

## ***Curriculum vitae***

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### ***Educational Qualifications:***

1982 – 1989 Collège Saint-Michel (Fribourg/Switzerland)  
1989 **A level** (Latin and modern languages)  
1990 – 1992 University of Fribourg  
→Philosophy, History of religions  
University of Lausanne (Switzerland)  
→Sanskrit, Indology, Buddhist Studies  
1992 – 1996 University of Lausanne  
→Sanskrit, Indology, Buddhist Studies, Philosophy, History of religions  
1995 – 1996 University of Geneva (Switzerland)  
→Chinese language (introduction)  
1996 University of Lausanne  
**MA**  
*Relativisme et conventionalisme en théorie bouddhique du langage. Autour du Tattvārthapaṭala de la Bodhisattvabhūmi et de Pramāṇavārttika 1.* (Supervisor: Professor Tom J.F. Tillemans)  
2003 University of Lausanne  
**PhD**  
*Penser l'autorité des Écritures. La polémique de Dharmakīrti contre la notion brahmanique orthodoxe d'un Veda sans auteur. Autour de Pramāṇavārttika 1.213–268 et Svavṛtti.* (Supervisor: Professor Tom J.F. Tillemans)

## **Professional Experience:**

WT = Winter term  
ST = Summer term

- 1998 – 2003      Lecturer at the Department of Oriental Languages and Civilisations (**University of Lausanne**, in French)  
→*History of Indian Buddhism (1998–1999)*  
→*Vedic and ancient Hindu religion (1999–2000)*  
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- ST 1999      Lecturer at the Department of Oriental Languages and Civilisations (**University of Lausanne**, in French)  
→*Sanskrit grammar*
- 2003 – 2005      Invited researcher at the Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia (**Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna**). Funding: Swiss National Science Foundation.
- WT 2004 – 2005      Lecturer at the Department of Indology (**University of Zurich**, in German)  
→*Introduction to Indian and Buddhist epistemological doctrines*  
→*Sanskrit reading: Haribhadra Sūris Śaḍdarśanasamuccayaḥ together with Guṇaratna's commentary*
- 2005 – june 2010      Researcher at the Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia (**Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna**). Funding: Austrian Science Fund.
- ST 2007      Lecturer at the **École Pratique des Hautes Études** (5th Section, Religious Studies, **Paris IV/Sorbonne**, in French)  
→*The religious and apologetic dimensions of late Indian Buddhist Philosophy*
- ST 2008      Numata Professor for Buddhist Studies (**University of Vienna**)  
→*On the genealogy and the religious thought of the Buddhist epistemologists* (Lecture, in English)  
→*Selected extracts from Kamalaśīla's Tattvasaṅgrahapañjikā* (Sanskrit reading seminar for advanced students, in German)  
→*Selected extracts from the Mahākarmavibhaṅga* (Sanskrit reading seminar for second year students, in English)
- Sept.–Dec. 2009      Numata Research Fellow (**Ryūkoku University, Kyōto, Japan**)
- June 2010 – now      Research fellow at the Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia (**Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna**). Permanent position. Funding: Austrian Academy of Sciences.

WT 2010	Numata Professor for Buddhist Studies ( <b>University of Vienna</b> ) → <i>Buddhism and the Self</i> (Lecture, in English) → <i>Selected passages from the Mahāyānasūtrāṅkāra and its Bhāṣya</i> (Sanskrit reading seminar for advanced students, in English) → <i>Selected passages from the Vimalakīrtinirdeśa</i> (Sanskrit reading seminar for second year students, in English)
WT 2011	Numata Visiting Professor for Buddhist Studies ( <b>University of Leiden</b> ) → <i>Apologetic dimensions of late Buddhist philosophy</i> (Lecture, in English) → <i>Selected passages from the Tattvasaṅgraha(pañjikā)</i> (Sanskrit reading seminar, in English)
WT 2012 (Nov.)	Erasmus Visiting Professor ( <b>Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest</b> ) → <i>Aśvaghōṣa's Buddhacarita, Chapter 16, in the light of the Sarvāstivādin Catuspariṣatsūtra and the Mūlasarvāstivādin Saṅghabhedavastu</i> (Sanskrit reading seminar [Bachelor years 2-3, Master year 1], in English)
ST 2013	Visiting Professor for Indology ( <b>University of Leipzig</b> ) → <i>The Manusmṛti: An Introduction</i> (Lecture, in English) → <i>The Kaliyuga as presented in the Mahābhārata</i> (Sanskrit reading seminar, in German) → <i>Selected passages from Vasubandhu's Abhidharmakośa-bhāṣya, Chapter 9</i> (Tibetan and Sanskrit reading seminar, in German)

