

WOUTER J. HANEGRAAFF

CURRICULUM VITAE VERSION NOVEMBER 2025

BASIC DATES

MEMBERSHIPS AND ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

ACADEMIC PARTICIPATION (LECTURES)

DATES

- Born 10 april 1961 in Amsterdam (the Netherlands).
- 1982-1987: Student Municipal Conservatory of Zwolle (classical guitar).
- 1986-1990: Student at the University of Utrecht, Faculty of Letters. Program “Algemene Letteren” (Cultural and Intellectual History); specialization “The role of alternative spiritual movements in 20th-century cultural history”. Diploma (*cum laude*) in 1990.
- 1992-1996: PhD Research Associate at the University of Utrecht, Faculty of Theology, dept. Study of Religion.
- 30 November 1995: dissertation defense (*cum laude*). Title dissertation: “New Age Religion and Western Culture: Esotericism in the Mirror of Secular Thought”.
- 1996-1999: Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Utrecht, Faculty of Theology, dept. Study of Religion.
- 1 sept. 1999-present: Full Professor of History of Hermetic Philosophy and Related Currents at the University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities, Program Religious Studies.
- 2006: Elected Member of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences (KNAW).
- 2012: Invited Research Fellow Lichtenberg Kolleg, University of Göttingen, Germany (April-June, 2012).

DISTINCTIONS

- PROSE award for best academic book in Religious Studies published in 2022 (for *Hermetic Spirituality and the Historical Imagination*) <https://publishers.org/news/association-of-american-publishers-announces-finalists-and-category-winners-for-2023-prose-awards/>
- KHMW (Royal Dutch Scientific Society), Van der Aa Oeuvre Prize 2025.

MEMBERSHIPS AND ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Chair of the Werkgezelschap Godsdienstwetenschap Utrecht, 1994-1996.
- Founder/Chair of the study group ARIES-Netherlands, 1996-2006.
- Board Member of the Nederlands Genootschap voor Godsdienstwetenschap (NGG), from 1996.

- President of the Nederlands Genootschap voor Godsdienstwetenschap (NGG), 2002-2006.
- President of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism (ESSWE), 2005-2013.
- Unit Chair of the “Western Esotericism Group” of the American Academy of Religion, 2006-2009.
- Member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Ritman Research Institute, Amsterdam, 2022-present.

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Journals

- Editor-in-chief (in collaboration with A. Faivre and Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke) of *Aries: Journal for the Study of Western Esotericism*, Brill (2001-2010).
- Member of the Editorial Board of *Aries: Journal for the Study of Western Esotericism*, Brill (2011-present).
- Member of the European Editorial Board of *Religion*, Academic Press (1999-present)
- Member of the Editorial Board of *Numen*, Brill (2002-2005)
- Member of the Editorial Board *Esoterica* <http://www.esoteric.msu.edu> (1999-2020)
- Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, Carfax (2001-present)
- Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Nova Religio*, University of California Press (2000-)
- Member of the Editorial Board of *Religion Compass*, Section “New Religions” (2007-present)
- Member of the Editorial Board of *Religieuze Bewegingen in Nederland*, VU Uitgeverij (1993-1996)
- Member of the advisory board of *Aegyptiaca: Journal of the History of Reception of Ancient Egypt* (2017-). www.aegyptiaca.org
- Member of the editorial board of *Metamorphoses: International Journal of Rudolf Steiner Studies*, frommann-holzboog (2018-).

Book Series

- Editor of “Studies in the History of Religions (Numen Book Series)”, Royal E.J. Brill, Leiden/Boston/Köln (2000-2006).
- Editor (with G.W. Trompf, University of Sydney) “Gnostica: Texts & Interpretations”, Peeters, Louvain (1997-2001).
- Editor “Aries Book Series: Texts and Studies in Western Esotericism”, Brill (2006-2010).
- Member of the Editorial Board of “Oxford Studies in Western Esotericism,” Oxford University Press (2016-present).

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- International Summer University “Gnosis and Hermeticism from Antiquity to Modern Times”, Amsterdam 1994 (with Roelof van den Broek).
- Symposium “Western Esotericism and the Science of Religion”, XVIIth Congress International Association for the History of Religions (I.A.H.R.), Mexico City 1995 (with Antoine Faivre & Karen-Claire Voss).
- Symposium “Western Esotericism and Jewish Mysticism”, XVIIIth Congress International Association for the History of Religions (I.A.H.R.), Durban, South Afrika 2000 (with Jan A.M. Snoek)
- Conference *The Varieties of Esoteric Experience*, Esalen Institute (California), 8-12 March 2004 [with Jeffrey J. Kripal]
- Conference *Hidden Intercourse: Eros and Sexuality in Western Esotericism*, Esalen Institute (California), 3-8 April 2005 [with Jeffrey J. Kripal]
- Conference *Hidden Truths, Novel Truths: Fiction in Western Esotericism*, Esalen Institute (California), 14-19 may 2006 [with Jeffrey J. Kripal]
- Conference *Secret States: Altered States of Consciousness and Western Esotericism*, Esalen Institute (California), 14-17 May 2007 [with Jeffrey J. Kripal]
- ESSWE Session “Western Esotericism and Cognition”, *American Academy of Religion*, Atlanta, 21-24 November 2015.
- *Western Esotericism and Consciousness: Visions, Voices, Altered States*, 7th international conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism, University of Amsterdam, 2-4 July 2019 (with Peter J. Forshaw, Manon Hedenborg White, John MacMurphy, Mriganka Mukhopadhyay, Marco Pasi, Antoinette Rutten).
- *Entheogenic Humanities*, Esalen, United States, August 2023 (with Jeffrey J. Kripal and Charles M. Stang).

