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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Geography, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, 2006

Master of Advanced Studies in Development Studies, University of Geneva, 2004

Master of Arts in Geography, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, 2001

Bachelor of Arts, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, 1999

WORK EXPERIENCE

Visiting Associate Professor, Center for African Studies, University of Florida, USA, 2017 –

Associate Professor, Center for Border Region Studies and Center for War Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark, 2014 –

Visiting Assistant Professor, Geography Department and Center for African Studies (spring); Division of Global Affairs (fall), Rutgers University, USA, 2013

Senior Researcher, Department of Geography, Centre for Population, Poverty and Public Policy Studies, Luxembourg, 2007-2012

Visiting Scholar, University of Basel, Switzerland, fall 2010

Research and Teaching Assistant, Institute of Geography, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, 2003-2006

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREA

- Security and Conflict: Cross-border conflicts and terrorism in Africa
- International Trade : Regional integration in Africa
- Economic Geography: Cross-border city regions in Europe
- Quantitative Methods: Social Network Analysis

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Cities and Borders Program (2017-18)

Co-Principal Investigator. Funded by the OECD (\$ 335,000)

Gender and Markets: Empowering Women in West African Markets (2017)

Coordinator. Funded by the World Food Programme (\$ 112,000)

Transnational Extremist Organizations Network (2016-17)

Principal Investigator. Funded by Danish Agency for Science and Technology (€ 39,000)

West African Perspectives Program III: Cross-Border Cooperation (2015-16)

Principal Investigator. Funded by the OECD (€ 118,000)

West African Perspectives Program II: Atlas of the Sahel-Sahara (2013-14)

Partner. Funded by the OECD (€ 48,000)

WANETS. West African Economic Networks (2013)

Principal Investigator. Funded by the National Research Fund of Luxembourg (€ 78,700)

CROSSTRADE. Informal Trade and Cross-Border Integration in West Africa (2011-13)

Principal Investigator. Funded by the National Research Fund of Luxembourg (€ 545,000)

EUBORDERSCAPES. Bordering, Political Landscapes and Social Arenas (2012)

Partner. Funded by the European Commission, 7th Framework Programme

MetroNet. Cross-Border Metropolitan Governance in Europe (2010-12)

Lead Partner. Funded by the National Research Fund of Luxembourg (€ 1,246,000)

GEOSPECS. Geographic Specificities and Development Potential in Europe (2010-12)

Partner. Funded by the European Spatial Planning Observation Network (€ 900,000)

METROBORDER. Cross-Border Polycentric Metropolitan Regions (2009-11)

Partner. Funded by the European Spatial Planning Observation Network (€ 250,000)

METROLUX. Metropolisation and Urban Governance in Luxembourg (2007-09)

Lead Partner. Funded by the National Research Fund of Luxembourg (€ 447,000)

Biodiversity Monitoring and Integrated Development in Hombori (Mali) (2005-09)

Partner. Funded by the World Wildlife Fund and Leenards Foundation (CHF 21,000)

Negotiating Conflicts of Interest Related to Water Management (2002-2006)

Ph.D. candidate. Funded by the Geneva International Academic Network (CHF 510,000)