### **Other teachings:**

Frequent lecturership at the University of Vienna. Recently read Sanskrit texts include the pseudo-Aśvaghōṣa's *Vajrasūcī*, Kamalaśīla's *Bhāvanākrama* (III) and Aśvaghōṣa's *Buddhacarita* (16).

### **Short-listed:**

- University of **Oxford**, December 2007: Numata Professorship of Buddhist Studies (→Buddhist Studies)
- University of **Zurich**, March 2008: Nachfolge Prof. Peter Schreiner (→Sanskrit, Indology)
- University of **Oxford**, February 2012: Numata Professorship of Buddhist Studies (→Buddhist Studies)

***Current Research Interests:***

Buddhist apologetics – Doctrinal background of Buddhist epistemologists – Sanskrit manuscripts (from the Tibetan Autonomous Region) of Śāṅkaranandana's works – Buddhism and the question of the self (*ātman, pudgala*)

***Participation in Collective Works***

Co-editor (together with Lucia Dolce, Luis O. Gomez, Oskar von Hinüber, Jonathan Silk, Stefano Zacchetti, N.N., N.N.): *Brill's Encyclopedia of Buddhism* (five volumes).

***Research Project:***

Language and action in early Brahmanical philosophy: Maṇḍana Miśra's *Vidhiviveka*: an investigation into the text, its sources and its posterity. Three-year research project P25287-G15 (Austrian Science Fund/FWF). Decision: December 2012. Start: November 2013. Researcher: Dr. Hugo David.

***Peer-Reviews:***

Review of articles to be published in the following journals:

- *Études Asiatiques/Asiatische Studien*
- *Indo-Iranian Journal*
- *Journal Asiatique*
- *Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde Südasiens*
- *Rivista degli Studi Orientali*

***Project Evaluation:***

NWO (The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research)—Project: *Buddhism and Social Justice: Doctrine, Ideology and Discrimination in Tension*. Applicant: Prof. Dr. Jonathan Silk, Leiden University. Registration number: 016.104.633. [September 2009]

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## **Publication list**

### **Books (published)**

- Editor (together with Anne-Sylvie Mariéthoz, Serge Gumy, Didier Monay, Frédéric Yerly [†]): *Sacré(s)*, volume 15 (1996) of the Journal *Équinoxe. Revue romande de sciences humaines*.
- “Caste” et philosophie bouddhique. *Continuité de quelques arguments bouddhiques contre le traitement réaliste des dénominations sociales*. Vienna 2000: Arbeitskreis für tibetische und buddhistische Studien Universität Wien (Wiener Studien zur Tibetologie und Buddhismuskunde 47).
- *Dharmakīrti sur les mantra et la perception du suprasensible*. Vienna 2001: Arbeitskreis für tibetische und buddhistische Studien Universität Wien (Wiener Studien zur Tibetologie und Buddhismuskunde 51).
- *Penser l'autorité des Écritures. La polémique de Dharmakīrti contre la notion brahmanique orthodoxe d'un Veda sans auteur. Autour de Pramāṇavārttika 1.213-268 et Svayṛtti*. Vienna 2007: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (Beiträge zur Kultur- und Geistesgeschichte Asiens 56)
- Editor (together with François Voegeli, Danielle Feller, Maria Piera Candotti, Bogdan Diaconescu and Malhar Kulkarni): *Devadattīyam. Johannes Bronkhorst Felicitation Volume*. Bern, etc., 2012: Peter Lang (Worlds of South and Inner Asia 5).
- Author (together with Helmut Krasser and John Taber): *Can the Veda Speak? Dharmakīrti against Mīmāṃsā Exegetics and Vedic Authority. Annotated Translation of PVSV 164,24–176,16*. Vienna 2012: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (Beiträge zur Kultur- und Geistesgeschichte Asiens 74).
- *Caste and Buddhist Philosophy: Continuity of some Buddhist Arguments against the Realist Interpretation of Social Denominations*. Translated from the French by Raynald Prévèreau in collaboration with the author. Delhi 2012: Motilal Banarsidass (Buddhist Tradition Series 60).
- Author (together with Isabelle Ratié) *Self, No-Self, and Salvation. Dharmakīrti's Critique of the Notions of Self and Person*. Vienna 2013: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (Beiträge zur Kultur- und Geistesgeschichte Asiens 75)

