

Martin Baumann – *Curriculum Vitae*

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Institutional information

Senior researcher, former full professor for the Study of Religions (retired)

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Institutional responsibilities

since 2021	member of the committee on quality assessment of the university
2010 – 2018	Vice-chancellor for the advancement of research and president of the committee of research, University of Lucerne
2010 – 2012	Founding member of the board of the Graduate School Lucerne, Ph.D. program of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
2007 – 2009	Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
2004 – 2007	Vice dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
2002 – 2006	Member of the board of the committee of research, University of Lucerne

Employment history

since 2001	Professor for the Study of Religions, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Lucerne, Switzerland
2000 – 2003	Research fellow, University of Hannover, Germany
1999 – 2000	Associate professor for the History of Religions, University of Bremen,
1998 – 1999	Research fellow, University of Hannover, Germany
1992 – 2001	Lecturer in the Department for the Study of Religions, University of Hannover

University education

1999	Habilitation Study of Religions at the University of Leipzig, Germany
1994 – 1997	Post-doctoral studies, University of Leipzig, Germany
1993	Ph.D. in the Study of Religions at the University of Hannover, Germany
1988	MA in the Study of Religions, University of Marburg, Germany, prior studies at the universities of Marburg, Berlin, and London

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Research and teaching focus

Immigration, religion, and social incorporation; religious pluralism and civil society; Buddhist and Hindu traditions in the West; diaspora studies.

Membership in academic boards

Member of the advisory board of the Centre for Global Migration Studies, Göttingen University, since 2020.

President of the Swiss Association for the Study of Religions, 2018 to 2025.

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Swiss National Science Foundations, 2010 to 2018, and member of the SNSF evaluation board for Doc.CH stipends, 2013 to 2021.

Member of the advisory board of the *Journal for Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society*, University of Vienna, since 2018.

Co-editor of the peer-reviewed *Journal of Global Buddhism* (online) 2000 to 2025.

Member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, London, since 1999.

Approved research projects (latest)

“Between Intensification and Relativisation. Modalities and Mechanisms of Religious Change among Muslim and Christian Refugees from Syria in Germany, Austria and Switzerland”, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, 2024-2027 (1 postdoc position, CHF 442'000).

“Engaging for the Common Good in Italy. Studying the Effects of Public funding of Buddhist Organisations on Initiating Civic Engagement Activities“, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, 2020 to 2025 (1 PhD position, CHF 299'000,-).

“Salafism in the German speaking part of Switzerland“, funded by the National Action Plan of the Federal Department of Justice and Police, 2019 to 2022 (3 postdoc positions, CHF 294'000,-).

Main publications (selection)

Baumann, M. / Bielli, T. (2025) “Engaging for the Common Good. Typology, Motivation and Scope of Civic Engagement of Buddhists in Italy and Switzerland“, *Journal for Religion in Europe*, 18, 4, 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.1163/18748929-bja10130>

Baumann, M. / Nagel A.-K. (2023) *Religion und Migration*. Baden-Baden: Nomos.

Baumann, M. / Wasmaier-Sailer, M. / Tunger-Zanetti, A. (eds) (2023) *Reibungsgewinne – Reibungsverluste. Religionen und ihre Reaktionen auf die Moderne* Würzburg: Ergon.

Baumann, M. / Khaliefi, R. C. (2020) “Muslim and Buddhist Youths in Switzerland: Individualising Religion and Striving for Recognition?”. *Social Inclusion*, 8, 3, 273-285. <https://doi.org/10.17645/si.v8i3.3071>

Melton, G. / Baumann, M. (eds) (2010) *Religions of the World: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices*. 2nd, updated edition, Santa Barbara: Clio Press House.

Prebish, C. S. / Baumann, M. (eds) (2002) *Westward Dharma: Buddhism beyond Asia*, Berkeley: University of California Press.

Baumann, M. (2001) “Global Buddhism. Developmental Periods, Regional Histories and a New Analytical Perspective”. *Journal of Global Buddhism*, 2, 1-43 [online](#).

Baumann, M. (2000) “Diaspora: Genealogies of Semantics and Transcultural Comparison”. *Numen*, 47, 3, 313-337.