ACADEMIC LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

1990

- *XVIth Congress International Association for the History of Religions* (I.A.H.R.), Rome 1990. [paper “A Dynamical Approach to the Problem of “Post-Gnostic” Gnosticism”].

1992

- CESNUR (Center for Study of New Religious Movements) International Conference *Le défi magique*, Lyon 1992 [paper “The Problem of Post-Gnostic Gnosticism”].

1993

- CESNUR International Conference *New Religions and the New Europe*, London 1993 [no paper].
- International Conference *Religion and Postmodernity*, Bristol 1993 [no paper].

1994

- Conference *Nederlands Genootschap voor Godsdienswetenschap* (NGG), Tilburg 1994 [invited lecture "Frazer als (aan)stichter van een nieuwe religie: De jaarfeesten in Wicca"].
- Amsterdam Summer University *Gnosis and Hermeticism from Antiquity to Modern Times*, Amsterdam 1994 [2 papers: "Romanticism and the Esoteric Connection" and "The New Age Movement and the Esoteric Tradition"].

1995

- *XVIIth Congress International Association for the History of Religions* (I.A.H.R.), Mexico City 1995 [paper "On the Construction of 'Esoteric Traditions'"].

1996

- International Conference *Nature Religion Today: Western Paganism, Shamanism and Esotericism in the 1990s*, University of Lancaster 1996 [invited lecture "Reflections on New Age and the Secularization of Nature"].
- CESNUR International Congress *Societies and the New Religious Pluralism*, Montreal 1996 [paper "Emanuel Swedenborg and Western Esotericism"].
- Colloque Université de Paris III/Sorbonne *Nouvelle Symboles et mythes dans les mouvements initiatiques et ésotériques (17ème-20ème siècle): filiations et emprunts*, Paris 1996 [invited lecture "La fin de l'ésotérisme? Le mouvement du nouvel âge et la question du symbolisme religieux"].

1997

- *Palladian Academy: 1st Symposium*, Novanta (Italië) 1997 [invited lecture: "Justinus Kerner and the Seeress of Prevorst"].
- Université de Lausanne, Dept. interfacultaire d'histoire et de sciences des religions, Zwitserland, 1997 [invited public lecture "The New Age Movement and the Secularization of Western Esotericism"].
- International conference *Religion in the Making: The Emergence of the Sciences of Religion*. Research Center Religion and Society, Amsterdam 1997 [invited paper "The Emergence of the Academic Science of Magic: The Occult Philosophy in Tylor and Frazer"].
- International conference *Magic and Modernity*. Research Center Religion and Society, Amsterdam 1997 [invited paper "Sympathy or the Devil: Renaissance Magic and the Ambivalence of Idols"].
- CESNUR International Congress *Magic, Millennium, and New Religious Movements*, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam 1997 [invited public lecture "The New Age Movement"].
- Colloquium *Rudolf Agricola Instituut*, University of Groningen, 1997 [invited lecture "New Age Religion and Secularization"].
- *American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting*, San Francisco 1997 [paper "Theosophy and Magia Naturalis"].

1998

- SISWO (i.c.w. NVMC/NSV), *8e Sociaal-wetenschappelijke Studiedagen*, Amsterdam 1998 [paper “How Magic Survived the Disenchantment of the World”].

1999

- Fryske Akademy, 1 May 1999 [invited lecture “De New Age beweging”]
- Huizinga Instituut, University of Amsterdam, *Onttovering en betovering*, 21 May 1999 [invited lecture “The Seeress of Prevorst”].
- Conference *Hermetismus als Kulturphänomen in der frühen Neuzeit*, Göttingen, October 1999 [no paper].
- Seminar *New Age and Globalization*, RENNER, Copenhagen 16-17 November 1999 [invited lecture “Prospects for the Globalization of New Age: Spiritual Imperialism versus Cultural Diversity”].
- *American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting*, Boston 20-23 November 1999 [paper “Beyond the Yates Paradigm”].

2000

- Reed College, Portland (Oregon), 5 April 2000 [invited public lecture: “Beyond the Yates Paradigm: The Study of Western Esotericism between Counterculture and Postmodern Complexity”].
- *Palladian Academy: 2nd Symposium*, Graz (Austria), June 2000 [paper “Lodovico Lazzarelli and Giovanni ‘Mercurio’ Correggio”].
- *XVIIIth Congress International Association for the History of Religions* (I.A.H.R.), Durban (South Africa), August 2000 [paper “Lodovico Lazzarelli’s Use of Jewish Mystical Sources”].