### **Essays**

- “Des peuples sans religion? Religion, évolution et histoire dans l'Angleterre victorienne.” Anne-Sylvie Mariéthoz, Vincent Eltschinger, Serge Gumy, Didier Monay, Frédéric Yerly [†] (eds.): *Sacré(s)*, volume 15 (1996) of the Journal *Équinoxe. Revue romande de sciences humaines*, 107–124.

- “Bhāvaviveka et Dharmakīrti sur āgama et contre la Mīmāṃsā (2).” *Études Asiatiques/Asiatische Studien* 51/4 (1997), 1095–1104.
- “Bhāvaviveka et Dharmakīrti sur āgama et contre la Mīmāṃsā (1).” *Études Asiatiques/Asiatische Studien* 52/1 (1998), 57–84.
- “Śubhagupta’s *Śrutiparīkṣākārikā* (vv. 10cd–19) and Its Dharmakīrtian Background.” Shoryu Katsura (ed.): *Dharmakīrti’s Thought and Its Impact on Indian and Tibetan Philosophy. Proceedings of the Third International Dharmakīrti Conference (Hiroshima, November 4–6 1997)*. Vienna 1999: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (Denkschriften 281), 47–61.
- “Dharmakīrti: critique de la théorie du *sphoṭa*.” *Études Asiatiques/Asiatische Studien* 55/2 (2001), 243–289.
- “La *Vedāprāmāṇyasiddhi* de Jitāri: Introduction et traduction.” *Journal Asiatique* 291/1–2 (2003), 137–172.
- “Études sur la philosophie religieuse de Dharmakīrti: 1. Le Bouddha comme Śāstrī et comme Sugata.” *Études Asiatiques/Asiatische Studien* 59/2 (2005), 395–442.
- “Études sur la philosophie religieuse de Dharmakīrti: 2. L’*āśrayaparivṛtti*.” *Journal Asiatique* 293/1 (2005), 151–211.
- “On 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-century Buddhist accounts of human action, practical rationality and soteriology.” Birgit Kellner, Helmut Krasser, Horst Lasic, Michael Torsten Much, Helmut Tauscher (eds.): *Pramāṇakīrtiḥ. Papers dedicated to Ernst Stein-kellner on the occasion of his 70th birthday*. Part 1. Vienna 2007: Arbeitskreis für tibetische und buddhistische Studien Universität Wien (Wiener Studien zur Tibetologie und Buddhismuskunde 70/1), 135–162.
- “Dharmakīrti on Mantras and their Efficiency.” Editorial Board, ICEBS: *Esoteric Buddhist Studies: Identity in Diversity. Proceedings of the International Conference on Esoteric Buddhist Studies (Koyasan University, 5 Sept.–8 Sept. 2006)*. Koyasan 2008: Koyasan University, 273–289.
- “Pierre Hadot et les exercices spirituels: quel modèle pour la philosophie bouddhique tardive?” *Études Asiatiques/Asiatische Studien* 62/2 (2008), 485–544.
- “Le programme et les arrière-plans religieux de l’école logico-épistémologique bouddhique.” *Annuaire de l’École Pratique des Hautes Études, Sciences religieuses* 115 (2006–2007), 67–72.
- “On the Career and Cognition of Yogins.” Eli Franco (ed.): *Yogic Perception, Meditation and Altered States of Consciousness*. Vienna 2009: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (Beiträge zur Kultur- und Geistesgeschichte Asiens 65), 169–213.
- “Śaṅkaranandana’s *Sarvajñasiddhi* – A Preliminary Report.” Francesco Sferra (ed.): *Manuscripta Buddhica. 1. Manuscripts from Giuseppe Tucci’s Collection. Part 1*. Roma 2008: Istituto Italiano per l’Africa e l’Oriente (Serie Orientale Roma CIV), 115–156.

