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Research Interests

Bioethics of organ transplant tourism

Bioethics of African communalism vs Artificial intelligence

Intercultural Theological bioethics

Cosmic-Ecological Bioethics

Western bioethical principlism merging with the African moral thought.

World religious science (global Catholicism)

CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Vienna

Senior Research Fellow, [Faculty of Catholic Theology](#), [Institute for Systematic Theology and Ethics](#) (*Gerfried-Werner-Hunold Stiftung*)

Harvard Medical School, Brigham & Women's Hospital

Affiliate Research Fellow, [Human Network Initiative](#), Department of Neurology.

Research Fellow and Consultant in bioethics, [Buffering, Porosity and Brain Health in Uganda](#) (*Templeton World Charity Foundation*).

Guest lecturer for Harvard's Master's degree in Bioethics.

Catholic University of Eastern Africa

Continuing visiting Teacher Scholar, Faculty of Theology

EDUCATION

University of Vienna (Universität Wien), PhD (*Doctor Theologiae*), *Summa Cum Laude*.

Project title: "Holistic Bioethics Founded on Relational Solidarity with the Other: A Theological-ethical Investigation into the African moral thought in relation to G.B. Tangwa's critique of Western bioethical principlism."

University of Innsbruck (Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck), MTh (*Magister Theologiae*), Austria (*Concurrently a researcher at the University of Vienna*).

Project title: "According to Thomas Aquinas, what can help to avoid an erring conscience?"

University College of Philosophy and Theology, Benedict XVI (Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Benedikt XVI), Theology, Heiligenkreuz, Austria.

Scientific Research, Training and Stay in East, Central and West Africa

Kenya and Tanzania, 2009-2011

Nigeria, 2011-2012

Uganda and Ethiopia, 2012-2013

The Catholic University of Eastern Africa, BA, Philosophy, Nairobi, Kenya, 2006 –2009.

Spiritan Missionary Seminary, Diploma in Philosophy and Religious Studies, the Spiritan Missionary Seminary, Arusha, Tanzania, 2006 –2009.

Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE), Bukalasa Seminary, Masaka, Uganda, 2004 –2005.

Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE), Bukalasa Seminary, Masaka, Uganda. 2000 – 2003.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Scientific Books under Contract (forthcoming soon):

“The Critique of Bioethical Principlism in Contrast to an African Approach to Bioethics” (WIPF and STOCK Publishers, 2024).

“Holistic Bioethics Founded on an African Understanding of Anamnetic Solidarity: The Relational Other as the Theological Heart of Theological Bioethics” (WIPF and STOCK Publishers, 2024)

2024/25 Project funded by Boston College, USA, as Principal Investigator

“Organ Transplant Tourism in East Africa and the Contribution of Lonergan’s Insight of Conversion”

*Deeply moved by involuntary organ harvesting executed on African workers in Arabic countries, this project searches for a bioethics of conversion that dialogues with cultural religious sensibilities. It contrasts universal regulations as the 2008 Istanbul Declaration on Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism with Bernard Lonergan’s insight of conversion. The project aims at developing a standard for implementation of universalized declarations with respect to “Intellectual, Moral, Religious” conversion inspite of an economically driven organ tourism in East Africa.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters arising from projects.

“A Genuine Intercultural Ethics Requires a Decolonized Pluriversal Dialogue Between the Colonizers and the Colonized”, *Intercultural/Ecumenical Theological Ethics: Fundaments – Frameworks– Processes in Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church Series (CTEWC)*, 2025.

“Approaching Contemporary Ecological-Religious Challenges from an African Approach to Ethics,” *Theological Ethics in Development: Contemporary Challenges* (special issue), in *Estudios Eclesiasticos*, Vol 1, February 2025.

“A Bioethics Beyond the Hospital Setting,” *Philosophy in Uganda: Relevance, Challenges, and Prospects*, Makerere University Press, April 2025.

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE LECTURES

“Sociality and the Self: Moral Personhood in Black Africa,” Session 7, March 27th, 2024, Human Network Initiative, Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics, Massachusetts, USA.

“Challenges in Ecumenically Realizing Genuine Intercultural Ethics from a Global South Perspective,” *Viennese Workshops on Theological Ethics (WOTE): Intercultural Theological Ethics*, University of Vienna, Austria, September 20-22, 2023. **(Publication forthcoming)**.