2001

- Arizona State University, Phoenix (Arizona). Invited public lecture, 1 May 2001 [“How Magic Survived the Disenchantment of the World”].
- Kalamazoo, *36th Congress on Medieval Studies*, 3-6 May 2001 [paper “Defusing Magic: Lodovico Lazzarelli and the Wisdom of Hermes”].
- Université de Lausanne. Invited public lecture, 11 June 2001 [“How Magic survived the Disenchantment of the World”]
- Congress *Autour de l’oeuvre de Frances A. Yates (1899-1981): Du réveil de la tradition hermétique à la naissance de la science moderne*, Paris, Sorbonne, 28-29 sept. 2001 [“La fin de la tradition hermétique: Frances Yates et Lodovico Lazzarelli”]
- Congress *The Hermetic Imagination in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*, University of California, Los Angeles, 5-6 October 2001 [paper “Swedenborg in Oetinger’s Hermetic Imagination”].
- KEYNOTE *Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology III: Developing a Relational Theology*, University of Louvain, 6-9 November 2001 [keynote lecture “The Dreams of Theology and the Realities of Christianity”].

2002

- Conference *Secrecy, Histories and Publics*, Sweet Briar College (Virginia), 15-17 March 2002 [keynote lecture "Are there Secrets in Swedenborg's 'Secrets of Heaven'?"]
- CREA –Studium Generale, Religiestudies UvA, Lezingenserie *De zeven hoofdzonden en de taal van de moraal*, 16 april 2002 [lecture "Kuisheid: De zuivere zonde"]
- Voorjaarsconferentie *Nederlands Genootschap voor Godsdienstwetenschap*, 2002 [lecture on the future of the study of Religion]
- Public lecture *Graduiertenkolleg Universität Heidelberg*, Heidelberg 17 June 2002 [lecture "The Hermetic Christ in the Streets of Rome"]
- Sixth International Reuchlin Congress: *Reuchlin und seine Erben: Forscher, Denker, Ideologen und Spinner*, Pforzheim (Germany), 20-23 June 2002 [lecture "Emanuel Swedenborg and the Jews"]
- *Palladian Academy: 3rd Symposium*, Aups (France), 24-28 June 2002 [lecture on paradigms in the study of Western esotericism]

2003

- Conference *Vrijmetselarij in Nederland: Een kennismaking met de wetenschappelijke studie van een geheim genootschap*, org. OVN/University of Leiden, 14 March 2003 [lecture "De geschiedenis van de vrijmetselarij in relatie tot de studie van de Westerse esoterie"]
- Conference *On the Edge of the Future: Locating Esalen in the Histories of American Religion, Psychology, and Culture*, Esalen Institute (California), 30 March-4 April 2003 [lecture "Human Potential before Esalen: Visionary Techniques and Experiences in the History of Western Esotericism"]
- KEYNOTE Conference *Belief Beyond Boundaries: Alternative Spiritualities and New Age Studies*, org. ASANAS, Open University, Milton Keynes (England), 30 May-1 June 2003 [keynote lecture "Swedenborg and New Age Religion"]

2004

- Conference *The Varieties of Esoteric Experience*, Esalen Institute (California), 8-12 March 2004 [lecture "Gnosis and Peak Experiences: Towards a 'Biographical' Approach in the Study of Western Esotericism"]
- Summer school *Modernità – Gnosi – Religione*, Istituto di Scienze Religiose, Trento, Italy, 20-28 September 2004 [lecture "Gnosi, esoterica et ermetica, oggi"]
- *American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, U.S.A., 20-23 November 2004 [lecture "Can there be only One? Reflections on Monotheism and Idolatry"]
- Conference *Secret Knowledge in the Enlightenment: Alchemists, Adventurers, Imposters, Spies*, Centro Interdipartimentale di Studi su Descartes il Seicento, Università degli Studi di Lecce, Italy, 3-4 December 2004 [lecture: "Kant versus Swedenborg: Enlightenment Rhetoric as a Strategy of Dissimulation"]

2005

- *XIXth Congress International Association for the History of Religions (I.A.H.R.)*, Tokyo, Japan, 24-30 March 2005 [lecture: "Forbidden Knowledge: Anti-Esoteric Polemics and Academic Research"]

- Conference *Hidden Intercourse: Eros and Sexuality in Western Esotericism*, Esalen Institute (California), 3-8 April 2005 [lecture: "Under the Mantle of Love: Sexuality and Eros in Marsilio Ficino and Giordano Bruno"]
- *Interdisziplinäres Zentrum für die Erforschung der Europäischen Aufklärung*, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, 14 July 2005 [lecture "Abendländische Esoterik als Ergebnis polemischer Diskurse"]
- Conference *Masonic and Esoteric Heritage: A New Perspective for Art and Heritage Policies*, organized by OVN (Foundation for the Advancement of Academic Research into the History of Freemasonry in the Netherlands) in collaboration with subdepartment History of Hermetic Philosophy and Related Currents & Chair for Cultural Heritage, Conservation & Restauration, University of Amsterdam, 20 October 2005 [lecture: "Western Esotericism and the Status of the Image"]
- Invited Lecture *Rice University*, Houston (Texas), U.S.A., 17 November 2005 [invited public lecture: "The Night Side of Reason: Shamanism and Western Esotericism"]

