1988 National Scholarships Foundation (IKY) (GR)

Awards and scientific distinctions

- 2023 Lifelong membership, IAPR-International Association for the Psychology of Religion
- 2020 Solvay Quinquennial Excellence Prize in social and human sciences, FNRS (75.000€)
- 2018 APS Association for Psychological Science, Fellow
- 2018 EAPP European Association of Personality Psychology, Mid-Career Award (biennial)
- 2017 William James Award (quadrennial), American Psychological Association-Division 36
- 2016 American Psychological Association – Division 8, Fellow
- 2015 SPSP Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Fellow
- 2015 American Psychological Association - Division 36, Fellow
- 2014-2015 President of the Académie internationale des sciences religieuses
- 2013 Virginia Sexton Mentoring Award, American Psychological Association, APA-Division 36
- 2011-2015 President of the International Association for the Psychology of Religion
- 2006 Godin Prize (quinquennial), International Association for the Psychology of Religion
- 2005 Early Career Award, APA American Psychological Association - Division 36
- 2002 Elected Fellow, Académie internationale des sciences religieuses
- 2000 Fulbright Scholar, USA-Belgium
- 1999 Paper Award, ISHS International Society for Humor Studies, USA
- 1984 Award, IKY National Scholarships Foundation, Greece

Editorial and reviewing expertise

Editorship

- International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, associate editor (2007-2014), co-editor (2015-2016), member of the advisory board (2017-), invited guest co-editor (in preparation)
- Series "*Religion et sciences humaines*", Paris, L'Harmattan, editor (2004-2010)
- Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, special issue, guest co-editor (2011, 42-8)
- Current Opinion in Psychology*, special issue, invited guest co-editor (2021, 40)

Member of editorial boards

Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology (2025-)
International Review of Social Psychology (2015-)
Psychology of Religion and Spirituality (2009-)
Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion (2008-)
Mental Health, Religion, and Culture (2003-2021)
Archive for the Psychology of Religion (2003-)
 Series "Religion et sciences humaines", Paris, L'Harmattan (1998-2003)
 Series "Religio", Presses Universitaires de Louvain (2017-)

Ad hoc reviewer: 105 international journals

- all international journals of psychology of religion and sociology of religion
- all international journals of personality, social, and cross-cultural psychology, including *European Journal of Social Psychology*, *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *Journal of Personality*, *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *Personality and Individual Differences*, *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *Personality and Social Psychology Review*, *Political Psychology*
- several international journals in developmental psychology, psychology of emotions, and general psychology, including *American Psychologist*, *Attachment and Human Development*, *L'Année Psychologique*, *British Journal of Psychology*, *Cognition and Emotion*, *Developmental Psychology*, *Emotion*, *Journal of Adolescence*, *Psychological Bulletin*, *Psychological Science*
- several international journals in other social sciences and interdisciplinary, including *European Sociological Review*, *Journal of Anthropological Research*, *Nature-Human Behaviour*, *Plos ONE*, *Political Behavior*, *Population Studies*, *Science*, *Social Science Research*, *Sociological Theory*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*

Other expertise – consulting

Funding Agencies

Agence Nationale de Recherche (ANR), France • Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) • Austrian Science Fund • Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NOW) • Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) • John Templeton Foundation (JTF), USA • National Science Foundation (NSF), USA • American University of Sharjah research grants • Academy of Finland • European Commission: H2020 • National Science Centre, Poland • LEaDing Fellows Interuniversity Panel, the Netherlands • Estonian Research Council • Croatian Science Foundation • Israel Science Foundation • Humboldt Foundation, Germany

National Fund for Scientific Research (FNRS), Belgium: Member of the Social and Human Sciences-2 (Psychology, Neurosciences, and Education) commission (2011-2013), Reviewer for the Social and Human Sciences-3 (Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Letters) commission

Universities

External evaluator of professors for tenure or promotion; or *departments (study programs):

Indiana University, University of Thessaloniki, University of Illinois, University of Rhodes, Yeshiva University (NY), VU University of Amsterdam, University of Oregon, Glyndŵr University (UK), University of Kentucky, University of California Irvine, Hebrew University of