PUBLICATIONS

Papers in referred journals

- Walther O, Leuprecht C, Skillicorn D. 2017. Political fragmentation and alliances among armed non-state actors in North and Western Africa (1997-2014). *Terrorism and Political Violence* DOI:10.1080/09546553.2017.1364635.
- Leuprecht C, Walther O, Skillicorn D, Ryde-Collins H. 2017. Hezbollah's global tentacles: A relational approach to convergence with transnational organised crime. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 29(5): 902-921.
- Leuprecht C, Aulthouse A, Walther O. 2016. The puzzling resilience of transnational organized criminal networks. *Police Practice and Research* 17(4): 376-387.
- Kuégié M, Tenikue M, Walther O. 2016. Social networks and small businesses performance in West African border regions. *Oxford Development Studies* 44(2): 202-219.
- Zheng Q, Skillicorn D, Walther O. 2015. Signed directed social network analysis applied to group conflict. *IEEE International Conference on Data Mining Workshop (ICDMW)*: 1007-1014.
- Walther O, Christopoulos D. 2015. Islamic terrorism and the Malian rebellion. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 27(3): 497-519.
- Dörry S, Walther O. 2015. Contested relational policy spaces in two European border regions. *Environment and Planning A* 47(2): 338-355.
- Walther O. 2015. Business, brokers and borders: The structure of West African trade networks. *Journal of Development Studies* 51(5): 603-620.
- Walther O, Howard A, Retailié D. 2015. West African spatial patterns of economic activities: combining the 'spatial factor' and 'mobile space' approaches. *African Studies* 74(3): 346-365.
- Walther O. 2014. Trade networks in West Africa: A social network approach. *Journal of Modern African Studies* 52(2): 179-203.
- Walther O, Christopoulos D. 2014. The 2012 Malian conflict network. *Connections* 34(1-2): 52-53.
- Dautel V, Walther O. 2014. The geography of innovation in a small metropolitan region: An intra-regional approach in Luxembourg. *Papers in Regional Science* 93(4): 703-726.
- Decoville A, Durand F, Sohn C, Walther O. 2013. Comparing cross-border metropolitan integration in Europe: Towards a functional typology. *Journal of Borderlands Studies* 28(2): 221-237.
- Walther O, Reitel B. 2013. Cross-border policy networks in the Basel region: the effect of national borders and brokerage roles. *Space & Polity* 17(2): 217-236.
- Retailié D, Walther O. 2013. Conceptualizing the mobility of space through the Malian conflict. *Annales de Géographie* 6: 595-618.
- Walther O. 2012. Traders, agricultural entrepreneurs and the development of cross-border regions in West Africa. *Entrepreneurship and Regional Development* 24(3-4): 123-141.
- Walther O. 2012. Sons of the soil and conquerors who came on foot: The historical evolution of a West African border region. *African Studies Quarterly* 13(1-2): 75-92.
- Walther O, Schulz C, Dörry S. 2011. Specialized international financial centres and their crisis resilience: the case of Luxembourg. *Geographische Zeitschrift* 99(2-3): 123-142.
- Retailié D, Walther O. 2011. Spaces of uncertainty: a model of mobile space in the Sahel. *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* 32(1): 85-101.
- Walther O, Dautel V. 2010. Intra-regional employment growth in Luxembourg (1994-2005). *Geografiska Annaler: Series B, Human Geography* 92(1): 45-63.

- Walther O, Schulz C. 2009. Finanzplatz Luxemburg–vom ‘Steuerparadies’ zur Investmentfonds-Kapitale. *Geographische Rundschau* 61(1): 30-35.
- Sohn C, Reitel B, Walther O. 2009. Cross-border metropolitan integration in Europe: the case of Luxembourg, Basel and Geneva. *Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy* 27: 922-939.
- Walther O. 2009. A mobile idea of space. Traders, patrons and the cross-border economy in Sahelian Africa. *Journal of Borderlands Studies* 24(1): 34-46.
- Walther O, Retaillé D. 2008. Le modèle sahélien de la circulation, de la mobilité et de l’incertitude spatiale. *Autrepart* 47: 109-124.

Books

- Walther O, Miles W. (eds) 2018. *African Border Disorders. Addressing Transnational Extremist Organizations*. New York, Routledge.
- Trémolières M, Walther O. (eds) 2017. *Cross-border Co-operation and Policy Networks in West Africa*. Paris, SWAC/OECD.
- Walther O. 2008. *Affaires de Patrons. Villes et Commerce Transfrontalier au Sahel* [Cities and Cross-Border Trade in the Sahel]. Berne, Peter Lang.