- “Studies in Dharmakīrti’s Religious Philosophy: 4. The *cintāmayī prajñā*.” Piotr Balcerowicz (ed): *Logic and Belief in Indian Philosophy*. Delhi 2009: Motilal Banarsidass (Warsaw Indological Studies 3), 565–603.
- “On a Hitherto Neglected Text Against Buddhist Personalism: *Mahāyānasūtrālaṅkāra* 18.93–102 and *Bhāṣya*.” *Études Asiatiques/Asiatische Studien* 64/2 (2010), 291–340.
- “Apocalypticism, Heresy and Philosophy. Towards a Socio-historically Grounded Account of Sixth-Century Indian Philosophy.” Goshin Shaku *et al.* (eds.): *Investigation of religious pluralism and the concept of tolerance in India*. Tokyo 2010 (march): The Eastern Institute, 425–480.
- (Together with Isabelle Ratié) “Dharmakīrti against the *pudgala*.” *Indogaku Chibettogaku Kenkyu (Journal of Indian and Tibetan Studies)* 14 (2010), 185–215.
- “Les œuvres de Śāṅkaranandana: Nouvelles ressources manuscrites, chronologie relative et identité confessionnelle.” *AION (Annali dell’Istituto Universitario Orientale di Napoli)* 66 (2006 [2010]), 83–122.
- “Dharmakīrti.” *Revue Internationale de Philosophie* 64/3 (2010), 397–440.
- “Ignorance, epistemology and soteriology – Part I.” *Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies* 32/1–2 (2009 [2010]), 39–83.
- “Ignorance, epistemology and soteriology – Part II.” *Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies* 33/1–2 (2010 [2011]), 27–74.
- “Studies on Dharmakīrti’s religious philosophy (3): Compassion and its role in the general structure of PV 2.” Helmut Krasser, Horst Lasic, Eli Franco und Birgit Kellner (eds.): *Religion and Logic in Buddhist Philosophical Analysis. Proceedings of the Fourth International Dharmakīrti Conference, Vienna, August 23–27, 2005*. Wien 2011: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (Beiträge zur Kultur- und Geistesgeschichte Asiens 69), 43–72.
- “Debate, Salvation and Apologetics. On the Institutionalization of Dialectics in the Buddhist Monastic Environment.” François Voegeli, Vincent Eltschinger, Danielle Feller, Maria Piera Candotti, Bogdan Diaconescu, Malhar Kulkarni (eds.): *Devadattiyam. Johannes Bronkhorst Felicitation Volume*. Bern, etc., 2012: Peter Lang (Worlds of South and Inner Asia 5), 429–489.
- “The Place of PVSV 164,24–176,16 in the Work of Dharmakīrti.” Vincent Eltschinger, Helmut Krasser, John Taber: *Can the Veda Speak? Dharmakīrti against Mīmāṃsā Exegetics and Vedic Authority. Annotated Translation of PVSV 164,24–176,16*. Annotated English Translation. Vienna 2012: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (Beiträge zur Kultur- und Geistesgeschichte Asiens 74), 7–21.
- “Latest News from a Kashmirian ‘Second Dharmakīrti’: On the Life, Works and Confessional Identity of Śāṅkaranandana According to New Manuscript Resources.” To be published in Patrick McAllister, Helmut Krasser, Cristina Scherrer-Schaub (eds.): *Proceedings of the International Conference on Cultural Flows Across the Western Himalayas (Shimla, Institute of Advanced Sanskrit Studies, April 18–21, 2009)*.