Jerusalem, National University of Athens, University of Hawaii, National Taiwan University, Wheaton College (IL), *National University of Athens, Dept of Theology

Publishers (book proposals, books, chapters)

SAGE Publications (Psychology Journals section) • Rodopi Publisher (International Series for the Psychology of Religion) • Psychology Press (Social Psychology textbooks section) • Guilford Press • Cambridge University Press • Springer • Bloomsbury

Scientific Award Juries, Member

Major Advancement of Psychology Prize by the IUPSYS - International Union of Psychological Science (2018-2020) • The best PhD thesis Award by the Belgian Association for Psychological Science (2018-2019) • Godin Prize and Early Career Award by the IAPR - International Association for the Psychology of Religion (2011-2017)

University rankings

Times Higher Education World University Rankings (2016, 2019) • QS World University Rankings (2020)

International and national coordination and service

President of the European Network (Advanced Studies Diploma) in Psychology of Religion (2006-2011). Eight Universities-partners: Abo (Finland), Amsterdam, Nijmegen (The Netherlands), Uppsala, Lundt (Sweden), Wien (Austria), KUL and UCL (Belgium).

Board member (2009-2011) and President (2011-2015) of the IAPR-International Association for the Psychology of Religion

Vice-President (2005-2014) and President (2014-2015) of the AISR-Académie Internationale des Sciences Religieuses

Member of International Conferences Scientific Committees:

Spanish Association for the Sciences of Religions Conference, Grenada, Spain, 2020
1st and 2nd French-speaking meeting in Positive Psychology, Grenoble, 2016 and 2017
International Association for the Psychology of Religion Congress, Istanbul, 2015
22th International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology Congress, Reims, 2014
International Association for the Psychology of Religion Congress, Lausanne, 2013
13th International Conference on Children's Spirituality, Leuven, 2013
International Association for the Psychology of Religion Congress, Bari, 2011

International Consultant for the *Μεγάλη Ορθόδοξη Χριστιανική Εγκυκλοπαίδεια* [Great Orthodox Christian Encyclopedia], Strategikes Ekdoseis, Athens (2010-2014)

National representative (Belgium) at the International Union for Psychological Sciences (IUPSyS) (2012-2015)

Member of the following scientific societies:

SPSP-Society for Personality and Social Psychology • IAPR-International Association for Psychology of Religion • APA-American Psychological Association • APS-Association for Psychological Science • SSSR-Society for the Scientific Study of Religion • EAPP-European Association of Personality Psychology • IACCP-International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology • ISHS-International Society of Humor Studies

Mentor at the SPSP 2012 Mentoring Luncheon (San Diego, CA)

Mentor at the Division 36 Students hour, APA 2013 Annual Convention (Honolulu, HI)

Consulting:

Centre pour l'égalité de chances et la lutte contre le racisme / Centre for equal opportunities and opposition to racism (Belgium, federal) (2005 and 2013)

Centre d'information sur les organisations sectaires nuisibles / Centre for information on detrimental sectarian organisations (Belgium, federal) (2007 and 2013)

Teaching

Teaching at UCLouvain

(* current)

Bachelor

Methods of observation

Personality psychology *

Introduction to social psychology, for students in Economics and Management

Cultural and cross-cultural psychology *

Introduction to psychology, for students in Law

Psychology of religion *

Master

Developmental psychology for adult students in Education

Psychology of religious development

Social psychology of religion

Religion, health, and psychotherapy *

Cross-cultural psychology of religion and morality *

Interdisciplinary seminar in sciences of religion *

Doctorate

Specific topics in personality and social psychology

Invited lecturing (psychology of religion) in other universities

Institute Lumen Vitae, Brussels (1998, 15h)

Université catholique de Lille, France (1997-2004, 20h)

University of Saint-Louis, Brussels (2002, 10h)

University of Porto, Portugal (2003, 8h)

University of Grenoble 2, France (2003, 20h)