Book chapters

- Walther O, Retaillé D. Mapping the Sahelian space, in Villalon L (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of the African Sahel*. Oxford, Oxford University Press (forthcoming).
- Walther O. 2018. Regional integration, in Binns T, Lynch K, Nel E (eds) *The Routledge Handbook of African Development*. London, Routledge: 286-299.
- Leuprecht C, Walther O. 2018. Applying social network analysis to terrorist financing, in Walker, King, Gurulé (eds) *The Palgrave Handbook on Criminal and Terrorism Financing Law*. Basingstoke, Palgrave MacMillan: 945-966.
- Walther O, Leuprecht C, Skillicorn D. 2018. Networks and spatial patterns of extremist organizations in North and West Africa, in Walther O, Miles W. (eds) *African Border Disorders*. Abingdon, Routledge: 60-86.
- Skillicorn D, Walther O, Zheng Q, Leuprecht C. 2018. Spatial and temporal diffusion of political violence in North and West Africa, in Walther O, Miles W. (eds) *African Border Disorders*. Abingdon, Routledge: 87-112.
- Walther O, Retaillé D. 2015. Rethinking borders in a mobile world: An alternative model, in Amilhat-Szary A.-L, Giraut F. (eds) *Borderities and the Politics of Contemporary Mobile Borders*. Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan: 191-203.
- Walther O. 2015. Niger-Benin: The Niger-Mekrou Rivers and the Lété Island, in Brunet-Jailly E (ed.) *Border Disputes: A Global Encyclopaedia*. Santa Barbara, ABC-CLIO: 694-704.
- Decoville A, Durand F, Sohn C, Walther O. 2014. Approche comparée de l’intégration métropolitaine transfrontalière en Europe, in Beck J, Wassenberg B (eds) *Vivre et Penser la Coopération Transfrontalière (vol. 6)*. Stuttgart, Franz Steiner: 175-194.
- Walther O. 2014. Borders, cross-border co-operation and freedom of movement in the Sahara-Sahel (chap. 7) and Security issues, movement and networks in the Sahara-Sahel (chap.8), in SWAC/OECD (ed.) *An Atlas of the Sahara-Sahel: Geography, Economics and Security*. Paris, OECD: 155-172, 173-224.
- Walther O. 2014. La construction historique de la région frontalière du Dendi (Afrique de l’Ouest), in Amadou B, Dambo L. (eds) *Sahel: Entre Crises et Espoirs*. Paris, L’Harmattan: 89-108.

- Retaillé D, Walther O. 2014. Space and mobility: Lessons from the Sahel to the globalized world, in Boesen E, Marfaings L (eds) *Mobilité dans l'Espace Ouest-Africain: Ressources, Développement Local et Intégration Régionale*. Paris, Karthala: 207-234.
- Walther O. 2012. Regional growth of the knowledge economy in Luxembourg, in Sohn C. (ed.) *Luxembourg: An Emerging Cross-Border Metropolitan Region*. Brussels: Peter Lang: 41-63.
- Walther O, Schulz C. 2012. Financial services clustering in Luxembourg-City, in Sohn C. (ed.) *Luxembourg: An Emerging Cross-Border Metropolitan Region*. Brussels: Peter Lang: 65-90.
- Walther O. 2012. Metropolitan regions and cross-border demographic integration, in Sohn C. (ed.) *Luxembourg: An Emerging Cross-Border Metropolitan Region*. Brussels: Peter Lang: 185-204.
- Sohn C, Walther O. 2012. Building a cross-border metropolitan region: the political stakes of scalar restructuring, in Sohn C. (ed.) *Luxembourg: An Emerging Cross-Border Metropolitan Region*. Brussels: Peter Lang: 265-278.
- Walther O. 2010. Economie et frontières en Afrique sahélienne: un usage clientéliste de la partition coloniale, in Igué JO, Fodouop K, Aloko-N'Guessan J. (eds) *Maîtrise de l'Espace et Développement en Afrique. Etat des Lieux*. Paris: Karthala: 125-137.
- Schulz C, Walther O. 2009. Finanzplatz Luxemburg, in Bousch P. et al. (eds) *Atlas du Luxembourg*. Cologne: Emons: 130-133.
- Dautel V, Walther O. 2009. Beschäftigungsdynamik in der Metropolregion, in Bousch P. et al. (eds) *Atlas du Luxembourg*. Cologne: Emons: 128-129.
- Racine J.-B, Walther O. 2007. Geografía de las religiones, in Hiernaux D, Lindon A. (eds) *Tratado de Geografía Humana*. Barcelona: Anthropos: 481-505.
- Walther O. 2005. "Merci patron...". L'espérance de recevoir et l'obligation d'offrir dans les relations clientélistes au Niger et au Bénin, in Reynard E, Dambo L. (eds) *Vivre dans les Milieux Fragiles*. Lausanne: Institute of Geography: 60-75.