2006

- KEYNOTE *Hermetism and Rationalism in an Era of Cultural Change*, University of Groningen, The Netherlands, 23-24 February 2006 [keynote lecture: "What, if anything, is Hermetic Gnosis? Ways of Knowing in Renaissance Esotericism"]
- Conference *52nd Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America*, San Francisco, 23-25 March 2006 [lecture: "Giovanni da Correggio's *De Quercu*"]
- Spring meeting of the Dutch Association for the Study of Religion (Nederlands Genootschap voor Godsdienstwetenschap), 8 april 2006 [lecture: "De grote polemiek: Westerse esoterie als product van de monotheïstische verbeelding"]
- Villa Bosch Symposia Series "Knowledge and Space", First Symposium *Clash of Knowledges*, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, 19-22 April 2006 [lecture: "Reason, Faith and Gnosis: Three Knowledge Systems and their Struggle for Hegemony in the Course of European History"]
- Conference *Hidden Truths, Novel Truths: Fiction and Western Esotericism*, Esalen Institute (California), 14-19 May 2006 [lecture: "Fiction in the Desert of the Real: Lovecraft's Cthulhu Mythos"]
- *International Conference on the History of Alchemy and Chymistry*, Chemical Heritage Foundation, Philadelphia, 19-22 July 2006 [lecture: "Pseudo-Lullian Alchemy and the Mercurial Phoenix: Giovanni Mercurio da Correggio's *De Quercu Iulii Pontificis, sive de lapide philosophico*"]
- *Internationaler Kant-Swedenborg-Workshop*, Interdisziplinäres Zentrum für die Erforschung der Europäischen Aufklärung, Forschergruppe "Die Aufklärung im Bezugfeld neuzeitlicher Esoterik", Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Halle, Germany, 29-30 august 2006 [lecture: "Swedenborg aus der Sicht von Kant und der akademischen Kant-Forschung"] Conference *Die Enzyklopädie der Esoterik: Allwissenheitsmythen und Universalwissenschaftliche Modelle in der Esoterik der Neuzeit*, Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Germany, 26-30 September 2006 [lecture: "Magnetic Gnosis: Somnambulism and the Quest for Absolute Knowledge"]
- Invited lecture at the Institute für Grenzgebiete der Psychologie und Psychohygiene e.V. (IGPP), 20 December 2006 [lecture: "Magnetic Gnosis: Somnambulism and the Quest for Absolute Knowledge"]

2007

- Conference *The Occult in 20th Century Russia: Metaphysical Roots of Soviet Civilization*, The European Academy, Berlin, 11-13 March 2007 [invited participant in closing panel]
- Conference *53rd Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America*, Miami, USA, 22-24 March 2007 [lecture: "The Platonic Frenzies in Ficino"]
- Invited lecture University of Pisa, Italy, 27 March 2007 [title: "Ecstatic Knowledge: Hermetic Gnosis and Platonic Frenzies in the Work of Ficino"]
- Conference *Secret States: Altered States of Consciousness and Western Esotericism*, Esalen Institute, California, 14-18 May 2007 [lecture: "Altered States of Knowledge: Gnosis in the Hermetica"]
- Conference *Kabbalah and Modernity*, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 4-6 July 2007 [lecture: "The Beginnings of Occultist Kabbalah: Adolphe Franck and Eliphas Lévi"]
- Inaugural conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism (ESSWE) *Constructing Tradition: Means and Myths of Transmission in Western Esotericism*, Tübingen, Germany, 20-22 July 2006 [lecture: "Western Esotericism in Enlightenment Historiography: The Case of Jacob Brucker"]
- Conference *Religion and Identity Politics: "Acceptable" Religion and its Negative Others*, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark 23-25 August 2007 [lecture: "Superstition as a Shifting Polemical Concept"]
- Conference *Forms and Currents of Western Esotericism*, Giorgio Cini Foundations, Venice, 29-31 October 2007 [lecture: "The Birth of Esotericism from the Spirit of Protestantism"]
- Conference *Visions of Utopia: Masonic, Religious & Esoteric*, Canonbury Masonic Research Center, 9th International Conference, London, 3-4 November 2007 [lecture: "Utopias of the Mind"]
- Conference: *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, San Diego, USA, 17-20 November 2007 [no lecture]

2008

- Lecture Koninklijke Nederlandse Academie van Wetenschappen (KNAW), Amsterdam, 14 January 2008 [lecture: "Swedenborg en de andere Kant: Over de Droom van de Rede en de Geest(en) van de Verlichting"]
- Conference *Geheime kennis: De bijzondere archieven en bibliotheken van maçonnieke en esoterische organisaties in Nederland*, Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Den Haag, 25 January 2008 [lecture: "Van particuliere verzameling naar beschermd cultureel erfgoed: De Bibliotheca Philosophica Hermetica te Amsterdam"]
- Mini-Symposium *Filosofie en Spiritualiteit*, Leiden University [lecture: "Esoterie en 'the Grand Polemical Narrative'"]
- Conference *54th Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America*, Chicago, USA, 3-5 April 2008 [lecture: "After Ficino and Lazzarelli: Hermetic Gnosis and Platonic Frenzies in Heinrich Cornelius Agrippa"]
- Conference *Music and Esotericism: Art and Science of Sounds facing the Occult Knowledge*, Rome, Academia Belgica, 14-18 April 2008 [lecture: "The Unspeakable and the Law: Music as Esoteric Language in Anton Webern"]
- Conference *The Globalization of Ayahuasca: An Amazonian Psychoactive and its Users*, University of Heidelberg, 16-18 May 2008 [lecture: "Ayahuasca Groups and

