

# Curriculum vitae

## Personal data

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## Education

09/2011-02/2012 Member of the Istituto Svizzero di Roma, Rome

Since 8/2009 PhD programme at the Department of History and Civilization, European University Institute in Florence.  
Research subject: "Between Tridentine Catholicism and the pluri-religious context: Latin Catholics in Constantinople in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century".

10/2008-12/2008 75% assistance at the chair of Prof. Dr. Christian Windler  
Preparation of a Ph.D project on „Latin Catholics in the Ottoman Empire in early modern times“

2001-2008 Academic studies at the University of Bern  
Major subject: History  
First Minor: Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies  
Second Minor: Political science

9/2007-11/2007 Research for the "Lizentiat" thesis in the "Archivio Storico De Propaganda Fide" in Rome

9/2003-6/2004 Academic studies at the "Università degli Studi di Bologna" with the ERASMUS programme

1996-2001 Grammar school Bern-Neufeld (Type D)

## Conference papers

27/05/2011 'Between Tridentine Doctrine and Local Practices: Latin Catholic Marriages in Constantinople 1650-1750', *Mixed Marriages in Europe: The Politics and Practices of Religious Plurality Between the Fourteenth and Nineteenth Centuries*, Deutsches Historisches Institut Rom.

16/04/2011 'Tridentine marriage in Constantinople 1660-1750', *Third European Congress on World and Global History*, London School of Economics and Political Science.

18/02/2011 'Between Apostasy and Martyrdom: Conversions in Constantinople at the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century' at the European University Institute, *4<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Early Modern Mission in a Global Perspective*, European University Institute.

## Professional experience

8/2004-7/2006 **Secondary school Jegenstorf**  
Engagement for 1.5 lessons per week (mathematics/geography/history)

2002-2009

**Secondary school Jegenstorf**

Diverse teaching substitutions (mathematics, German, French, English, geography, history)

2002-2009

**Association StattLand: Guided city walking tours in Bern**

- - Guidance of different walking tours through the city of Bern
- - Collaboration in project teams for the elaboration of new walking tours (2003 „Bern studiert, wo sich die Uni einquartiert“; 2004/2005 „Bern relativ, Einstein in seinem weltlichen Kloster“; 2006 „Bern diplomatisch, die Welt zu Gast im Kirchenfeld“, 2008/2009 „Schulen nach Bern“)

**Research project**

At the centre of my research project are the interactions between the Latin Catholic members of the Roman Catholic Church following the Western rite – in Constantinople between 1660 and 1750. The capital of the Ottoman Empire, Constantinople, is an excellent case study to highlight the processes related to the implementation of the Tridentinum in a Muslim context. There was a strong tension between the universal claims of the Roman church and the requirements of the local conditions. One of the main aims of the project is to work out the interactions and conflicts between the representatives of the Latin Catholics and the clergy in Constantinople and the Curia in Rome. I will try to identify the specificities of religious culture in the Muslim and pluri-confessional context of Constantinople, and to highlight changes in the local religious and social practices as a result of negotiation processes between various actors.