Other publications

- Pedersen SP, Walther O. 2018. Things Fall Apart - Rebel Fragmentation in Syria's Civil War (2011-2017). *SSRN*, <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3200011>
- Radil S, Walther O. 2018. Social networks and geography: a view from the periphery. *arXiv* <https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.04510>.
- Hoffmann L, Melly P, Walther O. 2017. *Empowering Women in West African Markets. Case Studies from Kano, Katsina (Nigeria) and Maradi (Niger)*. Dakar, World Food Programme.
- Walther O. 2017. The blurred boundaries of political violence in the Sahel-Sahara. *OECD Development Matters*, 29 September.
- Walther O. 2017. Wars and conflicts in the Sahara-Sahel. *OECD West African Papers* 10.
- Walther O, Renk S. 2017. *Can social network analysis inform African development policies?* Dakar, World Food Programme.
- Walther O. 2017. Cross-border co-operation networks in West Africa. *OECD West African Papers* 6.
- Walther O, Kuépié M, Tenikue M. 2017. When social networks become a burden for African traders. Washington DC, The Brookings Institution, *Africa in Focus Series*, Jan 3.
- Walther O. 2016. Mapping West African Trade Networks. Washington DC, The Brookings Institution, *Africa in Focus Series*, Oct 10.

- Walther O, Leuprecht C, Skillicorn D. 2016. Wars Without Beginning or End: Violent Political Organizations and Irregular Warfare in the Sahel-Sahara. *arXiv* <http://arxiv.org/abs/1606.02705>.
- Skillicorn D, Walther O, Zheng Q, Leuprecht C. 2016. Distance, Borders, and Time: The Diffusion and Permeability of Political Violence in North and West Africa. *arXiv* <http://arxiv.org/abs/1606.02700>.
- Walther O, Tisseron A. 2015. Strange bedfellows: a network analysis of Mali's northern conflict. *The Broker*, Dec 18.
- Walther O. 2015. Eating soup with a knife: Confronting warfare in the Sahara. *OECD Observer* 303, Sept.
- Walther O, Vollmer S. 2015. Mapping the potential of cross-border cooperation in West Africa. *GREAT Insights* 4(6): 34-36.
- Carpentier S, Dörry S, Lord S, Matthey L, Nelles J, Walther O. 2015. Navigating the heavy seas of online publishing: Reflections on ten years editorship. *Journal of Urban Research*, <http://articulo.revues.org/2726>.
- Walther O, Leuprecht C. 2015. Mapping and deterring violent extremist networks in North-West Africa. Sønderborg, *Department of Border Region Studies Working Papers* 4.
- Walther O. 2015. Social Network Analysis and informal trade. Sønderborg, *Department of Border Region Studies Working Papers* 1.
- Walther O. 2014. Border markets: An introduction. *Journal of Urban Research* 10.
- Retaillé D, Walther O. 2013. L'actualité sahélo-saharienne au Mali: une invitation à penser l'espace mobile. *Annales de Géographie* 694(6): 595-618.
- Hamez G, Amilhat-Szary A.-L, Paris D, Reitel B, Walther O. 2013. Guest editorial: Modelling and benchmarking of borders. *Belgeo* 1.
- Walther O, Tenikue M, Kuepié M. 2012. Regional trade and border markets between Niger, Benin and Nigeria. Luxembourg: *CEPS/INSTEAD Technical Papers* 3.
- Nelles J, Walther O. 2011. Changing European borders: from separation to interface? An introduction. *Journal of Urban Research* 6.
- Retaillé D, Walther O. 2011. Guerre et terrorisme au Sahara-Sahel: la reconversion des savoirs nomades. *L'Information Géographique* 76(3): 51-68.
- ESPON. 2010. *METROBORDER. Cross-border Polycentric Metropolitan Regions*. Final Report. Luxembourg, European Spatial Planning Observation Network.
- Schaber C, Walther O. 2010. *Tourism in the Hombori region (Mali)*. Neuchâtel: Hombori Biodiversity Monitoring Project, Mission Report.
- Walther O, Retaillé D. 2010. Sahara or Sahel? The fuzzy geography of terrorism in West Africa. Luxembourg: *CEPS/INSTEAD Working Papers* 35.
- Dautel V, Walther O. 2009. Croissance de l'emploi et mobilité des entreprises au Luxembourg. Luxembourg: *CEPS/INSTEAD Population & Territoire* 15.
- Sohn C, Walther O. 2008. Géographie des activités économiques métropolitaines au Luxembourg. Luxembourg: *CEPS/INSTEAD Population & Territoire* 14.
- Walther O, Renaud T, Kissling J. 2008. Heaven on Earth? The development of tourism in the Dogon Country and the Hombori Mountains (Mali). *Journal of Urban Research* 4.
- Beek W van, Lemineur P, Walther O. 2007. Tourisme et patrimoine au Mali. Destruction des valeurs anciennes ou valorisation concertée? *Geographica Helvetica* 4: 249-258.
- Walther O. 2007. Villes-frontières et réseaux informels sahéliens (Gaya-Malanville-Kamba). *Geographica Helvetica* 1: 10-20.
- Walther O. 2007. *L'échange généralisé: urbanisation et relations villes-campagnes en Afrique de l'Ouest*. Paris: Sahel and West Africa Club.
- Walther O. 2006. *Le développement touristique dans les Monts Hombori (Mali)*. Neuchâtel: Hombori Biodiversity Monitoring Project, Mission Report.

