

## Manéli Farahmand

**Senior Researcher SNSF** – University of Fribourg

**Director** – Intercantonal Information Center on Beliefs (CIC)

**PhD** – University of Lausanne and University of Ottawa

**Affiliated Researcher** – University of Lausanne, ISSR

## Research Areas

*Qualitative Analysis, Socio-Anthropology, Contemporary spiritualities, gender studies, feminist spiritualities, religious plurality, ethnic-inspired shamanic renewals, Ecstatic Dance, transnationalization, multi-sited ethnography*

## Fieldwork And Mobility

<b>2009 — 2010</b>	Ethnographic fieldwork in Mexico (Chiapas/ 13 months): religion and politics, faith-based NGOs, and liberation theology
<b>2012 — 2013</b>	Ethnographic fieldwork in Switzerland: new spiritualities, neo-pagan and neo-witchcraft circles
<b>2013</b>	Ethnographic fieldwork in Guatemala (Quetzaltenango, Cantel, Xecam): shamanic renewals and reformulation of Maya cosmivision in postcolonial context
<b>2014 — 2015</b>	Ethnographic fieldwork in Mexico (Mérida, Tulum, Guadalajara, San Cristóbal de las Casas): holistic women's circles, ethnic-inspired shamanic renewals
<b>2015</b>	Ethnographic fieldwork in Germany (Sulzfeld) and Swiss German-speaking areas (Basel): New Age ceremonies, sweat lodges, ethnic-inspired neo-shamanism
<b>2016</b>	FNS Doc-Mobility stay (1 year) at the University of Ottawa and the University of Montreal's Centre for Ethnic Studies
<b>2021 — 2023</b>	Digital ethnography and netnography on the reception of QAnon theses on conspiratorial platforms and networks
<b>2021 — 2024</b>	Empirical research in Switzerland on neo-spiritual and Ecstatic dances

## Education

<b>From Nov. 2024</b>	Senior researcher, University of Fribourg, habilitation expected in June 2025
<b>2021 — 2024</b>	Postdoctoral researcher SNSF, "Shake your senses! Anthropology of religious materialities in Swiss neospiritual dances", University of Fribourg, dir. Prof. Oliver Krüger, "The Dynamics of Ritual and Embodiment in Contemporary Religion and Spirituality".
<b>2023</b>	Training in "digital ROOM": social networks and "Media #community"

<b>2012 — 2018</b>	PhD in Religious Studies, specializing in socio-anthropology of religions, co-directed by Prof. Irene Becci and Prof. Peter Beyer. Joint PhD between the University of Lausanne and the University of Ottawa (Jury: Profs. Stefania Capone, Illario Rossi, Lory Beaman, James MacKenzie)
<b>2015 — 2016</b>	Bilingual PhD program (FR-ENG) in Religious Studies, Faculty of Arts, Department of Classics and Religious Studies, University of Ottawa (Canada), successfully passed the final exam (highest grade), and accreditation of advanced seminars (Jury: Profs. Marie-Françoise Guédon, Anne Valley, Peter Beyer)
<b>Sept. 2015</b>	Certificate from the 4th Swiss Festival of Qualitative and Mixed Methods, "Qualitative Research in the Digital Age"
<b>Aug. 2013</b>	17th Swiss Summer School on Advanced Methods in the Social Sciences, University of Lugano, with the SNSF FORS scholarship
<b>2008 — 2010</b>	Interfaculty Master in Social and Political Sciences and Religious Studies, University of Lausanne, specialization: political anthropology
<b>2004 — 2007</b>	Bachelor in History and History and Religious Studies (third option English), University of Lausanne

## Professional Experience

<b>From November 2024</b>	Senior researcher, University of Fribourg, Department of Social Sciences
<b>Since March 2021</b>	SNSF lecturer and postdoctoral researcher at the University of Fribourg, Department of Social Sciences
<b>Since January 2020</b>	Director of the Intercantonal Information Center on Beliefs (CIC), Geneva
<b>Sept. — Nov. 2019</b>	Romandie Director of the «Dialogue en Route» Project
<b>Nov. 2018 — July 2019</b>	Program Chair for the 2019 Congress of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR)
<b>Sept. 2018 — Aug. 2019</b>	Lecturer, University of Lausanne & University of Fribourg
<b>Sept. — Nov. 2018</b>	Researcher, University of Lausanne, Institute of Social Sciences of Religions
<b>Sept. 2012 — Sept. 2018</b>	Graduate assistant, Chair of "Religious Emergences and New Spiritualities", Prof. Irene Becci, ISSR, University of Lausanne
<b>Dec. 2016 — July 2017</b>	Local coordinator for the 2017 Congress of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR)
<b>April — Dec. 2015</b>	Project assistant, Volteface (research platform on the social aspects of energy transition), dir. Prof. Irene Becci, University of Lausanne
<b>July 2013 — July 2014</b>	Project manager for the pre-professionalization program of the Interfaculty Master "Understanding Interculturality", College of Religious Studies, University of Lausanne
<b>Dec. 2012 — Aug. 2013</b>	Interim studies advisor, College of Religious Studies, University of Lausanne
<b>Oct. 2012 — Dec. 2012</b>	Project assistant for the "50/50 Vision for Gender Equality (2013-2016)" program, dir. Prof. Irene Becci, University of Lausanne