“Bioethical Principlism in relation to an African Approach to Bioethics,” March-April 2023, Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya.

“Holistic Bioethics Founded on the African Ontological Approach to the Normative Framework of Solidarity”, *Central European Exchange Program for University Studies*, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, February 26-March 1, 2023. **(Publication forthcoming)**.

“The African Principle of Anamnestic Solidarity as the Relational Other”, *Central European Exchange Program for University Studies*, Charles University, Praha, Czech Republic, May 25-28, 2022. **(Publication forthcoming)**.

“No Creation is Lifeless: Complementary Ethical Reflections between the African Worldview and *Fratelli Tutti*’s Approach on the Relational Interconnectedness of Creation,” *International Congress of the European Society for Catholic Theology (Creation – Transformation – Theology)*, University of Osnabrück, Germany, August 25-28, 2021. **(Publication forthcoming)**.

“Intercultural Dialogue Initiatives as a means for Building Inclusive Sustainable Societies”, *International Symposium on best practices in Intercultural ethics and Interreligious Dialogue Initiatives*, University of Vienna, Austria, February 16-18, 2021. **(Published)**.

“Ecumenical and Interreligious Approaches to Bioethics”, *Central European Exchange Program for University Studies*, University of Vienna, Austria, June 13-16, 2017.

“Archimandrite Gregor Peradze as Moral Promotor of Ecumenical Unity”, *Inter-religious Dialogue*, Sulkan Saba University Tbilis, Georgia, May 17-20, 2016.

“How Uganda Martyrs’ Shrine Namugongo Enables the Moral Urgency of Ecumenical and Inter-religious Dialogue”, *Conference on inter-religious dialogue*, John Paul II University, Poland, June 9-13, 2015. **(Published)**.

PERSONAL LECTURES

The Bioethics of Community Agency Vs Kantian Autonomy (*Winter Semester 2024, Harvard Medical School*)

African Religions and the African High God (*Summer Semester 2023, Vienna University*)

From Human-centered to Holistic Bioethics (*Privatissimum: Summer Semester 2023, Catholic University of Eastern Africa*)
An African Moral Religious Thought (*ExLe: Summer Semester 2023, University of Ljubljana*)
From Human to Cosmic-Ecological Ethics (*Privatissimum: Winter Semester 2022, Vienna University*)
Extending Moral Standing and Moral Status to Nonhuman Animals (*ExLe: Summer Semester 2022, Vienna University*)
Critique of Bioethical Principlism (*ExLe: Summer Semester 2022, Charles University, Praha*)
An African approach to Religious/theological Ethics (*ExLe: Summer Semester 2022, Vienna University*)
Anamnetic Solidarity with the cosmic *Other* as the Theological Heart of Theological Bioethics
(*Privatissimum: Summer Semester 2022, Vienna University*)
Comparative Ecumenical bioethics: African and Western Approaches (*Privatissimum: Winter Semester 2021, Vienna University*)
No Creation is Lifeless in the African Approach to Bioethics (*ExLe: Summer Semester 2021, Osnabrück University*)

HONORS & AWARDS

Gerfried-Werner-Hunold-Foundation, Senior Research Fellow at the University Vienna.
Vienna Doctoral School of Theology and Research on Religion (VDTR), selected project as the best to receive a completion scholarship 2022–2023.
Visiting Research Fellow in bioethics at Boston College (USA) 2023.
Continuous visiting Research Fellow and lecturer in Ecological and theological bioethics at The Catholic University of Eastern Africa

Certifications in French, German, ancient Greek, Hebrew, and Latin

Luganda (native language)
English (fluent)
German (fluent)
Swahili (fluent)
French, Pidgin English, ancient Greek, and Latin (reading comprehension)

MEMBERSHIP IN LEARNED SOCIETIES

European Society for Catholic Theology (ESCT)
Vienna Doctoral School of Theology and Research on Religion (VDTR)
Central European Exchange Program for University Studies (CEEPUS), *a long standing network of bioethicists in central Europe.*
The Human Network Initiative (HNI), in the Neurology Department of Harvard Medical School/Brigham and Women's Hospital.