Networks in the Netherlands: A Challenge to the Study of Contemporary Religion”]

- *Kabbalah and Contemporary Spiritual Revival: Historical, Sociological, and Cultural Perspectives*, Ben Gurion University, Israel, 20-22 May 2008 [lecture: “Kabbalah in *Gnosis Magazine* (1985-1999)”]
- KEYNOTE Biannual Conference *Association for the Study of Esotericism*, Charleston, USA, June 2008 [keynote lecture: “Will-Erich Peuckert and the Light of Nature”]
- Conference *The Making of the Humanities: First International Conference on the History of the Humanities*, University of Amsterdam, 23-25 October 2008 [lecture: “Philosophy’s Shadow: Jacob Brucker (1696-1770) and the History of Thought”]
- Conference: *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, Chicago, USA, 1-3 November 2008.
- Conference *Europas vergessene Traditionen*, Villa Vignoni, Italy, 12-15 November 2008.

2009

- Stichting BAK (Basis voor Actuele Kunst), Utrecht, 1 March 2009 [lecture: “Monotheïsme en idolatrie”]
- 2nd Biannual Conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism (ESSWE), Strasbourg, 2-4 July 2009 [lecture: “President’s Address: Politics and the Study of Western Esotericism”]
- 10-year Anniversary Seminar of the chair History of Hermetic Philosophy and Related Currents, University of Amsterdam, 28 August 2009 [lecture: “Ten Years of Studying and Teaching Western Esotericism”]

2010

- Conference *Aufklärung und Esoterik: Wege in die Moderne*, Interdisziplinäres Zentrum für die Erforschung der Europäischen Aufklärung (IZEA), Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, 9-12 March 2010 [plenary lecture: “The Notion of Occult Sciences in the Wake of the Enlightenment”]
- Conference *The Rosicrucian Tradition: Past, Present & Future*, Bournemouth University, 8-9 May 2010 [lecture: “Rosicrucian Fictions: The Myth of Hidden Brotherhoods”]
- EMPHASIS Seminar, University of London, 15 May 2010 [lecture: “Historians of Error: The Protestant Attack on Platonic Orientalism”]
- 20th Quinquennial World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religion, Toronto 15-21 August 2010 [lecture: “Platonic Orientalism and Western Esotericism”]
- *Politica Hermetica*, 26th Colloque International, 4 december 2010 [lecture: “Joseph Ennemoser and Magnetic Historiography”]

2011

- Conference *Magic and Mysticism: Contested Terms, Material Objects, and Charismatic Figures*, Center for the Study of Religion, The Ohio State University, 24-25 February 2011 [invited lecture: “Superstition-Magic-Occult: The Enlightenment Reinvention of an Unholy Trinity”].

- Arbeitstagung *Hermetik: Pflicht- oder Kürprogramm der Freimaurerei?*, Forschungsloge und Forschungsgesellschaft Quatuor Coronati Nr. 808, Berlin, 12-13 March 2011 [invited lecture: "Esotericism and Hermeticism: The Organization of Secrecy"]
- Colloquium *Conceptualizing (Other) Religion(s)*, INTEGON Religious Studies and Theology, 7 April 2011 [invited lecture: "Constructing the Pagan Other: Platonic Orientalism and Western Identities"].
- KEYNOTE *Western Esotericism: Historical Contexts & Cultural Contacts*: Inaugurational Conference of the INASWE (Israeli Network for the Academy Study of Western Esotericism), University of Beer Sheva, Israel, 18 May 2011 [keynote lecture "The Archetype of Eranos: Carl Gustav Jung and Western Esotericism"].
- Public Lecture organized by the Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, 19 May 2011 ["The Dialectics of Eranos Religionism: Gershom Scholem, Henry Corbin, and Mircea Eliade"].
- *European Ayahuasca Research Symposium*, organized by Foundation OPEN, 17 June 2011, Amsterdam [invited lecture: "Ayahuasca and the Study of Religion"]
- 3rd Biannual Conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism, Szeged, Hungary, 6-10 July 2011 [lecture: President's Address].
- *History and Discourse*: Fifth International Conference of the Association for the Study of Esotericism and Mysticism, Russia. St. Petersburg, 2-5 December 2011 [Keynote lecture: "Western Esotericism: The Next Generation"].
- Public lecture at the occasion of the re-opening of the Bibliotheca Philosophica Hermetica, Amsterdam, 16 December 2011 ["Per Aspera ad Fontes"].