<b>Oct. 2011 — May 2012</b>	Project manager at the NGO International Human Rights Network (IHRN), Geneva
<b>June 2011 — Sept. 2011</b>	Intern in project management, "Women's and Children's Rights in Bolivia", at the NGO Voces Libres, Geneva
<b>Jan. — May 2011</b>	Head of the NGO Delegation Reception Sector at Mandat International, Geneva
<b>Jan. — Dec. 2010</b>	Student assistant at the University of Lausanne, Prof. Silvia Mancini, Institute: Religions, Cultures, and Modernity
<b>March 2010 — Jan. 2014</b>	VOLUNTEER at Peace Brigades International, Swiss Romande section
<b>Jan. — Dec. 2009</b>	VOLUNTEER at the NGO Centro de Estudios e Investigación Intercultural (Inesin), Mexico

## Research Supervision and Grants

<b>2023-2025</b>	Co-supervision of the research on SOGIECE: "psycho-spiritual accompaniment for people facing gender identity and sexual orientation issues in religious context (Geneva and Vaud)", (with Ph. Gonzalez. Researcher: Philippe Gilbert), Intercantonal Information Center on Beliefs (CIC) and University of Lausanne.
<b>2023 — 2024</b>	Co-supervision of the research: "Religio-Cities: Religions and urban life in Geneva" (with M. Piraud. Researcher: S. Aleman et Juliette Salzmann, Intercantonal Information Center on Beliefs (CIC).
<b>2022 — 2024</b>	Co-supervision of the research "Re:Spiri: Mapping religious and spiritual diversity of the Canton of Ticino" (with M. Piraud. Researcher: T. Roveri et F. Moretti), Intercantonal Information Center on Beliefs (CIC).
<b>2021 — 2024</b>	Research "Conspiritualities and Covid-19: Social imaginaries, distrust and mobilizations" (with M. Piraud and S. Rouiller), Intercantonal Information Center on Beliefs (CIC).
<b>2018</b>	Submission of the research project: "Embodiment, Mediation, and Technology" with Profs. Irene Maffi and Florence Pasche, as part of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Digital Lives call. In consideration for a postdoctoral fellowship. The project was not selected.
<b>2015 — 2016</b>	Doc.Mobility Fellow of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) for the stay in Canada

## Teachings (2013-2024)

<b>Master and Bachelor Seminar</b>	"Spiritual Trance on the Dance Floor," University of Fribourg, Spring 2024 (ENG)
<b>Master and Bachelor Seminar</b>	"Research Seminar: Ritual & Embodiment," University of Fribourg, Spring 2022 (DE/ENG)
<b>Master Seminar</b>	"New Religious Movements: Epistemological and Methodological Issues," FTSR, University of Lausanne, Spring 2019 (FRAN)
<b>Master Seminar</b>	"New spiritualities, neo-shamanisms, neo-paganisms: theoretical and empirical approaches to contemporary religion", University of Fribourg, spring 2019 (FRAN)

<b>Master Course</b>	"Qualitative Approaches in Social Sciences of Contemporary Religions: Epistemological and Methodological Issues," FTSR, University of Lausanne, Fall 2018 (FRAN)
<b>Master Course-Seminar</b>	"Grasping Gender through New Spiritual Rituals: Examples from 'Generative Nature'," FTSR, University of Lausanne, Spring 2018 (FRAN)
<b>Teaching in the CAS</b>	"Religions and Global Governance: Understanding, Negotiating, and Managing Cultural and Religious Diversity," University of Geneva, Dec. 2017 — Jan. 2018 (FRAN)
<b>Co-Organizer of the Course-Seminar, Master's and Bachelor's</b>	"New Spiritualities in Social Theory and Fieldwork: Issues and Methods," FTSR, University of Lausanne, Fall 2017 (FRAN) (with Prof. Irene Becci)
<b>Development of the Master's Course</b>	"Enlightening Interculturality" for Pre-Professionalization Master's Students, FTSR, University of Lausanne, 2012 — 2013 (FRAN)
<b>Various Educational Interventions (ENG &amp; FRAN)</b>	EHESS (Paris), UNIL (Lausanne), CHUV (Lausanne), HETS (Geneva), CIESAS (Mérida & Mexico City & Guadalajara/Mexico), UQAM (Montreal), CIC (Divers-Cités Training), CIVAJ (on the Religious Factor in Social Intervention)

