

CURRICULUM VITAE 2008

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PROFESSOR OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

MA (Vienna), PhD (Vienna), Habilitation (Vienna). My Fields of research and publication are Systematic Theology (Doctrine of God and Creation, Christology and Eschatology); Process Thought and Process Theology; Poststructuralism (Gilles Deleuze); Interreligious Discourse (epistemological conditions, ontology), especially regarding Christianity/Buddhism; Comparative Philosophy of Religion; Philosophy, Theology, Spirituality, and Cosmology of the Renaissance; Mysticism (Meister Eckhart, Nicolas of Cusa, Giordano Bruno). My interests led me to formulate a Theopoetics, a third space approach to post-structuralist and process theology, which by a critique of dualistic (or holistic) formulations of the relationship of Philosophy, Religion and Science, addresses the liberating necessity of multiplicity and diversity, combined with a post-colonial critique of theopolitical synergies of power.

2008

- Organization of, and Lecture at, the 2nd International Conference of the Whitehead Research Project, *Beyond Metaphysics? Transcontinental Explorations in Whitehead's Late Thought*, co-organized with Brian Henning of the American Society of Process Philosophy at Claremont Graduate University (December 2008)
- AAR Panel on my book: *God as Poet of the World: Exploring Process Theologies* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2008) (Chicago, November 2008)
 - Presider: Mayra Rivera, Pacific School of Religion
 - Panelists: John D. Caputo, Syracuse University
 - Catherine Keller, Drew University
 - Laurel Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary
 - John Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University
 - Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University:
 - Respondent: Roland Faber, Claremont School of Theology
- Publication of my book *God as Poet of the World: Exploring Process Theologies* (Louisville: WJK, 2008)
- Lecture at the Conference of *The Society for the Study of Difference* at its fourth annual panel session in conjunction with the annual conference of *The Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy* (Pittsburgh, October 2008)
 - *Difference, Death, and Divinity: Towards a Poststructuralist Mystagogy of becoming*
- Lecture at the Conference *NeuroSpirituality: Transforming the Embodied Mind* (co-organized with Andrew Dreitcer and Philip Clayton with Center for Process Studies and Fetzer Institute at Claremont School of Theology, October 2008)

- Class at Chicago Divinity School (May-June 2008) with a graduate class on
 - *Religion and Excess: Interrogating Whitehead with Bataille*
- Co-Organization of, and Opening Remarks at, the Conference Legacy & Lure of John Cobb (Claremont School of Theology, February 2008)
 - *In Fearlessness of Revision—Whitehead on Religion and Society*
- Lecture at the 9th Philosophy of Religion Conference, Claremont, Claremont Graduate University (February 2009)
 - *“Indra’s Ear”—God’s Absence of Listening*
- Member of the Whitehead Metaphysical Society (Poland)

2007

- Organization of, and Lecture at, the 1st International Conference of the Whitehead Research Project *Event & Decision: Ontology & Politics in Badiou, Deleuze and Whitehead* (Claremont Graduate University, December 2007)
 - *“Amid a Democracy of Fellow Creatures” — Onto/Politics and the Problem of Slavery in Whitehead and Deleuze*
- Lecture and Panelist on The Absence and Presence of God—Four Commentaries on Mother Theresa’s Dark Night of the Soul at Claremont Graduate University, October 2007)
 - *Forgotten Among the Lillies: Mother Theresa’s Experience of Eternal Abandonment*
- CST Board/Faculty lecture on Theological Excellence (February 2007)
 - *Un-Possessing God*
- Announce tenured Full Professor of Process Theology at the Claremont School of Theology (March 2008)
- Lecture at Chicago Divinity School
 - *On In/Finite Becoming: Philosophic Considerations on Whitehead’s Many Multiple Worlds*

2006

- Initiator and Executive Director of the *Whitehead Research Project*, Claremont
- Co-Director of the Center for Process Studies, Claremont
- Announced Faculty at the Department of Philosophy of the School of Humanities at the Claremont Graduate University

