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Christian Windler studied History and French Linguistics and Literature at the Universities of Basel, Geneva and Toulouse. In 1991, he defended his doctoral dissertation on *Lokale Eliten, seigneurialer Adel und Reformabsolutismus in Spanien (1760–1808). Das Beispiel Niederandalusien* at the University of Basel (published in 1992; revised Spanish version 1997). From 2000 to 2004, he held a professorship at the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg im Breisgau. Since 2004, he has been Full Professor of Early Modern History at the University of Bern. Windler specializes in the history of diplomacy, religious practices, intercultural communication, and global entanglements from the early seventeenth to the early nineteenth centuries. His publications on the social and cultural history of diplomatic practice in the Mediterranean and Western Europe include *La diplomatie comme expérience de l'Autre. Consuls français au Maghreb (1700–1840)* (*Habilitation* 1999; published in 2002), articles in peer-reviewed journals, and several several co-edited volumes, including a special issue of the *International History Review on Transformations of Intercultural Diplomacies* (2019). Since the early 2000s, he has broadened his interest in cultural intermediaries by focusing on missionaries as cultural brokers and “glocal” actors. His publications in this field include the monograph *Missionare in Persien: Kulturelle Diversität und Normenkonkurrenz im globalen Katholizismus (17.–18. Jahrhundert)* (2019; revised English version 2024), several articles, and the co-edited volumes *Catholic Missionaries in Early Modern Asia: Patterns of Localization* (2020) and *Making Saints in a “Glocal” Religion: Practices of Holiness in Early Modern Catholicism* (2024). He has been principal investigator on several externally funded projects in new diplomatic history and in the history of religious practices in Europe and beyond. From February 2024 to January 2025, he is associated as Senior Researcher with the EU-funded project *HOLYLAB – A Global Economic Organization in the Early Modern Period: The Custody of the Holy Land through its Account Books (1600–1800)* at the University of Rome III (PI: Prof. Felicita Tramontana).