## Fundraising

<b>2023 — 2024</b>	Co-fundraising for the organization of the "Mindful Motion" Conference at the University of Fribourg, 8,000 CHF (with O. Krüger)
<b>2020</b>	Co-fundraising for the SNSF project "The Dynamics of Ritual and Embodiment in Contemporary Religion and Spirituality," SNSF, 295'479 CHF (with O. Krüger)
<b>2023</b>	Fundraising for the CIC's research project on SOGIECE: "psycho-spiritual accompaniment for people facing gender identity and sexual orientation issues in religious context (Geneva and Vaud)", CHF 211, 310
<b>2022</b>	Fundraising for the CIC's research project, "Religio-Cities: Religions and urban life in Geneva", CHF 261,390
<b>2021</b>	Fundraising for the CIC's Mapping research project of the religious and spiritual diversity of Ticino, 454,000 CHF
<b>Since 2020</b>	Management of an annual budget of 650,000 CHF in the mark of the Inter cantonal Information Center on Beliefs (CIC). Various annual fundraisings ranging from 5,000 CHF (events) to 350,000 CHF (research projects, training programs, and operating budget). Many financial reports and annual balances
<b>2019</b>	Co-fundraising of 27,850 CHF for the publication of the book from my PhD (SNSF, Van Walsem Foundation, UNIL Publication Fund)
<b>2017</b>	Co-fundraising and financial report for organizing the 2017 Conference of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion, 25,000 CHF (with J. Stolz)
<b>2014</b>	SNSF Doc.Mobility Fundraising for the research stay in Canada: CHF 28,500
<b>2012 — 2015</b>	Fundraising for the project "MOKOMAYAS: Implementation of an E-Learning Training System in Human Rights for Indigenous Youth in Guatemala," 60,000 CHF, NGO RIDH

## Awards

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<b>2019</b>	Award for the best PhD thesis from the Société Académique Vaudoise (SAV), with the mention "Lauréat of University of Lausanne"
<b>2014</b>	City of Lausanne Award for the article "Une date deux discours? Le 21 décembre 2012 en Suisse et au Guatemala" <i>Religioscope</i> , April 2014
<b>2011</b>	Award for the Master's thesis from the Faculty of Theology and Sciences and History of Religions (FTSR/UNIL)

## Languages

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<b>French</b>	Native language
<b>Persian</b>	Native language
<b>Spanish</b>	C2 Advanced
<b>English</b>	C2 Advanced
<b>German</b>	B2
<b>Italian</b>	B1

## Associative and Scientific Commitments

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<b>Since 2024</b>	Member of the Contemporary Spiritual Practices Network (EASA)
<b>Since 2023</b>	Member of the Editorial Board of <i>Argos. Perspectives in Religious Studies</i>
<b>Since 2023</b>	Member of the Pierre & Laura Zurcher Foundation Council (Geneva)
<b>Since 2019</b>	Steering Committee of Dialogue en Route (DeR)
<b>Since 2019</b>	Representative of Switzerland on the Committee of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR)
<b>Since 2019</b>	Committee Member of the International Network for Human Rights (RIDH / Geneva)
<b>Jan. 2017 — Jul. 2019</b>	Member of the Bureau of the Gender Platform (PlaGe), University of Lausanne
<b>Jan. — Dec. 2014</b>	Member of the Research Commission, FTSR, University of Lausanne
<b>Jan. 2012 — Dec. 2013 and 2017</b>	Faculty Council Delegate, University of Lausanne

## Computer Skills

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Adobe InDesign, social media editing, qualitative analysis software (Atlas.ti, Maxqda, and Nvivo), WebEditor (Jahia / Wordpress)

## Publications

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### MONOGRAPHIES

(In preparation)	<i>'Danser ou être dansé' : Une anthropologie des danses néospirituelles en Suisse.</i> → Contacts with several publishers.
2022	<i>Néochamanisme Maya. Passé revisité, pouvoir au féminin et quête spirituelle.</i> Foreword by Stefania Capone. Lausanne: Éditions Antipodes, 400 pages.
2018	<i>In Lak'ech Al Lak'en. Je suis un autre toi. Tu es mon autre moi. Transnationalisation et mise en scène de l'autochtonie. Ethnographie des renouveaux mayas en perspective multi-située (Mexique, Guatemala, Suisse).</i> Joint PhD thesis between the University of Lausanne and the University of Ottawa, for the degree of Doctor of Religious Sciences (Unil) and Doctor of Philosophy – Religious Sciences (UdO), 556 pages.