University of Lausanne, Switzerland (2005, 4h)

University of Uppsala, Sweden (2005, 12h)

University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica (2009, 8h)

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland (2023, 15h)

University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (2024, 8h)

Undergraduate students' supervision

Direction of 75 Master's theses in psychology

Supervision of 20 students' training in research (Master 1)

Supervision of many students' training practice in psychology

Administrative responsibilities at the University

President/chair of several commissions and institutions, including Psychology Master's Jury and the VAE's Jury (2009-2018, 2020-2022) EPSY-School of Psychology (2019-2021), Doctoral Commission in Sciences of Religions (2016-2020), Building commission (2016-2021), Division of Social and Organizational Psychology (2005-2008, 2013-2014)

Member of many committees and boards at the Department (Faculty and Institute), dealing with governance (Boards), research, teaching (Bachelor, Master, Doctorate), programs reform, academic and staff promotions, and international relationships

Collaboration within the University

Member of the "Groupe des Sciences Sociales des Religions" (GSSR: 1995-2005)

Member of the "Centre interdisciplinaire d'études sur l'Islam dans le monde contemporain" (CISMOC: 2003-2005)

Member (associate) of the "Centre de recherche sur l'imaginaire: équipe Figures et formes de la spiritualité dans la littérature et les expressions artistique" (since 2001)

Member of the core inter-departmental committee that prepared (2004-2007) and now organizes (since 2007) the interdisciplinary Master in sciences of religion

Coordination of an SSTC project (Psychology and Law; 2003-2005) and an ARC project (co-promoters from Psychology, Law, Criminology; 2008-2013)

Invited lectures and colloquia

* = keynote address

Note: When a University is mentioned, the invitation was made by the Department of Psychology, except if otherwise specified.

University of Lausanne, Dept. of Religious Studies, Switzerland, March 1999

University (Catholic) of Lille, France, November 1999

University of Kansas, KS, USA, March 2000

College of William & Mary, VA, USA, April 2000

Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, 2000

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, December 2001

Lundt & Uppsala Universities, Sweden, June 2002

Académie internationale des sciences religieuses, Bose, Italy, September 2002

University of Grenoble 2, France, April 2003

Académie internationale des sciences religieuses, Lecce, Italy, October 2003

Académie internationale des sciences religieuses, Friburg, Switzerland, September 2005

University of Lausanne, Dept. of Religious Studies, Switzerland, May 2005

- * American Psychological Association (APA) Convention, Program of Division 36, Washington, DC, August 2005
- Metanexus Institute Conference, Philadelphia PA, USA, June 2007
- University of Bern, Switzerland, Faculty of Religious Studies, October 2007
- University of Groningen, the Netherlands, September 2008
- Indiana University South Bend, IN, USA, April 2009
- Universitair Centrum Sint-Ignatius Antwerpen, April 2009
- Arizona State University, AZ, USA, April 2009
- University of Costa Rica, San Jose, Costa Rica, May 2009
- Monastero di Bose, XXVIIth Ecumenical Conference, Italy, September 2009
- Académie internationale des sciences religieuses, Firenze, Italy, November 2009
- SPSP 2nd Psychology of Religion Preconference, Las Vegas, USA, February 2010
- University of Amsterdam, VSPA International Conference, the Netherlands, April 2010
- Jacobs Foundation Conference, Schloss Marbach, Konstanz, Germany, April 2010
- University of Nantes, France, October 2010
- * Cross-Cultural Psychology Symposium, Tilburg University, the Netherlands, April 2011
- * International Association for the Psychology of Religion Conference, Bari, Italy, August 2011
- SSSR Meeting, Celebrating the 50 years of JSSR Symposium, Milwaukee, USA, October 2011
- 10^{èmes} Journées d'études en psychologie sociale, Université de Bretagne Occidentale, Brest, France, December 2011
- SPSP 8th Cultural Psychology Preconference, San Diego, California, USA, January 2012
- SPSP 13th Annual Meeting, Graduate Students Mentoring Luncheon, San Diego, California, USA, January 2012
- Tilburg University, Dept. of Cross-Cultural Psychology, the Netherlands, November 2012
- Brunel University, London, United Kingdom, April 2013
- Académie internationale des sciences religieuses, Athens, Greece, May 2013
- University of Havre, Dept. of Law, France, September 2013
- University of Southampton, United Kingdom, October 2013
- * IV Congresso Latino-Americano & XI Encontro Mineiro de Avaliação Psicológica, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, November 2014
- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Harry Truman Institute for the advancement of peace, Israel, January 2015
- Inaugural International Convention of Psychological Science (ICPS), Featured speaker, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, March 2015
- Collège Belgique, Belgian Royal Academy of Sciences, Letters, and Arts, September 2015
- University Blaise Pascal, Clermont-Ferrand, France, December 2015
- Festival della Psicologia, Univ. of Turin and Piedmont Psychologists Order, Italy, April 2016
- The New School for Social Research, Dept. of Psychology, New York, USA, February 2017
- New York University, Dept. of Psychology, Social Justice Lab, New York, USA, March 2017
- Fondazione Intercultura onlus, Conference on "The religious dimension of intercultural dialogue", Bari, Italy, April 2017
- IACCP-International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, IX Regional Conference, Invited symposium's chair, Warsaw, Poland, July 2017