- AAR Panel and Talk on John Caputo's book *The Weakness of God*
- Lecture at the Conference on "Cosmology & Process Philosophy in Dialogue: Fundamental Philosophical Issues in Recent Cosmology and their Religious Significance", Claremont Graduate University
 - *On In/Finite Becoming: Philosophic Considerations on Whitehead's Many Multiple Worlds*
- Lecture at the Conference on "Apophatic Bodies", Drew University, New Jersey:
 - *Bodies of the Void: Polyphilia and Theoplicity*
- Section Director at the 2006 Whitehead Conference at Salzburg, Austria:
 - "Poststructuralism" (with Catherine Keller)
 - "Christian Theology" (with Helmut Maassen)
- Lectures at the 6th International Whitehead Conference, Salzburg
 - *Panentheism or Trans-Pantheism? The Process of Trans-Unification in Teilhard and Whitehead*
 - *Surrationality: A More Deleuzeian View of Whitehead*
- Lecture at the *Process Conversations* on "Theopoetics" with Catherine Keller
 - *Theopoetics, Polyphilia, and Theoplicity*
- Lecture at *Process Seminars* of the Center for Process Studies at the Claremont School of Theology
 - *Process Theology as Theopoetics*
- Lectures at the *Research Colloquium* of the School of Religion, Claremont Graduate University:
 - *Whitehead and 'First Philosophy'*
 - *Eternity—On D. Z. Philips' Last Lecture*

2005

- Announced Professor of Process Theology at the Claremont School of Theology
- Announced Professor of Religion at the Claremont Graduate University
- Lecture at the Conference "The Experience of God" on Whitehead's *Religion in the Making* in Saint-Jean Priorat, San Jodard, France
 - *God in the Making. Religious Experience and Cosmology in Whitehead's Religion in the Making in Theological Perspective*
- Lecture at the Conference on Deleuze and Whitehead at the Flemish Academy of Sciences in Brussels:

- *“O bitches of impossibility!”--Programmatic Dysfunction in the Chaosmos of Deleuze and Whitehead*
- Lecture at the Claremont School of Theology:
 - *In the Wake of False Unifications: Whitehead’s Resistance Against Imperialist Theologies*

2004

- Second edition of the book: *Gott als Poet der Welt. Anliegen und Perspektiven der Prozesstheologie*, Darmstadt (Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft)
- Lecture at the University of Vienna as part of the interdisciplinary lecture series on the “Culturation” of Christianity
 - *Transkulturation. Dogmatische Überlegungen zum "Wesen des Christentums" im Fluss (University of Vienna)*

2003

- Book: *Gott als Poet der Welt. Anliegen und Perspektiven der Prozesstheologie*, Darmstadt (Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft)
- Lecture at the Whitehead-Schleiermacher Conference on “System an Life” of the Claremont School of Theology:
 - *Whitehead at Infinite Speed: System as Event in Historical Perspective (Claremont School of Theology, Los Angeles)*

2002

- Editing Whitehead’s Harvard Lectures 1925/1926 from the notes of Charles Hartshorne, published in *Process Studies* 30/2 (2002) 301-373

2001

- Lecture for the Systematic Theology Group of the American Academy of Religion:
 - *God’s Love without God? The Nondifference of God as Mystical Solution of Feuerbach’s Antinomy of Love (American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado)*
- Co-Teaching a Class on Christian Eschatology in US/European Dialogue at the Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, with Prof. Joseph Bracken
- Lecture at Drew University, New Jersey at the *Drew Colloquium in Transdisciplinary Theological Studies 2001 on Interstitial Initiation/Counterdiscourses of Creation*
 - *Creation as Differentiation: Toward a Third-Space Concept of Creation as “Self-Differentiating In/Difference” in Dialogue with Mystical and Process Theology (Drew University, New Jersey)*