### DIRECTION OF PUBLICATIONS

2024	Moretti Federica, Roverti Tatiana. <i>Re: Spiri. Cartografia della diversità religiosa e spirituale del Canton Ticino</i> , eds. and contributions of M. Farahmand, M. Piraud, <i>Annuario di Storia Religiosa della Svizzera Italiana</i> , Faculty of Theology of Lugano, 250 pages.
Summer 2025 (in preparation)	"Mindful Motion - Bodily and Dance Practices in Contemporary Spirituality", <i>Argos. Perspectives in the Study of Religion. Thematic issue</i> , eds. M. Farahmand, M. Mazzella.

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

(In preparation)	"Whispering to the Spirit of Cacao. Practices and Aesthetics of Cacao Medicina in Ecstatic Dance". In: <i>Mindful Motion - Bodily and Dance Practices in Contemporary Spirituality</i> , eds. Farahmand M., Mazzella M., <i>Argos. Perspectives in the Study of Religion</i> .
2024	<i>'When I Dance, I Feel the Earth Under My Feet': Aesthetics and Material Culture in Neo-Spiritual Dances</i> , <i>Material Religion</i> , 22 pages.
2024	"Les dérives sectaires en santé : comparaison entre la France et la Suisse. Partie 1. Définition et gestion du risque sectaire" (with F. Berna), <i>Hegel</i> , 2(4), pp. 154-174.
2024	"Les dérives sectaires en santé : comparaison entre la France et la Suisse. Partie 2. Évaluation et état des lieux des dérives sectaires en santé" (with F. Berna), <i>Hegel</i> , 2(4), pp. 175-194.
2024	"Conspiritualité", <i>Dictionnaire Anthropocen</i> (with M. Piraud), 7 pages.
2023	"QAnon pastel ou la surprenante convergence entre conspirationnisme politique et spiritualité New Age. Cyber-ethnographie d'activistes francophones" (with M. Piraud & S. Rouiller), <i>Anthropologica</i> , 29 pages.

2022	"Ethno-photographie de l'(in)visible: rituels chamaniques et éco-féminisme au Yucatán", <i>Argos. Perspectives in the Study of Religion</i> , 25 pages.
2021	"Quand une théorie du complot politique se fait révélation spirituelle: éléments sur la réception helvétique de QAnon en temps de pandémie" (with M. Piraud & S. Rouiller), <i>Working Paper</i> , 17, <i>Cahiers de l'Institut de Sciences Sociales des Religions (ISSR)</i> , University of Lausanne, pp. 1-30.
2020	"Ethnographie translocale des transformations contemporaines du champ de l'autochtonie", <i>Asdiwal Revue Genevoise d'Anthropologie et d'Histoire des Religions</i> , pp. 217-220.
2019	"Current Faces of Maya Renewals in Mexico", <i>International Journal of Latin American Religions (IJLAR)</i> , 4(1), pp. 48-74.
2019	"Actes de terrain. Saisir le genre à travers des nouveaux rituels: le cas de Damanhur" (with I. Becci & F. Prescendi), <i>Working Paper</i> 15, <i>Cahiers de l'Institut de Sciences Sociales des Religions (ISSR)</i> , University of Lausanne, 62 pages.
2018	"Photography and Ethnography: What Collaborations for Which Writing", <i>AnthroVision – VANEASA</i> , Special Issue Photography – Collaboration – Ethics, 5(2), pp. 1-29.
2016	"Mobility and Religious Diversity in Indigeness-Seeking Movements: A Comparative Case Study between France and Mexico" (with S. Rouiller), <i>New Diversities</i> , 1, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, pp. 53-71.
2015	"The Structuration of Power and Gender in the Varieties of Contemporary Spiritualities. Globalized Case Studies" (with I. Becci & A. Grandjean), <i>Ethnographia e Ricerca Qualitativa</i> , pp. 155-169.
2015	"Glocalisation and Transnationalisation in (Neo)-Mayanisation Processes: Ethnographic Case Studies from Mexico and Guatemala", <i>Religions</i> , 6(1), pp. 1-19.
2015	Text of the Ethno-Photographic Work in Mexico, <i>Catalogue Sense It!</i> , University Museum of Louvain-la-Neuve (with L. Gessler).
2014	"Une date, deux discours ? Le 21 décembre 2012 en Suisse et au Guatemala", <i>Cahiers de l'Institut Religioscope</i> , 12, in J.-F. Mayer (ed.), <i>Le Phénomène 2012</i> , pp. 15-34.
2013	"Ethnographie de la fin du monde. 2012 chez les acteurs de nouvelles voies spirituelles en Suisse romande" <i>Working Paper</i> , <i>Cahiers de l'Institut de Sciences Sociales des Religions (ISSR)</i> , University of Lausanne, 29 pages.

## PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

2022	"O movimento neomaia no México: etnografia de um fenômeno transnacional", in R. De la Torre, A. C. Steil, R. Toniol, <i>Entre trópicos: diálogos de estudos sobre a Nova Era no Brasil e no México</i> , ABA Publicações, Capricórnio, pp. 358-387.
2020	"Maya Revival Movements: Between Transnationality and Authenticity", in J. Cornelio, F. Gauthier, M. Tuomas, L. Woodhead (eds.), <i>Routledge International Handbook of Religion in Global Society</i> , London: Routledge, pp. 212-225.

- 2019** The (b)earth of gendered eco-spirituality: globally connected ethnographies between Mexico and the European Alps", in K. Knibbe, A. Fedele (eds.), *Secular Societies, Spiritual Selves? Gendering the Overlaps and Boundaries between Religion, Spirituality and Secularity*, London: Routledge, pp. 109-130 (with I. Becci & A. Grandjean).
- 2018** "La neo-mayanidad en México. Ethnografía de un fenómeno transnacional", in R. De la Torre, A. C. Steil, R. Toniol, *Entre Trópicos. Diálogos de estudios sobre Nueva Era Entre México y Brasil*, Guadalajara: CIESAS, pp. 379-410.

## Peer-Reviewer for the Following Journal

*Argos. Perspectives in the Study of Religion.*

*Current Anthropology*

*Social compass*

*Encartes antropológicas*

*The International Journal of Latin American Religions*

*Cahiers de l'Institut de sciences sociales des religions (ISSR)*

## Reviews of my Book (2022)

- 2022** Damien Karbovnik. «Manéli Farahmand, Néochamanisme maya. Lausanne, Antipodes», *Archives de sciences sociales des religions*, 200, oct.-dec.
- 2023** Pierre Gisel. «M. Farahmand- Le chamanisme revisité», *Réformés*.
- 2023** Magali Demanget. «Manéli Farahmand, 2022. Néochamanisme maya. Antipodes», *Ethnographiques.org*.

## Conferences

- 2025**  
**European Symposium co-organizer** «Thérapies de conversion». Les accompagnements psychospirituels de fidèle confronté·e·x·s à des questions d'identité de genre et d'orientation sexuelle en contexte religieux en Suisse et Europe francophone (with Ph. Gonzalez, Marta Roca l Escoda, Mischa Piraud, Philippe Gilbert), 7 mai 2025, Université de Lausanne.
- Conference** Beyond Academia: Engaging with the Media and the General Public » (with D. Lombardi), workshop Contemporary Spiritual Practices Network (EASA), Modalities of Sharing Research on Contemporary Spiritual Practices, May 16, Campus condorcet, EHESS, Paris.
- Conference** "Les groupes et pratiques religieuses qui questionnent: réponses du CIC", Module *Tensions socio-religieuses et médiations au sein des institutions*, CAS UNIL-EPFL organized by I. Becci, N. Durich Gauthier, C. Bovay, Diversité religieuse en institution. Prise en compte et gestion dans sa pratique professionnelle, March 7, 2025, University of Lausanne.
- Conference** "Les spiritualités féministes, une ressource pour la santé des femmes ?", *La spiritualité dans les soins series*, organized by L. Amiotte-Suchet and G. Sobral, March 6, 2025, Haute École de Santé Vaud (HESAV).



**Conference** "Les groupes et questions controversées dans le champ des religions", Professional Development Module (MAPPro), *Diversité des convictions et des sources d'autorité à l'école*, Haute École pédagogique du canton de Vaud (HEP), March 26, 2025.

**Conference** "Les nouvelles spiritualités, une ressource pour la santé des femmes ? Une analyse anthropologique du 'féminin sacré'", *Hospitals of Strasbourg conference series*, January 22, 2025.

## 2024

**Conference** "La santé holistique en Suisse: enjeux, défis et intervention du Centre intercantonal d'information sur les croyances (CIC)", as part of the course *Spiritualités hindoues, médecine et sport: perspectives globales* by Profs. N. Cattoni & Ph. Bornet, December 10, 2024, University of Lausanne.

**Conference** "Cartographier la diversité religieuse en Suisse: méthodologie et défis", book launch *Re :Spiri Mappare la diversità religiosa e spirituale del Canton Ticino*, Bellinzona, organized by the Department of Institutions of the Canton of Ticino, October 18, 2024 (with M. Piraud).