Walther O. 2004. Au-delà de l'opposition entre villes et campagnes. Esquisse d'un modèle territorial dynamique en Afrique de l'Ouest. *L'Information Géographique* 68: 308-319.

Racine J.-B, Walther O. 2003. Géographie et religions. Une approche territoriale du religieux et du sacré. *L'Information Géographique* 66: 193-221.

Book reviews

2018 Hiribarren V. A History of Borno. *African Studies Quarterly*.

2017 Pye M. The Edge of the World. *Journal of Borderlands Studies*.

2016 Bach D. Regionalism in Africa. *Journal of Borderlands Studies*.

2016 Hanson K.T. Contemporary Regional Development in Africa. *Journal of Urban Research*.

2014 Lentz C. Land, Mobility, and Belonging in West Africa. *Journal of African History*.

2012 Retailié D. Les Lieux de la Mondialisation. *Journal of Urban Research*.

Popescu G. Bordering and Ordering the 21st Century. *Journal of Urban Research*.

2011 Glaeser E. Triumph of the City. *Journal of Urban Research*.

Wolfe T. The Bonfire of the Vanities. *Journal of Urban Research*.

2010 Ackroyd P. London. The Biography. *Journal of Urban Research*.

2009 World Bank. Reshaping Economic Geography. *European Journal of Geography*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Florida

– *Politics of Ethnic Conflict (CPO 4721)*, undergraduate course, Spring 2018

University of Southern Denmark

– *New Wars and Conflicts*, graduate course, Spring 2017

– *Economic Geography*, undergraduate course, 2016

– *Social Networks*, undergraduate course, Fall 2014, 2015, 2016

– *Contemporary Perspectives in Border Regions*, undergraduate course, Fall 2015

– *European Integration: the Regional Dimension*, graduate course, Spring 2014, 2015

Rutgers University

– *Africa in the 21st Century* (478:588), graduate course, Fall 2013

– *Geography of Africa* (450:338), undergraduate course, Spring 2013

University of Lausanne

– *Transformations of Developing Countries*, graduate course, 2003-06

– *Introduction to Economic Geography*, undergraduate course, 2003-06

– *Cartography*, undergraduate course, 2002-03

GRADUATE ADVISING

Postdocs

Dr. Leena Koni Hoffmann. *The Impact of Local Politics on Cross-Border Trade in West Africa*. Funded by the National Research Fund of Luxembourg, 2013-14.

Dr. Frédéric Durand. *CROSSPLANNING. Comparing Cross-Border Metropolitan Planning*. Funded by the National Research Fund of Luxembourg, 2010-11.

Dr. Jen Nelles. *METROCO-OP. City-Region Governance and Multilevel Policy in Cross-Border Regions*. Funded by the National Research Fund of Luxembourg, 2010-11.

Ph.D. candidates

Olajumoke Ayandele. *Extreme Ideologies and Conflicts in Africa*. Rutgers University, 2016-
Nora Stambolic. *Cross-Border Metropolitan Integration and Multinational Firms' Networks*.
Funded by the National Research Fund of Luxembourg, 2012-

Rannveig Edda Hjaltadóttir. *Cross-Border Innovation Cooperation*. Funded by INTERREG
4A, University of Southern Denmark, 2014-16

Nino Javakhishvili Larsen, *The role of human capital in regional assemblages*. Funded by
INTERREG 4A, University of Southern Denmark, 2014-16

Moustapha Koné. *West African Traders in Border Markets*. Funded by the National Research
Fund of Luxembourg, 2011-15

Master students

2018. Jonas Frandsen Jensen (Islamic State), Steffen Hyldig Jørgensen (dark networks),
Mikkel-Emil Hansen (terrorism and crime)

2017. Patrick Steen Pedersen (Syria conflict)

2016. Egle Rymolaityte (regional economic development),

2015. Anders Dohn Sonne (separatism in Europe), Maximilian Zeller (development aid)

ORGANIZED PANELS AND CONFERENCES

Cross-border cooperation and policy networks in West Africa. Co-organizer, University of
Basel, 2017.