2012

- Invited Public Lecture at the Singleton Center for Premodern Europe, Johns Hopkins University, U.S.A., 13 February 2012 [lecture: "How Hermetic was Renaissance Hermeticism?"].
- Invited Public Lecture at the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, New York University, 16 February 2012 [lecture: "The Dialectics of Eranos Religionism: Gershom Scholem, Henry Corbin, and Mircea Eliade"].
- Invited public lecture at the Department of Philosophy, University of Groningen, 29 February 2012 [lecture: "'Rejected Knowledge' en de geschiedenis van de filosofie"].
- Minisymposium *Our Magical Mind: Paganism and Neo-Shamanic Ritual, its Function in Mind, Society, and our Technological Future*, Behavioural Science Institute, Medical Faculty, Radboud University Nijmegen, 20 March 2012 [lecture: "The Cultural Roots of Resistance against Paganism and Entheogenic Shamanism"].
- Public lecture "Justinus Kerner and the Seeress of Prevorst", Lichtenberg Kolleg, University of Göttingen, Germany, 22 May 2012.
- Workshop *Trance and Folklore*, University of Siegen, Germany, 22 June 2012 [lecture: "Will-Erich Peuckert's Memories of a Magician"].
- Arbeitstagung *Results and Desiderata of the Study and Documentation of the European Mnemohistory of Ancient Egypt*, Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Germany, 28-29 June 2012 [lecture: "Historiography versus Mnemohistoriography: The Case of Renaissance Hermetism"].
- *Ends and Beginnings*: Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR), Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden, 23-26 August 2012

["Response" in session "The Beginning and End of Esotericism? A Discussion of W.J. Hanegraaff's Book *Esotericism and the Academy*"].

- KEYNOTE 1st International Conference on Contemporary Esotericism, Stockholm University, Sweden, 27-29 August 2012 [keynote lecture: "Entheogenic Esotericism"].
- Internationale Tagung *Stefan George und die Religion*, Universität Bielefeld, Bingen am Rhein, Germany, 19-21 oktober 2012 [lecture: "Stefan George and Mythical Paganism"].
- Interdisciplinary Conference on Psychedelic Research, OPEN Foundation, Amsterdam, 6-7 October 2012 [lecture: "Entheogens and Contemporary Religion"].
- Lecture "Heidense Christenen, Protestantse Exorcisten en Obscure Verlichters" (Pagan Christians, Protestant Exorcists, and Obscure Enlighteners), Study Day Amsterdamse Alumni Vereniging (AUV), 3 November 2012.
- Expert Meeting *Testing the Limits* (Fault Line 1700: Early Enlightenment Conversations on Religion and the State), University of Utrecht, 3 December 2012 [lecture: "Platonic Orientalism"]

2013

- KEYNOTE Opening keynote lecture "The Role of Gnosis in Western Esotericism", International Academic Symposium *Ways of Gnosis: Mystical and Esoteric Traditions from Antiquity to the Present Time*, Margarita Rudomina All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature / Association for the Study of Esotericism and Mysticism (ASEM), Moscow, 10 April.
- Public lecture "Western Esotericism: The Next Generation", Gothenburg University, Sweden, 17 April.
- Lecture "Gnosis en *The Matrix*", Dag van de Geesteswetenschappen, Universiteit van Amsterdam, 24 April.
- Lecture "From Late Antiquity until Today: The History of Occult Ideas in the West and their Reception", Symposium *The Art of Seeing the Invisible: On Hilma af Klint and Other Visionaries*, Ax:son Johnson Foundation, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden, 24 May.
- "Presidential Address", *Western Esotericism and Health*, 4th International Conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism, Gothenburg, Sweden, 26-28 June.
- Paper "Leonora Carrington and the Occult", International Conference *Enchanted Modernities: Theosophy and the Arts in the Modern World*, University of Amsterdam, 25-27 September.
- Paper "Arthur Edward Waite's Kabbalah", Conference *The Roads Not Taken: Research, Adaptations and Appropriation of Kabbalah in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century*, Goethe Universität, Frankfurt a.M., 17-19 November.

2014

- "Anti-Eclectic Historiography: Western Esotericism and the History of the Humanities", Lecture at the Center for History of Humanities and Science, University of Amsterdam, 10 March.
- "How Hermetic was Renaissance Hermetism?", Public Lecture, Warburg Institute, London, 19 March.

- “Gnosis and Alterations of Consciousness”, ESSWE Thesis Workshop, Amsterdam, 10 May.
- “Open Access to the Absolute: Hermetic Gnosis and the Concept of Religion”, Engelsberg Seminar on “Religion”, Ax:son Johnson Foundation, Stockholm, 12-14 June.
- “The Transformation of Desire in Machen’s and Waite’s *House of the Hidden Light*”, *Fifth International Conference of the Association for the Study of Esotericism*, Colgate University, New York, 19-22 June.
- “Final Conclusions”, Conference *Jacob Böhme and His World*, Görlitz, Germany, 4-6 July.
- “The Historical Imagination”, *The Imaginal Symposium*, Esalen Institute, USA, 19-24 October.