**Keynote Conference** "Féminin Sacré. Pratiques et récits à l'épreuve de l'anthropologie". *French Psychiatry Congress*, November 27-30, 2024, Rennes.

**Conference** "New Religious Landscapes in Switzerland", Symposium *Time Diagnostics of Religious Plurality in Vienna and Austria*, organized by K. Lehmann, September 13-14, 2024, University of Vienna (with M. Piraud).

**European Symposium Co-organizer** "Mindful Motion. Bodily and Dance Practices in Contemporary Spirituality", May 22-24, 2024, University of Fribourg (with O. Krüger and M. Mazzella).

**Conference** "Whispering to the Spirit of Cacao. Practices and Aesthetics of Cacao Medicina in Swiss Neospiritual Dancing Scene", May 22-24, 2024, as part of the European Symposium *Mindful Motion. Bodily and Dance Practices in Contemporary Spirituality*, University of Fribourg.

## 2023

**Conference** "Thinking Religious Changes Through a Transnational Lens: The Case of Mayan Revivals via New Age Spiritualities", Symposium *Transnational Scholars: Research Mobility and Knowledge Production in Religious Studies*, organized by Y. Dansac., G. Maria-Sol Somoza, December 8, 2023, Centre for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religions and Secularism (CIERL/Brussels).

**Presentation**, "Libre ? Ce corps qui parle pour moi... l'agentivité en question", research cycle coordinated by M. Mazzella, *Care and Spirituality in Dance or Somatic Practices*, June 16, 2023, Campus Condorcet (EHESS), Aubervilliers (Paris).

**Conference** "De l'Europe des bûchers au XXIe siècle. L'invention de la figure de la sorcière entre répression et nouvelles spiritualités", organized by the Alumni Office of the University of Lausanne, June 1, 2023 (with M. Ostorero).

- Conference** "How to Inform About Spiritual and Religious Organizations in Virtual Times?", Multilateral Workshop, organized by CIAOSN, March 22, 2023, Brussels (with M. Piraud).
- Conference** "Les groupes et pratiques religieuses qui questionnent: réponses du CIC", Module Tensions socio-religieuses et médiations au sein des institutions, CAS UNIL-EPFL organized by I. Becci, N. Durisch Gauthier, C. Bovay, *Diversité religieuse en institution. Prise en compte et gestion dans sa pratique professionnelle*, March 10, 2023, University of Lausanne.
- Webinar** "L'emprise en contexte religieux: approche interdisciplinaire", Public Conference of the Intercantonal Information Center on Beliefs (CIC), March 2, 2023 (with G. Dessart).

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## 2022

- Speaker** "Les croyances en mouvements", Round table organized by Social en lecture, moderated by Elisabeth Chardon, May 19, 2022, Geneva.
- Conference** "Les groupes et pratiques religieuses qui questionnent: réponses du CIC", Module Tensions socio-religieuses et médiations au sein des institutions, CAS UNIL-EPFL organized by I. Becci, N. Durisch Gauthier, C. Bovay, *Diversité religieuse en institution. Prise en compte et gestion dans sa pratique professionnelle*, March 11, 2022, University of Lausanne.
- Conference** "Les conspíritualités comme enjeux sociaux contemporains: analyse du Centre d'information sur les croyances (CIC), réflexions collectives et recommandations", Maser's Course: *Grands enjeux sociaux contemporains* by Profs. F. Panese & A. Berchtold, March 25, 2022, University of Lausanne (with M. Piraud).
- Conference** "Le nouvel âge du corps: politiques des sens dans les spiritualités contemporaines", as part of the exhibition *Corpus: Le corps et le sacré*, January 13, 2022, Museum of Art and History of Fribourg (MAHF).
- Conference** "Réenchanter la mort dans les rituels contemporains", Congress *Les couleurs de la mort. Nos vies, nos morts: nos choix*, October 5-8, 2022, Lausanne.

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## 2021

- Member of** the Scientific Committee for the 2021 Conference of the Centre Interdisciplinaire d'Histoire et de Sciences des Religions (CIHSR), "What Does the Health Crisis Do to the Scientific Process of Grieving and Funeral Rites? Interdisciplinary Perspectives", March 26, 2021, University of Lausanne.
- Conference** "When a Political 'Conspiracy Theory' Becomes a Spiritual Revelation: Elements on New Age Movements and the Swiss Reception of QAnon in Times of Pandemic", Panel: Surveying Ritual Creativity in Contemporary Paganism and New Age Prior to and During the COVID-19 Pandemic, 8th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR), Pisa (Italy), August 30 – September 3, 2021, (with M. Piraud).