DASTI Workshop on Transnational Extremist Organizations. Co-organizer, Rutgers, 2016
Border Regions in Transition (BRIT) Conference. Chair, Univ. of Southern Denmark, 2016

Cross-border cooperation in an international context. Panel organizer, Uddevalla
Symposium, University of Southern Denmark, 2015

Guest Lectures on European borders and regional integration. Organizer, University of
Southern Denmark, 2014-15

How to formulate responses to West Africa's multidimensional challenges? Moderator, High-
level panel, OECD and European Commission, 2014

Border towns and transport corridors. Panel organizer, Conference of the Association of
Borderland Studies, Joensuu, 2014

Conference on Unpacking cross-border governance. Organizer, Luxembourg, 2012

West African border markets and regional integration from below. Panel organizer, African
Borderlands Research Network Conference, Edinburgh, 2012

American Geographers Annual Meeting. Panel organizer in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016

Flows and business, components of the mobility of borders. Panel organizer, Border Regions
in Transition (BRIT) Conference, Geneva, 2011

Trade and regional integration. Panel organizer, African Borderlands Research Network
Conference, Basel, 2010

Guest Lectures on Changing borders: from separation to interface? Organizer, Luxembourg,
2010

CONFERENCE PAPERS (selected)

- Mapping West African trade networks. University of Idaho Geography Seminar, Moscow ID, Sep 20, 2018.
- Security and transnational insurgencies in the Sahara-Sahel. Department of State Analytical Exchange, Washington DC, May 9, 2018.
- State border strategies and transnational extremist groups in the Sahel-Sahara. Johns Hopkins SAIS, Washington DC, Nov 15, 2017.
- West African cross-border policy network. European Conference on African Studies, Basel, Jun 30, 2017.
- Mapping the Sahelian space. Carter Conference, University of Florida, Feb 23, 2017.
- Cross-border cooperation and conflicts. Castle Talks, Sciences Po Strasbourg, Nov 7-8, 2016.
- Transnational Extremist Organizations. DASTI Workshop, Rutgers, September 19-20, 2016.
- Mapping cross-border policy network. Swiss Development Agency, Bamako, July 28, 2016.
- Wars without beginning or end. Baraza Talk, University of Florida, March 11, 2016.
- Strange bedfellows: Northern Mali's conflict. Rutgers DGA Colloquium, March 9, 2016.
- Borders, brokers and borders: The structure of West African trade networks. Rurban Conference, University of Copenhagen, January 27, 2016.
- The map in our mind: How borders still affect policy-makers in Europe. Kiel University Geography Colloquium, Kiel, June 15, 2015.
- Addressing cross-border economic development in city-regions. 18th Uddevalla Symposium, University of Southern Denmark, Sønderborg, June 11-13, 2015.
- Borders and Islamist violence in the Sahel-Sahara. Workshop on Subnational Governance and Conflict. University of Sussex, Brighton, 21-22 May, 2015.
- Mapping and deterring radical groups in the Sahara-Sahel. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, 24 April, 2015.
- Armed conflicts and terrorism in the Sahara-Sahel. Rutgers Division of Global Affairs Colloquium, Newark, April 22, 2015.
- Trans-Saharan Islamist networks. United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, New York, April 21, 2015.
- Radical Islamic groups and borders in West Africa. Canada-US Cooperation in Trans-Sahel Counter-Terrorism Operations, Balsillie School of International Affairs, Waterloo, March 19-20, 2015.
- West African border towns: Demography and Economic centrality (1950-2010). Borders at the Interface Conference, Beer Sheva, December 8, 2014.
- Comparing policy spaces in border regions. Border Regions in Transition (BRIT) Conference, Lille, November 7, 2014.
- West African Border Markets: Functional Dynamics and Policy Implications, Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS) World Conference, Joensuu, June 9, 2014.
- Understanding transnationalism in West Africa: a network approach. Workshop on Cross-Border Trade, World Bank, Washington, DC, March 3, 2014.
- Instability and regional geopolitics, Sahel and West Africa Club Forum, The Future of the Saharo-Sahelian Areas, Abidjan, November 28, 2013.
- Cross-border trade networks between Niger, Nigeria and Benin, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, November 23, 2013.
- Trans-border terrorist networks and the Malian rebellion in the Sahel-Sahara, Association of Borderlands Studies Conference, Denver, April 11, 2013.
- Border markets and economic networks in West Africa, African Borderlands Research Network Conference, Edinburgh, 5 June, 2012.