- “Turning Hermeneutics Into Apologetics: Reasoning and Rationality under Changing Historical Circumstances.” To be published in Vincent Eltschinger, Helmut Krasser (eds.): *Proceedings of the Panel on scriptural authority and apologetics in the Indian religio-philosophical environment (14<sup>th</sup> World Sanskrit Conference, Kyoto, September 1–5, 2009)*.
- “Apocalypticism, Heresy and Philosophy.” To be published in Piotr Balcerowicz (ed.): *Proceedings of the International Conference on World View and Theory in Indian Philosophy (Barcelona, Casa Asia, April 26–30, 2009)*.
- “Buddhist Esoterism and Epistemology.” To be published in Eli Franco (ed.): *Proceedings of the Panel on the Periodization and Historiography of Indian Philosophy (XIV<sup>th</sup> World Sanskrit Conference, Kyoto, September 1–5, 2009)*.
- “The four nobles’ truths and their sixteen aspects: On the soteriological presuppositions of the Buddhist epistemologists’ views on *nīścaya*.” To be published in Birgit Kellner and Sara McClintock (eds.): *Proceedings of the Panel on ākāra in Indian philosophy (XVIIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Dharma Drum Buddhist College, Jinshan, New Taipei City, June 20–25, 2011)*.
- “Sur quelques modalités du discours métareligieux indien: essai sur la catégorie indienne du ‘scripturaire’.” To be published in *Actes de la Session européenne de l’École doctorale (Paris, mars 2003)*.
- “Is there a burden-bearer? The Sanskrit *Bhārahārasūtra* and its scholastic interpretations.” To be published in the *Journal of the American Oriental Society*.
- “The *Yogācārabhūmi* against Allodoxies (*paravāda*): 1. Introduction and Doxography.” Submitted to the *Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde Südasiens*.
- “Aśvagoṣa and (His) *Vinaya*. I. Preaching Selflessness to King Bimbisāra and the Magadhans (*Buddhacarita* 16.73-93).”
- “Aśvagoṣa and (His) *Vinaya*. II. Yaśas, the Kāśyapa Brothers and the Buddha’s Arrival in Rājagṛha (*Buddhacarita* 16.3-71).” Submitted to the *Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*.

### **Book reviews**

- Ernst Steinkellner/Michael Torsten Much: *Texte der Erkenntnistheoretischen Schule des Buddhismus. Systematische Übersicht über die buddhistische Sanskrit-Literatur II* (Göttingen 1995: Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht). *Études Asiatiques/Asiatische Studien* 50/3 (1996), 691–693.
- Jan Houben (ed.): *Ideology and the Status of Sanskrit. Contributions to the History of the Sanskrit Language* (Leiden, etc., 1996: E.J. Brill). *Études Asiatiques/Asiatische Studien* 54/3 (2000), 712–719.
- Michel Hulin: *Comment la philosophie indienne s’est-elle développée? La querelle brahmanes-bouddhistes* (Paris 2008: Éditions du Panama). *Indo-Iranian Journal* 51 (2008), 187–193.



- Raffaele Torella: *The Philosophical Traditions of India. An Appraisal*. Translated from Italian by Kenneth Frederick Hurry (Varanasi 2011: Indica Books). *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 132/1 (2012), 105–108.
- Lawrence J. McCrea and Parimal G. Patil: *Buddhist Philosophy of Language in India. Jñānaśrīmitra on Exclusion* (New York 2010: Columbia University Press). Published online on H-Buddhism (2012). See: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=31656> (last accessed: May 29, 2012)

### ***In preparation***

- Aśvaghoṣa and the meaning of Indian Buddhist philosophy.
- *Buddhist Epistemology as Buddhist Apologetics. Dharmakīrti's and His Early Epigones' Religio-philosophical Programme and Background*. Habilitation thesis (University of Vienna).
- (Together with Helmut Krasser) *Proceedings of the Panel on Scriptural authority and apologetics in the Indian religio-philosophical environment (14<sup>th</sup> World Sanskrit Conference, Kyōto, September 1–5, 2009)*.
- Śaṅkaranandana's *Anyāpohasiddhi*. Critical edition of the Tibetan version and of two incomplete Sanskrit Manuscripts from the Tibetan Autonomous Region.
- Bhaṭṭaśrīśaṅkaranandana: The Stanzas. Diplomatic edition of all the stanzas from a Sanskrit Manuscript photographed in Tibet by Rāhula Sāṅkrtyāyana and Giuseppe Tucci, and systematic comparison with other Sanskrit Manuscripts as well as Tibetan materials.