**Panel Organizer** “The Dynamics Of Ritual And Embodiment In Contemporary Religion And Spirituality”, International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR) Congress, July 12-15, 2021, online (with A. Grandjean & M. Papaux).

**Speaker** “Politique de l’image/ image politique”, Round Table and Exhibition *Female Power(s)*, Female Artists, Female Shamans, and Power Struggles: Peru-Mexico Perspectives, Pôle Sud, Lausanne, October 7, 2021, (with S. Aleman).

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## 2020

**Conference** “Rostros de los movimientos neo-mayas desde la perspectiva de los estudios transnacionales”, *América Latina: Vinculando Mundos y Saberes, Tejiendo Esperanzas*, Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress, May 13-16, 2020, online.

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## 2019

**Conference** “New Age Maya-Seeking Movements Through a Transnational Lens”, Panel: *Major Transformations in Latin American Religious Practices: Globalization, Transnationalization, and Pentecostalization*, International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR) Congress, July 8-13, 2019, University of Barcelona.

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## 2018

**Panel Organizer** “Contemporary Spiritualities and New Age: Ethnographic and Historical-Comparative Approaches to a Transnational Field”, European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR) Congress, June 17-21, 2018, University of Bern (with S. Sutcliffe & T. Witzeling).

**Panel Organizer** “Gendered Eco-Spirituality: Conceptual Reflections”, European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR) Congress, June 17-21, 2018, University of Bern (with I. Becci & F. Prescendi).

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## 2014—2018

### Communications as part of the Doctoral School (PDHSR)

- “Approche des sujets sensibles et des terrains délicats”
- “Ethnographie des renouveaux mayas au Mexique”
- “La mayanité au prisme de la mobilité religieuse”
- “Le retour aux Mayas par la transnationalisation: entre quête de pureté et innovations identitaires”

**Session Chair** Conference *Féminismes religieux – Spiritualités féministes*, Interfacultary Gender Studies Platform (PlaGe), University of Lausanne.

**Member of the Scientific Committee** 018 Gender Research Day, Interfacultary Gender Studies Platform (PlaGe), University of Lausanne.

## 2017

<b>Conference</b>	"Mouvements de renouveau Mayas au Mexique: transnationalisation et réinvention de l'ethnicité maya", Research Day on Religion and Transnationalism, May 12, 2017, University of Lausanne.
<b>Conference</b>	"Guérir la Terre-Mère, guérir son féminin: écologisation féminisée des spiritualités néo-mayas au Mexique", International Symposium <i>Vers une Spiritualisation de l'Écologie?</i> , April 10-11, 2017, University of Lausanne.
<b>Conference</b>	"When Indigeneity Meets New Age: A Comparison of Two Ethnographies in Quebec and Mexico", Panel: <i>Indigenous Contemporary Religiosities. Between Solidarity, Contestation, Convergence and Renewal</i> , International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR) Congress, July 4-7, 2017, University of Lausanne.

## 2016

<b>Conference</b>	"Photography and Ethnography: What Collaborations for Which Communication?", Panel: <i>Producing and Transmitting Knowledge Audio-and/or Visually (VANEASA)</i> , European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) Congress, July 20-23, 2016, University of Milan.
<b>Conference</b>	"Mouvements de renouveau mayas au Mexique: transnationalisme et frontières de l'ethnicité", Panel: <i>CR36 Repenser les migrations et les paradigmes migratoires</i> , International Association of French-Speaking Sociologists (AISLF) Congress, July 4-8, 2016, University of Montreal.
<b>Conference</b>	"Saisir le genre à travers des nouveaux rituels spirituels: la nature génératrice entre différentialisme et égalitarisme", Gender Research Day by the Interfaculty Gender Studies Platform (PlaGe), University of Lausanne (with I. Becci & F. Prescendi).

## 2014-2015

<b>Ethnographic Exhibition</b>	"Le corps sexué dans les pratiques religieuses: affirmations et effacements", Conference <i>Le corps en perspective: approches de genre interdisciplinaires</i> , Interfaculty Gender Studies Platform (PlaGe), November 26 to December 2, 2015, University of Lausanne (with L. Gessler).
<b>Conference</b>	"Genre et mise en scène rituelle", Symposium <i>Le corps en perspective: approches de genre interdisciplinaires</i> , Interfaculty Gender Studies Platform (PlaGe), November 28, 2015, University of Lausanne (with L. Gessler).
<b>Conference</b>	"Glocalization and Transnationalization in Mayanization Processes. A Case Study of the Yucatan Peninsula (Mexico)", Panel <i>Glocal Religions</i> , International Society for the Sociology of Religions (ISSR) Congress, July 4, 2015, University of Louvain-la-Neuve.
<b>Conference</b>	"Le genre dans les milieux holistiques du Yucatán", Symposium Interfaculty Gender Studies Platform (PlaGe), University of Lausanne.

