

Short Curriculum Vitae

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Education and qualifications

2016 **Habilitation to supervise doctoral research**, anthropology of religions, University of Strasbourg

2009 **Doctorate**, Faculty of religious sciences and theology, University of Lausanne (Thesis award of the Faculty)

1989 **Graduate degree** Sciences of religion, *Ecole Biblique et Archéologique Française* (Jerusalem)

1988 **MA Philosophy**, Paul Valéry University (Montpellier)

1988 **MA Theology**, Protestant Institute of theology (Paris / Montpellier)

Professional experience

Currently established researcher and codirector of the research team Religions and pluralism in the research centre *DRES-Droit, Religion, Entreprise, Société* (UMR 7354, joint unit of the *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique* [CNRS] and the University of Strasbourg), where she previously was research fellow from 2010 and project manager from 1990 to 2010. She is a full-time employee of the CNRS. In 1998-2000, she took a leave of absence to teach philosophy and anthropology for two years in Lesotho (Africa).

Director of the international research network and information project [Eurel](#) - legal and sociological information concerning religion in Europe and beyond, comprising 46 correspondents from 35 European countries and Canada.

Convenor of several research projects including « Offre de livres religieux islamiques en français » (availability of Islamic religious books in French), she has set up and manages the [Sociorel](#) blog of information on sociology of religion.

Research interests: religions in their contemporary diversity. Anne-Laure Zwilling's work focuses on minority religious groups in France and their relationship to the founding texts, as well as on religious developments in present-day Europe, especially regarding the ways in which religious plurality is considered in society.

Expert of the EU Commission for MSCA-IF since 2018. Member of the editorial board of *Journal of Muslims in Europe* (since 2022) and of [Human Affairs](#) (since 2025).

Qualified member of the Scientific Council on Radicalisation Processes (COSPRAD) under the aegis of the Prime Minister.

Language skills: English (fluent in reading, speaking and writing - DCL level C1); German, Spanish: read and spoken; Italian: read. Level 2 beginner in Arabic, beginner in modern Hebrew and Sesotho.

Main Research Project Grants and Funding)

2016-2022 Research project *L'offre de livres islamiques en langue française : catégorisation, succès de librairie et contenu – OLIF* (Funded by Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of National Education, 79 800 €).

2018 Religious minorities in France (Funded by Ministry of the Interior 5 000 €).

2013-2016 Research project *Construction et déconstruction du communautarisme : prescriptions religieuses et communautarisme religieux* (Funding MISHA, 24 000 €)

2012-2015 Research project *Religion and Territory* (Funded by University of Strasbourg, 9 500 €).

Current International Collaborations

Member of the Quebec axis of the Research Chair on *les enjeux contemporains de la liberté d'expression* ([Colibex](#))

Member of the scientific committee of *Recht und Religionen im Weimarer Dreieck* (university of Paderborn)

Member of *British Sociological Association Sociology of Religion study group* (SocRel) since 2021, of the international network *Religion & Public Institutions* (University of Cardiff, UK) since 2015, of the experts network *Religion et laïcité* (Université libre de Bruxelles) since 2015, of the *International Society of the Sociology of Religion (ISSR/SISR)* since 2006).

Selection of Publications

Recent Books:

- [Les religions et l'Europe](#), trad. des vol. 4 et 5 du *Oxford Handbook of Religion and Europe*, Presses universitaires de Rennes (avec Blandine Chelini-Pont, Anne Lancien, Lina Liederman).
- [Druidism, Tengrism, Taarism... Current reactivations of ancient spiritualities and religions, from identity to politics](#) [Religion and International Relations Series: 2], London Transnational Press (ed. with Samim Akgönül), 2024.
- [Contemporary Challenges to the Regulation of Religions in Europe](#) (Transversal), U.Porto Press, 2023 (ed. with Helena Vilaça et Maria João Oliveira), 2023.
- [Non-religion in late modern societies - Institutional and legal perspectives](#) (Boundaries of Religious Freedom: Regulating Religion in Diverse Societies Series 11), Springer (with Helge Årsheim), 2022.
- [Indifférence religieuse ou athéisme militant ? Penser l'irreligion aujourd'hui](#) (Libres cours politique), Presses universitaires de Grenoble (with Pierre Bréchon), 2020.
- [Religion and Prison: an overview of Contemporary Europe](#) (Boundaries of Religious Freedom: Regulating Religion in Diverse Societies Series 7), Springer, New York (with Julia Martinez Ariño, foreword by Jim Beckford), 424 p. (DOI 10.1007/978-3-030-36834-0), 2020.
- [Religions et alimentation. Normes alimentaires, organisation sociale et représentations du monde](#) (Homo Religiosus 20), Brepols (with Rémi Gounelle et Yves Lehmann), 2020.
- [Réalité\(s\) du communautarisme religieux](#) (Alpha), Editions du CNRS (with Jérémy Guedj), 2020.
- [Corps, religion et diversité](#) (Investigations d'anthropologie prospective 18), Académia/Bruylant, Louvain-la-Neuve, 2019.
- [Les minorités religieuses en France. Panorama de la diversité contemporaine](#), Bayard Editions, Paris (ed. with Joëlle Allouche-Benayoun, Rita Hermon-Belot, Lionel Obadia ; foreword by Danièle Hervieu-Léger), 2019.

Recent articles and book chapters (selection):

- "[Complex accounts. Reflections on defining and measuring religious belonging](#)" in Martha Middelmiss Lé Mon, Anna-Sara Lind (eds.), [Doing Multidisciplinary Research on Religion - Methodological, Conceptual and Theoretical Challenges](#), Brill (International Studies in Religion and Society 36), p. 32-46.
- "France", in Ahmet Alibašić, Samim Akgönül, Stephanie Müssig, Jørgen Nielsen, Egdunas Račius (eds.), *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe vol. 15*, Leiden, Brill, 2024.
- "France", in Samim Akgönül, Jørgen Nielsen, Ahmet Alibašić, Stephanie Müssig, Egdunas Račius (eds.), *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe vol. 14*, Leiden, Brill, 2022, p. 262-290.
- "Französischer Sekularismus und islamische Religionspädagogik", in Ednan Aslan (ed.), *Handbuch Islamische Religionspädagogik (Teil 2)*, Göttingen, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2022, p. 999-1021.

- "France", in Stephanie Müssig, Egdunas Račius, Samim Akgönül, Ahmet Alibašić, Jørgen Nielsen, Oliver Scharbrodt (eds.), *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe vol. 13*, Leiden, Brill, 2021, p. 235-255.
- "Emergence du communautarisme religieux en France", in Jérémy Guedj et Anne-Laure Zwilling (eds.), *Réalité(s) du communautarisme religieux en France*. Paris : Editions du CNRS, 2020, p. 57-71.
- "Le contenu des livres confessionnels en français sur l'islam : que peuvent lire les musulmans francophones ?", in Bernard Rougier (ed.), *Les territoires conquis de l'islamisme*, Paris, Presses universitaires de France, 2020, p. 45-64.
- "La diversité religieuse en débats en Europe : analyse à partir du site Eurel", in Solange Lefebvre, Guillaume Saint-Laurent (eds.), *Dix ans plus tard : La commission Bouchard-Taylor, succès ou échec?*, Montréal, Québec Amérique, 2018, p. 165-176.
- "The Fleeting Emotional Unity of French Protestantism in Ephemeral Spaces", *Bulletin for the Study of Religion* 47-1, March 2018, p 6-12 (doi: 10.1558/bsor.29884)
- "The struggle for *laïcité* in France", in Jan Nelis, Caroline Sägerser, Jean-Philippe Schreiber (eds.), *Religion and Secularism in the European Union. State of Affairs and Current Debates*, Bruxelles, Peter Lang (Dynamiques citoyennes en Europe), 2017, p. 68-74.