- * American Psychological Association (APA) 125th Annual Convention, Program of Division 36 (William James Award keynote address), Washington, DC, August 2017
- Annual conference on childhood and adolescence, Association Couleur d'enfants, Marseille, France, Decembre 2017
- Utrecht University, European Research Centre on Migration and Ethnic Relations, the Netherlands, April 2018
- * European Association of Personality Psychology 19th Conference, Mid Career Award address, Zadar, Croatia, July 2018
- 19th Scientific Day of Psychology and Spirituality, Ramon Llull University, Institute of Mental Health, Vidal i Barraquer Foundation, Barcelona, Spain, May 2019
- * 12th Cognitive Science Conference, Jangellonian University, Krakow, Poland, May 2020
CANCELLED
- Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence, France, May 2021 (online)
- * International Union of Psychological Science, 32nd International Congress of Psychology, Prague, Czech Republic, July 2021 (online)
- University of Indonesia, Faculty of Psychology, Depok, Indonesia, August 2021 (online)
- * European Academy of Religion 4th Annual Conference, Munster, Germany, September 2021
- Computational Political Psychology Network, City University of London, April 2022 (online)
- Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland, May 2023
- University of Helsinki, Finland, January 2024
- Collège Belgique, Belgian Royal Academy of Sciences, Letters, and Arts, April 2024
- National University of Athens, Faculty of theology, Athens, Greece, May 2024
- * International Conference on Psychological Trauma and Post-Traumatic Growth, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, November 2024
- University of Lausanne, Institute of sciences of religion, Switzerland, May 2025

Publications and Impact

Publications

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Bibliometric indicators

h-index: 52. Citations: 13.100 (Google Scholar) Google Scholar [page](#)

Among top cited scholars worldwide (0.33-0.72%), across sciences, in social sciences, in psychology (rankings contr. for multi-authorship: ScholarGPS [2022](#); Stanford/Elsevier [2023](#))

Citations in reference books across disciplines (indicative examples)

Introductory Psychology textbooks: Kosslyn & Rosenberg (Pearson, 2006), King (McGraw-Hill, 2010), Rathus (Wadsworth, 2011), Gross (Hodder Education, 2014)

Social, Political, Cross-Cultural, Evolutionary, and Organizational Psychology: Handbook of research synthesis and meta-analysis (Sage, 2009), *Handbook of social psychology* (Wiley, 2010),

APA Handbook of personality and social psychology (2014), *Oxford handbook of prosocial behavior* (2015), *Cambridge handbook of the psychology of prejudice* (2016), *The Ashgate research companion to political violence* (2012), *Handbook of cultural psychology* (Guilford, 2019), *Routledge international handbook of consumer psychology* (2016), *Handbook of evolutionary psychology* (Wiley, 2016), *Oxford handbook of workplace discrimination* (2018), *Oxford Handbook of social influence* (2017), *The Cambridge Handbook of political psychology* (2022), *The social psychology of tolerance* (Routledge, 2022)