- Conference** "Transfer of Knowledge and Networking: The Relationship Between Researchers and Participants", Swiss Society for the Study of Religions (SGR-SSSR) Congress, November 5, 2014, University of Lucerne.
- Conference** "Observación participante: experiencia en campo, dentro de la materia", Centro Peninsular en Humanidades y Ciencias Sociales, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), May 8, 2014, Mérida (Mexico).
- 2013**
- Conference** "Cosmovisions mayas et droits humains : luttes séculaires ou spirituelles ? L'exemple du Centre Maya pour la Paix (Guatemala/ Quetzaltenango)", Research Conference of the Institut de sciences sociales des religions (ISSR), May 6, 2013, University of Lausanne.

## Media Communications

- 2025** "Le boom du chamanisme ", *Général magazine*, janvier 2025.
- 2024** "L'ecstatic dance, ou quand la danse cherche la transe", *Le Monde.fr*, 31.12.2024
- "Les CFF n'en feront rien - à la gare de Vevey, cette affiche anti-drogue liée à la Scientology agace", *Blick*, 21.12.2024
- "Derrière ces affiches anti-drogue, l'ombre de la Scientology", *Rivera Chablais Hebdo*, 18.12.2024.
- "Censure ou liberté d'expression? Les TL interdisent une pub suspectée de lien avec la Scientology", *24Heures*, 12.12.2024.
- "Dérives sectaires et nouvelles spiritualités", *Religiare*, 10.12.2024
- "30 ans après le Temple solaire, le complotisme ravive les craintes", *Le Matin Dimanche*, 6.10.2024.
- "Il y a 30 ans, l'horreur à Salvan", *Le Nouvelliste*, 5.10.2024
- "Complotisme et spiritualité. Un mélange risqué à surveiller", *24Heures*, 5.10.2024
- "Pourquoi le Féminin sacré cartonne", *RTS*, 8.05.2024.
- "Mit Tanz sur Trance – Ecstatic Dance in der Schweiz", *SRF 2*, 6.04.2024.
- "Religions et vie urbaine à Genève", *Causes communes*, avril-juin 2024 (with J. Salzmann).
- "Prêtresse chamane 2.0", *L'auditoire*, avril 2024.
- "Est-ce que le grand retour des soucoupistes ?", *24 Heures*, 6.03.2024.
- "Enquêtes criminelles: les inconnus du lac", *W9*, 2 épisodes, 20.03.2024.
- "Par-dessus les flammes", *Réformés*, 20.02.2024.
- "Une communauté adepte du prophète Raël existe toujours en Suisse", *RTS*, 18.02.2024.
- "La communauté raélienne en Suisse", *Forum-RTS*, 14.02.2024.
- "Le documentaire *Raël le prophète des extraterrestres* dans les yeux des raéliens valaisans", *Canal 9*, 09.02.2024.
- 2023**
- "Le mariage entre New Age et Qanon va (toujours) bien, merci pour lui", *l'ADN*, 24.11.2023 (with M. Piraud).
- "Religiosités parallèles: le festival *Tribe of Nova* entre musiques et réseaux néo-spirituels. Entretien avec Manéli Farahmand", *Religioscope*, 01.11.2023.
- "Le festival *Tribe of Nova*, frappé par le Hamas, était bien plus qu'une rave-party", *Le Monde.fr*, 28.10.2023.
- "Répondre au désir d'expérience chrétienne", *Réformés*, 26.09.2023 (with N. Appelt).
- "Le culte du soleil a son histoire faite de zéniths et d'éclipses (Un été au zénith: 30/41)", *24 Heures*, 07.08.2023.

“Enquête sur le réseau survivaliste Solaris en Suisse”, *La Matinale - RTS*, 20.06.2023.

“Le regard pluriel sur les religions”, *Allez savoir !*, mai 2023.

“Abus en milieux religieux: plongée dans l’univers tentaculaire des dérives spirituelles”, *24 Heures*, 02.04.2023.

Émission “La Matinale”, sur le drame de Montreux, *RTS*, 22.03.2023.

“Église: les cercles de femmes”, *Echos Magazine*, 08.03.2023.

“La parole entre femmes se libère au sein de l’Église réformée”, *24 Heures*, 19.02.2023.

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“Drame de Montreux: la piste complotiste évoquée”, *Le Temps*, 25.03.2022.

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“Covid, sectes et croyances”, *Bulletin du Rotary Clum, Numéro 12*, novembre 2021, pp. 15-18.

“Abus sexuels et emprise dans l’Église: deux femmes témoignent”, *Faut pas croire - RTS*, 09.10.2021.

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