2015

- “Carl Gustav Jung en Eranos: Een poging to contextualiseren”, Interdisciplinary Society for Analytical Psychology (IVAP), Driebergen, 8 February.
- KEYNOTE lecture “The Great War of the Soul: Carl Gustav Jung’s *Liber Novus*”, Conference *Crisis and Religious Madness: Religious Deviance between Psychopathology and Liberation around 1900*, Institute for the Study of Religions, Leipzig University, 23-25 February.
- “Alan Moore’s *Promethea*: Counterculturalism and the End of the World”, Conference *Gnostic Countercultures: Terror and Intrigue*, Rice University, Houston, USA, 26-28 March.
- KEYNOTE lecture “The Globalization of Esotericism”, *Western Esotericism and the East*, Fifth Biannual Conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism (ESSWE), Riga, Latvia, 16-18 April.
- “The Great War of the Soul: Divine Madness in C.G. Jung’s *Liber Novus*”, Invited Public Lecture, University of Heidelberg, Germany, 22 April 2015.
- “Magic, Trance, and Agnosticism: Jan Platvoet and the Study of Western Esotericism,” Research seminar at the occasion of Jan Platvoet’s 80th birthday. University of Leiden, 9 June.
- KEYNOTE lecture “Fantastic Religion: Esoteric Fictionality and the Invention of Tradition”, *Dynamics of Religion: Past and Present*, XXIth Quinquennial World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), Erfurt, Germany, 23-29 August.
- “Emma Hardinge Britten and the Orientalist Imagination”, Invited lecture at Conference *Theosophy across Boundaries*, University of Heidelberg, 24-26 September 2015.
- KEYNOTE lecture “The Theosophical Imagination,” *Theosophy and the Arts: Texts and Contexts of Modern Enchantment*, Columbia University, USA, 9-10 October 2015.

2016

- Lecture “Georgius Gemistos Plethon en Platonisch Oriëntalisme”, Gastcollege opleiding Wijsbegeerte, Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, 14 Maart.
- KEYNOTE lecture “Astral Daguerrotyping: Photography and the Theosophical Imagination”, “Mysticism and Esotericism in the World of Technologies”, 8th

International Conference of the Association for the Study of Esotericism and Mysticism, 24-26 March 2016, St. Petersburg, Russia.

- Lecture "Esoterie als academisch vakgebied," Symposion *God is geestig*, Amsterdam, 14 May 2016.
- KEYNOTE lecture "What Happens when Historians Imagine the Occult?," *Scientiae* conference, St Anne's College, Oxford, United Kingdom. 7 July 2016.
- Lecture "Close to Death in the 19th Century Occult," at conference *Boundary Work on the Baseline: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Near-Death Experiences*, Universität Greifswald, Germany, 6-8 October 2016.
- KEYNOTE lecture "Esoteric Tradition as Poetic Invention", Conference *Imaginatio et Actio*, 20-21 October 2016, Kracow, Poland.
- Lecture "The Secret of Secrets: Entheogenic Practice in 19th-century Occultism," conference *Public Religions and their Secrets, Secret Religions and their Publics*, Dutch Association for the Study of Religion, Amsterdam 27-28 October 2016.
- Lecture "Elementals, Dr Watson! From *Gabalys* to *Zanoni* and *Ghost Land*," Workshop *The Occult in Popular Fiction and Entertainments*, University College Dublin, 25 November 2016.

2017

- Workshop "Knowledge, Aesthetics, and Politics of the Occult: New Perspectives on the Study of Esotericism," Center for the History of Knowledge, ETH Zürich, 10-11 March 2017.
- Public Lecture "'Esoteric Tradition as Poetic Invention", ETH Zürich, 10 March 2017.
- KEYNOTE lecture "Imagining Swedenborg's Heaven". *Emanuel Swedenborg and the Arts*, Bryn Athyn, U.S.A., 6-9 June 2017.

2018

- KEYNOTE lecture "The Nocturnal Side of Human Nature: German Romantic Mesmerism between Psychiatry and the Occult," conference *Konjunktoren des Unbewussten: Psychologie und Esoterik in der Literatur und Kultur der Moderne* (org. Universities of Strasbourg, Haute-Alsace Mulhouse-Colmar, Freiburg, Basel), Karlsruhe, 10-12 May 2018.

2019

- Public Lecture "Psychedelica in de Westerse cultuur," seminar *Psychedelica en Wetenschap: Een interdisciplinaire benadering*, Koninklijke Nederlandse Academie van Wetenschappen, Amsterdam, 25 March 2019.
- Lecture "G.R.S. Mead's Hermetic Theosophy," international conference *Theosophy and the Study of Religion*, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, Boston USA, 18 May 2019.
- Lecture "Frances Yates in Ancient Egypt," international conference *Frances A. Yates: Work and Legacy*, The Warburg Institute, London, United Kingdom, 31 May 2019.
- Lecture "Imagining the Future of Religion and Spirituality," conference *Science of Religion at the Post-Theological University*, Third Tri-University Research Colloquium, Leiden University, the Netherlands, 14 June 2019.

- Lecture “Gnosis after Babel: Direct Noetic Experience in the Hermetica,” *Western Esotericism and Consciousness: Visions, Voices, Altered States*, 7th international conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism, University of Amsterdam, 3 July 2019.
- KEYNOTE Lecture “Transitioning to the Cosmos: Musical Esotericism and Consciousness Change,” conference *Trans-States: The Art of Revelation*, University of Northampton, United Kingdom, 13 September 2019.

2020

- Lecture “Psychedelics as Rejected Knowledge,” International Conference on Psychedelic Research (OPEN Foundation), Zoom, 26 September 2020.

