

Curriculum vitae

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Born 1967 in Zurich, Switzerland.

- 1987 – 1994 : Studies in Japanology, Philosophy and Modern Greek at the University of Geneva, Master in Japanese Buddhism with distinction, *Le Fushō Zen du Maître Bankei (1622–1693)*.
- 1998 – 2000 : Sanskrit and Indian studies at the University of Zurich.
- 2000 – 2006 : Doctoral Studies in Buddhism at the International College for Postgraduate Buddhist Studies (alias ICABS) in Tokyo. Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies with the highest distinction, *Analysis of the Pusa chutai jing (T12, no. 384)*.
- 2002 – 2006 : Guest lecturer (once a year) at the Department of East-Asian Studies (Japanological section) of the University of Zurich.
- 2006 – 2007 : Guest researcher at The Oriental Library (Toyo Bunko) in Tokyo; guest researcher of the École française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO) in Tokyo; and guest lecturer for the Antioch Education Abroad program “Buddhist Studies” in Kyoto.
- 2007 – 2009 : Researcher and lecturer at the Institute of Indology and Tibetology of the University of Munich.
- 2009 – 2012 : Assistant Professor in Buddhist studies, History of Religions, University of Geneva.

Main research interests

- Comparative studies on Buddhist sources in Indian languages and Chinese translations with a focus on doctrinal and literary themes of early Buddhism and of the early forms of Mahāyāna in India and Central Asia.
- Transmission of Buddhism to China and the translation history of its canon.