- Member of the Advisory Board of the European Studies in Process Thought (ESPT)

2000

- Prize of excellence in theology of the Kardinal-Innitzer-Fonds, Austria, for the *Habilitation* on process theology
- Vice-Chair of the Institute of Dogmatic Theology, University of Vienna
- Lectures at the International Congress of the Chapman University, Orange County, on *Relational Hermeneutics in a Fractured World*:
 - *Towards a Hermeneutics of the Unique* (Chapman University, Orange County)
- Seminar at the Center for Process Studies, Claremont:
 - *"The Infinite Movement of Evanescence" - A Relativist Analysis of the Pythagorean Puzzle in Deleuze, Whitehead, and Plato* (School of Theology, Claremont)

1999

- Appointment "Extraordinary University Professor"
- Lecture at the Griffith 2nd Congress of the Australasian Society of Process Thought at the College of Theology, Brisbane, Australia:
 - *The Two Times Theorem. Structures of Quantum Indeterminacy and the Ecological Entanglement of Physics, Philosophy, and Theology*
- Lecture at the Memorial University, St. John's, Canada:
 - *"The Infinite Movement of Evanescence" - A Relativist Analysis of the Pythagorean Puzzle in Deleuze, Whitehead, and Plato*

1998

- Post-doctoral degree of "Dozent" at the catholic theological faculty, University of Vienna
- Roman *venia legendi* in Dogmatic Theology and the History of Christian Doctrine
- Appointment as assistant professor at the Institut of Dogmatic Theology
- Lectures at the 25th Anniversary Conference of the Center for Process Studies in Claremont, Los Angeles:
 - *De-Ontologizing God: Levinas, Deleuze, and Whitehead*
 - *On the Unique Origin of Revelation, Religious Intuition, and Theology*

1997

- Habilitation: *Prozeß, Relativität und Transzendenz. Zur Kritik prozeßtheologischer Theoriegestalt* (520 pp.)
- Membership at the Center for Process Studies

1996

- Membership of the American Academy of Religion
- Erwin Schrödinger-international reaseatch fellowship (for 1 ½ years)
- Research fellowship at Claremont (CST, CGU, CPS)

1995

- Book: *Der Selbsteinsatz Gottes. Zur Grundlegung einer Theologie des Leidens und der Veränderlichkeit Gottes*, Würzburg
- Erwin Schrödinger-international reaseatch fellowship (for 1 ½ years)
- Stay at Claremont: research in the philosophy of Alfred North Whiteheads and of the American process theology at the Center for Process Studies (School of Theology at Claremont/Claremont Graduate School)

1994

- Working grant of the City of Vienna for composers

1993

- Prize of the State of Lower Austria for composers
- Membership at the International Franz Schubert Institute (IFSI)

1992

- PhD in (systematic) theology
- Dissertation: *Der Selbst-Einsatz Gottes* (620 pp)
- Book: *Freiheit, Theologie und Lehramt*, Innsbruck
- Prize of the State of Lower Austria for composers
- Project "Zeit.Schnitte" Sound/text-installation in Vienna and Salzburg with the Austrian writer Christoph Janacs

1991

- Grant of the Federal Republic of Austria for composers

1990

- Prize of the Adolf Schaerf Fonds for composers
- Prize of the State of Lower Austria for composers
- Working grant of the City of Vienna for composers

1989

- International prize for composition of the trio basso, Colon
- Membership at the International Society for New Music (IGSM)

1988

- Appointment to university assistant

1986

- Membership of the Austrian Society of Philosophy of Religion

1985

- Master in Theologie
- Master thesis: *Die Neue Zukunft Gottes* (273 pp)
- Appointment to scientific assistant at the University of Vienna

1981

- Appointment as studying assistant at the University of Vienna

1979

- Studies in Theology and Philosophy at the University of Vienna

1960

- Born in Korneuburg, Austria