2021

- Lecture “Imaginary Hermeticism and the Hermetic Imagination,” Winter Lecture Program *Forschungszentrum Gotha der Universität Erfurt*, Zoom, 18 February 2021.
- Lecture “Reasonably Irrational: Theurgy and the Pathologization of Entheogenic Experience,” Center for the Study of World Religion, Harvard University, Lecture Series “Psychedelics and the Future of Religion,” Zoom, 22 March 2021.
- “Final comments,” international workshop *The Fantastic Afterlives of the Holocaust*, Wiener Wiesenthal Institut für Holocaust Studies, Zoom, 16-18 June 2021.
- “Noetic Enlightenment and Rebirth in Hermetic Spirituality,” International conference *Intentional Transformative Experiences: Theorizing Self-Cultivation in Religion and Philosophy*, University of Bern, Switzerland, 28 August 2021.
- “The Hermetic Ascent to the Ogdoad and the Ennead,” Zoom Conference *The Theory and Practice of Cosmic Ascent: Comparative and Interdisciplinary Approaches*, Irish Research Council / Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland 10 September 2021.
- “Hermetic Spirituality and the Historical Imagination,” Hybrid conference *Aegyptiaca Aeterna: Narratives, Topoi and Traces of Memory*, Carl Friedrich von Siemans Foundation, Munich, Germany, 20 September 2021.
- “Esotericism and the Sacred after Modernity,” Seminar *Reflections on the Sacred*, Ax:son Johnson Foundation, Sweden, 26 November 2021.

2022

- “Subtle Energies in Ayahuasca Healing.” International conference *Subtle Energies: Explorations within Holistic Healing and Spirituality*, University of Vienna, 28-20 April 2022.
- “Henry Corbin as Knight of the Temple.” International conference *Adventures in the Imaginal: Henry Corbin in the 21st Century*. Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, Boston, USA. 12-14 May 2022.
- “Esotericism and Freedom”, International conference *European Association for the Study of Religion*, University College Cork, Ireland, 27 June-1 July 2022.
- “John Crowley’s *Aegypt Cycle*,” *ESSWE8* (International Conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism), University College Cork, Ireland, 5-7 July 2022.

- Keynote lecture at conference “Esoterik und Demokratie,” *Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung*, Fulda, Germany, 5-6 September 2022.
- “Close Encounters with the Third Kind,” lecture [zoom] at conference *Transcultural Encounters 2022: Imagination and Relation*, Alain Daniélou Foundation, Labyrinth Zagarolo, Rome, 7-9 October 2022.
- “Hermetic Spirituality and Altered States of Knowledge,” lecture at the *Embassy of the Free Mind* (Ritman Library), Amsterdam, 20 October 2022.
- “Generous Hermeneutics: Hans Thomas Hakl and Eranos,” Conference *The Eranos Experience: Spirituality and the Arts from a Comparative Perspective*, Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice, Italy, 17 November 2022.

2023

- Panel contribution to workshop *Situatedness, Politics, and the Study of Esotericism*, ETH Zürich, Switzerland, 4-5 May 2023.
- Keynote lecture “Hermes, Hermeneutics & the Humanities.” Conference *Sciences et ésotérisme: Représentations, Interactions, Usages*, FRESO, Paris, France, 12-13 May 2023.
- Participation [no paper] 9th Biannual Conference *Esotericism and Practice* of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism, Malmö, Sweden, 26-28 June 2023.
- Introduction, with focus on Hermetic spirituality. *Entheogenic Humanities*, conference Esalen Institute for Theory and Research, 6-11 August 2023.
- “Hermetic Freedom and Human Dignity.” Conference *What the Name “Freedom” stands for: The Story of Icarus and Other Contemporary Misfortunes*, Eranos Foundation, Ascona, Switzerland, 7 September 2023.
- “Swedenborg, Oetinger, and Kant: Reflections Seventeen Years after its Publication,” Workshop *Imprints of a Mind: Recognizing Swedenborg’s Influence in Cultural History*, University of Amsterdam, De Hermetage, 10 September 2023.

2024

- Lecture “Counter-Normativity and Radical Empiricism in the Study of Esotericism,” conference *Philosophy & Study of Esotericism*, University of Amsterdam, 5-6 June 2024.
- Keynote lecture “State-Specific Knowledge: Hermetic *Gnōsis* and Alterations of Consciousness.” International Conference *Ancient Wisdom and the Future Self: Towards a New Paradigm*, New Hermopolis, Egypt, 24-27 October 2024.

2025

- KEYNOTE lecture “Metaphysical Foundations of Radical Empiricism in the Study of Esotericism,” Conference *Esotericism & Philosophy*, University of Helsinki 12-13 June 2025.
- Panel discussion “Esotericism in Western Culture: A Conversation between Egil Asprem and Wouter Hanegraaff,” ESSWE10 (10th biannual conference of the

European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism), Vilnius, Lithuania 26 June 2025.

- Paper “Morning of the Tech Magicians: Fantastic Realism and Contemporary Post-Truth Culture,” ESSWE10 (10th biannual conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism), Vilnius, Lithuania 28 June 2025.
- Introductory lecture at the occasion of the book launch of Peter J. Forshaw, *The Mage’s Images*, Allard Pierson, Amsterdam, 18 October 2025.
- KEYNOTE lecture “Daimonic Devices: Hermetic Exorcism and the Alteration of Consciousness,” *Occulture* Conference, Berlin, 24 October 2025.
- Lecture “Imaginal Formation and the Historical Imagination” (with responses by Justine Bakker, Christian Lange, and Birgit Meyer), *Conference Religion / Imagination*, Nederlands Genootschap voor Godsdienstwetenschap, Utrecht University, 6 November 2025.