Regional trade and economic networks in West Africa: A social network approach, UK Social Network Analysis Conference (UKSNA), Bristol, 28 June, 2012.

Investigating cross-border networks in European border regions, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New York City, 25 February, 2012.

Integration of informal economic cross-border networks in West Africa. Working Group meeting on Settlement, Market and Food Security, OECD, Paris, 27-28 October, 2011.

Comparing cross-border metropolitan integration in Europe, Border Regions in Transition (BRIT) Conference, Geneva-Grenoble, 6-9 September, 2011.

Cross-border governance networks in the trinational region of Basel, UK Social Network Analysis Conference (UKSNA), Greenwich, 7-9 July, 2011.

Border markets and economic networks in West Africa, European Conference on African Studies (ECAS4), Uppsala 15-18 June, 2011.

Understanding the spatiality of cross-border governance networks, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle, 12-16 April, 2011.

AWARDS AND OTHER GRANTS

- University of Florida, travel award, \$1,000 (2017)
- Journal of Development Studies' Dudley Seers Prize, £750 (2016)
- Southern Jutland Research Fund, publication grant, €2,000 (2016)
- Carlsberg Foundation, conference grant, €8,000 (2015)
- Southern Jutland Research Fund, conference grant, €7,000 (2015)
- National Research Fund of Luxembourg, exchange visit grant, €78,700 (2013)
- European Science Foundation, exchange visit grant, €3,500 (2010)
- National Research Fund of Luxembourg, research grant, €3,500 (2010)
- National Research Fund of Luxembourg, conference grant, €7,500 (2010)
- Alphonse Weicker Foundation and CEPS, publication grant, €11,700 (2009)
- University of Lausanne, PhD publication grant, CHF 7,000 (2007)
- Rectors' Conference of the Swiss Universities, PhD Fellowship, CHF 10,000 (2005)
- University of Lausanne, Academic Excellence Award (2002)
- University of Lausanne, Institute of Geography Alumni Association Prize (2001)
- Van Walsem Foundation, Master thesis grant, CHF 3,000 (1999)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Advisory Board Member, African Governance and Space (AFRIGOS) project, 2016 –
- Executive Committee, African Borderlands Research Network (ABORNE), 2016 –
- Africa Editor, *Journal of Borderlands Studies* (Taylor & Francis), 2015 –
- Expert, Security & Rule of Law Program, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NL, 2015 –
- Editorial Board Member, *Connections* (INSNA), 2015 –
- Editor, *Journal of Urban Research*, 2005-2015
- Africa Editor, *Border Disputes: A Global Encyclopaedia* (ABC Clio), 2015
- Committee Member, Remaking Eastern Borders in Europe, COST ISO 803, 2010-12
- Proofreader, *Geographica Helvetica*, Swiss Journal of Geography, 2003-12

RESEARCH TRIPS AND FOREIGN RESIDENCE

- United States: 1996, 2013, since 2017
- Denmark: 2014-17
- Luxembourg: 2007-2012
- Niger: 1987-1989 and 2003, 2004, 2005, 2012, 2017 (3 years in total)
- Benin and Nigeria: 2003, 2004, 2005, 2012 (9 months in total)
- Mauritania: 2000 (1 month)
- Mali: 1999 (1 month), 2000 (3 months), 2006 (2 weeks)
- Ghana: 1994 (2 weeks) and 1995 (1 month)

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Social network analysis (UCINET, ORA)
- Geographic Information Systems (ArcGIS)
- Cartography and statistics for the social sciences (SPSS)
- Graphic arts (Illustrator, Photoshop)
- Website management (WordPress, Lodel, Manuscrits)

LANGUAGES

French	Native
English	Very good reading, writing and verbal skills Since 2010 Daily practice at work 1996, 2013, 2017- Stays in the U.S.
German	Good reading, writing and verbal skills 2010-2012 Regular practice at work and frequent interviews 2007-2010 German-French conversation lessons, Luxembourg

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