Personality, Emotions, and Health Psychology: *Handbook of personality* (Guilford, 2008), *Personality theories: A global view* (Sage, 2017), *Handbook of positive emotions* (Guilford, 2014), *Encyclopedia of positive psychology* (Blackwell, 2009), *Handbook of health psychology* (Psychology Press, 2012), *The Encyclopedia of mental health* (Academic Press, 2015), *An introduction to the psychology of humor* (Routledge, 2019), *The handbook of personality dynamics and processes* (Academic Press, 2021), *The Wiley Encyclopedia of personality and individual differences* (2020), *Handbook of positive psychology assessment* (Hogrefe, 2022), *Awe: The transformative power of everyday wonder* (Penguin, 2023)

Cognitive Sciences: *The science of lay theories: How beliefs shape our cognition, behavior, and health* (Springer, 2017), *The happy mind: Cognitive contributions to well-being* (Springer, 2017), *Cognitive science: New developments and future directions* (Routledge, 2022), *Culture, mind, and brain: Emerging concepts, models, and applications* (Cambridge UP, 2022), *The Oxford Handbook of cultural neuroscience and global mental health* (2022)

Developmental, Moral, and Educational Psychology: *Handbook of attachment* (Guilford, 2008), *Social development* (Wiley, 2010), *Routledge handbook of identity studies* (2011), *Handbook of personality development* (Guilford, 2019), *Encyclopedia of adolescence* (Springer, 2011), *Wiley Encyclopedia of adulthood and aging* (2016), *Oxford handbook of reciprocal adult development and learning* (2011), *Moral psychology* (MIT Press, 2007), *Behavioral business ethics* (Routledge, 2012), *The Oxford handbook of parenting and moral development* (2019), *Values and behavior* (Springer, 2017), *Handbook of moral development* (Taylor & Francis, 2022), *APA handbook of adolescent and young adult development* (2023)

Sciences of Religion (other than psychology): *Sage handbook of the sociology of religion* (2007), *Oxford handbook of sociology of religion* (2008), *Religion in international relations theory* (Routledge, 2013), *Oxford handbook of atheism* (2013), *Routledge handbook of Muslim-Jewish relations* (2016), *Oxford handbook of new religious movements* (2016), *Belief systems, religion, and behavioral economics* (Business Exert, 2014), *Theological and philosophical responses to syncretism* (Brill, 2018) *Radicalisation in theory and practice* (U Michigan Press, 2022), *Routledge handbook of religious and spiritual tourism* (2023)

Other Social and Human Sciences: *Evolutionary biology* (Springer, 2015), *Routledge handbook of media use and well-being* (2016), *Routledge handbook on deviance* (2018), *Oxford research encyclopedia of politics* (2019), *Advances in psychology and law* (Springer, 2016), *Translating humor* (Routledge, 2016), *Memorials matter: Emotion, environment and public memory at American historical sites* (Univ. of Nevada Press, 2019), *The politics of American Jews* (U Michigan Press, 2019), *Gendered lives* (State U NY Press, 2022)

Popular books and essays: *Quircology: The curious science of everyday lives* (Pan Books, 2008), *Fingerprints of God: The search for the science of spirituality* (Penguin, 2009), *People will talk: The surprising science of reputation* (Wiley, 2012), *The 7 laws of magical thinking: How irrationality makes us happy, healthy, and sane* (Oneworld, 2012), *Clash! 8 cultural conflicts that make us who we are* (Hudson Street Press, 2013), *Ha! The science of when we laugh and why* (Basic Books, 2014), *Listen, we need to talk: How to change attitudes about LGBT*

rights (Oxford UP, 2017), *Your God is too somber* (Wipf & Stock, 2019), *The extended mind: The power of thinking outside the brain* (Mariner Books, 2021)

Congress presentations

(Co-) author of **230 presentations** in many international conferences such as:

SPSP-Society for **Personality** and **Social** Psychology Annual Conventions • EAPP-European Association for **Personality** Psychology Conferences • APA-**American** Psychological Association Conventions • **APS**-Association for Psychological Science Conventions • ICP-**International** Congress of Psychology • ICPS-**International** Conventions of Psychological Science • IACCP-International Association for **Cross-Cultural** Psychology Congresses • IAPR-International Association for Psychology of **Religion** Conferences • ISHS-International Society for **Humor** Studies Conferences • Mid-Year Psychology of Religion and **Spirituality** Conferences • CERE-European Conferences on **Emotions** • ISRE-International Society for Research on **Emotions** Conferences • IAPP-International Society of **Political** Psychology Annual Meetings

List (send [email](#))

Media – Press

Interviews given, journalists' detailed articles (after scientific conferences or press conferences) or mere description of research findings in (see for detailed media impact: www.psyreli.org/media):

Belgian press - media

Le Soir (20 occurrences), *La Libre Belgique*, *De Morgen*, *Le Vif l'Express*, *Le Vif-BodyTalk*, *La Dernière Heure*, *L'Avenir*, *L'Echo*, *RH (Ressources Humaines) Tribune*, *Metro*, *Victoire (Supplément du Soir)*, *7 sur 7* (online), *Victor (Supplément du Soir)*, *Le Journal du Médecin*, *Télé-Moustique*, *Le Dimanche*, *Psychologies.be* (online), *Le Ligueur*, *Femmes d'aujourd'hui*, *Tertio*

RTBF-La première (radio : *Le Journal*, "Face à l'info", "Et Dieu dans tout ça", "Le Forum de Midi"), RTBF-La Une (télévision : "Questions à la une", *Journal Télévisé*, "En quête de sens"), RTBF-La Deux (télévision : "Medialog"), Bel-RTL, LN24 ("Pour Info"), Radio Twizz, RTL-TV, LnFm, Kerknet

International media – press

Europe:

Austria (Österreichischer Rundfunk) • Denmark (*Psykolog Nyt*) • France (France Culture, France-Inter Radio, *Cerveau & Psycho*, *Le Figaro*, *La Croix*, *La Vie*, *Le Monde de l'Intelligence*, *Le Journal des Psychologues*, *Le Cercle Psy*, *Bulletins électroniques-Ministère des affaires étrangères*, *GQ Magazine*, *Lecture Jeune*, *Reforme*) • Germany (*Gehirn & Geist*, *Christliches Medienmagazin Pro*) • Israel (Arutz Sheva-Israel National News online) • Italy (*L'Huffington Post*, *La Stampa*, *Rivista SRM*) • Norway (*Vart Land*) • Poland (*Rzeczpospolita*) • Portugal (*Revista Família Cristã*) • Spain (*Tendencias21*, *El Huffington Post*, *La Tribuna del país Vasco*) • Sweden (Helsingborgs Dagblad, Filmint-Film International) • Switzerland (*FACTS Magazine*, *RSI-Radiotelevisione svizzera*, *Sage-femme.ch*, *Lives FN-NF-Online*) • United Kingdom (*The Psychologist*, *The Independent*)

Americas:

Brazil (*Mente e Cérebro*) • Canada (Radio-Montréal, Radio Canada, *Huffington Post Québec*)
Chile: (Radio Biobio) • Chile (*El Dinamo*) • Colombia (*El Tiempo*) • Peru (Aciprensa) • USA
(*Scientific American Mind*, *National Affairs-Online*, *Psychology Today-Online*, *New York Post-Online*, *The Atlantic*, *APS-Association for Psychological Science Observer*, *Pacific Standard*,
The Huffington Post, *The Daily Caller*, *The Blaze*, *Politico*, *New American*)

Asia

Pakistan (*The Express Tribune*)

Web

WorldWide Religious News, EuropaWire, Catholic News Agency, Many international scientific blogs (on science and faith; atheism; multiculturalism; psychology)